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CURRENT CROP CONDITIONS

I will not dwell on the rough start for most of you. Suffice to say if you need help in determining whether you keep a stand of cotton or not give me a call. I have included an excellent publication that has been around for many years with this newsletter. It has been updated by Drs. Boman and Lemon. It explains in detail the thought process of making those tough decisions on whether you keep a stand of cotton, replant to cotton or maybe some other crop. Obviously, one needs to consider your economic situation and how your insurance protection will factor.

Those that have a cotton crop which may be delayed but otherwise still going I would encourage you to keep an eye on thrips. The scouts and I have been finding infestations which warrant chemical control where not protected by an at-plant insecticide. Other insects the scouts are finding include: grasshoppers, saltmarsh caterpillars, and cowpea aphids. No surprise that weeds are harboring other insect pests such as fleahoppers and lygus in field margins and along roadsides.

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WEST PLAINS IPM UPDATE is a newsletter which provides news of insect, weed and disease pests, and crop management suggestions for Cochran and Hockley Counties. The newsletter is written weekly during the growing season, from June through September. The newsletter will keep you abreast of current pest activity, natural enemies, biological and cultural control tactics, and chemical control options. The newsletter will cover cotton and other major crops grown in Hockley and Cochran counties during 2007.

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Hockley and Cochran IPM Scouting Program

1. Field Scouting for insect, weed, and disease pests in cotton, peanuts, grain sorghum, sunflowers, etc.
2. Scouting on a 5-7 day scheduling interval.
3. Individual field pest report provided.
4. Management suggestions with emphasis on proactive IPM methods.
5. Management suggestions available upon request for irrigation, harvest aids, and other agronomic considerations.
6. Fall soil sampling for cotton root-knot nematode management suggestions.
7. Irrigated cotton or peanut scouting is \$5.50 per acre. Pricing for dryland and other crops available.
8. Prorated refunds of scouting fees for loss of crop due to natural causes.
9. Contact Kerry Siders, Extension Agent-IPM for more information at 894-2406(office) or 638-5635(mobile).

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Hockley and Cochran Moisture Monitoring Program

1. Moisture monitoring of fields on a routine basis.
2. Record of moisture provided with management suggestions.
3. Monitoring cost \$2 per acre for fields enrolled in scouting program, and \$3 per acre for those not enrolled.
4. This will help determine when to turn water on, how much, and when to terminate in fall.
5. Contact Kerry Siders, Extension Agent-IPM for more information at 894-2406(office) or 638-5635(mobile).

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<http://lubbock.tamu.edu/>

<http://www.srh.noaa.gov/lub/>

<http://www.mesonet.ttu.edu/>

<http://www.wcc.nrcs.usda.gov/scan/>

<http://www.plainscotton.org/>

<http://peanut.tamu.edu/>