

Everyone,

After warning, or cautioning folks about a new and prolific aphid species that may very well move into the area and feed on sorghum I have confirmed its presence in Glasscock Co. today. The sugarcane aphid, a gray to tan or light yellow aphid with black tailpipes (cornicles) and feet reproduces extremely rapidly. It also produces a tremendous amount of honeydew which causes harvest issues as well as causes sooty mold that interferes with photosynthesis. Rapid plant death can occur if left untreated.

While I know that the majority of our sorghum acres have been harvested, we have some late planted sorghum that is susceptible and should be checked. At this time Transform at the 1.0 oz rate is the best option for control of sugarcane aphids. Keep in mind that Transform has a 14 PHI and you should see about 14 days of control before numbers start to build back up so time your applications so you don't have to leave the crop sitting out there for the birds. Also you are limited to two applications of Transform per year. If you have questions or need me to give you a hand identifying aphids please give me a call. In most cases we don't need to spray for greenbugs and almost never have to spray for corn leaf aphid, so proper id is the key.

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