

PINK BOLLWORM PROGRAM – WEEKLY REPORT
36 YEARS OF SERVICE TO COTTON GROWERS



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Pink Bollworm Activities

Palo Verde and Imperial Valleys:

Agricultural Technician II, John Nelson, has resumed duties with the Pink Bollworm Program effective April 3, 2006. There are 121 traps placed at 2005 cotton acreage locations. Eleven PBW traps are in place along the “highway line”. 2006 cotton acreages are being mapped and verified this week, and continuing into next week. Upon completion of verified mapping, PBW traps will be placed in the current year cotton fields. Boll weevil traps are being monitored in conjunction with PBW traps.

San Joaquin Valley:

It continues to remain wet in the San Joaquin Valley. There has been very little, if any, cotton planting in the SJV valley as of yet. Agricultural Technician III, Mike Lopez, was brought on by the program to perform computer updating, effective April 3, 2006. The rest of the Permanent Intermittent Staff will resume duties April 17. Mapping activities are set to begin May 3, but poor planting conditions will likely delay the mapping process.

The Visalia field office is being closed down and relocated to the existing Shafter field office. The great Insect Bio-Systemist Marjorie Moody has retired from the program after 35 years of CDFA service. Staff are transferring equipment and preparing for the merge with the Shafter office.

Sacramento Valley:

The anticipated start date for Pink Bollworm Program mapping and trapping in the Sacramento Valley is September 18.