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Cotton—Aphid and Whitefly Monitoring

Supplement to UC IPM Pest Management Guidelines: Cotton

Take a combined sample for aphids and whitefly at least once a week.

- Directions:**
1. Beginning at least 50 paces into the field, pick a plant at random and turn over the 5th leaf from the terminal. Examine the underside of the leaf with a hand lens.
 2. Count the aphids and record the number and color.
 3. Check for whitefly adults. If 3 or more are present, note the leaf as infested on the form.
 4. Note the presence (+) or absence (-) of large whitefly nymphs in the area defined by a leaf disc.
 5. Move 20 paces further into the field and select another plant to examine. Repeat the steps above in 4 representative areas of the field for a total of 40 plants.
 6. Compute average infestation levels and compare with treatment thresholds.
 7. Check field edges for whitefly migration.

Grower _____ Field _____ Date _____

Plant number	Aphids		Whitefly		Natural enemies (Note species)
	Count	Yellow or Black	Adults: (+) if 3 or more	Nymphs: (+ or -)	
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Cotton—Aphid and Whitefly Monitoring (continued)

Plant number	Aphids		Whitefly		Natural enemies (Note species)
	Count	Yellow or Black	Adults: (+) if 3 or more	Nymphs: (+ or -)	
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	Total:		Total:	Total:	
	Average:		Percent infested:	Percent infested:	
	Aphids: First square to open boll: 50-75 aphids per leaf. After open boll: 10-15 small yellow aphids or large black aphids per leaf.		Whitefly: Adults: 40%. Do not use IGRs if nymphs absent. If no nymphs, but 10 or more adults per leaf, treat field edges only if infestation limited to edges. Nymphs: 40%		

