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SUGARCANE APHID FOUND IN HOCKLEY COUNTY

I know it has only been a few days since the last issue of this newsletter, but that is how quickly things can change. As of yesterday Tuesday, August 2nd sugarcane aphids have been confirmed in Hockley County. They were found in grain sorghum just west of Ropesville. They appear to have moved in over the last few days and were rapidly building in a couple of fields. These fields will most likely be treated very soon. This area of the county has some of the highest concentration of grain sorghum this year.



Above is a good picture taken by Dr. Pat Porter showing the details of the sugarcane aphid. With a hand lens it is fairly easy to see the black tipped cornicles, antenna, and feet. Do not confuse this with the yellow sugarcane aphid.

For more information on the sugarcane aphid a good resource is this web blog:
<http://txscan.blogspot.com/>

Good luck.

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:

- August 24 Littlefield Extension Office, Courthouse, Room B-5
- 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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