

PINK BOLLWORM PROGRAM – WEEKLY REPORT

44 YEARS OF SERVICE TO COTTON GROWERS



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Pink Bollworm Activities

Southern California:

The native pink bollworm (PBW) count in Southern California traps remains at one. Only two traps remain in the Bard/Winterhaven cotton growing area, as all but two fields have been harvested. Agricultural Pest Control Supervisor Jodi Brigman reports that two traps were removed from okra fields in the Niland area of Imperial Valley. One field was swamped with runoff water and the other was an abandoned okra field from last year with re-growing okra. The grower put cattle on the field and the okra has been eaten and is no longer a problem. There were 217,000 sterile moths released over okra in Imperial County this week. A cumulative total of 76,945,850 sterile moths have been released over cotton and okra in Imperial and Riverside counties, and cotton in San Bernardino County.

San Joaquin Valley:

The Shafter Identification Lab examined 265 traps containing 5,550 sterile moths in traps from Kern, Fresno, Madera, and Merced Counties. There were no native moths trapped this week. The Shafter Identification Lab also examined 65 traps from Southern California which contained 2,902 sterile PBW moths. The final sterile moth releases for this season was made this week. There were 5,994,851 sterile moths released over Fresno, Merced, and Kern County cotton fields. A total of 134,014,647 sterile moths were released this season.

Sacramento Valley:

Nothing to report as all traps have been removed.