



July 2018

### General Situation

Hot, Dry and Windy just about covers it all. There have been a few “pop up showers” in the last week but those have been few and far between and not amounting to much. Grain Sorghum is fair to average with some later planted dryland fields really stressed. Cotton is really mixed, with the majority of the Concho Valley falling in the Fair to Average category. Below is a slide from the National Weather Service in case you missed it on Facebook or Twitter.

**Climate Review for June 2018**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Warmest June for San Angelo, 9<sup>th</sup> Warmest for Abilene

Weather Forecast Office  
San Angelo, TX  
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**Temperatures**

- San Angelo: **2<sup>nd</sup> warmest** June on record, with an average temperature of 87.1 °F.
  - Warmest June was 2011 (88.6 °F).
- Abilene: **9<sup>th</sup> warmest** June on record, with an average temperature of 83.9 °F.

**Rainfall**

- San Angelo recorded 0.56 inches of rain in June 2018, which is 2.03 inches **below** normal for the month.
- Abilene recorded 2.97 inches of rain in June 2018, which is 0.59 inches **below** normal for the month.

**June 2018 Fun Facts:**

- ✓ San Angelo’s average MAXIMUM temperature was exactly 100.0 °F.
- ✓ San Angelo reached 100 °F or higher 15 days during the month.
- ✓ San Angelo’s average MINIMUM temperature was 74.2 °F.
- ✓ Abilene’s average MAXIMUM temperature was 95.8 °F.

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## Weeds

Weeds are opportunistic, and with everyone being extra busy and the little moisture that we have received, there are a lot of weeds in our fields. I don't know that any one year is more important than another in terms of weed control, but this year especially we don't want to give away any moisture or add to the seed bank for future years. Be a proper steward when it comes to weed control applications, especially with our new technologies. Keep them on their intended target. Let's prove to the EPA that growers in Texas are responsible stewards in the ongoing battle against weeds.

All of these new herbicides have product websites where a list of approved tank-mix partners, approved spray nozzles, and other product updates can be found. These website are being updated constantly as new tank-mixes and spray nozzles receive approval, so please consult the appropriate website before using these herbicides to check for new updates.

- XtendiMax with VaporGrip Technology – [www.xtendimaxapplicationrequirements.com](http://www.xtendimaxapplicationrequirements.com)
- Engenia – [www.engeniatankmix.com](http://www.engeniatankmix.com)
- FeXapan – [www.fexapanapplicationrequirements.dupont.com](http://www.fexapanapplicationrequirements.dupont.com)
- Enlist Duo – [www.enlisttankmix.com](http://www.enlisttankmix.com)

## Cotton

Cotton ranges between just emerged to 6-8 true leaves. A majority has suffered a lot of environmental stress. Stands are inconsistent with a lot of skips or entire rows blown out. Because the plants are stressed there is also a lot of Reniform Nematode injury this year. If you suspect nematodes in areas you may not have seen it in the past the best thing to do is take soil samples for nematode population. And growers should be vigilant in cleaning equipment when leaving a known nematode field and traveling to another. On a more positive note there is some good cotton out there and insect pressure has remained light.

## Late Planted Sorghum

If anyone is thinking about replanting sorghum behind failed cotton, and need help making a decision, the annual *2018 Alternative Crop Options after Failed Cotton and Late-Season Crop Planting for the Texas South Plains* (Hailout/Replant/Lateplant Guide) is posted at <https://lubbock.tamu.edu/files/2018/06/Hailout-Replant-LatePlant-Guide-TX-S-Plains-Trostle-2018-TOC-1.pdf>

There is also good information on the Sorghum Checkoff Website at <http://www.sorghumcheckoff.com/farmer-resources/grain-production/rescue-crop>

## Upcoming Events

Lone Star Farmers Agronomy is hosting:

Summer Spray Clinic & Pesticide Private Applicator License Training

Wednesday July 18, 2018

Miles Young Farmers Show Complex

Clinic: 3 CEU's

10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Lunch Prepared by the Miles Knights of Columbus

Applicator License Training

1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Please call the Mereta Office, 325-468-4151, by July 12 to RSVP

<https://tomgreen.agrilife.org/event/summer-spray-clinic-restricted-use-applicator-license-training/>

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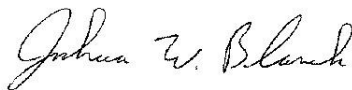
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