

WEST PLAINS IPM UPDATE



News about
Integrated Pest
Management in
Hockley,
Cochran, and
Lamb Counties
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Current Situation

Cotton is mostly all hard-cut out with only an occasional bloom in the top node. The range of cotton fields though still has some acres with 4 nodes above white flower to the other end of the spectrum of fields with a few cracked bolls. Watering is still the big question for most. Unless you have good size bolls all the way to the top it would not be unreasonable to continue to water until next week. Now if it rains +1" tonight (Thursday 25th) I would shut it off and most likely leave it off. Now if it is drip I would be hesitant to run water past September 10-15th. On drip it would have to be blazing hot to continue past September 15th. If it is late with still 4 or more nodes above white flower I would shut it off now.

Insect pests in cotton mainly consist of a sub-threshold infestation of bollworms in conventional cotton, and occasional plant bugs. So keep an eye out for insect pests for at least another week, but a majority of acres are nearly out of the woods in terms of being vulnerable to insect pest damage.

Peanuts are generally doing well. However, this current weather pattern could bring on some disease pressure. Stay with water for a while longer to keep peanut pods maturing and plants fresh.

My Priority List for Next few Weeks

1. Wrap up cotton irrigation on pivots ASAP, and drip irrigation over the next 20 days.
2. Make notes of which fields you notice cotton wilt symptoms, so that you might consider this in your selection of cotton varieties for next year.
3. You can begin taking soil samples for cotton root-knot nematodes now. Much easier to sample while we have soil moisture.
5. Watch for late aphid populations in cotton; have not seen them, just a possibility.

UPCOMING EXTENSION MEETINGS

West Texas Agricultural Chemicals Institute Annual Conference



The West Texas Agricultural Chemicals Institute will host their annual conference on Tuesday, Sept. 13, at the Bayer Museum of Agriculture, located at 1121 Canyon Lake Drive in Lubbock.

This year represents the 64th meeting of WTACI, an unincorporated organization of dealers, industry representatives, agricultural producers, scientists, educators, and agribusiness members who support education and research programs promoting safe and effective use of agricultural chemicals and protection and preservation of the area's natural resources.

Topics to be discussed at the conference include pesticide application and laws and regulations, unmanned aerial systems in ag, crop management strategies, EPA product registration process, legal issues, Old World Bollworm, and much more. A detailed list of presentations and speakers can be found at <http://wtaci.tamu.edu>.

Six CEUs for the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA), and 6.5 CEUs for the Certified Crop Adviser (CCA) program will be available. CEUs for the New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA) are pending.

Pre-registration is available online at <http://wtaci.tamu.edu/Registration.html>. On-line registration fees are \$75 for conference attendees and \$300 for a booth and must be completed or postmarked by August 31. On-site registration will begin at 7 a.m. the day of the conference and will cost \$95 for attendees and \$325 for booth sponsors. Lunch will be provided as part of the registration fee.

Opportunities also exist to contribute to the WTACI Scholarship Fund, which has provided more than \$60,000 in scholarships to students majoring in agricultural fields at many Texas universities.

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Private Pesticide Applicators Training

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will offer the required private Pesticide Applicators Training (PAT) each month. This training is required by Texas Department of Agriculture before taking the exam for obtaining the license. A private pesticide applicator is a person who uses or supervises the use of a restricted-use or state limited-use pesticide or a regulated herbicide for the purpose of producing an agricultural commodity. This license is not for those receiving monetary compensation for a pesticide application.

To participate in training individuals must call 806-894-3159 by 3pm the day prior to the training in Levelland or 806-385-4222 ext 235 by 3pm the day prior to the training in Littlefield, and 806-266-5215 for training in Morton. The trainings will begin promptly at 1pm at the Extension Offices (see addresses below). There is a \$60 fee for training materials. This is only the required training. Testing will be conducted at a separate time and location.

Future PAT Trainings:

- September 22 Morton Extension Office 200 W. Taylor Avenue
- October 27 Levelland Extension Office 1212 Houston Street
- November 17 Littlefield Extension Office, Courthouse, Room B-5
- and December 19 Morton Extension Office 200 W. Taylor Avenue

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension seeks to provide reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for any educational meetings. Please contact us to advise us of the auxiliary aid or service that you will require a week in advance of training.

See You On The Radio

IPM Radio Program Aglife on Fox Talk KJTV, radio 950 AM, on Wednesdays from 1:00 to 2:15 pm.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension in Hockley County Report on KLVT Levelland, High Plains Radio Network, radio 1230 AM, Wednesdays from 7:30 am to 7:45 am.

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