

# CROP MANAGEMENT REPORT

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Midkiff Farmers Coop. Annual Meeting.

Date: Tuesday June 13, 2017

Time: 5:30p.m.

Place: Midkiff Community Center

### Glasscock County Coop Stock- holder Meeting & Annual Family Night

Date: Tuesday June 20, 2017

Time: Stockholder meeting 4:30pm

Happy Hour—6:30pm

Meal—7:00pm

Casino Night—8:00pm-10:00pm

Place: St. Lawrence Hall

St. Lawrence Tx.

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## GENERAL SITUATION

Cotton planting is quickly winding down. Many producers are finding that they did not have the moisture they thought they had or it quickly went away. This has especially been the case for dryland but I have heard several folks mention they felt they shut their water off too early. In general, this crop does not look all that bad, 4-5 little showers over the past month have helped to get it going with some rotary hoes. Like always, we are going to need more rain.

## COTTON

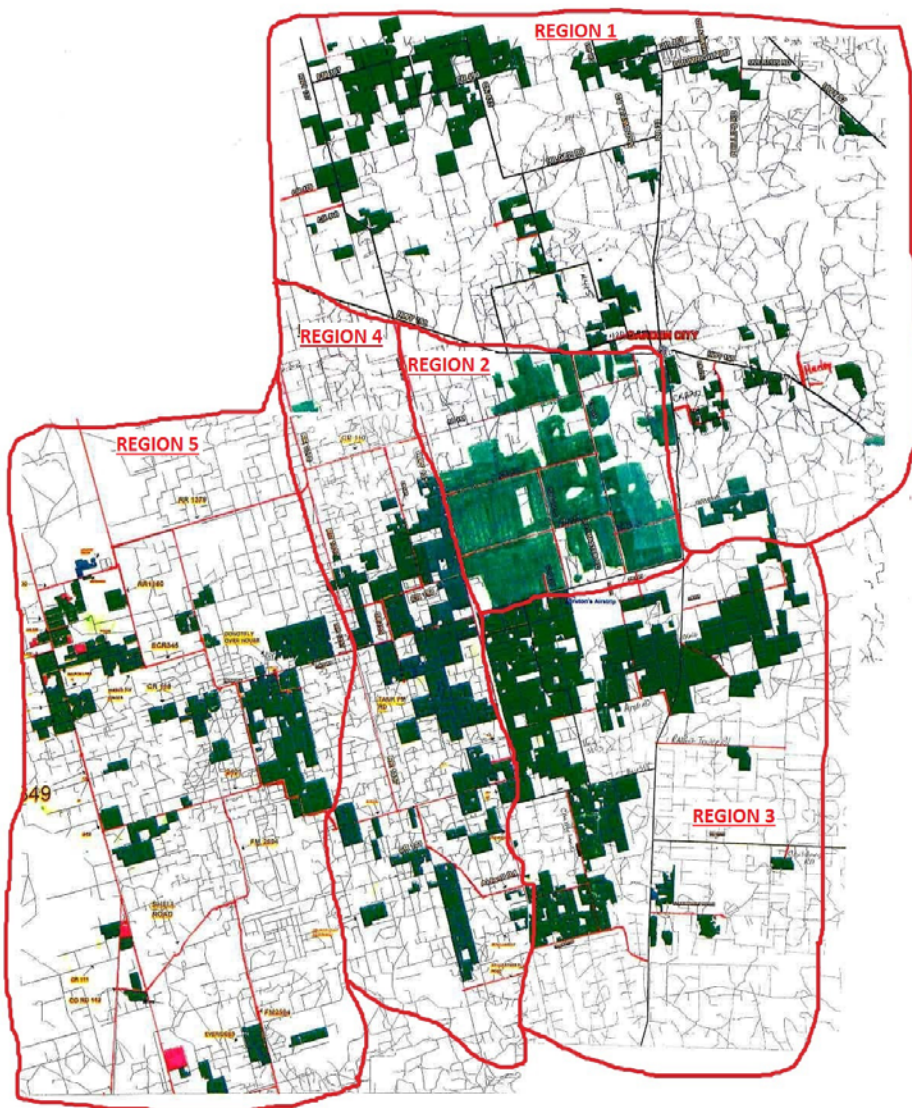
The entire month of May had rollercoaster hot and cold temperatures until the 25th when it finally stayed warm. Most all of the cotton planted prior to this has been a little sluggish getting going. Fortunately, I have not seen any seedling disease or insect activity in these fields. I know the use will be limited this year, but anyone using 2, 4-D on Enlist cotton or Dicamba on Xtend cotton, remember to control those weeds when they are small. We cannot take out 18 inch weeds with these products. Cotton aphids are being found on volunteer plants throughout Glasscock County. At this time, keep your eyes open for aphids and if you have to spray for any pests try to conserve your beneficials.

## CORN/SORGHUM

Both corn and sorghum is off to a good start this year. Corn is tasseling or very near. This is a critical time for moisture and temperature. Obviously we cannot control the temperature, but the closer to 90 degrees than 100 degrees the better. Some of the earlier sorghum varieties are entering the boot stage and like corn, now is when they will need that shot of water. Many of these fields have bollworms (corn earworms) down in the whorls. We see this most years and it is not a concern unless they feed all the way down into the head. We will keep a closer watch on them, after the heads emerge. At this time we just live with the chewed up leaves. There are some corn leaf aphids feeding down in the whorls. These generally serve as a food source for beneficials. At this time I have not found any sugarcane aphids.

## SCOUTING PROGRAM

Our scouting program is up and running this season. As we had discussed earlier, we have made a few changes this season in hopes of getting better, more consistent scouting around the three counties. We were unable to get interns hired so we hired Scott Miller and Cade Braden. They have three years of experience scouting between them already. We have broken the three counties down into 5 regions. They will check one region a day. Regions were broken up to try and keep the acreage similar, but also be broken up along major roads. Region 1 is everything north of HWY 158 and east of RR 33 south to County Road 280. Region 2 is south of HWY 158 to RR 2401 and west of RR 33 to HWY 137. Region 3 is south of RR 2401 and east of HWY 137. Region 4 is south of HWY 158 and west of HWY 137 to RR 1357. This region may swing west to Eggemeyer on Byrd Rd, then head south. I'll visit with the scouts to see where they would like to separate the two. Region 5 will be everything else to the west. A report will be sent out weekly with the first one coming to-night (6/9/17) or tomorrow. I will email it to everyone that I have an email address for. I will also be posting the report on my blog which can be found at <https://glasscock.agrilife.org/ipm/blog/>. You can subscribe to the blog, and all reports that I post will automatically be sent to you.



### TURNROW MEETINGS

Tuesday, June 20	9:00 a.m. Glasscock Coop
Wednesday, June 21	9:00 a.m. Midkiff Coop
Tuesday, June 27	9:00 a.m. Glasscock Coop
Wednesday, June 28	9:00 a.m. Midkiff Coop