

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



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Pink Bollworm Activities

Palo Verde and Imperial Valleys:

Mapped cotton acreage in the Palo Verde Valley is currently at 14,253 acres, and approximately 2,600 acres in Imperial Valley, excluding Bard/Winterhaven area. Agricultural Pest Control Supervisor Jodi Brigman, reports that the area has not been receiving rain but has had high winds this past week. There are 121 traps currently in place and 61 native moths have been captured to date.

San Joaquin Valley:

The San Joaquin Valley received more rain this week. Temperatures were starting to inch up however, and there have been a select few people with light soils beginning to plant cotton. Staff personnel continued the process of relocating the Visalia office to the Shafter location. The process of mapping cotton in the San Joaquin Valley is set to begin May 8th. Associate Agricultural Biologist Tyson Porter reports that some growers have been contacted, and they are pushing their arbitrary cutoff date for Pima planting to the first week of May.

Agricultural Pest Control Specialist Tommy Williams traveled to Phoenix, AZ to assist with the Area Wide Pink Bollworm Eradication Project. Tommy met with Larry Antilla and his release operation supervisors. Tommy inspected the release site and gave a training class demonstrating loading and cleaning procedures, equipment operation, and trouble shooting guidelines. Tommy toured the rearing facility and met with personnel to discuss shipping procedures and refrigeration issues.

Sacramento Valley:

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