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News about
Integrated Pest
Management in
Hockley,
Cochran, and
Lamb Counties
from
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Pest and Crop Situation

Cotton continues to make good progress during this warm weather following some much-needed rain. Most cotton fields have bloomed out the top/bolled to the top. Most fields have shed all young fruit which will not contribute at harvest and are now filling bolls as best the plant can provide. As I have discussed in prior issues, I do not think water will need to be turned back on with few exceptions in areas which did not receive enough to finish out. I would be hard pressed to recommend irrigating after September 15th. I hate to use calendar dates early in season because we must provide the plant what it needs, when it needs it. However, here at the end we only have so many days, day length, sunshine, and heat units left to accumulate. So, all that equates to forcing the plant to mature out soon and not way late. Everyday from here out we should be seeing more cracked and open bolls. We will discuss harvest aid timing here next week.



We are not finding much of any insect pest activity. If Lygus are present, they are most likely damaging younger fruit which will not contribute to yield and are not worth protecting. I have seen cotton aphids here this last week, but ladybird beetles were doing their job of cleaning them up.

Grain sorghum that is still flowering to soft dough needs to be watched carefully for sorghum aphids, headworms, Lygus, stinkbugs, and midge. Insect pests are as variable as the sorghum is in growth stage. Call if you need help.

Upcoming Meetings:

September 13th – AgriLife On-line Cotton Harvest Aid, Yield Est., Economics of Harvest
September 14th - West Texas Ag Chem Institute Conference, Lubbock
September 21st – Hockley Ag Producer Appreciation Shrimp Boil, MEC, Levelland
September 23rd – Cotton Plant Map & Harvest Aid Clinic, Extension Office, Levelland
September 27th - Ag Awareness Event (4th graders) Mallet Event Center, Levelland

Texas A&M AgriLife On-Line Crop Production Series – Cotton Harvest Considerations

Texas A&M AgriLife On-line meeting will be held on September 13 beginning at 10:00 a.m. featuring Kerry Siders, IPM agent and Will Keeling, AgriLife Risk Management Specialist discussing estimates of maturity and quality of your cotton crop. They will also get into economic decisions about harvest, harvest prep., and estimating yields. Join us here on the 13th by clicking on this link:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3aKvgkywJ7uUvGaABC3iXDkQR9CnhNB9wAVdGtctmcNDc1%40thread.tacv2/1661546189939?context=%7b%22id%22%3a%229fd7580a-6472-4d9c-a142-d131d3a7a116%22%2c%22oid%22%3a%221191e89b-a8b9-44e5-9bc8-1f54beb7d01f%22%7dT>

WTACI 70th Annual Conference Set for September 14

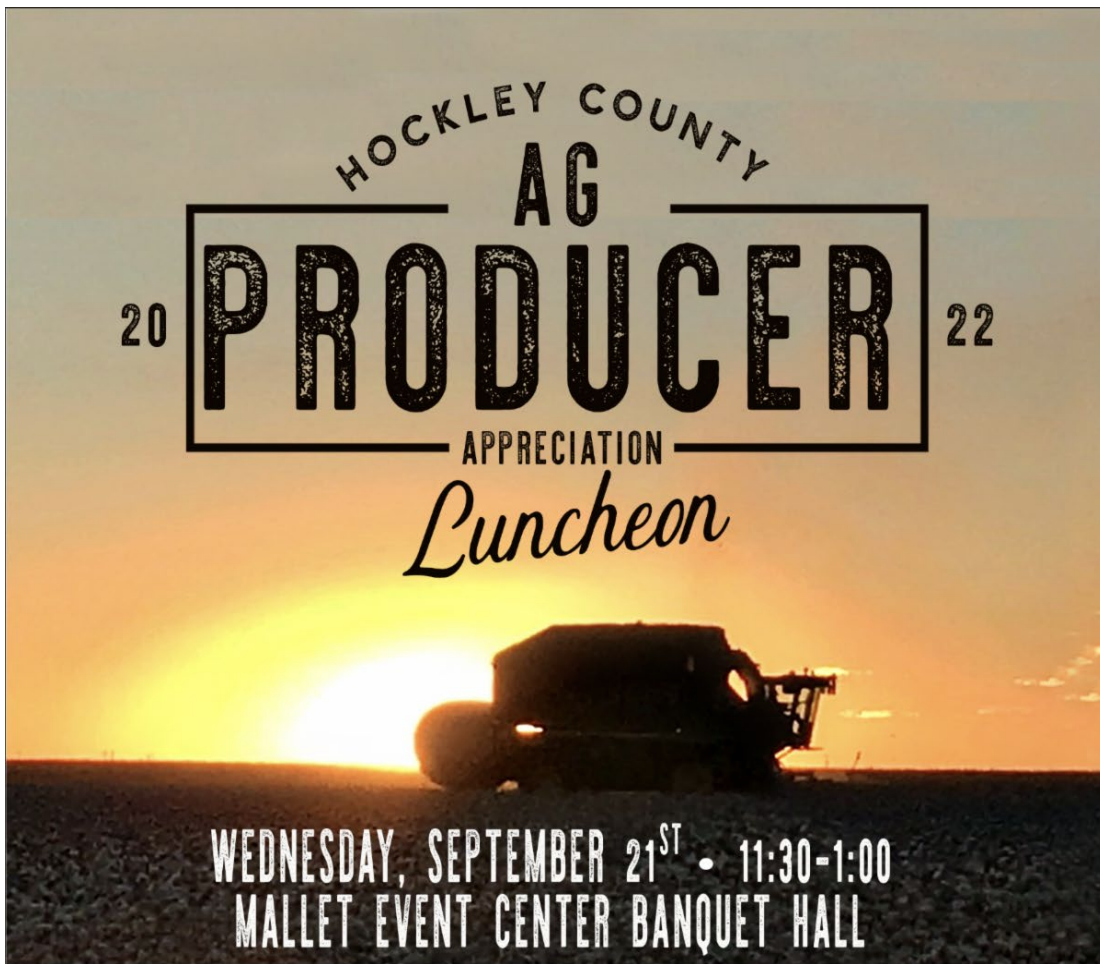
The West Texas Agricultural Chemicals Institute (WTACI) will host their annual conference on Wednesday, September 14, at the FiberMax Center for Discovery, located at 1121 Canyon Lake Drive in Lubbock.

This year represents the 70th meeting of WTACI, an unincorporated organization of dealers, industry representatives, agricultural producers, scientists, educators, and agribusiness members who support research and education programs promoting safe and effective use of agricultural chemicals and protection and preservation of the area's natural resources.

The West Texas Agricultural Chemicals Institute Annual Meeting's speaker line-up will feature discussions on weather risks, TDA laws and regs, nutrient management, agriculture policy, a supply chain challenges panel and more.

Pre-registration is available online at <https://wtaci.eventsmart.com>. On-line registration fees are \$75 for conference attendees and must be paid at the time of registration. On-site registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. the day of the

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Join us for our annual Hockley County Ag Producer Appreciation Shrimp Boil on September 21, 2022 at 11:30am to 1:00pm at the Mallet Event Center. Our guest speaker is Dr. Joe Outlaw from Texas A & M University Agricultural Economics. Please register by using clicking the button below.

[Register Now!](#)

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