

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



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Pink Bollworm Activities

Southern California:

There have been no native Pink Bollworm (PBW) moths captured to date. By comparison, there was 1 native trapped by the same week in 2011, and 93 natives trapped in 2010. To date there have been 4,980,040 sterile PBW moths released over Imperial County cotton and okra fields.

Agricultural Pest Control Supervisor Jodi Brigman reported that only thirteen traps remain in Bard due to cotton being harvested and acreage being prepared for winter vegetables. Sterile release will continue over cotton in Imperial Valley okra fields through the end of September. Heat unit projections indicate a fifth generation of adult PBW could emerge by the end of next week in okra fields in Niland.

San Joaquin Valley:

No native Pink Bollworm (PBW) moths have been captured to date. San Joaquin Valley trappers finished the trap and bait changes this week. Traps are serviced on a two week schedule and pheromone baits are changed every four weeks. The Shafter Identification Lab examined 86 traps containing 3,605 sterile moths in traps from Southern California.

Sacramento Valley:

Traps will be examined and removed the week of October 8 - 12.