



**PEST MANAGEMENT
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RUNNELS-TOM GREEN
COUNTIES**

September 2018

Local Cotton Tour Time

Runnels County Annual Cotton Field Day

Thursday, September 20, 2018

9:00 am Program starts at Paul Minzenmayer Farm at the intersection of

CR300 & 303 at Poe's Corner off of Hwy 153
2 TDA CEU's – 1 IPM & 1 General
RSVP by September 14th to Runnels County Office, 325-365-2219

Tom Green County Cotton Tour

Thursday, October 4, 2018
Program begins at 9:00 am at Doug Wilde's Farm, Old Eola Rd. off 765, West
of Loop 306
3 TDA CEU's
RSVP by September 28 to the Tom Green County Office, 325-659-6522

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Cotton

Other than a few occasional insect pests the cotton fields are in good shape. Keep an eye out for cotton aphids as your bolls begin to open because the threshold for aphids drops to about 10/leaf. What's not slow right now are weeds and grasses that have germinated after this last rain, you can almost watch them grow. I know a lot of you are waiting for the rows to get dry enough to get in and spray and I encourage you to stay diligent with that effort.

"A Dollar waiting on a Dime", we all know the saying. Keep that in mind as you walk the rows making decisions on when to defoliate the crop with harvest-aids. Nobody knows for sure what kind of fall we will have but don't lose the quality of your lower, open bolls waiting on those up top to develop.

Wheat

There is a lot of talk about planting wheat this year and rightfully so after the good rains and better price projections. Unless you need the fall grazing, I wouldn't recommend planting now, but if you do keep an eye out for fall army worms. With the wet mornings, and cooler weather I am afraid they are getting ready to explode. Other key points to keep in mind now before planting.

- Make decisions about which varieties you will plant, results to the 2018 Tom Green Wheat Variety Strip Trial can be found

at: <http://counties.agrilife.org/tomgreen/files/2018/07/2018-TG-Dryland-Wheat-Gully-Small-Grain-Result-Demo-Report.pdf>

- If you will be planting farmer-saved wheat seed now is a good time to get that seed tested for quality and germination. Testing germination of saved seed can reduce the risk and allow seeding-rate adjustments prior to planting to ensure adequate stands, not to mention piece of mind.
- Break the green bridge. We have had a lot of volunteer wheat germinate with the rains. Keep your fields clean for at least 30 days prior to planting to reduce Hessian Fly and viruses such as Barley Yellow Dwarf and Wheat Streak Mosaic.

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