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Here is this week’s MiteFax, sponsored by the California Cotton Team of Syngenta Crop Protection, maker of Gramoxone Inteon.

WE’LL BE BACK ON 10/20

We will hold off on further harvest surveys until after the middle of October, which will give nearly everyone a chance to shift into picking. Our next issue will reach you on October 20, and we will have at least one more on October 27, which should help answer the season’s biggest question: How is the top crop finishing out?

Thanks to everyone who responded to this week’s survey request.

MEETING REMINDERS

Central Coast Cotton Conference: Pre-registration is now open for the CCCC, which has really evolved into something like the Beltwide Cotton Conference, but with its main focus on California. The dates this year are November 15-17 at the Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa in Monterey. Information is available at: cotton-conference.com. We are attaching this year’s schedule and a registration form.

Beltwide Cotton Conference: Pre-registration is now open for the annual conference, which will be held in New Orleans, January 9-12. This year’s theme: “Equipping For Excellence.” More info is available at cotton.org/beltwide. The site includes a “frequently asked questions” section about the city’s readiness for visitors.

HARVEST REPORTS

Madera, Grower: “We have started defoliation on about 30% of our acreage.”

Cantua, PCA: “We have started defoliation on about 75% of our crop. I’m not sure what to think of this crop. I can’t say yet whether it will be normal or somewhat below normal.”

Cantua Creek, Grower: “We have started defoliation on 100% of our cotton. It looks like the heat this summer has affected the crop, but to what amount is in question.”

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Corcoran, Grower: “We have started defoliation on about 5% of our cotton. The warm weather is helping to open up the crop.”

Merced Area, PCA: “We have started defoliation on about 70% of the crop. We have had great weather this week for defoliation, which is in full swing. Picking will begin on about October 9.”

Shafter-Wasco, Researcher: “We have started defoliation on about 50% of our cotton.”

Buttonwillow, Grower and PCA: “We have started defoliation on about 35% of our cotton. We need a good breeze.”

Kern, Tulare, Kings and Fresno Counties, PCA: “We have started defoliation on about 10% of our cotton. Temperatures are still good, and that young top crop looks very appealing. Pests are not much of a problem, so we will see how long growers are willing to wait to defoliate.”

Los Banos, PCA: “Defoliation has started, and we expect to begin picking in about 14 days. Now that we can start to see the crop, it looks pretty heavy, with a good top crop.”

Just North of Bakersfield, Grower: “We have started defoliating and expect to start picking cotton in about 15 days.”

Tulare County, PCA: “We have started defoliating and will begin picking in 18 to 20 days. We still have a lot of leaves on the plants, so it’s hard to judge the size of the crop.”

Westside, Grower: “We have started defoliating and will begin picking in about 21 days.”

Eastern Tulare County, PCA: “We have started defoliating and will begin picking in about 7 days.”

Fresno County, Grower: “Our defoliation is underway, and we will start harvest in about 12 days.”

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2006 Agenda

Strategies for Success: “Integrated farming practices that keep cotton in the mix.”

Wednesday, November 15, 2006

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration - Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa
11:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Golf Tournament - Rancho Canada Golf Club, Carmel, CA – (Sponsored by Western Farm Service)
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Cotton Production Workshop - A small group discussion led by Lowell Zelinski, Ph.D.
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - What we know about Pima
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Exhibit Area Open – Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa - Point Lobos 1 & 2
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Welcome Reception – Plaza Terrace (Sponsored by DuPont)

Thursday, November 16, 2006

7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Exhibit Area open – Point Lobos 1 & 2
7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. General and Special Sessions — Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa Cypress Ballroom
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Session 1: 2006 Year in Review: Weather, Growth and Pest Issues – Dr. Lowell J. Zelinski
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Session 2: Cotton Agronomy – Dr. Lowell J. Zelinski
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Break – Point Lobos 1 & 2
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Session 2 (continued): Indepth discussion of cotton nutrition and fertility
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Lunch / Trade Show – (Sponsored by Dow/Phytogen)
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Session 3: Pest Management Review
1:30 - 2:15 p.m. Cotton Insect and Weed Management – Dr. Lowell J. Zelinski
2:15 - 3:00 p.m. Diseases and Nematodes Dr. Pete Goodell, IPM Specialist, Kearney Ag Center
3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Break – Point Lobos 1 & 2 (Sponsored by Monsanto)
3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Session 4: University Research Results
Agronomic Results - Dr. Bob Hutmacher, Extension Specialist - U.C. Shafter REC presiding
3:30 - 3:50 p.m. Relationships between soil potassium levels and K fertilization
3:55 - 4:15 p.m. Factors impacting root growth and development
4:20 - 4:40 p.m. Pima plant mapping experiences and alternatives to Acala mapping
Pest Management Results – Dr. Pete Goodell presiding
4:45 - 5:30 Pest management research update with a focus on lygus feeding and interactions
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 Reception – Plaza Terrace (Sponsored by Bayer CropScience)

Friday, November 17, 2006

7:30 a.m. - Noon Exhibit Area Open - Point Lobos 1 & 2
7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast – (Western Farm Press)
8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Special Session: “Integrated Farming Practices that keep cotton in the mix.”
(Sponsored by Precision Ag, Inc.)
- Utilization of drip irrigation in the production of cotton and other commodities
  Kevin Lehar – Grower, Woolf Farming
- Integrated conservation tillage practices in cotton and other crops.
  Jeff Mitchell, Ph.D. – Cropping Systems Specialist, U.C. Cooperative Extension Service
- Integrated cotton farming strategies from around the world
  Thomas A. Kirby, Ph.D. – Vice President Technical Services, Delta & Pine Land Company
- Integrating the scientific approach to cotton sustainability into your farming practices
  Roy Cantrell, Ph.D. – Director of Research, Cotton, Inc.
10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Break – Point Lobos 1 & 2 (Western Farm Press)
10:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Industry, Variety and Precision Farming Updates
2006 Conference Registration Form

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