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Weather Information website: Below is a link to a weather information site you might find interesting and useful.

<http://www.iweather.net.com/total-rainfall-map-24-hours-to-72-hours>

INSECTS

Primary foliage pests I see at this time are yellow aphids black pecan aphid and scorch mites. I have not received any reports of walnut caterpillar – so far and one report of fall webworm from Fort Bend County.

Nut pests are still stink bugs, hickory shuckworm and pecan weevil. Pecan weevil emergence traps should be going out but first treatment is based on kernel development when dough formation starts on the tip end of the nut.

Watch for stink bugs moving in from maturing row crops.

Recommended insecticides for all these pest can be found at <http://www.texasinsects.org/tree-crops.html>

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT I don't know about you but I find it very frustrating to have worked all season long to produce a crop then to have some varmint carry off the fruits (pecan) of my labor. There are a lot of potential wildlife problems but the three main predators I see are squirrels, crows and hogs. If hunting is used then local county and state laws need to be followed.

Squirrels: If you haven't started your squirrel management program yet you are late.



Options I see for squirrels are: exclusion such as the metal flashing around trees shown in the picture. Also,

where possible cutting back branches to prevent tree to tree movement. Years ago the Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation, Ardmore, OK, did some work with electric fencing for squirrel exclusion. If you are interested in this option then I can run down the source and information. Other options are trapping and hunting or possibly leasing for hunting.

Crows:

I'm not sure if there is such a thing as "crow management". Crow management is more like crow harassment. Noise makers, distress calls, hunting and scare crows are just a few of the methods I've seen. If any of these methods are used then they will have to be change/moved every other day or so to keep them effective. Also, there are several crow traps that can be used, just do a computer search for crow traps and there are several variations that can be found.



Feral Hogs

Here again exclusion where possible is the best option. Trapping is another option. At this time I am not sure what the status is of the Kaput bait. For additional information on feral hog management check out Texas



A&M website on feral hogs:

<http://feralhogs.tamu.edu/>

2017 COUNTY/ STATE/REGIONAL MEETINGS/EVENTS

STATE/REGIONAL MEETINGS

August 25, 2017

Arizona Pecan Growers Annual conference
Desert Diamond Casino and Hotel
Tucson, AZ

Contact: Mike Kilby
mkilby@cals.arizona.edu or 520-403-4613

September 7, 2017

'Pecan 201 workshop'
<https://www.noble.org/events/pecan-201-workshop/>
Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation
Ardmore, OK
Contact: Dr. Charles Rohla
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September 21, 2017

Alabama Pecan Growers annual conference
Fairhope, AL
www.AlabamaPecanGrowers.com

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