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Only several thousand acres received enough rain this past week to benefit crops. Ninety percent of the area is dry. And fifty percent of that is "bone dry". Rainfall must come soon to salvage dryland crops, especially on clay and silty clay loam soils. Irrigation costs are staggering. It has been difficult for many farmers with furrow irrigation on clay soils to keep up without scalding crops. And wells are now less productive than several weeks ago. But we are one day closer to the next rain event.

CORN – No corn harvested yet.

GRAIN SORGHUM – Late GS invaded by armyworms and ragging leaves considerably, but we are not treating. Will begin treatments this week on late GS for borers. This should take care of some armyworms.

Early GS within weeks of harvest and with excellent yield potential (100 bu/ac plus), but GS planted several weeks later missed the timely rains and suffered.

Intrepid at 6 oz/ac applied days ago for control of borers gave 90% control of sorghum webworms after 7 days.

SOYBEAN – Oldest soybeans turning. Reports of some SB still being planted to our south.

Fungicide strategies same as last week. When we get enough moisture to insure enough production to cover fungicide cost fungicides may be applied. Some Quadris moving into the system. Stratego available at one location. Headline at all. With Cercospora being observed in most fields, Topsin L will figure into most fungicide apps.

Threshold levels of stinkbugs and/or 3CAH found on several thousand acres. Beetles increasing. Will try some Dimilin to enhance insect and perhaps Cercospora suppression.

COTTON – Oldest cotton at the 23st node. Youngest at 9th true leaf. NAWF is approaching 3 or less on several thousand acres of cotton. Rain can only help fill out some bolls on this cotton. Extensive rainfall will cause regrowth.

Plant bugs increasing in some fields, but holding below threshold in many. Spider mites being treated on several thousand acres. Brigade at 1/20 gal/ac plus 1/16 gal crop oil/ac did excellent job on mites in the Wildsville area. Correct application is a key to control.

Bollworms at threshold levels on 30% or greater of acres and pyrethroid apps beginning. Many combos being used depending on other pests present. Brigade if mites are present. Adding Orthene or Bidrin to "regular pyrethroids" if stinkbugs are an issue. Still using some Diamond. Adding ¼ gal of Trisert/Coron/etc to aid as a carrier.

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