



Cotton Comments



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We are still looking to the skies for rainfall. The last time we had over 1" of rainfall was August 16th. Other small rainfall events occurred on November 12 (0.56") and February 24 (0.46"). Tough times have fallen on the wheat crop in most places. As if to add insult to injury to the southwest Oklahoma situation, the Temik (aldicarb) outlook took a turn for the worse today. Bayer CropScience announced a decision to not resume methyl isocyanate (MIC) production at the at the West Virginia plant. MIC is a critical precursor for the production of Temik.

This will have serious ramifications throughout the U.S. cotton industry and will be severely felt here in Oklahoma. What this means is that producers will have to rely on alternatives to the use of in-furrow Temik by looking seriously at seed treatments and foliar sprays for thrips control after emergence. There is not a easy alternative for higher rates of Temik typically used for nematode control. The net effect of this is that management will need to be ramped up, as the control

timeframe for seed treatments is considerably less than with Temik. In addition, the use of foliar applications must be timed impeccably in order to obtain the protection desired. For more information please refer to the March 9, 2011 COTTON COMMENTS.

To see the official Bayer CropScience press release, click on the link below:

<http://www.bayercropscience.us/new/s/press-releases?storyId=8d8c9a66-6202-4cde-837f-f20fbe9d56e1>

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