

Table 15. Cotton insect loss estimates for the Delta region of Mississippi during 2024.

Pest	Acres Infested	% Acres Infested	Acres Treated	% Acres Treated	# of apps /acres treated	Cost of 1 application	% loss /acre infested	# of apps/ total acres	cost/acre	overall % reduction	Bales lost / pest	Loss + cost	Loss + cost/acre	% Total Loss+Cost
Bollworm/Budworm	256,000	80.0%	25,888	8.1%	1.0	\$21.00	2.50%	0.08	\$1.68	2.00%	22,147	\$7,871,472	\$24.60	12.7%
Beet Armyworm	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0.0	\$0.00	0.00%	0.00	\$0.00	0.00%	0	\$0	\$0.00	0.0%
Fall Armyworm	16,000	5.0%	3,200	1.0%	1.0	\$11.50	1.00%	0.01	\$0.12	0.05%	554	\$187,984	\$0.59	0.3%
Loopers	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0.0	\$0.00	0.00%	0.00	\$0.00	0.00%	0	\$0	\$0.00	0.0%
Cutworms	32,000	10.0%	32,000	10.0%	1.0	\$6.00	0.10%	0.10	\$0.60	0.01%	111	\$56,496	\$0.18	0.1%
Cotton Leaf Perforator	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0.0	\$0.00	0.00%	0.00	\$0.00	0.00%	0	\$0	\$0.00	0.0%
Saltmarsh Caterpillar	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0.0	\$0.00	0.00%	0.00	\$0.00	0.00%	0	\$0	\$0.00	0.0%
Lygus	320,000	100.0%	316,800	99.0%	5.0	\$12.00	4.00%	4.95	\$59.40	4.00%	44,293	\$33,890,448	\$105.91	54.8%
Cotton Fleahopper	3,200	1.0%	0	0.0%	0.0	\$0.00	0.10%	0.00	\$0.00	0.00%	11	\$3,696	\$0.01	0.0%
Stink Bugs (other than brown stink bug)	32,000	10.0%	4,800	1.5%	1.0	\$9.50	1.00%	0.02	\$0.19	0.10%	1,107	\$378,032	\$1.18	0.6%
Brown Stink Bug	128,000	40.0%	19,200	6.0%	1.0	\$9.50	1.50%	0.06	\$0.57	0.60%	6,644	\$2,305,344	\$7.20	3.7%
Clouded Plant Bug	48,000	15.0%	3,200	1.0%	1.0	\$11.00	1.00%	0.01	\$0.11	0.15%	1,661	\$563,376	\$1.76	0.9%
Leaf Footed Bugs	3,200	1.0%	0	0.0%	0.0	\$0.00	0.00%	0.00	\$0.00	0.00%	0	\$0	\$0.00	0.0%
Spider Mites	240,000	75.0%	160,000	50.0%	1.5	\$12.50	2.25%	0.75	\$9.38	1.69%	18,692	\$8,530,512	\$26.66	13.8%
Thrips	320,000	100.0%	256,000	80.0%	1.5	\$9.50	1.00%	1.20	\$11.40	1.00%	11,073	\$7,368,528	\$23.03	11.9%
Aphids	128,000	40.0%	32,000	10.0%	0.0	\$10.00	0.50%	0.00	\$0.00	0.20%	2,215	\$744,240	\$2.33	1.2%
Grasshoppers	16,000	5.0%	0	0.0%	0.0	\$0.00	0.00%	0.00	\$0.00	0.00%	0	\$0	\$0.00	0.0%
Banded Winged Whitefly	3,200	1.0%	0	0.0%	0.0	\$0.00	0.00%	0.00	\$0.00	0.00%	0	\$0	\$0.00	0.0%
Silverleaf Whitefly	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0.0	\$0.00	0.00%	0.00	\$0.00	0.00%	0	\$0	\$0.00	0.0%
Boll Weevil	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0%	0%	0%	0.00	\$0.00	0.00%	0	\$0	\$0.00	0.0%
TOTAL								7.18	\$83.44	9.80%	108,508	\$61,900,128	\$193.44	

SUMMARY DATA

Data Input				Yield and Management Results		Economic Results	
State	Mississippi			Total Acres	320,000		
Region	MidSouth			Total Bales Harvested	700,000	Foliar Insecticide Costs	\$26,700,800
Year	2024			Total Bales Lost to Insects	108,508	Seed Treatment Costs	\$2,918,400
Total Acres (Upland)	320,000	In-furrow cost/treated acre	\$12.50	Percent Yield Loss	9.8%	In-Furrow Costs	\$160,000
Yield / Acre (Upland)	1,050	% acres in Boll Weevil Eradication	100%	Yield w/o Insects (lb/acre)	1,164	Scouting Costs	\$2,534,400
Price / lb	\$0.70	Cost/acre Boll Weevil Eradication	\$1.00	Av. # Applications	7.18	Eradication Costs	\$320,000
yield potential (lb/acre)	1,661	% acres in Pink Bollworm Eradication	0%	Total Bales lost (all factors)	407,488	Bt Cotton	\$11,264,000
Acres (Pima)	0	Cost/acre Pink Bollworm Eradication	\$0.00	Total % yield Loss	36.8%	Total Costs	\$43,897,600
Yield / Acre (Pima)	0	% Insect apps by air	80%	Transgenic Cotton (arthropods) (# acres)	320,000	Yield Loss to Insects	\$36,458,688
% Acres Scouted	99%	No. apps by air	6	Boll Weevil Eradication (# acres)	320,000	Total Losses + Costs	\$80,356,288
Fee / Scouted Acre	\$8.00	Cost/app by air	\$7.50	Pink Bollworm Eradication (# acres)	0		
No. times scouted/week	1.8	% insect apps by ground	50%	# Scouted Acres	316,800		
% acres Transgenic (Bt) Cotton	100%	No. apps by ground	3	Seed Treatments (arthropods) (# acres)	307,200		
Cost/treated acre (Bt) Cotton	\$35.20	Cost/app by ground	\$6.00	In-Furrow Applications (# acres)	12,800		
% acres with seed treatment	96%	% Loss to weather	18.0%	Applications by Air (acres)	256,000		
Seed trt. cost/ treated acre	\$9.50	% loss to non-arthropods	2.0%	Applications by Ground (acres)	160,000		
% acres with in-furrow	4%	% loss to other (chemical injury, weeds, diseases, etc.)	7.0%	No. acres with no foliar insecticide applications	0		

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Upland Cotton	% Acres	# Acres	Total cost/acre	Bt cost/acre	% acres treated for BW/TBW	# acres treated for BW/TBW	# apps for BW/TBW
Bollgard II	10.0%	32,000	\$140.00	\$32.00	80%	25,600	1.0
Bollgard III	70.0%	224,000	\$140.00	\$32.00	0%	0	0.0
Bollgard III/Thryvon	10.0%	32,000	\$155.00	\$48.00	0%	0	0.0
WideStrike	0.0%	0	\$140.00	\$32.00	0%	0	0.0
WideStrike 3	9.0%	28,800	\$140.00	\$32.00	1%	288	0.0
TwinLink	0.0%	0	\$140.00	\$32.00	0%	0	0.0
TwinLink Plus	1.0%	3,200	\$140.00	\$32.00	0%	0	0.0
Total Bt	100.0%	320,000	\$141.50	\$35.20	8.1%	25,888	0.1
Herbicide Traits Only	0.0%	0	\$0.00	-	0%	0	0.0
Conventional	0.0%	0	\$0.00	-	0%	0	0.0
Organic	0.0%	0	\$0.00	-	0%	0	0.0
Total Upland Cotton	100.0%	320,000	\$141.50	\$35.20	8.1%	25,888	0.1
Non Upland Cotton							
Pima	0.0%	0	\$0.00	-	0%	0	0.0
Other	0.0%	0	\$0.00	-	0%	0	0.0
Organic	0.0%	0	\$0.00	-	0%	0	0.0
Total (all Cotton)		320,000	\$141.50		8.1%	25,888	0.1

Upland Cotton	% acres treated for Thrips	# acres treated for Thrips	# apps for Thrips	Thryvon Bt cost/acre	% acres treated for Lygus	# acres treated for Lygus	# apps for Lygus
Bollgard III/Thryvon	0.0%	0	0.0	\$16.00	100.0%	32,000	4.0