



CROP LINE

A Growing Newsletter

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Defoliation- Is it a science?

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My father, in his day, farmed a large amount of cotton. He started when he was at the wrong end of a mule and retired in the 90's. We farmed a little together and he taught me a lot about how to grow cotton. One thing that drove me crazy was when to defoliate. We would walk out to the field and look at it, cut the bolls open and then he would ask me what I thought.

I would tell him it was time and of course he would say go take a vacation. My father knew how many days it took cotton to mature and he made sure it would not be defoliated any sooner.

Even with today's short season cotton 'the more things change the more they stay the same.' The grower still must wait until all of the cotton has matured. Once the boll is ready to be defoliated, there are other factors to consider such as: plant condition, which defoliant to use, weather conditions, and the type of adjuvant to use. Think **Hook!**

To get a consistent drop of foliage, good deposition and penetration is necessary because the mature cotton leaf is very coarse and hard to penetrate.

Might we suggest **Hook?** **Hook** will provide not only excellent deposition and penetration but adds to that superb lower leaf coverage and first-class drift control. With the work that we have done with **Hook**, we can tell you that there will be fewer problems with leaf stick, and it bears repeating, better coverage and drift control.

Use **Hook** at the rate of 3 pints per 100 gal of chemical mix and be sure to 'Add **Hook** Last.'

We at Atlantic-Pacific Ag. Co hopes everyone makes a good crop along with a safe harvest. We sincerely want to thank everyone, especially our customers, for their support this year.