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General

Situations like this are never fun to try and write about. The longer we go without rain and the closer we get to planting the more depressing the conversations become. About the only thing I can say is I hate this as bad as you folks do but remember, we've been here before. Of course 2014 is our most recent reminder of a similar year, but the fall of 2013 was much wetter. We have actually had about 1.3 inches more rain from October until today than October 2010 to April 2011. Our average temperatures are running a little warmer, especially the minimum temps. Lets hope that's not a sign of things to come We also went through the dry periods of 1997-2000, All of these years started similar to this one, as well as 1987-1988. Of course we will always have the historic drought of the '50s as well. The important thing is to be prepared to take advantage of that rain when it does finally come.

Bollworms

The potential for bollworm resistance to one or more of our Bt genes is becoming a larger concern for many folks both in Extension and in the seed industry. If at any time you feel that you have an issue with bollworm escapes in a Bt crop please let me know. If the situation arises we would like to collect some larva and try to establish a colony. We are also interested in worms in sorghum.

M-44/ LPC Training

Texas A&M Agrilife Extension will host a M-44 and Livestock Protection Collar Training and licensing on May 2 beginning at 7:30 am at the Reagan Co 4-H Center in Big Lake. For more info call the Glasscock, Reagan, or Upton Co. Extension offices.

Dicamba Training

Anyone still needing their dicamba certification for this year will need to call the extension office and set up a time to come by and watch the video to receive your certification. Call the office for more information.

TRIALS

If anyone is interested, I still have a couple of spots open for trials.

Food Safety and Modernization Act

Watermelon growers are now required to comply with the food safety modernization act. There will be a training with TDA and Extension on June 12th in Lubbock.

For more information visit <https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/productListingDetails/2567>

Seed Cotton Program Sign-up Workshop

May 1, 2018

Glasscock County

Community Building

117 S. Myrl St., Garden City, TX 79739

Program : 8 am -11 am

Registration: 7:30 am

There is no fee for this workshop

Program to assist producers in 1) allocating generic base acres to covered commodity base including seed cotton, and 2) provide analysis of the two safety net programs available to seed cotton base acres.

Topics Include the Following:

- ♦ Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018
- ♦ Review process for updating cotton program yields
- ♦ Two options for generic base allocation

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