

CROP MANAGEMENT REPORT

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COTTON

As everyone is aware, at this point we have had a difficult time getting up and going in the field. It seems like about the time we get going, another shower stops everything. Fields that are nearly dry enough to plant still have a lot of mud holes to try and plant through or go around. We should get it all in, it is just a matter of time. Weeds are posing quite a problem for many folks. Many producers would like to spray first and then plant, but with a narrowing planting window, possibly running rotary hoes, or replanting, rain delays, and break downs, a lot of growers are looking at post treatment instead of a pre-burndown. I understand the control many times is not as good, and you generally want to "start clean, stay clean." More importantly, you have to get a crop in the ground and get it going.

On the bright side, I have been going back and looking at past weather data, April and May look very similar to 2007, 2010, and a little like 2017. If the rains continue like they did in 2007 and 2010, "7.17 inches from June to September in 2007 and 8.31 inches from June to September in 2010," then we are set up for a tremendous crop. On top of this, they are having a difficult time getting cotton planted in several parts of the country. If this continues and significantly effects final planted acres, then you could see a price change.

CORN AND SORGHUM

Corn and Sorghum are starting to make some progress as the temperatures are warming up and this crop is slowly taking off. At this time, there are no pest issues to be concerned with.

WHEAT

Wheat is continuing to make slow progress as the rain has slowed the dying process down. Rust is present in most fields but is not an economic concern at this point. Right now my greatest concern is hail.

PECANS

I have been looking at a few pecans lately and it appears the pecan nut casebearer has already moved through. Egg lay was very light and damaged nutlets in most cases will actually help to thin this crop.

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TURNROW MEETINGS

Tuesday, June 18	8:00 a.m. Glasscock Coop
Wednesday, June 19	8:00 a.m. Midkiff Coop
Tuesday, June 25	8:00 a.m. Glasscock Coop
Wednesday, June 26	8:00 a.m. Midkiff Coop

