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GENERAL INFORMATION

Storms over the past few days has slowed wheat harvest down. A large hailstorm passed through Tom Green County on Thursday (5/21), and there was hail damage to sorghum, corn, and emerged cotton. Replants for cotton will happen due to the storms.

Sorghum and corn in the area received hail damage from the storms. Sorghum ranges anywhere from 7 leaves to flag leaf in the whorl. (In my previous newsletter I said V7, that was an error. I had corn on my mind and mistyped/misspoke). Regarding corn, growth stages range from V10-V12. The biggest concern with both of these crops is the hail and wind damage.

There will be a virtual turnrow meeting tomorrow morning 8AM regarding hail damage to sorghum and corn. I have attached the flyer to the email.

IPM WEEKLY PODCAST

There is now a weekly PM podcast that you can receive updates from the Concho Valley & St. Lawrence area! I am doing it in conjunction with Brad Easterling, the IPM Agent in Glasscock

If you would like to be added to the newsletter email list please email:

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in conjunction with Brad Easterning, the IPM Agent in Glasscock, Upton, and Reagan Counties.

There are two ways to sign up:

1. Go to <https://www.texasinsects.org/signup-texts.html> and fill out the signup box for the Concho/St. Lawrence podcast. (It will be on the right side of the page, or scroll to the bottom if you are using your cell phone)
2. Text the word conchoipm to 833-717-0325

PARAQUAT TRAINING

Any person who intends to **mix, load, apply, or handle** paraquat must complete the EPA approved paraquat training. You must be a certified applicator AND complete this training in order to use paraquat. The training must be retaken every three years. Currently the only way to do this training is through an online link. (<https://npsec.us/paraquat>).

This online training requires about 45 mins to an hour of your time, with a 15-question test at the end of the training. You must score 100% to receive your certificate.

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