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*Pest Management News
News About integrated pest management for
producers in Runnels-Tom Green Counties*

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GENERAL SITUATION

Our prayers have been answered. Rainfall amounts ranged from 5-inches to 12-inches in some areas of Tom Green County. Stock tanks are full, creeks are running, rivers are flowing and lakes are filling. It's a wonderful sight for sore eyes. We will be quite busy once area fields dry out enough to begin planting and replanting. Looks like most of the cotton that was planted before the rain will require replanting due to washing in of the beds. Hail storms took out some plant stands as well.

Wheat harvest is well underway with a large percentage being cut and baled due to the 15th of April freeze. Combines cranked up just before the rain last week and wheat yields were ranging from 3 to 8 bushels per acre.

With good soil moisture conditions, remember there will be a big flush of weeds and volunteer cotton coming very soon. If you haven't put a yellow herbicide out, it would be good to put out an at-planting herbicide to help reduce weed infestation. Aim or Graxomone can be used pre-plant as a burndown herbicide. These products work well for controlling seedling volunteer cotton.

Cotton growers will need to monitor their seedling cotton closely for thrips once it is up to a stand. Seed treatments are generally effective for about 17-18 days after emergence. Thrips populations could be high this year with all the wheat that was planted and it has dried down. Now they are looking for a new food source.

Those of you that have planted and will be replanting due to heavy rainfall, DO NOT need to apply additional TopGuard if your careful. Plant back into the same row and DO NOT throw treated soil out. If you must move the row over or bust out the bed then additional TopGuard would be advised.

The spray window for treating for pecan nut casebearer was May 16-May 22. Hope everyone got their trees sprayed on time. If you did not get them sprayed and still plan on mixing an insecticide with your Zinc application, here are some insecticide recommendations for pecan nut casebearers.

Intrepid® 2F 4-8 oz./acre or per 100 gallons of water
Spintor® 4-10 oz./acre or per 100 gallons of water
Entrust 1.25-3.0 oz./acre or per 100 gallons of water

There are many others that provide excellent control but these listed above are beneficial insect friendly and provide extended residual activity.

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