



Pest Cast

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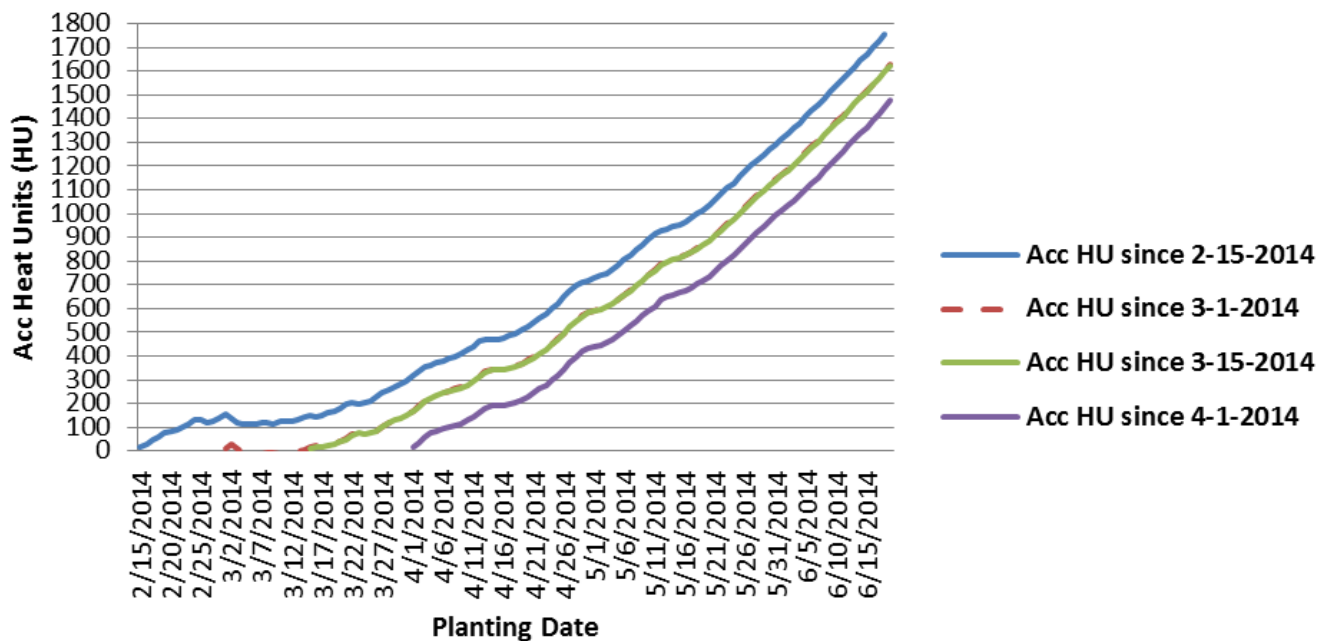
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General Situation

Temperatures rising again this week to the very high 90's, in some areas we reached 100°F. Our heat units are catching up quickly; we are only about 40 heat units behind last year at this time. Overall throughout the Valley pest activity was a very slow, clean week in all crops.

2014 Cotton Heat Unit (HU) Accumulation Graph



Cotton

Cotton is looking good as most fields were being irrigated since last week into this week. Some dry land cotton fields in Willacy County are looking stressed and are starting to lose some bolls due to the heat, so hopefully we will receive some much needed rain soon. Pest pressure this week was very low and clean in most fields. Some cotton fields in Cameron County were sprayed for red spidermites but many fields have declined in numbers.

LRGV BOLL WEEVIL TRAPPING INFORMATION

YTD	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
	.00118	.00109	.00696	.00243	.00729	.16795	.11150	.22048	.39439	1.20304

Week Ending	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
6/1/14	.00005	.00038	.00426	.00177	.00336	.20724	.06413	.07770	.12939	.84931
6/8/14	.00164	.00043	.00339	.00244	.01018	.13857	.04752	.13497	1.00114	.82565
6/15/14	.00107	.001007	.00281	.00720	.00794	.17487	.11127	.03975	.46624	1.77066

Traps inspected for current week: 39,326

Grain Sorghum

In grain sorghum sugarcane aphids are still scarce although we have picked up on them in a couple of very late planted fields in the Valley and are checking to monitor whether it will make a comeback in population. Most fields are going into harvest so we do not foresee having any issues with honeydew in the fields. A special thanks to all those who were able to come to the Sugarcane aphid field day yesterday; your support in our efforts is greatly appreciated. Thank you!



Dr. Raul Villanueva and county agent Brad Cowan talk at the field day and below many growers and consultants made it to



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