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Current Crop Conditions

The program cotton is ranging from two true leaves to pin head square. This wide variability is mostly due to the three hail storms that Crosby/Floyd counties received coupled with strong winds and blowing sand has set us back a few weeks. Cotton has started to come out of the damage with the help of the 90 degree temperatures that we have been getting. We do have several chances of rain in the forecast starting Saturday night but we all know how that's worked out so far. With that being said we need to start thinking about getting our irrigation up and going for next week and producers should start their N applications. After that I believe we will see a drastic change in the cotton crop and should alleviate some of the stress producers have been dealing with.

Pumpkins are in the leaf and root growth stage with few pest problems to report at the moment.

Pest Situation



Cotton

The cotton pest situation for Crosby and Floyd Counties is relatively calm for now. Cotton that was replanted or set back due to the adverse weather is still being scouted for Thrips. Program fields are averaging around one Thrips per plant. The biggest pest so far this year has been weather. Fleahopper's are next in line to move in so we will be keeping an eye out on this pest starting next week.

Pumpkins



As mentioned above the pest situation in pumpkins is pretty quiet at the moment. We will be keeping an eye out for squash bugs and powdery mildew. Producers who have pumpkins should start thinking fungicides since this disease is usually present every year.



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