

COTTON PEST CONTROL PROGRAM – MONTHLY REPORT

56 YEARS OF SERVICE TO COTTON GROWERS

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Program Updates:

Statewide Cotton Seed Bug Survey

A statewide annual survey for the cotton pest *Oxycarenus hyalinipennis*, also known as the cotton seed bug, will be conducted by the California Department of Food and Agriculture during the period of September 1 – December 31, 2026. The survey will include visual inspection as well as sampling a small number of bolls in each area.

The link below provides the latest report from the 2025 Cotton Seed Bug Survey:

https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/IPC/pinkbollworm/pbw_pdfs/2025/2025-annual_report.pdf

Central Valley:

Cotton mapping for the Central Valley was completed the week of June 1, 2026. There have been some updates to the originally mapped numbers, and they stand as follows:

The current total mapped acreage for the Central Valley is 90,591 acres. The breakdown of cotton acreage is 939 acres from Glenn County, 18,501 acres in Merced County, 13,608 acres in Fresno County, 48,686 acres in Kings County, 2,491 acres in Tulare County, and 6,366 acres in Kern County (Table 1).

Table 1

Central Valley Cotton Acreage	
County	Cotton Acreage
Glenn	939
Merced	18,501
Fresno	13,608
Kings	48,686
Tulare	2,491
Kern	6,366
TOTAL	90,591

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Pima and Acala acreage are as follows (Table 2):

Table 2

Cotton Variety Split	
Variety	Sum of Acres
Acala	8,981
Pima	86,520
Total	95,501

Trap placement for the Central Valley was completed on July 1, 2026. Program personnel have placed and are currently servicing a total of 540 pink bollworm (PBW) traps on a bi-weekly basis which will continue through October (Table 3).

Table 3

Central Valley Trap Counts	
County	PBW Traps in Operation
Glenn	6
Merced	166
Fresno	112
Kings	169
Tulare	34
Kern	53
TOTAL	540

Southern California:

Cotton mapping for Southern California was completed the week of June 15, 2026. The total mapped cotton acreage for the 2026 season in Southern California is 4,910 acres. There are 4,041 acres of cotton in Riverside County and 889 acres of cotton in Imperial County (Table 4).

Table 4

Southern California Cotton Acreage	
County	Cotton Acreage
Imperial	889
Riverside	4,021
TOTAL	4,910

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Trap placement in Southern California was completed the week of June 15, 2026. Program personnel have placed and are currently servicing a total of 55 PBW and 55 cotton boll weevil (BW) traps (Table 5). Traps are being serviced on a bi-weekly basis which will continue through October.

Table 5:

Southern California Trap Counts		
County	Traps in Operation	
	PBW	BW
Imperial	11	11
Riverside	44	44
TOTAL	55	55

No pink bollworm moths or boll weevils have been detected in California counties.