

# Caprock Pest Management Newsletter



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## Current Crop Conditions

Program cotton is ranging from match-head to full bloom with a few pest problems to report. For most of you with blooming cotton you are in full bloom, with some finishing up your second week. For the rest with younger cotton time may well be your biggest pest and will need a wide open fall.

Water also seems to be big problem for many of you who are not able to keep up the water demand. I have seen a couple of fields that have gone into cut-out which is not good. Cut-out is defined as NAWF=5 (nodes above white flower). Your best bet is to keep the water to it in hopes of possibly adding a couple of more nodes. As stated above, water seems to be a big problem. So all I can say is keep your wells running and try to keep up as best you can.

As for **pumpkins** I am going to start using stages to describe growth stages. It just makes it easier to describe. So with that being said, program pumpkin fields are ranging from stage 4 (Flower Pollination) to stage 5 (Fruit Growth). Producers should continue their fungicide applications for Powdery Mildew, which is every 7-10 days. Also we need to keep the water going on your fields as well.

## Pest Situation Cotton



Again, I do not have much to report on the pest situation in cotton at the moment. Even though I havent seen any in the field, we still need to keep an eye out for bollworms and the same goes for lygus. I have however seen fleahopper numbers increase but this is blooming cotton and we don't need to worry about them because they cant do any signifincat damage to the cotton.

## Pumpkins



There is nothing going on in the program pumpkin fields at this time as well. Producers continue to make their fungicide applications for powdery mildew but other than that it's pretty calm out there.

## Heat Unit Layout

Here is the HU average for the last five years and where we are sitting this year with our HU accumulation:

**5 year avg. May 1, 2004- July 29, 2008- 1342**

**May 1, 2009-July 29, 2009-1342**



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