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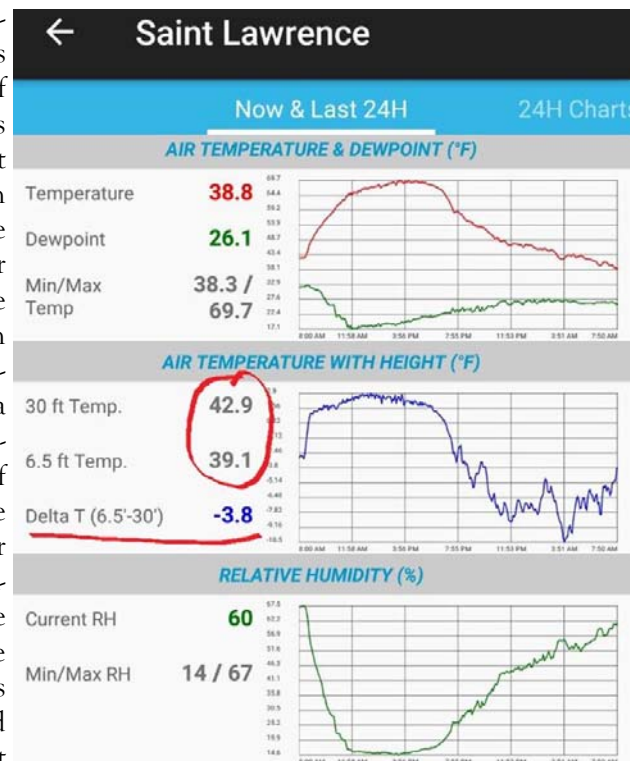
Please God,

Send us a good, soaking rain. Make us aware that everything is a gift and nothing should be taken for granted.

Amen

Most everyone received some of that much needed moisture that we have been waiting for. Unfortunately, as is so often the case, the farther West you go the lighter the rain was, with Midkiff only receiving a couple of tenths. The rain has helped wet the surface of the irrigated ground and planting has really taken off. However, by Monday afternoon most dryland fields were once again so dry you could not tell it had ever rained. As everyone knows, we are 7 days away from the first planting deadline North of what we consider South Texas. Folks needing rain will be dusting seed in now as planting deadlines near.

If you are or are planning to utilize the new weed control technologies keep weed size in mind. We cannot effectively control 18 inch tall weeds in either the Enlist or Extend system. They may yellow, twist, but many times new shoots sprout from buds and the plant will continue to survive. Also, maintain windspeeds between 3-10 mph. Unfortunately, over the past month many days have had 0 hours with wind below 10 mph. When it is, it is generally from around 6-8am. Another key to look at before spraying is the 30ft and 6.5ft air temperatures. Normally the air is cooler higher up, so if you check and it is warmer at 30ft than at 6.5ft conditions for an inversion are prime. The simplest way to check for this is to download the Mesonet app, click on the closest weather station and check the Delta T. If the Delta T is negative don't spray, even if all other conditions are met. This is the 2nd year of a 2 year label for Extendimax. If there are problems in Teas like they had in other areas last season we could lose the label. We must continue to do a good job.



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Corn & Sorghum

Corn and Sorghum are making good progress where it is not being eaten up by deer. Those fields that are growing off are reaching the first period of optimum fertilizer demand. By V9 stage tiny ears will be developing on corn plants. Fertilizer needs to already be put out and be available to the plants at this time.

In Sorghum, we are looking at the 7-8 leaf stage when the plant is generally 12-15 inches tall. This is when the plants undergo growing point differentiation, which is where the growing point grows up above the ground and begins to switch over to a reproductive structure from a vegetative one. Again, for maximum yields, fertilizer needs to be available at this time.

Scouting Program

Our Scouting program will be up and running shortly with scout school next week and then the scouts will hit the field Monday June 4th. This year's scouts will be Scott and Shay Miller. We will have a couple more changes to the program this year. For starters as they check fields they will be able to GPS them in Google Maps so both you and I can tell exactly where they have been. This map will be shared along with my weekly scouting report through my blog. You may have already been sent an invitation to receive the blog, if not you can sign up at [Ipm Blog](#).

TURNROW MEETINGS

Tuesday, June 5	9:00 a.m. Glasscock Coop
Wednesday, June 6	9:00 a.m. Midkiff Coop
Tuesday, June 12	9:00 a.m. Glasscock Coop
Wednesday, June 13	9:00 a.m. Midkiff Coop