

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



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**Pink Bollworm Activities**

**Southern California:**

Native Pink Bollworm (PBW) moth captures have continued to increase over the last two weeks as a result of the immigration of moths from cotton in Mexico. The Blythe/Palo Verde Valley traps yielded 124 native PBW moths. Compared to the 24,362 captured during the same week in 2007, this is a 99.5% decrease. Imperial Valley traps in cotton and okra fields captured 19 native moths. Compared to the 7,788 captured during the same week in 2007, this is a 99.8% decrease. The traps along the highways in Imperial County caught 53 moths this week compared to 1,945 during the same week in 2007. This is a 97.3% decrease from the same week in 2007. Just over 4 million sterile moths were released this week bringing the cumulative total released to date to 54.5 million.

**San Joaquin Valley:**

There were 9,715,869 sterile moths released this week, bringing the season total to 151,029,191. The Shafter Identification Lab examined 393 traps containing 8,092 sterile moths in traps from Kern, Kings, Tulare, Fresno, and Merced Counties. There were nine natives trapped this week. Seven of these were in one trap. All of the finds were from the same field in Fresno County near Mendota. This is a repeat of finds earlier in the season. Release sections were doubled in response to these latest finds.

**Sacramento Valley:**

Mapping and trap placement will be conducted next week in Colusa, Glenn, and Sutter Counties.