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Integrated Pest
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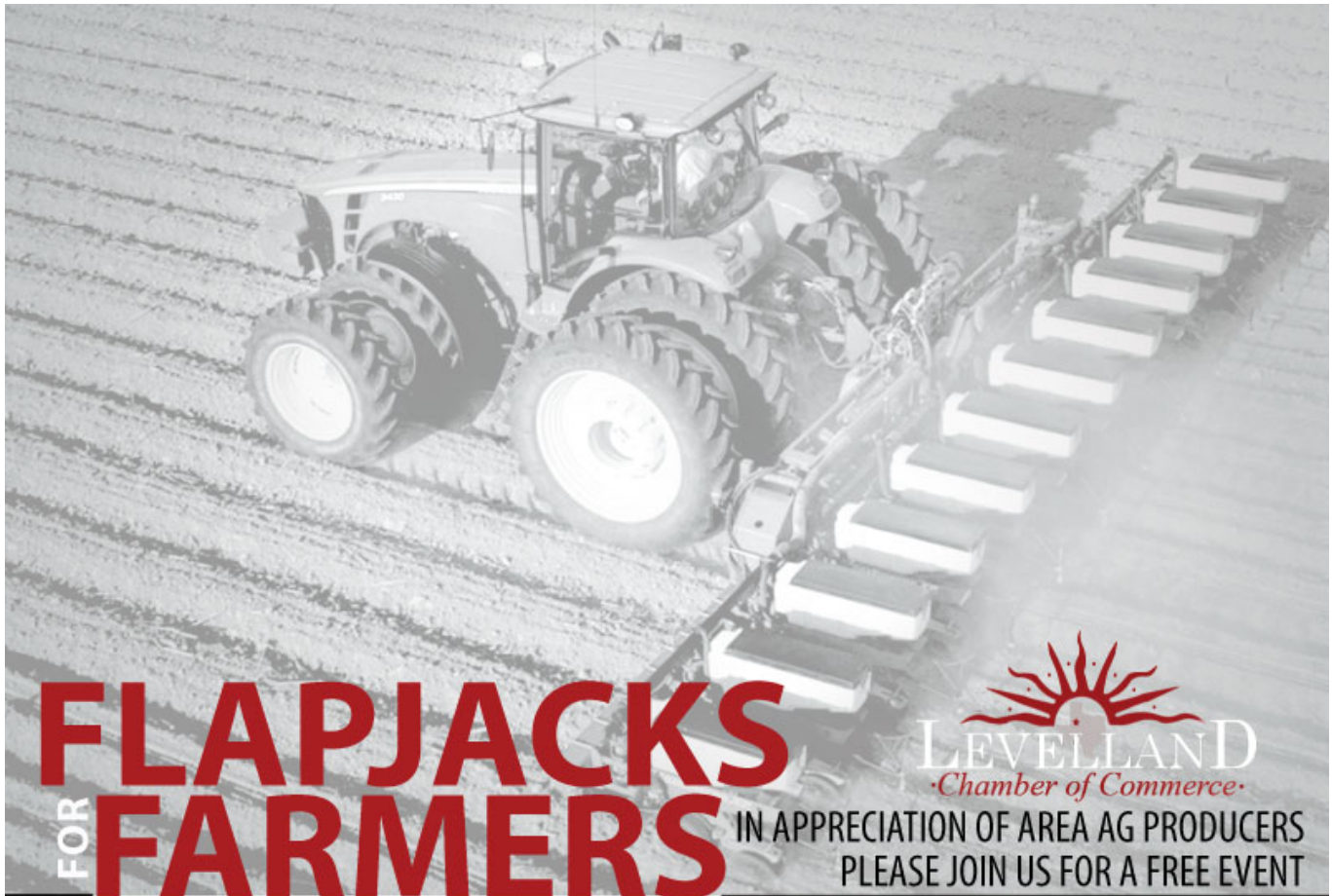
Associated Risk of Pima Cotton

With planting season just around the corner, I have had the normal inquiries about Pima cotton production. Historically I have not discouraged this idea, but only try to make one understand the problems associated. However, now with the issue of FOV 4 being documented in Texas we must do all we can to prevent this Fusarium disease from being introduced into our upland cotton production area. On a \$/lb basis, Pima sounds like a good option. However, there are several other considerations for anyone thinking of planting Pima cotton should consider. See below.

1. Pima cotton requires a much longer growing season than most of our Upland varieties.
2. Pima yields are generally going to be 30% lower than Upland varieties.
3. To obtain the premium price of Pima cotton, it must be ginned on a roller gin, which the closest roller gins are in Tornillo (near El Paso) and Saragosa.
4. **The soil and seed borne disease Fusarium Wilt Race 4 is a very devastating disease that can have a huge detrimental impact on the Texas cotton industry and land values. The disease is primarily moved long distances via infected seed. Pima varieties are much, much more likely to have FOV 4 infected than Upland cotton. This is especially true for Pima seed coming from California or El Paso Valley. See attached publications on the FOV 4 disease.**

If anyone has questions give me a call.

Along with newsletter see two attached FOV4 publications.



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Event Center Banquet Hall

AUXIN training starts at 9:30am

2 hours of L&R TDA CEU's

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8:45AM • VISITING WITH VENDORS AND
REGISTRATION FOR AUXIN TRAINING

9:30AM • COMPLIMENTARY AUXIN TRAINING
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Private Pesticide Applicators Training Set for 2019 Hockley County

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will offer the required private Pesticide Applicators Training (PAT) in Levelland on the third Thursday of every month. This training is required by Texas Department of Agriculture before taking the exam for obtaining the license. A private pesticide applicator is a person who uses or supervises the use of a restricted-use or state limited-use pesticide or a regulated herbicide for the purpose of producing an agricultural commodity. This license is not for those receiving monetary compensation for a pesticide application.

To participate in a training individual must call 806-894-3159 by 3pm the day prior (Wednesday) to the trainings in Levelland. The trainings will begin promptly at 1pm at the Extension Office 1212 Houston Street, Levelland (4 blocks west of courthouse on Houston). There is a \$60 fee for training materials. This is only the required training. Testing will be conducted at a separate time and location. Future PAT Trainings:

- **April 18 Levelland Extension Office 1212 Houston Street**
- May 16 Levelland Extension Office 1212 Houston Street
- June 20 Levelland Extension Office 1212 Houston Street
- July 18 Levelland Extension Office 1212 Houston Street
- August 15 Levelland Extension Office 1212 Houston Street
- September 19 Levelland Extension Office 1212 Houston Street
- October 17 Levelland Extension Office 1212 Houston Street
- November 21 Levelland Extension Office 1212 Houston Street
- December 19 Levelland Extension Office 1212 Houston Street



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See You On The Radio



Wednesdays from 7:30 am to 7:45 am.



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