

Caprock Pest Management Newsletter

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Current Crop Conditions

The program cotton is ranging from two true leaves to pinhead square. The recent rains varied across both counties ranging from very little up to about an inch. Parts of Crosby and Floyd counties were also affected by hail earlier this week. The damage that I saw ranged from light to severe with some fields being completely wiped out. Producers that

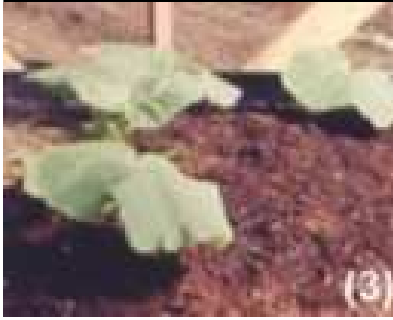
are wondering what their replant options are please feel free to call me. You can reach me at either the office or on my cell, numbers are posted above. As for irrigation, many producers have fired up their pivots. Producers who row water irrigate are making final preparations. Producers are also preparing to start making their N applications.

Pest Situation Cotton

The majority of the program cotton has been treated for Thrips and are moving fast into the six true leaf and pinhead square stage and are out of harms way for Thrips. Attention in these fields have shifted to the Cotton Fleahopper and lygus. Currently pressure from these pests are very light. Program fields that have begun to square are maintaining an average of 98 percent square sets. Most of the blasted squares that I am seeing is not due to fleahoppers but rather

environmental damage such as blowing wind and sand. Also, a few of the blasted squares is also due to herbicide damage which I am beginning to find more of. A few other pest concerns that producers should keep an eye out for are False Chinch bug, leaf miner and stripped flea beetle. I have not seen any damage from the false chinch bug at this time but I have seen a little damage from the leaf miner and stripped flea beetle.





Pumpkins

Pumpkins range from stage 2 (seedling growth) to stage 3 (leaf and root growth) and are continuing to look well. Again at this time there is nothing to report on for the pest situation in pumpkins.

Heat Unit Layout

May 1, 2010-June 16, 2010=559

May 1, 2005-June 16, 2009=538

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