

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



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Pink Bollworm Activities

Southern California:

This week, the 365 PBW traps in Southern CA captured 9,605 native pink bollworm moths. This is about the same as last week and brings the season total to 30,285. There are also 179 Boll Weevil traps in place in Southern CA, which have detected zero (0) Boll Weevils. The first trap and lure change was completed this past week.

The cotton acreage in Southern California is currently pegged at 18,870 acres, a 7% decline from 2006. The breakdown by county is 4,485 acres in Imperial, 13,695 acres in Riverside, and 690 acres in San Bernardino County.

San Joaquin Valley:

Mapping of cotton is in full swing in Kern County. The Kern County Agricultural Commissioners office provides the program with electronic formatted maps of cotton fields in their county. They perform a query from Pesticide Use Reports and can determine where cotton is intended to be planted. The maps have proven to be about 95% accurate. The cotton layer greatly aids the mapping process and saves the program a great deal of time and energy. Many of the other cotton growing counties are anticipating a similar program in the near future.

Some mapping was performed in Fresno County this past week. The full mapping crews will begin on May 1st. Heat unit accumulations are running about 11-16 days ahead of 2006. Peak emergence of PBW over-wintering moths in Shafter location is expected to be 6/03.

Sacramento Valley:

The latest heat unit projections indicate mapping and trapping will begin in mid August.