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Industry Calendar

July 10—
Pima Matching
Visalia, CA

August 29th—
Supima Annual
Meeting
Coalinga, CA

September 10—
CA Cotton Research
Meeting
Fresno, CA

September 11—
Board Meeting
Fresno, CA

*Visit web calendar
for details*

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Association Awards Stan Creelman Distinguished Service Award

The California Cotton Ginners and Growers Association honored **Stan Creelman of Mid Valley Cotton Growers** this past month, celebrating his retirement. **President/CEO Roger Isom**, not only presented Stan a plaque recognizing his dedicated years of service as a board member, but in addition awarded Stan with the 2019 Distinguished Service Award. The first Distinguished Service Award was presented in 1992. This award recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions to the Association and/or the cotton ginning industry. This award is based on those deserving of it, thus it is not always given each year. This year, the association was pleased to present the



award to Stan Creelman to recognize and honor his service, dedication, and contributions to the California cotton industry. Stan, who is a current board member and past chairman of the association (2001-2002), just completed his tenure as the President of the National Cotton Ginners Association. Throughout his career Stan has gone above and beyond his call of duty as board

member, from attending industry meetings across the country to making numerous trips to Sacramento to advocate on the industry's behalf. We would like to thank Stan for all that he has done to serve the cotton industry and the California Cotton Ginners and Growers Association as well as wish him and his wife Denise a happy retirement!

Legislation to Ban Pesticides Continues

Earlier this year, the SB 458 was introduced before the state legislature. This bill, authored by Senator Durazo (SD-24), would have effectively banned any products containing the active ingredient chlorpyrifos. The Association actively opposed this bill for several reasons, but perhaps the greatest being that WAPA believes that



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our state legislature should not circumvent the public process and agency developed to specifically handle pesticide related issues. Despite the California Environmental Protection Agency announcing that it will undertake the cancellation process for chlorpyrifos through the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR), SB 458 was still very active because the author and proponents of the bill felt that the two-year cancellation period was not a fast enough action. This bill ultimately was held in committee and did not make it to the Senate floor. Earlier this month, the author did a “gut and amend” and the language from SB 458 is now found in SB 86. This bill calls for the legislature to, again, ban all products containing chlorpyrifos effective June 1, 2021. Our Association remains vehemently opposed to this bill as DPR is already underway with the cancellation process of the product, a process that will allow for public and stakeholder engagement, outreach and comment. SB 86 currently is in the Assembly Environmental Safety & Toxic Material committee, it was scheduled to be heard on July 2nd but has since been postponed. Along with SB 86, the legislature introduced AB 916 authored by Assemblymember Mau-ratsuchi (AD-66). This bill would have prohibited a city, county, charter city, or a special district from using products containing glyphosate. The Association actively opposed this bill on the grounds that it would undermine DPR’s work and review process, who found that glyphosate is safe when used as the label directs. Glyphosate has been approved to be used in more than 160 countries and has over 800 studies to support its safety. Additionally, banning this product could create safety issues and pest pressures as this product is critical for the control of invasive weeds, minimizing rodent habitat and properly managing roadways and lands that could be adjacent to farmlands. Just days before it was scheduled to be heard in committee earlier this month, it was withdrawn and the bill is dead for this year.

State Water Board Proposing Higher Fees

Last month, State Water Board (SWB) Accounting Staff held a workshop on program fees to update Stakeholders on anticipated changes to fees for the 2019-2020 season. Unfortunately, the SWB is proposing to increase Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP) fees by 11.4%. This is the program that requires all growers to join a 3rd party Water Coalition or enroll with the SWB individually, along with the annual submission of a farm’s annual nitrogen removal calculations. The SWB has relied upon a healthy

funding reserve the previous three years in order to help offset costs, but unfortunately, that reserve is not available for this upcoming season. **Association President/CEO, Roger Isom**, submitted a letter to the SWB in response to the proposed increases, calling out the agency for continued fee increase proposals while there have been no significant program changes or increases to staff’s workload. SWB staff has long claimed that the agency is not currently staffed appropriately to handle the number of growers within the Central Valley. However, the Central Valley Region was one of the first areas to implement the ILRP program, while some regions within the state have yet to implement the requirements associated with the ILRP. The SWB will be holding a meeting to discuss the current fee proposal and discuss any other information. If you would like to participate, the meeting will be held July 22nd in Sacramento, the call-in number is (888) 808-6929 and the participation code is 3167024.

Valley Agribusiness Job Fair



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August 1, 2019
10:00 am to 2:00 pm**

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EMPLOYER PARTICIPATION RESTRICTIONS:

Must provide a service within the California specialty crop industry supply chain.

The California Center for International Trade Development at State Center Community College District is hosting the Valley Agribusiness Job Fair on August 1, 2019



With hills expected to stay greener longer into the season, 2019 is setting up to be a potentially high lygus year, similar to 2017. That year, some fields were sprayed four and five times in the spring due to high pressure and insecticides that struggled to perform effectively.

This year, the industry has a powerful insecticide to combat lygus – Vydate® C-LV insecticide/nematicide.

Vydate C-LV can be used at any time during the growing season. However, its best fit will be mid- to late-season when multiple pests are present in fields and preservation of beneficials is less important.

Labeled Pests in Cotton

- Lygus (plant bug) ■ Cotton fleahopper ■ Thrips (suppression)
- Aphids ■ Cotton leafperforator ■ Whitefly (suppression)

Fast-Acting Results

Feeding by pests typically stops immediately upon contact or ingestion. Pests are often controlled or dead within minutes. Control is achieved through inhibition of acetylcholinesterase.

Activity on Multiple Life Stages

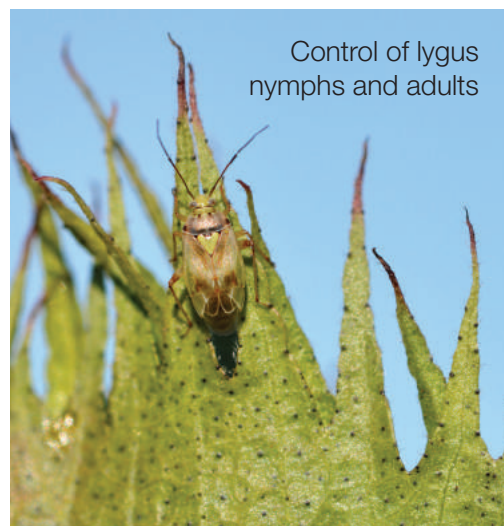
Effective against adults, nymphs and larvae of many pest species, including lygus. With lygus, the nymph stage tends to do the most damage to cotton, so controlling this stage is important.

Translaminar Movement

Upon application to foliage, Vydate C-LV will move to the undersides of leaves, helping to control insects not in the direct line of spray.

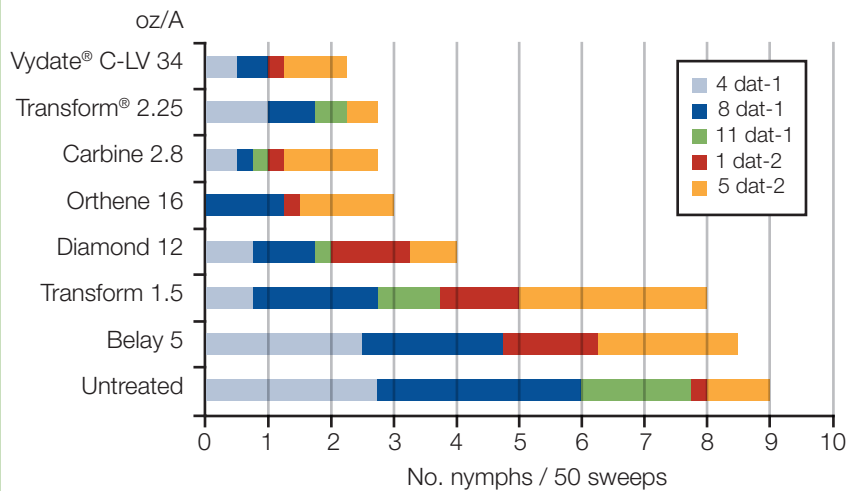
Application Tips

Rate	34 oz/A recommended for lygus
Adjuvant	Do not use Vydate C-LV in highly alkaline mixtures. For best results, buffer spray solutions to a pH of 5.0 or lower.
Method of Application	Ground and air
Re-entry Interval	48 hours
Pre-harvest Interval	14 days



Lygus (nymphs) Efficacy Trial – Cotton

Treanna Pierce, UC Extension, Five Points, 2017



Summary: Two applications of each insecticide were made. Three evaluations were made after the first application, and two more evaluations after the second application. Stacked bar chart shows the total number of nymphs in 50 sweeps for the five evaluations. Vydate C-LV was the most effective treatment.

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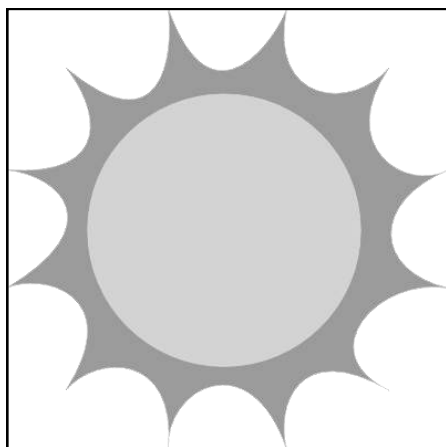
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from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the DoubleTree by Hilton Fresno Convention Center. In order to participate, you must provide a service within the California specialty crop industry supply chain. This is a convenient opportunity for employers to meet face to face with job seekers in one location and potentially fill positions that are typically difficult to fill. To register or for more information visit www.fresnocitd.org/jobfair or call (559) 243-7280.

Outdoor Heat Illness Prevention

As the temperatures rise throughout the Valley, we must remind employees the importance of outdoor heat illness prevention. Encourage employees to drink water – at least four (4) eight ounce glasses of water per hour throughout the work shift, even if they aren't thirsty.

Frequent drinking of small quantities of water is key to preventing heat illness! Remind employees where the shade structures are located on the yard and in the field. Be sure to implement procedures when the temperature **exceeds 80 de-**



grees, the shade structures must be erected if no other shade is readily available and provided as close to work areas as possible. Also, encourage employees to take a cool-down rest in the shade for at least 5 minutes, they shouldn't wait until they feel sick to cool down. Cool-down rests help workers to recover from the heat and prevent overheating. As we stated in our May newsletter, when the temperatures **reach 95 degrees or more**, conduct a tailgate session to review water, rest and shade. And, provide training on the signs and symptoms of heat related illnesses. Effective communication is essential in preventing heat-related illnesses in the workplace. For heat illness prevention materials, please contact our offices at (559) 455-9272.

State Water Board Holds Workshop on CV-SALTS

Earlier this month, the State Water Board (SWB) held a Board Meeting/Workshop to discuss the implementation of the Central Valley Salinity Alternatives for Long Term Sustainability Initiative. Board Members heard testimony from numerous involved parties in regard to the status of

the initiative. Speakers included third party water quality coalitions, water attorneys, environmental justice groups, and consulting firms that have been hired to help develop the regulatory program. CV-SALTS is an initiative that aims to help clean up the nitrate intrusion into aquifers throughout the state, while also aiming to reduce the amount of salt that accumulates in the soil and the aquifers below. The Association has been included in this process for the previous 10 years. The initiative aims to keep agriculture as productive as possible, while also finding solutions to the drinking water contamination issue that has been found throughout the state. Partnered with the Governor's Budget, which allocates \$150 million, to work on short term relief to contaminated water supplies and operation and maintenance of existing systems, CV SALTS and the funding recently allocated aim to make significant impacts on the State's contaminated water issues. A final board hearing will be coming within the next couple of months, we will keep you updated.

2019 American Pima Grade Standards Guide Box Review and Standards Matching

Please join us on July 10th at 9:00 a.m. to review, comment, and approve the six guide boxes of the 2019 American Pima Grade Standards. Once approved, the guide boxes will be used as the reference to match all of the 2019 American Pima Grade Standards. The guide box review and the standards matching will both take place the morning of July 10th. Immediately following the Matching, there will be a demonstration of the Marketing Analysis & Reporting Services (MARS) My Market News website by our Market News team. We invite you to stay and



learn about the new application for Quality and Market reports. Industry participation is key to this process and we hope you all can come and be a part of this important

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annual event. For additional information please contact Greg Townsend, Area Director at the Visalia Classing Office, at greg.townsend@usda.gov or (559) 651-3015.

65th Supima Annual Meeting

Supima is holding their 65th Annual Meeting Thursday, August 29th at the Harris Ranch Inn in Coalinga, CA. The meeting provides attendees the opportunity to learn

more about Supima's activities and updates on pertinent news. Registration for the event will begin at 9:00 a.m. followed by the meeting from 10:30 a.m. until noon. Lunch will be served after the conclusion of the meeting. RSVPs must be made to Nancy Boyd at nancy@supima.com by Friday, August 23rd.

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65TH ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION

Thursday, August 29, 2019 - Harris Ranch Inn, Coalinga, CA
Registration: 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. / Meeting: 10:30 - 12:00 noon
Luncheon: 12:00 - 1:00 P.M. / RSVP by Friday, August 23rd, 2019



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