

WEST
PLAINS
IPM
UPDATE

News about
Integrated Pest
Management in
Hockley,
Cochran, Lamb,
Lubbock, Crosby,
Lynn, & Garza
Counties from
Kerry Siders



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In General

Sorghum aphids and stink bugs in grain sorghum. Protect peanuts from late season diseases. Great time to sample for nematodes in cotton. Soon it will be a good time to manage perennial weed spots (larkweed etc.) using herbicides such as dicamba and 2,4-D.

Cotton harvest aid time is just around the corner as well. Here is the link to the latest edition of the Texas High and Rolling Plains Cotton Harvest Aid Guide: <https://lubbock.tamu.edu/files/2025/09/Texas-High-and-Rolling-Plains-Cotton-Harvest-Aid-Guide-SCSC-2025-18.pdf>



Here is an update on the Cotton Jassid: A New Pest of Concern in Texas Cotton: <https://focusonagriculture.blogspot.com/2025/09/update-on-cotton-jassid-new-pest-of.html> Dr. Suhas Vyavhare does a great job of explaining the importance of this pest in the FOCUS on Entomology blog.

If you are a producer or crop consultant who listens to the High Plains IPM Audio Report please consider filling out the following evaluation: https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1YcUt9klVdf9yGa

If you grew corn this season and dealt with the corn leafhopper to manage red stunt disease please consider completing the following survey: https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1HThaE0uu7TT0xM

HOCKLEY COUNTY

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Shrimp Boil

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH | 11:30-1:00 PM

MALLET EVENT CENTER BANQUET HALL

Guest Speaker

Aaron Alejandro, Executive Director

Texas FFA Foundation presenting on the Future of Agriculture

We're excited to announce that following lunch and our first speaker, we've added a special

Farm Policy Update

from 1:00-2:00 p.m.

If you'd like to learn more about current farm policy by **Tom Sell of Combest, Sell and Associates**, we encourage you to stay for this additional session. If your schedule doesn't allow, you're welcome to head out after the first presentation and lunch.

Either way, we're glad you're joining us!

73rd Annual West Texas Agricultural Chemicals Institute Conference



SCAN TO
REGISTER!!



DATE:

September 11, 2025

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!

Pre-Registration: \$75

On-site Registration: \$95

(after September 5)

Approved TDA & CCA Credits:

7- TDA CEUs

8 - CCA CEUs

LOCATION

Scottish Rite Event Center

1101 70th Street

LUBBOCK, TEXAS

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AGENDA

- 7:30 am On-site Registration Opens
- 8:00 am Welcome – Explanation of CEU/CCA Credits
- 8:05 am Drone Technology and Application
in Agriculture
Trey Stephens – Key Account Manager, Agri Spray Drones
- 8:55 am Corn Leafhopper Update
Dr. David Kerns - Professor, Associate Department Head,
Statewide IPM Coordinator, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
- 10:00 am ESA Update
Dr. John Byrd - Extension/Research Professor, Mississippi
State University
- 10:50 am Farm Policy: Concerns & Solutions
Dr. Bart Fischer - Co-Director, Agricultural and Food Policy
Center, Texas A&M University
- 11:40 am Lunch & Award/Scholarship Presentations
- 1:00 pm Graduate Student Research Symposium
Aethia Bello – Texas Tech University - PhD
Analeese Brewster – West Texas A&M - MS
Chakri Vorunganti – Texas Tech University - PhD
Matthew Woolard – Texas Tech University - PhD
Megan Singletary – Texas Tech University - PhD
- 1:30 pm Nutrient Efficiency as Water Becomes More
Deficient
Greg Binford – National Director of Advanced Agronomic
Training, Wilbur-Ellis
- 2:50 pm Crop Consultant Panel
Kerry Siders – IPM Agent, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension,
Moderator; Justin McGee – Crop Consultant, Amarillo, TX;
James Todd – Todd Ag Consulting, Plainview, TX; Dr. Tyler
Gillreath – Extension Entomologist, Texas A&M AgriLife
Extension, Amarillo, TX
- 3:40 pm Program Evaluation and CEU Distribution
Adjourn

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COCHRAN COUNTY FARM FAIR

September 18, 2025

**County Show Barn
1883 FM 1780 Morton TX 79346**

Booth Registration 8:30A.M.
Open to Public 9:30 A.M.

Free Lunch Provided
By: River Smiths
11:30 - 1:00

CEU SIGN UP at 9:30 1 CEU

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TEXAS A&M
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R.A.C.E.
Replicated Agronomic Cotton Evaluation



Hockley County R.A.C.E Trial Field Day

Thursday, October 2nd, 10 AM

**Scott Fred Farm – SW Corner of Hwy 385 and FM 2306,
(4 ½ miles north of Levelland on Hwy 385)**

1 CEU will be available

If questions call the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office in Levelland at 806-894-3159

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