



Cotton Insect Newsletter

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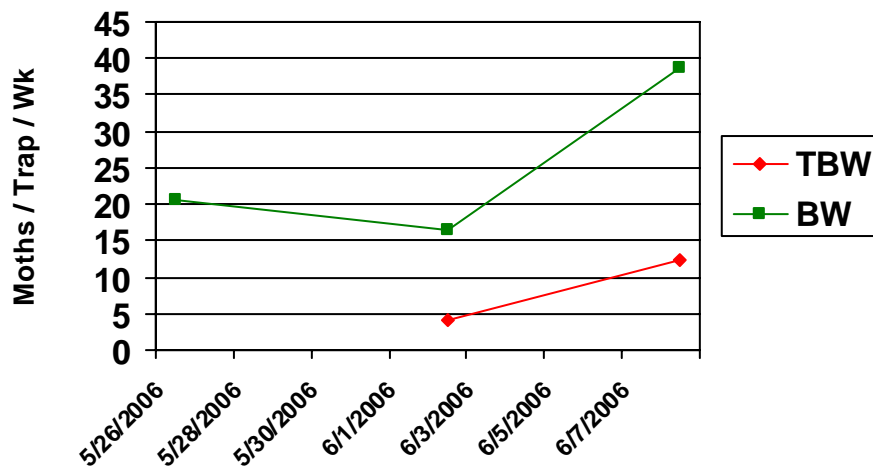
Crop Situation

The NASS had us at about 95% planted on 4 June 2006, just ahead of the 5-yr average of 92%. Also reported was progress of 2% squaring, just behind the 5-yr average of 4%. Only 1% of the state's cotton crop was reported to be in excellent condition. The remainder was reported as 37% good, 48% fair, 13% poor, and 1% very poor. These are observed/perceived state-wide averages.

Pheromone Traps

Here are data from pheromone traps for tobacco budworm (TBW) and bollworm (BW) located at the Edisto Research & Education Center (EREC):

Pheromone Trap Capture (EREC - 2006)



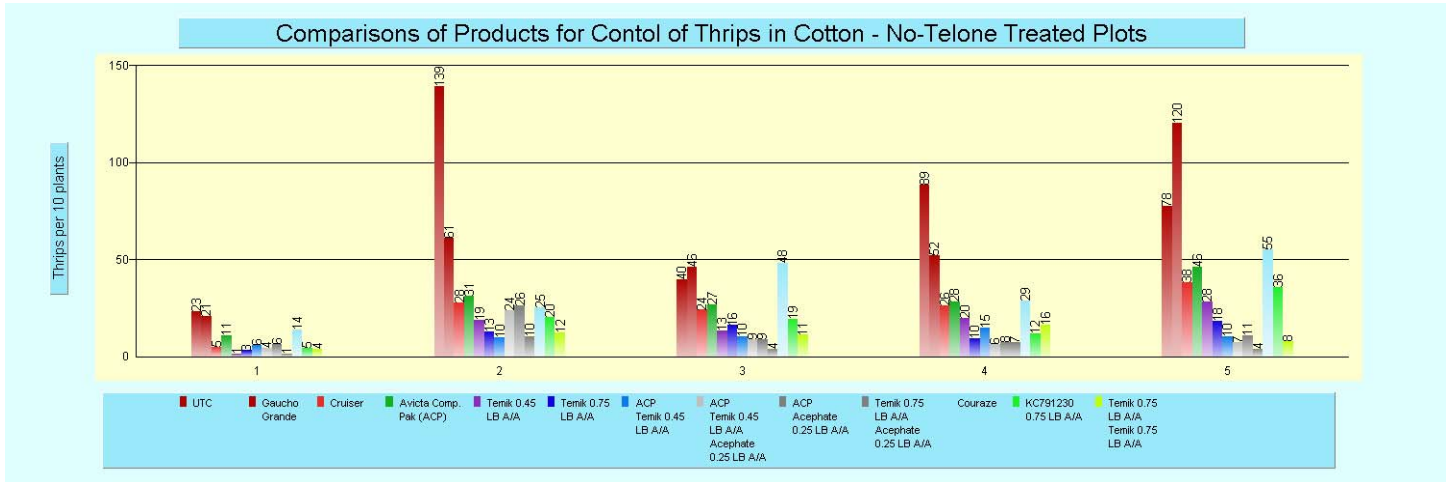
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Thrips

Data from one of our thrips tests here at Edisto REC are shown below. Days after planting (DAP). 1 = 14DAP, 2 = 20DAP, 3 = 23DAP, 4 = 29DAP, 5 = 31DAP



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Cotton Scouting Schools

The cotton insect scout schools were conducted this week at Edisto REC (Monday) and at Pee Dee REC (Tuesday). We had ca. 30 people sign in for the school at EREC and 60+ people sign in for the school at PDREC. I have to review evaluations filled out by participants to see how we did on the program – I need your input if you participated but did not fill out one. Also, if you have suggestions on how we might increase attendance at these schools in the future, please send them to me. Perhaps we need to have this event every other year and at only one location in the state – a few things I am considering. Thanks to all the speakers (Bob Belling, Mike Jones, Chris Main, Tommy Walker, David Gunter, Mike McCarty, Joe Cely, Joe Varn, and Mike Sullivan) for their time and efforts. A final thanks to our sponsors (Bayer CropScience, Syngenta Crop Protection, and Dow AgroSciences).

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To see cotton insect newsletters for this year, go to the following webpage to view the cotton page at the Edisto Research & Education Center. <http://www.clemson.edu/edisto/cotton/cotton.htm>

We will continue to update this webpage in the coming months.

Sincerely,

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