

CROP MANAGEMENT REPORT

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COTTON

What can be said that has not already been said, this just is not the start that we were wanting this year after the last several crops. Well try not to shoot the messenger, but here are a few things we are looking at.

Thrips are at a much higher number than we generally see around this area. In most years even if we see thrips our cotton outgrows them quite quickly. This season with the up and down temps and lack of rain along with some varieties not emerging or taking off as well, I am seeing more damage. In most all instances it is not economical and would not pay to treat. However, if you have a field growing very slow or beat up by the wind and sand (and has thrips) it may help to make an application, especially if you are going over it anyway.

Another pest we are seeing, but of much less concern are cotton aphids. There are a few fields around the area which have low levels of aphids that at this point are basically just food for our beneficials and will aid in building their populations. It is not uncommon to find some aphids in cotton early in the year. They should be monitored, however in case populations build. Also, care should be taken if you are considering treating for thrips as this could wipe out your bennys and allow the aphids to flare.

DICAMBA IN COTTON

On June 3rd the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit issued a rule vacating the federal registration for XtendiMax, FeXapan, and Engenia, three of the labeled dicamba herbicides for use over the top of XtendiMax cotton. At this time Tavium has not been part of the ruling due to the fact that it was not labeled in 2018. A large part of this case is the reregistration of the products in 2018. A more complete write-up of this story is available at <https://agrilife.org/texasaglaw/2020/06/04/us-court-of-appeals-for-the-ninth-circuit-vacates-dicamba-registration/> This article is written by Tiffany Dowell Lashmet, specialist in ag law with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension.

CORN/SORGHUM

Corn right now is anywhere from V8 to near tassel. The corn which is about to tassel is really not in the best position if it should start pollinating next week. Temperatures in the upper 90's & 100's can cause pollen sterility and reduced pollination and in turn yield. Keep the water going and hope the temperatures do not get that hot. You will also want to make sure you have most of your fertilizer out.

Sorghum does not look too bad considering everything going on. A fair amount is getting hot and dry, but quite a few fields are still holding on. Overall there is not a lot going on.

WHEAT

Wheat harvest is winding down and although there have been a lot of bushels cut, most folks have not cut near what they expected. It appears that we did have a little freeze/frost damage around the area, but the excessive rain also effected yields. Unfertilized fields remained nitrogen deficient all year and many of the fertilized fields produced more forage than grain. A lot of the kernels where small and light this year. If you are planning on keeping seed for planting I would advise you to take a germination test prior to sowing your wheat crop next year.

SCOUTS

Our two scouts for this season are Shay Miller and Logan Seidenberger. They will both begin checking fields on Monday, June 8th. I will post my first report online on Friday, June 12th.

AUDIO UPDATE

Concho Valley/St. Lawrence Audio Updates

Myself and Haley Kennedy in Runnels and Tom Green Counties are recording a weekly audio update of crop conditions in St. Lawrence and the Concho Valley. In order to receive this report here is what you do:

You can sign up for text by going to: <https://www.texasinsects.org/signup-texts.html> and fill out the signup box for "Concho St. Lawrence"

It will ask whether you are a producer, consultant, industry, or other. We sure would appreciate this information to know who all is listening. Previous audio files can be found at <https://www.texasinsects.org/southern-high-plains-pest-news.html>.

TURNROW MEETINGS

Tuesday, June 16	8:00 a.m. Glasscock Coop
Wednesday, June 17	8:00 a.m. Midkiff Coop
Tuesday, June 23	8:00 a.m. Glasscock Coop
Wednesday, June 24	8:00 a.m. Midkiff Coop