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Sugarcane Aphid Management Update

The sugarcane aphid has made an early arrival this season, being found early in South Texas and this week as far north as the lower Texas Panhandle. Entomologists say although this is concerning, it does not give us any indication of how serious sugarcane aphids may be this season for the South Plains and Panhandle of Texas, the Oklahoma Panhandle and Southwest Kansas. Some growers in South Texas began spraying for sugarcane aphid last week and are managing the pest with reports indicating populations are low and beneficial insect numbers are increasing.

Two products were proven to be very effective during the 2015 growing season - Sivanto Prime and Transform WG. After immense pressure on the Environmental Protection Agency, Texas recently received Section 18 approval for the use of Transform. At least 15 other states have filed the request through a Section 18 emergency use application under the U.S. Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), and NSP is optimistic these states will receive approval soon, as well. Dr. Brent Bean,

Sorghum Checkoff agronomist, emphasizes the importance of following best management practices, planting early and using treated seed this season, which can prevent early season crop injury from the sugarcane aphid. For additional resources, including best management practices, tolerant hybrids, scouting recommendations and more, click [here](#).

NSP Board Applications Due Next Week

National Sorghum Producers is accepting applications for four positions on the NSP Board of Directors. Each position includes a three-year term beginning October 1, 2016. An extended job application is available at <http://sorghumgrowers.com/?p=3997>. To apply for an open position, qualified candidates must complete the application form at <http://sorghumgrowers.com/?p=3996>.

EPA Finds Glyphosate not Likely Carcinogenic

The Environmental Protection Agency released a report finding the herbicide Glyphosate likely does not cause cancer in humans, disputing the findings by the World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer. The EPA's Cancer Assessment Review Committee made the determination in its finalized report on October 1, 2015, but did not release it to the public until now when the agency mistakenly posted the report online. In the EPA's review, staffers from the Health Effects Division of the agency's Office of Pesticide Programs pointed to a number of flaws in the methodology used by the WHO scientists in their review. The WHO finding had serious negative consequences for the agricultural industry and was the basis for California's decision to require all products containing the herbicide to be listed as carcinogenic. The EPA report was inadvertently posted to Regulations.gov, along with several other glyphosate related documents, on April 29. After the report's release was widely circulated on

social media, the EPA removed the documents on May 2. EPA Spokeswoman Melissa Harrison said the documents were taken down because the assessment is not final. The House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology Chairman Lamar Smith (R-Texas) announced it will investigate why the EPA pulled the report. In a letter sent to the EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy, the Chairman said the agency's backtracking from the report, which is clearly marked as final, "Raises questions about the agency's motivation in providing a fair assessment of glyphosate". Click here to view the final [letter](#) and [report](#).

Sorghum Checkoff Launches New, Mobile Friendly Website

The United Sorghum Checkoff Program recently launched a new, mobile friendly [website](#) that will host the latest user-friendly technology and provide accurate, current sorghum information, communication and education for various audiences. The website sorghumcheckoff.com will serve as a hub for resources aimed at improving field-level results and marketing opportunities. Key features of the site include a revamped connections directory, enhanced usability and a clean, updated design to support the expansion of the industry's brand.

New Crop Sorghum Bids

This week saw very strong export commitments of 7.1 million bushels by China and Mexico. Total commitments for the marketing year are now at 269 million bushels or 85 percent of the current U.S. Department of Agriculture projection. Shipments showed near-record strength at 9.0 million bushels also to China and Mexico. Overall shipments for the marketing year now total 246 million bushels. This is more than was shipped last year at this time by two percent, and it leads last year's pace by 13 percent. Basis

was mixed following a turbulent week that saw most grain markets decline on favorable weather and rapidly advancing planting progress. Here are this week's old crop and new crop sorghum bids, where applicable:

- Cargill Houston old: +20, new: -15
- Gaviion Vicksburg old: +20
- CGB West Memphis old: -40
- CGB Henderson new: +0
- TMA Canton old: -73, new: -60
- AgMark Concordia old: -89, new: -70
- Aurora Coop Superior old: -69, new: -50
- WB Johnston Enid old: -50

Sorghum in the Spotlight:

[Why Sorghum's Momentum is Red Hot](#) - AgWeb

[Sorghum Checkoff Launches Mobile Friendly Website](#) -My Plainview

[China to Remain Big US Ag Customer, Analyst Says](#) - Successful Farming

[Sorghum is Good Food](#) - KGNC

[Ten of the Healthiest Grains You Can Eat](#) - Cheat Sheet

[Roasted Beef Sorghum Salad with Ginger-Lime Vinaigrette](#) - One Green Plant

Upcoming Sorghum Events

May 12-14 South Texas Country Elevator Association's Convention, South Padre Island, TX

May 30 Memorial Day, *Office Closed*

For a full view of calendar events, visit the NSP website [calendar](#).

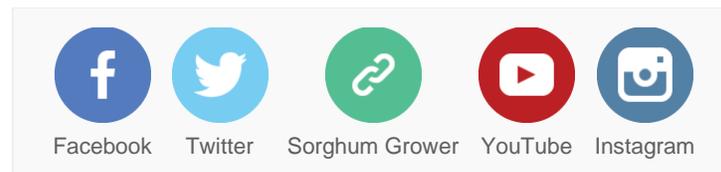
Market News - To view this week's Gulf export grain report, click [here](#).

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