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# PEST MANAGEMENT NEWS

NEWS ABOUT INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT IN GLASSCOCK, REAGAN AND UPTON COUNTIES

## GENERAL SITUATION

Dry, windy and warmer weather has prevailed over the past week. Rainfall last night amounted up to 3 inches in the Midkiff area and more is falling today. Cotton ranges from cotelyden to ½ grown squares. The little black beetles are severely damaging some cotelyden cotton in several area fields.

## SCOUT SAFETY

Please contact your scouts or me if you are spraying the field they are scouting with an insecticide. We do not want anyone to be exposed unnecessarily to pesticides.

## FLEAHOPPERS

Fleahoppers ranged from 0-18 per 100 terminals this week. Square sets ranged from 81-100 percent. The higher numbers can be found in the older cotton that is in the 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> week of squaring. I would be most concerned with the late-May to June planted cotton as it begins to square. This cotton is behind and does not need further delay.

## BLACK BEETLES

The dull black beetles 3/16 inch long can be found in extremely high numbers feeding on seedling cotton causing stand loss. The fields affected seem to be the ones with wheat stubble, a lot of weeds or other organic matter. I would consider using a pyrethroid insecticide for this control if needed. You should check your later fields for this activity.

## BOLLWORMS

We are seeing our usual late-June bollworm activity which includes an egg or two per field and a few scattered worms.

## BOLL WEEVIL

Trap catches are 0 except in the field east of Garden City that had 3 weevils caught in 25 traps. These numbers look extremely good.

## APHIDS

Aphids can be found in most area fields but there are generally only a few plants infested. These are good food for beneficial insects but could cause a threat later.

## TURNROW MEETINGS

Wednesday July 2<sup>nd</sup> - 9:00 a.m. Glasscock Co. Coop

Wednesday July 2<sup>nd</sup> - 1:30 p.m. Midkiff Coop

Wednesday July 9<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 a.m. Glasscock Co. Coop

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## WEATHER DATA

Weather data for the past two weeks is included in the

table that follows:

DATE	HIGH TEMP	LOW TEMP	RAIN	AVG WIND SPEED	SOIL TEMP
6-13	92	65	.52	11	80
6-14	84	60	0	6	81
6-15	83	63	0	7	80
6-16	87	63	0	4	78
6-17	87	63	0	5	79
6-18	88	61	0.2	5	79
6-19	91	63	0	7	80
6-20	94	67	0	10	80
6-21	96	72	0	11	81
6-22	100	72	0	11	82
6-23	96	74	0	12	83
6-24	94	71	01	13	83
6-25	96	74	.02	10	83
6-26	81	67	0	11	82