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### Current Crop and Pest Situation

Hopefully you are beginning to dry out where you can conduct any necessary field work. Rain is always a blessing but maybe we can be blessed with good weather conditions to finish out this crop. There is concern about delay in cotton maturity and potential for regrowth. There is not much one can do to change the course of this cotton crop through management at this stage. We'll just have to let this one play itself out. Cotton which will contribute to yield and quality is safe from insect pest at this time. On peanuts hopefully you have protected them from pathogens which have been present over the last month or so. In late grain or forage I would keep an eye on worms and midge for awhile longer. In cotton, harvest aid decision making is the next big step possibly combined with some fall weed control. I have attached the updated cotton harvest aid guide from Dr. Boman et. al. Hopefully that will answer many of your questions. We do currently have a couple of harvest aid meetings scheduled. If you would like to have one nearer you give me a call. Also, I do plan on putting out as many harvest aid plots scattered across Hockley and Cochran counties as possible. And again if you have a site you would like for us to consider putting out a test give us a call. Here is hoping you have a safe and profitable harvest season.

## UP COMING EVENTS

**September 13<sup>th</sup>** - West Texas Ag Chem Institute Conference, Reese, Lubbock

**September 14 and 28** - Pesticide applicators training, CEU opportunity Extension office, Levelland (please call)

**September 22** - Harvest Aid Meeting, Dan Taylors' Barn, Ropesville

**October 5** - Harvest Aid Meeting, Gary Cain Insurance, Old South Smyer Gin

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