

# CROP MANAGEMENT REPORT

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## GENERAL

A few folks finally received a decent little shower this past weekend and the first part of the week. It will most definitely help the irrigated ground out and we will take all that we can get. For the dryland, it helped a few fields out but did more harm than good for others. Many times we use the phrase “mixed bag” to describe a crop that’s all over the place but I’m not sure that would go far enough to cover what we have here. I think “mess” might better describe it. In my last newsletter I mentioned that emergence looked decent, and for this year and these conditions I stand by that. However, for most years I would replant about 90% of our acres. We have a lot of 3,5,8, even 10ft skips out there. Sometimes entire rows didn’t come up. Its just one of those years.

## COTTON

Cotton around the area ranges anywhere from just germinated to 9-10 true leaves and squaring. With cooler weather over the past couple of weeks much of this crop has taken off and started to grow. However, the wind, wildlife, and weather is still taking a toll. A lot of young seedlings are dying as they come up and are girdled by blowing back and forth against the sand. Deer and rabbits are consuming a fair amount, and quite a few seedlings sprouted and died due to lack of moisture. For those of you who may be needing some help making a decision on whether to replant, [The Annual Hail out Replant Guide](#) has been updated and is now out.



*Please God,*

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

*Amen*

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With the little moisture that we have received, weeds are coming on. As precious as moisture is, do not be giving any of it away by growing weeds in your fields. At the same time we have to be diligent about controlling these new formulations of 2,4-D and Dicamba, and keeping them on their intended target. Reports are starting to roll in both in Texas and around the country of off-target movement of these herbicides. With the registration for Extendimax ending this year and EPA claiming they will make a decision by August, we need to do everything possible to at least keep it registered in Texas.

Insects have been very light this past week as have the previous couple of weeks. We are starting to see beneficial numbers start to climb a bit out in the field. We are also still picking up a few aphids so be careful about killing off beneficials. Fleahopper numbers are low but can be found in weeds and other hosts.

## CORN & SORGHUM

Corn and Sorghum are both growing at a very rapid rate right now. Water use for both crops is increasing daily so don't short your crop if you are looking at being profitable on them. Spider mites have been found in corn in St. Lawrence and North Reagan County. They **DO NOT** need to be treated at this time but should be monitored. I'm more concerned about them moving into neighboring cotton and watermelons. Please give me a call if you have any questions or need me to check anything.

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### TURNROW MEETINGS

Tuesday, June 26	9:00 a.m. Glasscock Coop
Wednesday, June 27	9:00 a.m. Midkiff Coop
Tuesday, July 3	9:00 a.m. Glasscock Coop
Thursday July 5	9:00 a.m. Midkiff Coop

**DUE TO JULY 4TH HOLIDAY MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY  
JULY 5TH IN MIDKIFF.**