

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



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Pink Bollworm Activities

Southern California:

Native Pink Bollworm (PBW) captures have been nonexistent so far this season. Historically, there has been a mass migration of native pink bollworm moths into Imperial County from Mexico due to the termination of irrigation. A total of 4,692,730 sterile moths have been released over okra plots in Imperial County near Niland.

San Joaquin Valley:

No native Pink Bollworm moths have been trapped to date. The trappers have replaced all traps and lures and are servicing traps on schedule.

The Shafter Identification Lab examined 55 traps and identified 1,148 sterile moths in traps from Southern California. There were 2 traps from the highway lines that captured 7 sterile moths, 33 traps from the Bard Winterhaven area with 173 sterile moths, and 20 traps from the Niland area okra plots with 968 sterile moths.

Sacramento Valley:

Traps will be installed the last week of August in Colusa, Glenn, and Sutter Counties. There will be 10 traps placed in Colusa County, 28 traps placed in Glenn County, and 7 traps placed in Sutter County. These traps will be inspected and removed two weeks after the peak of the first generation emergence has occurred. Heat Unit Accumulation projections indicate this event should occur by the middle of September.