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Integrated Pest  
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Cochran, and  
Lamb Counties  
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### CURRENT SITUATION

**Cotton** ranges from seed just placed in the ground to 5 true leaf cotton. I cannot review all the scenarios which have played out over the last 5 to 6 weeks during planting. Just suffice to say that it has been a real struggle to get a stand of cotton. Between cool temps (high of 69 degrees just this last Monday), to incessant wind, hail and hard driving rain. So hopefully your situation is beginning to straighten out and this current weather will be more conducive for progress. However, I know there are still many uncertainties for some. Here is a document which may help shed some light on some of these hard decisions: <https://lubbock.tamu.edu/files/2019/06/Hailout-Replant-LatePlant-Guide-TX-S-Plains-Trostle-Maeda-2019-TOC-1.pdf>



What time I have spent in the field this week has yielded very little insect activity. Thrips have been extremely light. I suspect that the recent intense rains have helped on this front. I have seen many grasshoppers out near the State line, keep close watch on this situation over the next several weeks. One interesting thing which has occurred this spring to early summer is a buildup of hemipteran species, or true bugs, like stink bugs, and chinch bugs just to mention a couple. The stink bugs have taken some toll on small grains. Most of these bugs built on the numerous winter weeds we developed which have now dried and disappearing. The chinch bugs, false chinch bugs more accurately, when found can be in very high numbers, but rarely cause economic injury to cotton. In the near 30 years I have scouted cotton, only once did I even consider treating a small area of a field for this insect. So do not get overly concerned with this insect. Most of the injury I am seeing can be attributed to a plant that has not grown at a fast enough pace, and any and all injury from wind, sand, debris, hail etc. has accumulated on the plant to really cause us to second guess the viability of this crop. My stance today is let us give these plants a week of hot temps and sunshine, look at it again and I suspect it will have made good or better progress than what we have seen this week.

## Online Dicamba Training

**If you were unable to attend one of the many Extension sponsored Auxin Trainings you might want to try one of these online/computer based dicamba trainings:**

<http://www.syngenta-us.com/herbicides/tavium-application-stewardship>

<https://training.roundupreadyxtend.com/>

<https://www.engeniastewardship.com/#/training>

### Private Pesticide Applicators Training Set for 2019 Hockley County

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will offer the required private Pesticide Applicators Training (PAT) in Levelland on the third Thursday of every month. This training is required by Texas Department of Agriculture before taking the exam for obtaining the license. A private pesticide applicator is a person who uses or supervises the use of a restricted-use or state limited-use pesticide or a regulated herbicide for the purpose of producing an agricultural commodity. This license is not for those receiving monetary compensation for a pesticide application.

To participate in a training individual must call 806-894-3159 by 3pm the day prior (Wednesday) to the trainings in Levelland. The trainings will begin promptly at 1pm at the Extension Office 1212 Houston Street, Levelland (4 blocks west of courthouse on Houston). There is a \$60 fee for training materials. This is only the required training. Testing will be conducted at a separate time and location. Future PAT Trainings:

- June 20 Levelland Extension Office 1212 Houston Street
- July 18 Levelland Extension Office 1212 Houston Street
- August 15 Levelland Extension Office 1212 Houston Street
- September 19 Levelland Extension Office 1212 Houston Street
- October 17 Levelland Extension Office 1212 Houston Street
- November 21 Levelland Extension Office 1212 Houston Street
- December 19 Levelland Extension Office 1212 Houston Street



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## See You On The Radio



Wednesdays from 7:30 am to 7:45 am.



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