

# WEST PLAINS IPM UPDATE

News about  
Integrated Pest  
Management in  
Hockley,  
Cochran, and  
Lamb Counties  
from  
Kerry Siders

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## ONE MORE, LAST MINUTE, OPPORTUNITY:

### AgriLife Extension Offers TDA-Mandated Trainings for Dicamba-Tolerant Cotton Use

The Texas Department of Agriculture is requiring special training in 2018 for new auxin herbicides applied under a Section 3 approval on dicamba-tolerant (Xtend Technology) cotton. To meet this requirement, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Hockley, Cochran and Lamb counties have hosted several trainings and will host a training on:

**June 4th Levelland Extension Office 8:30 am**

*The program will be one hour in length. There will be no registration fee. The class will provide one TDA continuing education unit on laws and regulations.*

## Current Cotton Crop Conditions

So, suffice it to say that I have seen much better starts to a growing season. I just wanted to alert producers to keep an eye on thrips. With all that is going on to just try to establish this years crop we can lose sight of what may be happening in those acres which are up and struggling because they may have thrips insects scratching their way through these young leaves. Most acres have a seed treatment which is holding against this thrips pressure, however, if you planted seed without any protection then you really need to look at those acres. Remember, one thrips per one true leaf is the threshold. A simple acephate application will help take pressure off for a few days. Given the temperature and irrigation to keep these plants moving. Growth will outpace thrips hopefully very soon. But keep an eye out until plants reach the 4-5 true leaf stage.

Always check labels for compatibility of products, especially the new auxin technology products.

Vydate C-LV is back in the marketplace. If you have heavy nematode pressure fields I would highly suggest you consider applying two applications 7 days apart starting at the 3-leaf stage at 8.5 oz broadcast rate per acre. If you can band it accurately you can save some money.

Praying for the rain you need!



## Cotton Scout School, Levelland

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Hockley County  
1212 Houston Street, Levelland, TX 79336

**June 1, 2018**

For crop consultant workers, farmers and their workers, County Extension agents and their interns, and any agricultural related worker - Three CEU's will be offered

8:00 am – 8:30 am Registration (free)

8:30 - 9:30 am **Cotton Agronomy, Plant Mapping, Insect Pests & Beneficials** – Suhas Vyavhare/Kerry Siders

9:30 – 10:00 **Weed ID and Crop Herbicide Injury** – Kerry Siders

10:00 – 10:30 **Cotton Diseases** – Kerry Siders

10:30 – 11:30 **Hands on Cotton Plant Mapping & Etc.** – Kerry Siders/Suhas Vyavhare

Contact Kerry Siders at 806-638-5635 to RSVP by May 30, 2018.



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## Private Pesticide Applicators Training 2018 Cochran, Hockley and Lamb Counties

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will offer the required private Pesticide Applicators Training (PAT) in Morton, Levelland and Littlefield throughout 2018. 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 individuals must call 806-894-3159 by 3pm the day prior (Wednesday) to the trainings in Levelland; or 806-266-5215 by 3pm the day prior to any trainings in Morton. The trainings will begin promptly at 1pm at the Extension Offices (see addresses below). 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:

- **May 10 Levelland Extension Office 1212 Houston Street**
- June 21 Levelland Extension Office 1212 Houston Street 5
- July 24 Morton Extension Office 200 W. Taylor Avenue
- August 16 Levelland Extension Office 1212 Houston Street
- Sept 13 Levelland Extension Office 1212 Houston Street
- October 23 Morton Extension Office 200 W. Taylor Avenue
- Nov 29 Levelland Extension Office 1212 Houston Street



*Texas A&M AgriLife Extension seeks to provide reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for any educational meetings. Please contact us to advise us of the auxiliary aid or service that you will require a week in advance of training.*

## See You On The Radio



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



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