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GENERAL SITUATION

Scattered showers fell about one week ago and were followed with much hotter temperatures. Over the past two weeks the high temperature has averaged 94.5 degrees and two weeks ago the seven day average was 95.3 degrees. The only time it has been higher than that was the last week in July when we were 95.4 degrees. The temperatures are not that extreme, but coupled with .08 inches in July and .68 inches in August officially, our irrigation just can not keep up and we saw the effects this past week. There are almost no bolls in the upper 3-5 branches of most plants at this time.

INSECTS

Insect pest are really not an issue at this time. I am continuing to look for aphids and spider mites, but they are very difficult to find and in low numbers. After the recent wave of heat and lack of moisture, it is very difficult to find any bolls still susceptible stinkbugs. Stinkbugs are still present in a few small areas, but I would not be concerned with them. The cost of control would not be regained in lint with the handful of bolls out there.

IRRIGATION TERMINATION

It is suggested that irrigation be terminated at 400-500 heat units after cut-out. There are many fields that reached cutout the first week of August. Fields which cutout a little later are getting there quickly. With the cooler temperatures we are now having along with a chance of rain over the weekend I would keep an eye on your soil moisture and be ready to shut your pumps off if you haven't already done so.

I have included a table with heat unit accumulations from several cutout dates as Warren did. I know we probably did not have any cotton that had not reached cutout by mid to late August, but just in case.

TERMINATION BENCHMARKS

DATE	8/5	8/10	8/15	8/20	8/25
2014	669.5	551.5	451.5	353.5	239

HEAT UNITS

DATE	5/10	5/20	6/1	6/20
2014	2233	2122	1955	1770
2013	2263	2121.5	1914	1739
5 Year AVG	2427	2306	2095	1904

Heat units accumulated over the past seven days have equaled 21.6 DD 60's per day. Overall we are about 6-9 days behind our historical average.

TRI-COUNTY CROP TOUR

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

2:30 PM

MEET AT ST. LAWRENCE HALL

SOCIAL & MEAL TO FOLLOW TOUR

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Important Deadlines For Producers

The Cotton Transition Assistance Program (CTAP) is the "partial direct payment" that will be paid to producers this year since the STAX program from the '14 Farm Bill will not be implemented until 2015. Sign-up for that payment began August 11th and runs until October 7th. This is not automatic for producers. the DCP program has expired, so if they want this transition payment they need to go sign up for it.

The second deadline is a crop insurance deadline. The Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO) will be available to producers that sign-up for the new Price Loss Coverage (PLC). SCO will not be available for producers that sign up for the Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC). The issue is that wheat producers will not have had time to evaluate their program choices by the wheat crop insurance deadline of September 30. It is recommended that all wheat producers inform their crop insurance agents that they want SCO on their wheat for 2015. If at program sign-up a producer decides to sign a particular farm up into ARC, the producer will be able to opt back out of the SCO (With RMA's blessing). This opt out is a one-time offer for this year only. If a producer does not declare his intention of purchasing SCO by September 30th, and he does sign up with PLC, he will not be able to buy an SCO policy until the 2016 wheat crop. Crop insurance agents are aware of this provision, and should be communicating this to their customers, but it won't hurt for us to also mention it to producers.

Monsanto/DeltaPine Field Day

Tuesday, September 23rd at 4:00 p.m., Doug Jost's Farm. Field Day will cover Roundup Xtendflex technology and new varieties with this new technology, information on weed control, application of Roundup Xtend, drift, volatilization, and water use efficiency for this area. Steak meal, drinks, and door prizes will be given.

Multi-County Farm Bill

Programs:

9-23-14 Garden City

9-24-14 San Angelo

10-7-14 Ft. Stockton

Dow/Phytogen Enlist Field Day

Dow/Phytogen will hold a field day to showcase their new Enlist weed control technology on September 17 & 18 at the Texas Tech New Deal Farm. All producers are welcome to attend. The farm is located north of Lubbock on I-27, take exit 14 and head east approx. 6 miles. Turn south on CR 3000 and the center will be on .30 miles on the right.

Please RSVP to the site below: <http://events.signup4.com/TechCtrGrower2014>

For more information contact Scott Fuchs: 325-277-2001 or your local Dow rep.