

**“Rio Blanco” Integrated Pest Management Update**

**Update on Integrated Pest Management in Crosby and Floyd Counties**

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**Program Cotton fields** have started to show very light populations of *cotton fleahoppers* but not enough to treat for this week. As much staggered-age, primarily late cotton as we have in our two county area and in conjunction with the short pest cycle of fleahoppers, we should be able to maintain a somewhat sub-economic pest level until bloom. No *Lygus bugs* have been reported from program fields as yet. This pest may be one to contend with as the later planted fields begin to mature into fruiting and *Lygus* populations run short on alternate hosts as ditches and lakes dry down. Both are still worth watching closely.

*Grasshoppers* remain a problem in field margins next to CRP or other rough habitat. I haven't heard anyone speak of adequate control of hoppers this year. Some of our producers have tried three applications with different registered chemicals with no satisfactory results and hoppers are still migrating into these treated acres.

**Heat unit accumulations** for cotton through June 30<sup>th</sup> are;

<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
876	1105	1072	955

**Trap** counts for lepidopterous pests have remained low. Data from this week show;

A) *South of Ralls*

Bollworm	11 moths/trap
Budworm	8
Beet Army	22

B) *East Plains*

Bollworm	16
Budworm	7
BAW	19

C) *East of Floydada*

Bollworm	13
Budworm	10
BAW	21

**REMEMBER OUR**

**TROOPS**

**OVERSEAS !!**

**HAPPY & SAFE**  
**4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY**  
**HOLIDAY !!**

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