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GENERAL SITUATION

The major story over the past week was the rainfall event that occurred on Mother's Day. The majority of producers received between 1.5 to 2.25 inches of rainfall, with area totals ranging from as little as 0.4 inches in areas of Bell County and up to 3.5 inches in the southern and eastern portion of the Southern Blacklands Region. The rainfall was very timely and as a result, the crops appear to be responding well.

CORN

Most of the Roundup Ready corn has already been sprayed over the top with an approved glyphosate product. After this rain, another flush of weeds is expected where no residual herbicide is available. As a result, there may be a need for some fields to be treated again with a glyphosate product using drop nozzles to keep the herbicide away from the whorl of the plant.

Currently insect pressure continues to remain relatively light in both corn and grain sorghum. In grain sorghum, populations of **yellow sugarcane aphids** and **greenbugs** have declined to non-economical levels, and in fact are difficult to find in many fields that were infested with them earlier. The rainfall should also help in areas where **chinch bugs** were beginning to establish.

COTTON

