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IPM IN CALIFORNIA COTTON: HOW INTEGRATED IS IT?

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A comprehensive mail survey of 266 California cotton growers examined trends in use of a large array of pest control practices, ranging from pest monitoring methods to use of organophosphate insecticides. Some preliminary results from data analysis by the University of California Statewide Integrated Pest Management Program will be presented here. The current analysis focuses on the degree of integration of biological, cultural, and chemical pest control practices for a few of the most significant pests of cotton.