



Pest Cast

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General Situation

A rough week across the Lower Rio Grande Valley for many growers as we received very heavy rainfall, very strong winds, and in a couple of areas hail as the waters flooded field crops and unfortunately some of our friends and colleagues' homes and businesses as well. Prior to the rain we had scouted the McCook, Hargil and Monte Alto areas and it was pretty clean from pests in cotton, was just picking up on little bit of whiteflies.

Pretty much rained out since Tuesday across the Lower Rio Grande Valley as we wait for fields to dry up. We received some heavy rainstorms on Monday night into Tuesday that brought about a lot of rain, all at one time, all too fast for many areas to handle. Mostly it was the east side of the Valley that took the brunt of the storm. Weslaco, La Feria, Mercedes, Harlingen, San Benito, Sebastian, Lyford, Raymondville all received rains that caused major flooding. In the Weslaco, Mercedes, La Feria areas I heard rain totals of 8 inches to 15 inches. In Harlingen, Sebastian, Raymondville areas I received reports of 14 to 18 inches of water received in these areas where some fields were 3 ft under water. The good part is majority of growers were either done or almost done harvesting their grain sorghum. Some corn will probably be lost that was not harvested but most fields drying out and will be ready to go soon. We will have some cotton and sesame fields that will be a loss because of standing water in the fields for too long this week. I received reports in the Monte Alto area that a tornado went through that area with hail damage that occurred as well. On the upside at least the cotton bolls had not started to open just yet or else then there would be even more cotton damage/loss.

Everyone be safe, take care and have a good weekend.



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