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COTTON PEST MANAGEMENT NEWSLETTER #1

COTTON SITUATION: The Georgia Weekly Crop Progress and Condition Report for the week ending April 24th listed the crop as 7 percent planted with is similar to the five year average of 6 percent.

INSECT SITUATION: Relatively few fields have emerged but we have received reports that thrips populations are relatively high which is normal for early planted fields. Tim Flanders, CEC in Berrien County, reported that grasshoppers were numerous in some localized reduced tillage fields. Grasshoppers, although a sporadic, localized and uncommon pest of seedling cotton, are more likely to be an issue following a dry winter.

EPA Seeking Comment on Aldicarb Registration by April 29th: EPA has received an application to register a pesticide product containing the active ingredient aldicarb. Pursuant to the provisions of section 3 (c) (4) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), EPA has provided notice of receipt and opportunity to comment on this application in the Federal Register Volume 76, Number 61 (Pages 17645-17646). Comments on this aldicarb registration should be directed to docket ID number EPA-HQ-OPP-2010-1021 and must be received by EPA on or before April 29, 2011.

1. To submit comments online go to: <http://www.regulations.gov>
2. Enter “EPA-HQ-OPP-2010-1021-0001” in the *Enter Keyword or ID* box and then click “Search”
3. On the Registration Applications: Pesticide Products line click “Submit a Comment”
4. Type comments and click “Submit”

Cotton Scout Schools: Cotton insect scouting schools are annually held at various locations in Georgia. These programs offer basic information on cotton insects and scouting procedures and will serve as a review for experienced scouts and producers and as an introduction to cotton insect monitoring for new scouts.

Location	City	Date	Time	Contact for additional information
Tifton Campus Conference Center	Tifton GA	June 13, 2011	9:00 am -12:30pm	Debbie Rutland (229) 386-3424
Southeast Research and Education Center	Midville GA	June 21, 2011	9:00 am -12:30pm	Peyton Sapp (706) 554-2119

INSECT UPDATES: Check the **Cotton Insect Hotline (1-800-851-2847)** for updates on current insect conditions. The Cotton Pest Management Newsletter and additional cotton production information is also posted on the UGA Cotton Homepage at: <http://www.ugacotton.com>

Sincerely,

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