



Pest Cast

The Row Crops IPM Newsletter for the LRGV, a cooperative project of Texas AgriLife Extension Service and the Cotton & Grain Producers of the lower Rio Grande Valley

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Thank You Sponsors for your Support and Contributions!!!

This growing season went by so fast like one of those dustbowl that just come up out of nowhere and cut through the field. Was a lot of fun this year and would not have been able to get half of the work we got done if it was not for the support and generous contributions from our Sponsors. For this I sincerely thank you, Thank you!

Thanks also to...

First and foremost, thank you to my Valley growers for allowing me to work with you on various projects and for allowing us to scout your fields. A big thanks in particular to Chuck McHutchen and Heron Castillo for conducting the grain sorghum county variety trials. Also thank you to Lynn Johnson and Richard Drawe for conducting the cotton county variety trials. Thank you, Mike Zimmerer, for working with me to finish the Canola variety trial as well. Thankyou Josh McGinty and Jacob & Audrey Pekar and Martin Barosso for your help and support to my program as well. Also, thankyou Webb Wallace and John Norman for always helping me out over the years and letting me learn from you all, means a lot. A big thank you to Rick Hernandez, Jason Holley, Jim Trolinger, Beto Garza, Norberto Mendosa, Edward Herrera, JoAnne Long, Vidal Saenz, Marco Ponce, Tiana Barco, Richard Hernandez, and Eric de la Cerda for all your help this year too! And last but certainly not least a big thanks to you Brad Cowan for answering all my calls and questions even though you supposed to be retired! Thanks to everyone who made this season a success!

Cotton

September is here and even though we were rained out last week as of September 5th there was approximately 1300 acres of original stalk, that is cotton that has not had any defoliant and is still green left in the fields. I'm sure this week that acreage will be treated and come down as harvest wraps up this month. Many growers were caught by the recent rains we've had that started Sunday on our September 1st deadline for stalk destruction and continued all this past week with heavy down pours in some areas (up to 2 inches) where open boll cotton has fallen to the ground due to the rain. Fields have been drying up as of this weekend and already seeing some growers diligently tilling under stalks or applying herbicides to render cotton stalks non hostable for boll weevil control. Shredded stalks are already growing out regrowth on them with the recent rains so please destroy your cotton stalks as soon as possible. Harvest yields varied but overall were fair. Many growers experienced their cotton plants not having any bolls mature on the bottom halves due to the standing flood waters in June but had some bolls on the top half that they harvested so this caused for much lower yield than expected. Then there were several fields that had half the field just at a loss and the other half harvestable. Yields varied but mainly landed in between 2 ½ to 3 bale cotton.

**Valley CO-OP Oil Mill
VALCO
Report #4,
Date: 09/2/2019
Rio Grande Valley Cotton Ginning Report and Comparison Chart**

County	Week Ending	Total to Date Ginned	In comparison with total to date for same week ending in year shown.			
			08/13/2018	(Final) 10/10/2016	(Final) 10/26/2015	(Final) 10/29/2018
		(2019)				
Cameron	11,830	43,515	7,317	119,119	55,964	120,143
Hidalgo	10,202	32,145	6,663	69,047	40,780	83,190
Willacy	10,920	53,502	4,337	101,897	31,292	23,013
Valley Total	32,952	129,162	18,317	290,063	128,036	226,346

<u>Gins with reported data</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cameron County 4	3
Hidalgo Country 4	4
Willacy County 3	2
TOTAL 11	9

Important Dates/Programs coming up:

- **2020 Preplant Conference** to be held on Tuesday January 14th, 2020. Please mark your calendars and save the date as in the next month we will have a program agenda we will be sending soon.
- **RGV Brush & Forage Management Workshop** on Tuesday October 15th, 2019.
- **Irrigation Management and Technology Workshop**, September 26th, 2019

Take care everyone, and see you next Spring...



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