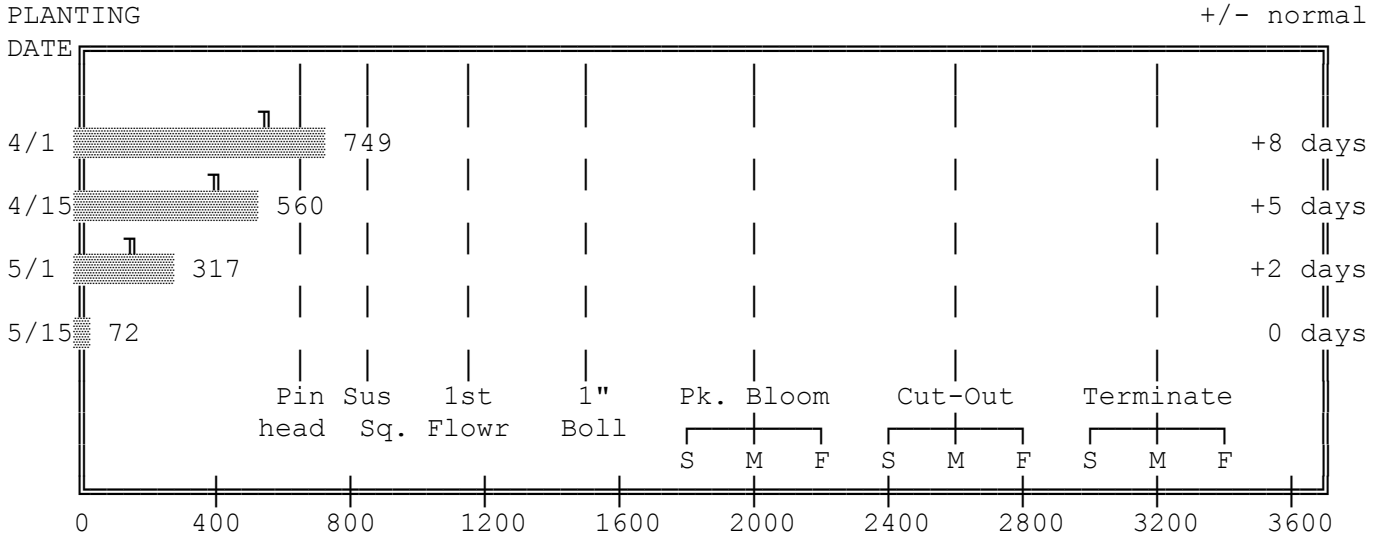


SAFFORD COTTON DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY
MAY 20, 2018



HEAT UNITS ACCUMULATED FROM PLANTING to MAY 19
 ¶ = Heat Units on MAY 12; S,M,F = Short, Medium, and Full Season Varieties

HEAT UNITS

Heat Unit (HU) accumulation since Jan 1 = 1213; Last year = 1031; Normal = 978
 HUs since Jan 1 are running about 13 days ahead of normal.
 HU last week = 125

HISTORICAL STATISTICS

Last Week : MAY 13 - MAY 19					This Week : MAY 20 - MAY 26					
	HIGH	LOW	DEWPT	HUs	RAIN		HIGH	LOW	DEWPT	HUs
Normal	93	54	30	121	----	Normal	93	55	29	122
Recorded	95	53	21	125	0.00	2017	86	50	26	96

ESTIMATED WATER USE

Planting date :	4/1	4/15	5/1	5/15
Water Use (last week):	.54"	.52"	.52"	.52"

WEATHER UPDATE

--A storm system will pass north of AZ early this week, resulting in breezy conditions with clear skies & near normal temperatures. High pressure redevelops over AZ Wednesday, bringing a return to hot & dry conditions late this week.
 --Forecasts for spring Colorado River flow into Lake Powell remain well below normal. Official May 15 forecasts call for 3 MAF for April through July or 42% of average (7.2 MAF). Flow to date is ~ 1 MAF compared to a normal value of 2.5 MAF.
 --Nitrogen (N) uptake increases at first square, reaching maximum levels at peak bloom. Split applications of N fertilizer are recommended during this period to ensure optimum crop performance & improve N fertilizer efficiency. Details at <https://extension.arizona.edu/sites/extension.arizona.edu/files/pubs/az1243.pdf>.