

# Pest Management Report

*NEWS ABOUT INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT IN FRIO AND ATASCOSA COUNTIES*

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## General

Overall our weather has been fairly good here for the last several weeks. Most everyone around the area has received a couple of inches of rain scattered out over several weekends. With the cooler overcast days the areas vegetables, wheat and oats are doing alright. I have not had a chance to get out of the office in awhile, so I cannot say exactly what condition most of our crops are in.

## Potatoes

Potato planting has been going on for quite some time now, and for most producers is winding down. Hopefully we will be able to avoid the late season freezes that have bit us the last couple of years.

## Other Crops

Wheat and oats have finally got a little rain on them to help green them back up. I have not heard of any insect problems at this time.

## Annual Peanut Grower's Meeting

The Frio and Atascosa Peanut Grower's will host their annual meeting this year at the St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church hall in Charlotte, Texas on Wednesday, March 3, 2004. Further information will be sent out as soon as the details are finalized. As always, CEU's will be offered.

## Texas Cotton Production

As interest in cotton continues to grow in Frio and Atascosa Counties, I want to let everyone know about Texas Cooperative Extension's Cotton Production Guide. This is an outstanding guide to growing cotton in Texas, especially for growers new to cotton. The guide contains information on production and IPM from pre-plant to harvest. Order forms can be picked up at the Texas Cooperative Extension office in Pearsall or ordered online at <http://tcebookstore.org>, for \$15.00.

## 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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