2014 Moth Trapping Program Aids Producers

In 2014, seventeen moth traps (like the one pictured) were placed in strategic areas to monitor moth flights. Twelve were bollworm and five were budworm traps. The traps were monitored by a trap runner three times weekly and the results were shared with local agribusinesses, consultants, and producers. This information helps keep them alert of large flights of moths. Also four southwestern corn borer traps were monitored by county agents to keep up with their flights. No flights of this pest were found in 2014 and therefore producers were recommended to not treat for this pest saving them approximately $20 per acre on non Bt corn fields. Note! – The green trap in the picture is of a boll weevil trap which is monitored by the Boll Weevil Eradication Program.