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News about
Integrated Pest
Management in
Hockley,
Cochran, and
Lamb Counties
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General Situation & Resources

So the cold weather may be causing some to get ahead of this still maturing **cotton**. Be careful in this. Just below is an excellent article written by Dr. Seth Byrd on cotton and cool temperatures:

<https://agrilife.org/texasrowcrops/2017/10/09/outlook-for-northern-high-plains-cotton-mitigating-cool-temperatures-and-an-immature-crop/>

2017 Cotton Harvest Aid Guide:

<http://lubbock.tamu.edu/files/2017/08/2017-High-Plains-Cotton-Harvest-Aid-Guide.pdf>



In **grain sorghum** we are still finding sugarcane aphids. Be vigilant until a killing freeze.



In **corn** there is concern for the mycotoxin Fumonisin. For those of you who have late corn we are still not yet certain to what extent this fumonisin will be impacting your acres. Please take time to study the situation before we get into harvest and make your plans. Click on this: https://today.agrilife.org/2017/09/29/critical-situation-corn-producers-looking-answers/?_ga=2.209371153.2061545178.1507646148-53506406.1410459868

HOCKLEY/COCHRAN COUNTIES COTTON FIELD DAY



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The Hockley and Cochran County Texas A&M Agrilife Extension will once again be hosting the annual cotton field day.

This field day will be on October 12th and begin at 9 a.m.

There will be 1 TDA CEU provided at this event.

The plots are in good shape after the recent moisture and should be a good representation of each variety and its performance.

The plot is located on North Hwy 303 about a mile up the road on the right.

We look forward to seeing you on October 12th. If you have any questions about this event please call one of the County offices.

Private Pesticide Applicators Training 2017 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 2017. 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:

- October 19 Levelland Extension Office 1212 Houston Street
- November 6 Morton Extension Office 200 W. Taylor Avenue

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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