

WEST PLAINS IPM UPDATE

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Integrated Pest
Management in
Hockley,
Cochran, and
Lamb Counties
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CURRENT SITUATION

Cotton ranges from seed still in the ground to 9 true leaf cotton. This wide range is reflective of the mess we are in across a large area here on the West Plains. I cannot review all the scenarios which have played out over the last 5 to 6 weeks during planting. Just suffice to say that it has been a real struggle to get cotton up, and then to keep a stand. We have missed some critical general rain showers to help with uniform emergence. I know there are many where still too many uncertainties exist in this current planted crop. To hopefully aid in some of these decisions here is the link to the Hailout-Replant-Late Plant Guide: <http://lubbock.tamu.edu/files/2017/06/Hailout-Replant-LatePlant-Guide-TX-S-Plains-Trostle-Byrd-2017-TOC.pdf>

Scouting this week has found very little insect issues to be found. This is one benefit from the repressive heat. We are now concentrating our efforts on monitoring square development, retention and detection of any fleahoppers or plant bugs which might cause losses.

Weed control is all over the board. Unfortunately this is a field by field prescription situation now in terms of what type of tillage you plan on using in-season, weeds present, the size of those weeds, and available equipment. I must say that although pigweed is resistant to glyphosate (Roundup), glyphosate is still very effective against many and most all other weed species.

Peanuts are generally doing well with many fields beginning to bloom and some even pegging. Maintain a moist environment in-canopy is difficult in high temperature and windy conditions. The high humidity is necessary for blooms to pollinate and subsequently form pegs/pods. In evaluating many fields for nodule formation I have found it to be extremely variable in field. Because of this variability we must plan on compensating with additional fertilizer applications.

Corn is generally doing well where sufficient irrigation is available. If current weather pattern continues through pollination period it will be hard to fill ears. Watch for mites in this environment as well.

Grain sorghum is being replanted now in some areas. No sugarcane aphids have been found in Hockley, Cochran or Lamb counties as of yet. However, I would anticipate that they could be in the area over the next month.

Private Pesticide Applicators Training 2017 Cochran, Hockley and Lamb Counties

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To participate in a training individuals must call 806-894-3159 by 3pm the day prior (Wednesday) to the trainings in Levelland; 806-385-4222 ext 235 by 3pm the day prior (Wednesday) to the trainings in Littlefield; or 806-266-5215 by 3pm the day prior to any trainings 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.

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- August 28 Morton Extension Office 200 W. Taylor Avenue
- September TBA Littlefield Extension Office, Courthouse, Room B-5
- October 19 Levelland Extension Office 1212 Houston Street
- November 6 Morton Extension Office 200 W. Taylor Avenue
- December TBA Littlefield Extension Office, Courthouse, Room B-5

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