

WEST PLAINS IPM UPDATE

News about
Integrated Pest
Management in
Hockley,
Cochran, and
Lamb Counties
from
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Current Crop and Pest Situation

Thank you God for the rains you have sent and those which are coming.

Not much has changed over the last couple of weeks in **cotton** other than the physiological state of the cotton itself. However, I would still not let your guard down for a while longer, especially in cotton which has late growth of squares and blooms, non BT cotton, or may have excessive nitrogen levels. Some fields, the earliest planted, are close to a point of maturity that most insects are of no consequence. This being said, most cotton will need to be monitored for at least another 10 days maybe through the first week in September for later cotton. We typically say that 400 heat units past the 5 nodes above white flower point, cotton is generally safe from most pests. Cotton aphids would be one insect which could develop up through boll opening.

The rains may bring some additional growth to some cotton acres. There are hundreds of scenarios which can and are going to be played out over the next critical 3-4 weeks. If you have questions about using a growth regulator to maintain or tip the balance towards reproductive growth (boll development) give me a call at 638-5635.

Peanuts are generally doing well, but will need these warm temps to continue to finish out well. Stay on top of leaf spot, pod rot, and other diseases during periods of cloudy, wet and cooler temperatures. Though the risk factors for disease have been fairly low, this could change at any moment. Irrigation will need to continue for a while unless additional rains are received. My suggestion on irrigation right now is frequency not volume. Many fields have good moisture below surface, however, if we do not keep the canopy and soil surface environment moist then those last pegs trying to form a pod will have a difficult time.

Grain sorghum has been making good progress where rains or irrigation have been received. Headworms, midge, greenbugs, yellow sugarcane aphid, sugarcane aphid and spider mites must be monitored closely. Some of these pest combinations can be complicated if the need for control occurs. Again, do not hesitate to give me a call.

UPCOMING EXTENSION MEETINGS

Fall Production Meeting

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office - Cochran County, 200-B W. Taylor, Morton

August 24, from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

2 Laws/Regs and 1 IPM CEU's

Speakers are:

Kerry Siders- IPM Agent for Hockley, Cochran, and Lamb counties

Tiffany Dowell Lashmet- AgriLife Extension Agricultural Law Specialist

Please **RSVP** by August 16 by calling the Extension office at 806-266-5215.

Persons planning on attending can request the need for special accommodations relating to hearing impaired or any other special need by contacting our office at 806-266-5215 by August 16th

TURNROW MEETING

View Extension Cotton Variety Trial at the Seth Howard Farm

FM 303, ¼ mile north of Hwy 114 (west of Levelland)



August 25, 10 am

1 Hr General CEU

For more information
contact Wes Utley at
894-3157, or Kerry
Siders at 638-5635



Private Pesticide Applicators Training

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will offer the required private Pesticide Applicators Training (PAT) each month. This training is required by Texas Department of Agriculture before taking the exam for obtaining the license. A private pesticide applicator is a person who uses or supervises the use of a restricted-use or state limited-use pesticide or a regulated herbicide for the purpose of producing an agricultural commodity. This license is not for those receiving monetary compensation for a pesticide application.

To participate in training individuals must call 806-894-3159 by 3pm the day prior to the training in Levelland or 806-385-4222 ext 235 by 3pm the day prior to the training in Littlefield, and 806-266-5215 for training in Morton. The trainings will begin promptly at 1pm at the Extension Offices (see addresses below). There is a \$60 fee for training materials. This is only the required training. Testing will be conducted at a separate time and location.

Future PAT Trainings:

- August 24 Littlefield Extension Office, Courthouse, Room B-5
- September 22 Morton Extension Office 200 W. Taylor Avenue
- October 27 Levelland Extension Office 1212 Houston Street
- November 17 Littlefield Extension Office, Courthouse, Room B-5
- and December 19 Morton Extension Office 200 W. Taylor Avenue

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension seeks to provide reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for any educational meetings. Please contact us to advise us of the auxiliary aid or service that you will require a week in advance of training.

See You On The Radio

IPM Radio Program Aglife on Fox Talk KJTV, radio 950 AM, on Wednesdays from 1:00 to 2:15 pm.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension in Hockley County Report on KLVT Levelland, High Plains Radio Network, radio 1230 AM, Wednesdays from 7:30 am to 7:45 am.

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