



“Rio Blanco” Integrated Pest Management Update

Vital Crop Production Information for **Crosby** and **Floyd** Counties

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- Not much change from last week regarding Crosby/Floyd IPM Program cotton. Most sprinkler and some drip cotton is in hard cut out with a few later-planted and more lush drip fields continuing to hover at 3 to 6 NAWF. Row-watered fields that have been irrigated for the third time (a few), even though cut out, have perked-up and should maintain until harvest. All fields are shedding small bolls. Of the hundreds recovered from the ground this week, less than 0.1 % have shown effects of worm feeding.
- Bollworms have not established in any Program fields. Egg lay did not occur, or if it did, the high number of beneficials, combined with weather effects, has kept them in check.
- Cotton aphids have been seen this week as single individuals or in small colonies found in the few remaining blooms in the more lush fields. Again, predators should maintain this pest below economic thresholds.

Heat unit accumulations as of **August 16, 2006;**

Heat Unit Accumulation

Five yr. Avg.	Jan. 1/06 to Date	May 1/05 to Date	May 1/06 to Date
2,069	2,196	1,602	1,934

Cucurbit producers who were blessed with some rain this week

should be expecting Powdery Mildew problems, especially on the heels of intense irrigation practices required this year and canopies becoming more dense. Although harvest may occur a bit earlier this year, maintenance of productive leaves for the next two to three weeks is crucial for proper maturation of fruit.

Still no squash bug problems exist in Program pumpkin fields this week. They are present in very low numbers, but have not exploded into a threat.

Meetings of interest:

Local 2006 Texas Cooperative Extension Crop Tours

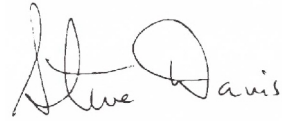
Event:	Date:
Dawson/Lubbock Crop Tour	August 29
Parmer/Bailey Crop tour	August 30
Sandyland Ag Tour	August 31
Yoakum County Crop Tour	September 12
Floyd County Crop Tour	September 28
Lynn County Ag Tour	September 20
Mitchell County Ag Tour	September 21
Crosby County Crop Tour	September 29

Industry Field Days:

Industry Field Days:	Date:
Deltapine Field Day	September 7
FiberMax Field Day	September 21
Stoneville/Monsanto	September 26

These dates may change unexpectedly, therefore it would be wise to call your local County Extension office or industry representative for details and clarification closer to the meeting date.

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