

Caprock Pest Management Newsletter

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Current Crop Conditions

Program cotton ranges from 5-6 true leaves in dryland to first bloom in irrigated. The majority of program fields however are in the match-head stage. Fruit set in cotton at this time are outstanding. Most square sets in the majority of program fields range from 90-95 percent. Cotton that was damaged due to hail and wind continue to progress well and look

even better this week than last week. Many producers have started putting out their fertilizer this week. If you are unsure on how much to put out please give me call and we will discuss it. What this cotton crop, both irrigated and dryland, needs most of all is another good rain (minus the hail) and we have a few chances of getting some next week.

Pumpkins



Pumpkins still range from late stage II to early stage III and continue to progress well. Producers should be thinking about applying your fertilizer if you have not already. The pest situation in pumpkins at this time remains calm. However, as this crop continues to grow we will need to start watching for stripped cucumber beetles, squash bugs and when the plants begin to flower western corn rootworm. I will keep producers up to speed on the pest front in pumpkins as the season goes on.

Pest Situation



The pest situation in cotton continues to remain very calm this week. I did not pick up any flea hoppers or lygus this week but will continue to watch very closely for these pests. Producers should also continue to monitor for these pests closely as well. Just as a reminder the threshold for flea hoppers is 25-30 per 100 plants with insufficient square sets. The threshold for lygus at this stage in the game is 15 per 100 sweeps also with insufficient square sets.

Hear updates on the radio:

IPM Radio Show Ag Talk on Fox Talk KJTV, Radio 950 AM, every Wednesday from 12:30pm-2pm

Texas AgriLife Extension radio reports on All Ag All Day 900AM KFLP Floydada

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