



Darling Downs crop check

DATE – 27 April 2020 (CC7)

CROP STAGE –

- Cutout to picking
- Defoliation
- 4-8 NACB
- 18 nodes

DISEASE -

- Verticillium
- Boll rots
- Alternaria

INSECTS/BENEFICIALS -

- Mealy Bug hotspots
- High numbers of ladybeetles
- Whitefly in low numbers but persistent
- Decreasing number of aphids
- Patchy mites
- Increasing Cotton stainer numbers.
Some management has been required

WEEDS -

- Being well controlled
- Very few fresh germinations due to dry conditions

WEATHER -

- Continuing to be very dry and we are heading back into drought conditions very quickly
- Warm for this time of year
- Would like some decent rainfall going into winter, however dry conditions needed for picking
- Mornings are cool, but days are warming up

OTHER -

- Rain needed to finish off late grain crops
- Waiting for top bolls to open. Lots of immature bolls on top
- Crops are looking quite good, hopefully yield and quality reflect this
- Occasional frost but nice days for defoliation

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