

# Caprock Pest Management Newsletter

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## Current Crop Conditions

Well we missed the rain last night but we still have a chance later this evening and tomorrow and hopefully we will catch some it because we desperately need it. Program cotton ranges from first bloom

with 7-8 nodes above the first position white bloom (replanted cotton) to cutout. Wells have started to go down in parts of Crosby and Floyd Counties, but the water demand on this crop will begin to decrease quickly as we head into boll fill. As for backing off on irrigation, I am going to stick with the general rule of 500 heat units past cutout to start terminating irrigation. This will be done however on a field to field basis.

## Pumpkins



Program pumpkins range from late stage IV to stage V. As more of this crop begins to head into stage V producers need to make sure you get the rest of your fertilizer out. I am staying with 1 1/2-2 inches of water a week in terms of irrigation. If we cant keep up with the water this will result in poor or irregular fruit development. Fungicides have started to go out over the past couple of weeks and are being applied every 18 days.

## Pest Situation




### Cotton

The pest situation in program cotton still remains calm. Last week there were reports of bollworms and beet armyworms being found in replanted non-Bt cotton. As for program fields I am not finding either of these two pests but will continue to monitor for them especially in replanted cotton fields. With this crop moving into full cutout all of the squares and small bolls are beginning to shed off the plants, many pests will have little chance of becoming established and reaching economically damaging levels.



### Pumpkins

The pest situation in program pumpkins also remains calm. Where this crop is currently at producers should continue to monitor for squash bugs and stripped cucumber beetles. So far this season I have not picked up any but I will continue to watch closely for this pest.



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