

Pest Management Report

NEWS ABOUT INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT IN FRIO AND ATASCOSA COUNTIES

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General

Rain has finally come back to Frio and Atascosa counties. To this point we have not accumulated to awful much, but more is expected over the weekend and throughout next week. Temperatures are expected to drop back down to near freezing early next week.

Potatoes

Potato planting is well under way right now and should continue for the next several weeks. It appears that potato acreage should stay about the same or possibly increase a little.

Other Crops

Wheat and oats are looking pretty dry right now and this rain should help a lot. Growers should still be on the lookout for greenbugs and foliage feeding worms. Area vegetables are looking pretty good, and the rains will help them as well. We could use some sunny days with warmer temperatures to help them along, but right now, we will not complain.

Cotton

Texas Cooperative Extension will host a cotton meeting in Pearsall on February 6, 2004 at 8:00 a.m. The meeting will cover plant growth and fertility, fiber quality, plant growth regulators, insect control, marketing, and boll weevil eradication. We will also have representatives from seed and chemical companies to discuss their products for 2004. There will also be TDA and CCA ceu's given out. Further information will be mailed as we get closer to the date. For more information contact Brad Easterling at (830)334-3290.

Mailing List

It is that time of the year again when we have to update our mailing list. **Anyone wishing to remain on the mailing list must return their Update Form or simply call the office by March 4, 2004 or they will be dropped from the list.**

Annual Peanut Meeting

The Frio and Atascosa counties Annual Peanut Meetings will become a joint meeting this year. The meeting is set for March 3, 2004 in Charlotte. More information will be sent out as the date gets closer.

Scouting

Texas Cooperative Extension IPM Program will be scouting peanuts again this year and will also start scouting cotton. If anyone is interested in having their fields checked or has another crop they would like scouted contact Brad Easterling at (830)334-3290.

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