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Very isolated showers on a few thousand acres. Not enough to help anything but feelings. Best chances for rain come the next few days. It's not too late on most cotton, but corn and most soybeans can only add a little weight to the seed. Irrigation systems need some relief. Not only is equipment down, but also those who operate it.

CALL - Have you called any of your folks in Congress this week?

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GRAIN SORGHUM - No webworms or Headworms at threshold levels yet. GS is maturing rapidly due to hot temps. Foliar diseases common in some of the earliest GS. Yields still expected be good.

SOYBEANS - Stinkbug numbers continue to rise quickly in soybeans at R4-5. Fields treated 10 days ago are requiring another treatment. Over 75% of stinkbugs present are Red-Banded Stinkbugs. Most folks still using Brigade or equal product.

BLB and 3CAH numbers increasing to treatable numbers in some fields. . Worms numbers still low except for several fields that have salt marsh caterpillars present. Grasshoppers are a problem in some fields, but are still below threshold.

Cercospora symptoms not present in every field, but we know it is probably there. Except for irrigated soybeans or those which are irrigatable all fungicide applications have ceased until it rains.

COTTON - Oldest cotton is at 18th node and the youngest @ 2. NAWF at 5 or less on 20% of the crop and at 7 or less in over 50%. Cotton will need to be "shocked" back to life with fertilizer after the rain event scheduled for Monday and Tuesday.

Again aphids are requiring more insecticide for control than plant bugs. All insecticides we have observed are doing well on aphids and most on plant bugs. Control has been extended for two weeks for plant bugs up until now, but we expect that to change with masses of bugs moving from corn and drying CRP, wasteland, ditches, etc.

Spider mites again increasing. Only several hundred acres have been treated, however treated acreage will be increased this week.

Crickets eating epidermal tissue from leaves in a few fields of no till cotton. Damage not yet severe enough for treatment.

Salt marsh caterpillars and beet armyworms present in the same fields near Cash Bayou. Neither at threshold levels yet.

Weed control moving slowly. Lots of annual grasses. Weather patterns have disrupted our weed control intentions this year. Trying to wait on layby until early canopy closure, but that is being delayed by the drought.

CORN - Corn harvest will begin soon. Yields expected to be average to just above average. Harvest could begin in our area within two weeks. Corn will cut between 20 and 200 bu/ac.

RICE - Water still the issue. Cannot pump fast enough or keep motors going long enough to get what we need on a few farms

Grass and a little sedge are our two most serious weed species. Grass is being handled with Clincher and Ricestar and little sedges with Permit.

No disease activity yet in most rice, although some fungicides have been applied.

Rice Water Weevils present in young rice near Sicily Island.