CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE COTTON PEST CONTROL PROGRAM – COTTON SEED BUG WEEKLY REPORT

55 YEARS OF SERVICE TO COTTON GROWERS

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Week Ending September 23, 2022

Program Update:

Statewide Cotton Seed Bug Survey

A statewide survey for the cotton pest *Oxycarenus hyalinipennis*, also known as the cotton seed bug (CSB) is currently underway. The survey includes visual inspection as well as sampling of a small number of bolls at 10% of the cotton acreage in each cotton growing county and visual inspection of 10% of okra acreage in each okra growing county in California.

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The survey began on September 6, 2022. Eighty-eight (88) field surveys have been completed. The survey will continue in Central California the week of September 26. Tulare and Kern counties have been completed.

All boll samples will be inspected by the California Department of Food and Agriculture.