



Integrated Pest Management

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Turnrow Meetings:

Tuesday, June 2
Wall Coop Gin 8:30 AM

Thursday, June 4
Western Chemical 8:30
AM

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GENERAL INFORMATION

I will be having turnrow meetings again starting **next week**. On the next page you will find some guidelines for turnrow meetings due to COVID-19.

Below is the link to the virtual meeting over hail damage to sorghum and corn. I have attached to the email the slides that were mentioned in the presentation.

<https://agrilife.zoom.us/rec/share/5SNp7Syn9JfKvOtEPwYoETIJTeaaa8h3JKrPcNnk21RlnaPFZ0Rkx5AYV4SRF>

CORN/SORGHUM

As I mentioned in my previous newsletter, there was hail damage to both sorghum and corn in Tom Green County (near Veribest, Vancourt) from 5/21. We should give it about a week after the hail event to truly assess the damage (so now). As of right now, there is some defoliation along with bruised stalks and stand loss. Depending on how severe the damage is to the stalk, the crop may be able to continue to grow as it usually can handle some shallow bruising. I have attached to the email an article over evaluating hail damage to corn.

COTTON

Cotton planting continues as fields dry out I have heard a few instances of pill bugs (aka roly polys) being a problem in emerged cotton. These reports were in fields that were strip-tilled or no-till—Pillbugs favor environments with excess crop residue, so no-till or reduced tillage fields are perfect for them. They might be hard to find at first since pillbugs often bury themselves below the soil surface in the day.



Figure 1. Adult pillbug. Photo Credit:
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TURNROW MEETING INFORMATION

Tuesdays @ 8:30 AM– Wall Coop Gin

Thursdays @ 8:30 AM — Western Chemical

Key guidelines that are being implemented to make this meeting safe for participants:

1. All participants at the meeting **must** provide contact details: cell phone number, email and physical address where you live. This information will only be shared with local public health authorities if any participant becomes ill with a suspected infectious disease. If you do not provide this information, you will not be allowed to attend the meeting.
2. Participants should utilize ways to greet others without touching.
3. Encourage regular handwashing or use of hand sanitizer by participants at the meeting.
4. Encourage participants to cover their face with the bend of their elbow or a tissue if they cough or sneeze. Tissues will be provided.
5. Display dispensers of hand sanitizer around the venue.
6. If there is space, arrange seats so that participants are at least 6 feet apart.
7. Tables and chairs should be sanitized before and after meeting and at breaks
8. Participants should provide their own PPE.

If a participant is showing symptoms or feeling unwell, please do not attend any turnrow meetings.

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, 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

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