

Blacklands IPM Newsletter

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Status

Most producers are waiting for rain to begin planting wheat, but some are already finished. There are still a few fields of cotton left; the stalk destruction deadline is Monday, October 31st but some will be filing for extensions.

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Wheat

If you're planning on taking your wheat acres to grain for the 2016-2017 season, you might want to consider having your acres scouted. Regular scouting of fields for weed, insect, and disease problems can prevent yield losses. The Hill-McLennan IPM program offers season-long scouting services starting the last week of January. Fields are scouted weekly and cost is based on acreage. If you're interested feel free to give the AgriLife office a call or shoot me an e-mail.

Weather

There are some very low chances of rain in the forecast for this weekend, but the middle of next week is more promising. Currently, Wednesday and Thursday each have 60% chances for some thunderstorms, with more rain expected into next weekend.

News and Articles

The 28th annual [Texas Plant Protection Conference](#) will be held in Bryan on December 6-7. Farmer registration costs \$25 and 11 CEU hours are offered.

Blayne Reed, AgriLife IPM agent in the High Plains, produced this [video](#) on post-tassel insect pests of corn.

Sulfoxaflor will again be receiving a [Section 18](#) emergency exemption label for use on grain sorghum to control the sugarcane aphid in 2017.

AgriLife Extension specialists Calvin Trostle and Ronnie Schnell recently produced an article on corn harvest, with tips on how to preserve income by targeting ideal grain [moisture content](#).

Check out these [pesticide winter storage tips](#) from Farm Progress.

Bug of the Week

"Wireworm" is the common name for the larva of several different beetle species. They feed on the planted seeds of sorghum, reducing stands, and can cause delayed seedling emergence, increased incidences of seedling diseases, and chewing damage to cotyledons in cotton. Seed treatments containing imidacloprid, thiamethoxam, and clothianidan are all effective to prevent damage from wireworms.



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