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Week 5: “Wizards of the Wet Spring”

If you are a fan of UCLA, Purdue or just basketball in general, you already know the real identity of the “Wizard of Westwood”. Over a 12-season stretch, this coach brought home 10 NCAA basketball championships for UCLA! If you have attended a game at Purdue’s Mackey Arena, you will see his statue, as a player, just outside the entrance. While John Wooden is associated with championships, perhaps he should be celebrated for the variables that yield championships. For champions are not made in a single game, it is the day-to-day grind that eventually places them on top.

“Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do.” – John Wooden

Week 5 illustrates this very statement when we tour the country and look at the last efforts of planting. Ultimately, it is the sweat and investment of the American farmer that gets the crop in the ground, but the decisions that surround late planting are guided by sound principles and policies supplied by crop insurance professionals.

Our “American Roots” tour indicates that very few places in the country have experienced a “pain free” planting season. However, our survey results and multiple stories illustrated in Week 5, show that the struggles of the 2022 planting season are rewarding most.

The spirit of John Wooden’s quote is perfectly illustrated in the story and picture coming out of Benson, MN in this week’s tour. It is the essence of doing what we can do in uncontrollable circumstances.

While there will be no statues erected, perhaps the farmers from most of our country should be coined as “Wizards of the Wet Spring”. While crop insurance can do little to help with the workload of farming, it can certainly reduce the worry and allow producers to concentrate on what they do best.

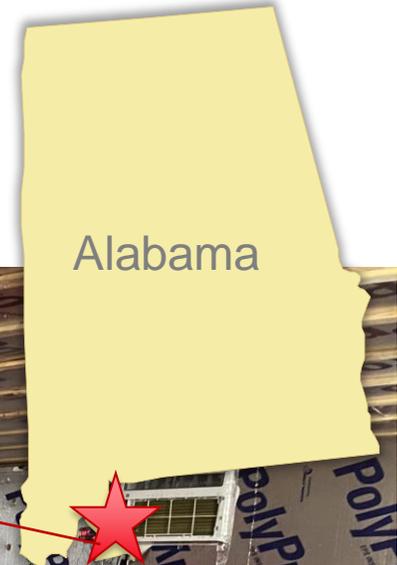




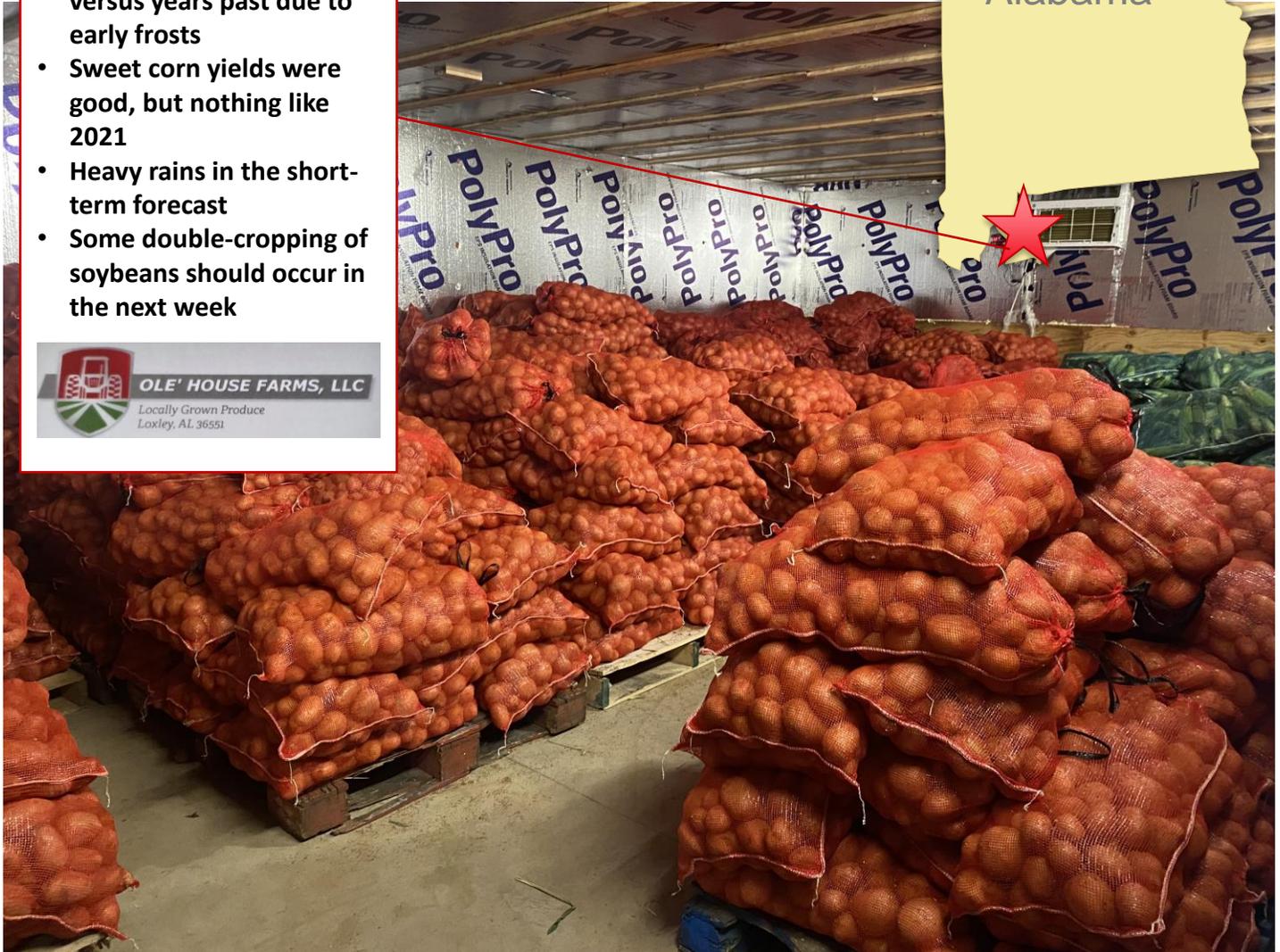
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Ole' House Farms, LLC
Loxley, AL

- Pictured are potatoes
- Potato yields were down versus years past due to early frosts
- Sweet corn yields were good, but nothing like 2021
- Heavy rains in the short-term forecast
- Some double-cropping of soybeans should occur in the next week



Alabama





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**David Brown
Benson, MN**

- Yes...the picture shows planting around the standing water in the field
- The water table is extremely high
- Not ideal conditions, but utilizing every dry moment to get the crop in the ground
- Some are switching corn acres to soybeans

Minnesota





Georgia

**Pitts Agency
Pitts, GA**

- Every spring, peach growers face challenges of wanting cold to warm weather. Once peach trees start to blossom, they are very vulnerable to freeze damage. This spring there was a freeze event on March 12-13.
- Despite the cold temps, there wasn't a huge loss of freestone peaches. The earlier clingstone varieties were mostly wiped out by the cold.
- In an absolute stunner, peaches have survived and are on track for a good season in most areas!



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North Dakota

**Matt Hanson
Mayville, ND**

- Lots of activity over the last week
- Approximately 80% planted; almost half of that coming in the last few days
- Few farmers are planting the last of the corn
- Lots of switching corn to soybeans acreage



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The Bass Agency Smithfield, NC

- We need rain!
- Rains have been very sporadic...some areas have just missed several
- Overall things look good, but days away from problems

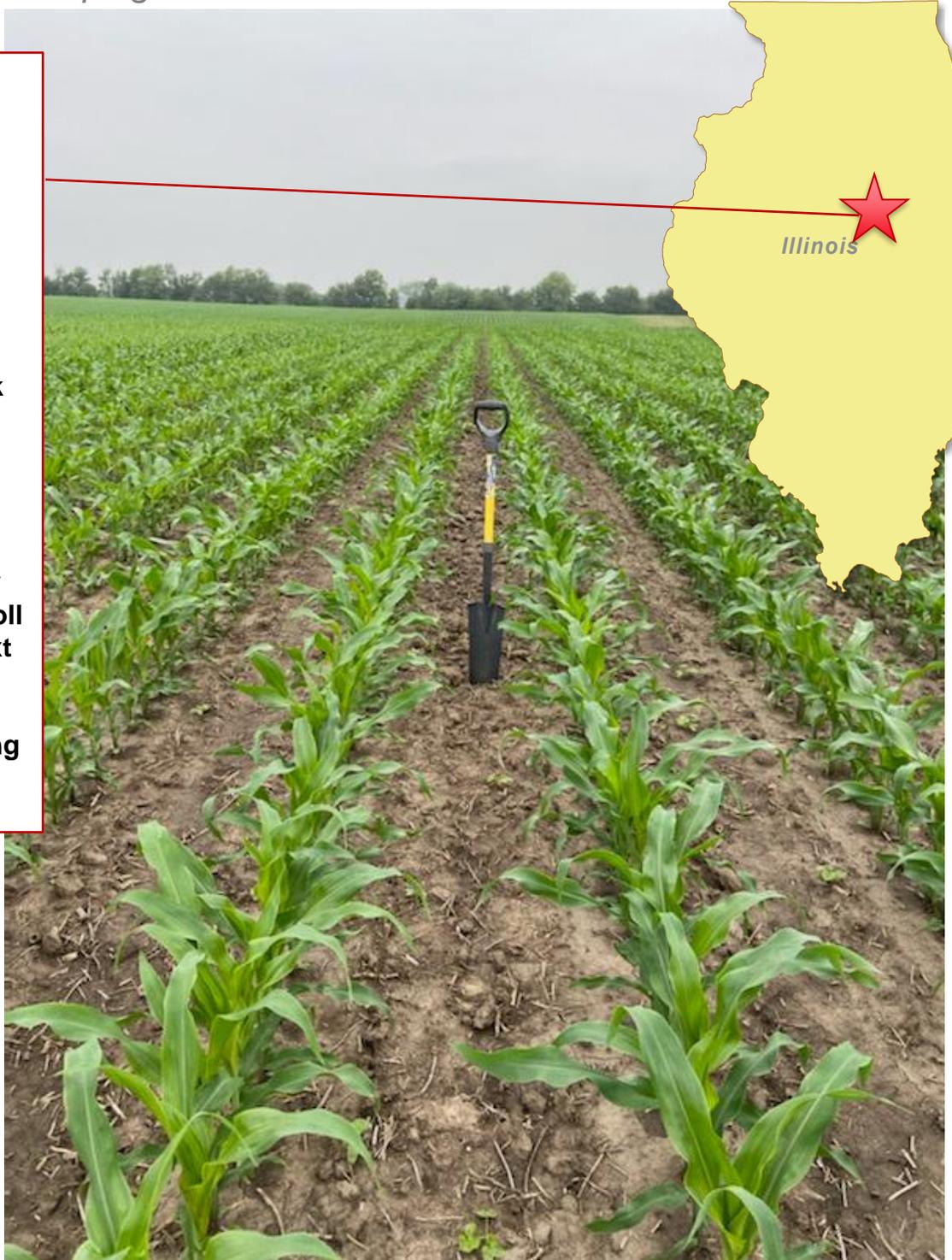




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Mike Toohill
LeRoy, IL

- Crops are finally starting to grow!
- Corn is about 10 days behind normal pace, but looks good
- No rain this week and we do have heat moving in over the next 5-6 days
- Due to the wet start and shallow roots, corn will roll without rains next week
- Soybeans are small, but growing well



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Kansas

**Tim Strunk
Manhattan, KS**

- Big rains over the last 10 days has halted most field work
- Some replanting will be necessary on soybeans
- Heat is welcome and helping growth
- We are in the final stages of soybean planting





**Barrett Ag Services
Cleveland, MS**

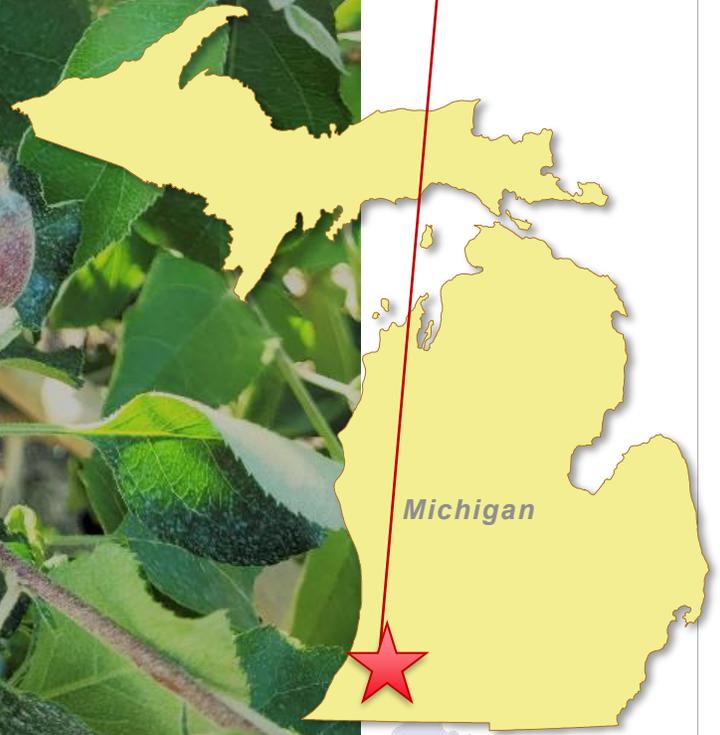
- Things continue to look great
- Soft Red Wheat harvest is about to begin with good prospects for quality and yield
- There are some wet pockets scattered around where planting is still occurring
- Forecast looks good





**Josh McCartney
Southwest MI**

- Apple crop looks great
- No frost events have led to a healthy crop
- Apples are approximately 20-25mm
- We have moisture, but rains are welcome and are in the forecast over the next few days
- Welcome MICHIGAN to the VCT!



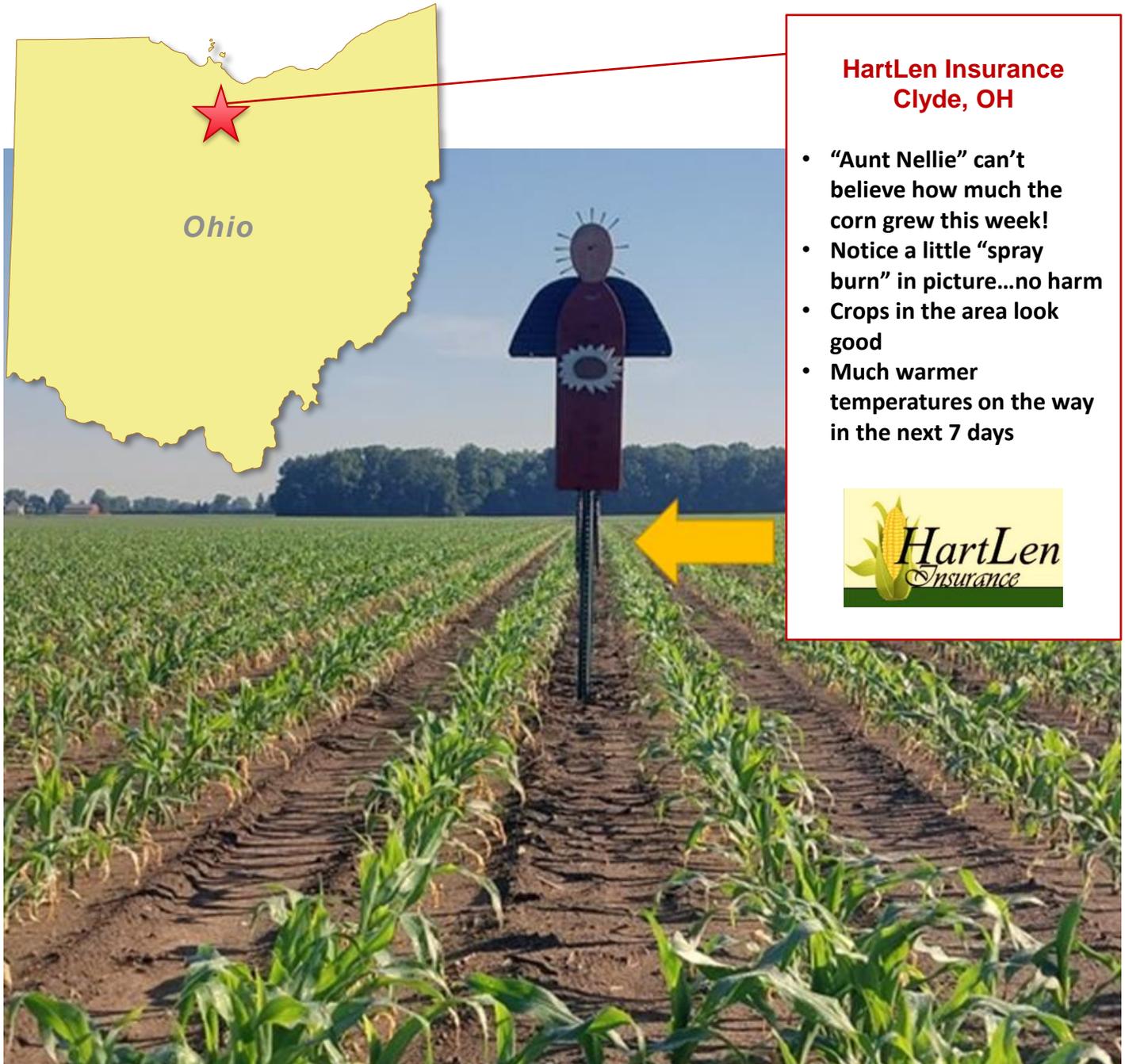
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HartLen Insurance Clyde, OH

- “Aunt Nellie” can’t believe how much the corn grew this week!
- Notice a little “spray burn” in picture...no harm
- Crops in the area look good
- Much warmer temperatures on the way in the next 7 days



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South Carolina

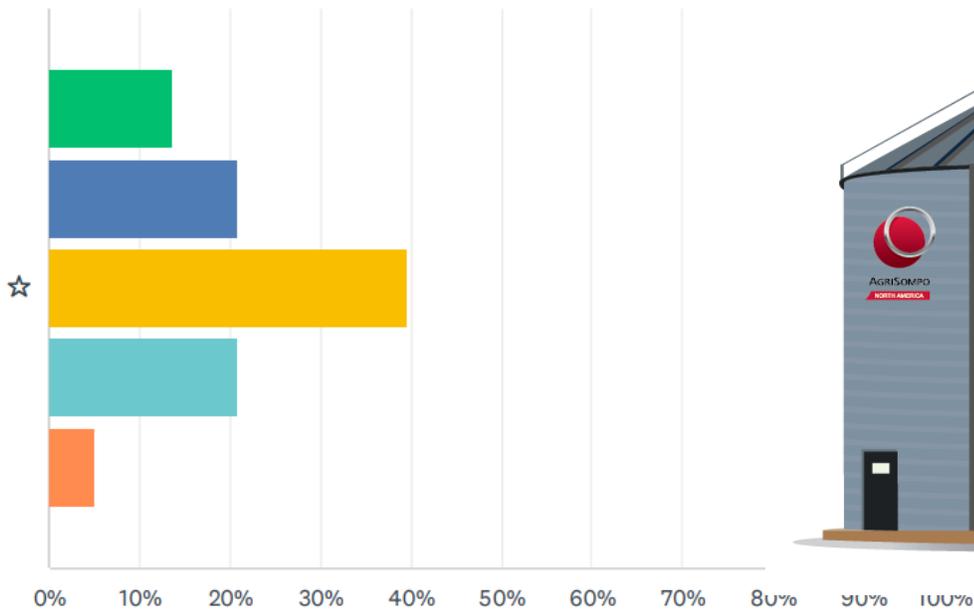
Morris Agency Rose Hill, SC

- All smiles! Rain at just the right time
- Locally the vegetables and tobacco is looking good
- Some areas missed showers
- We will need continual rains to maintain



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How does planting progress look in your neighborhood?

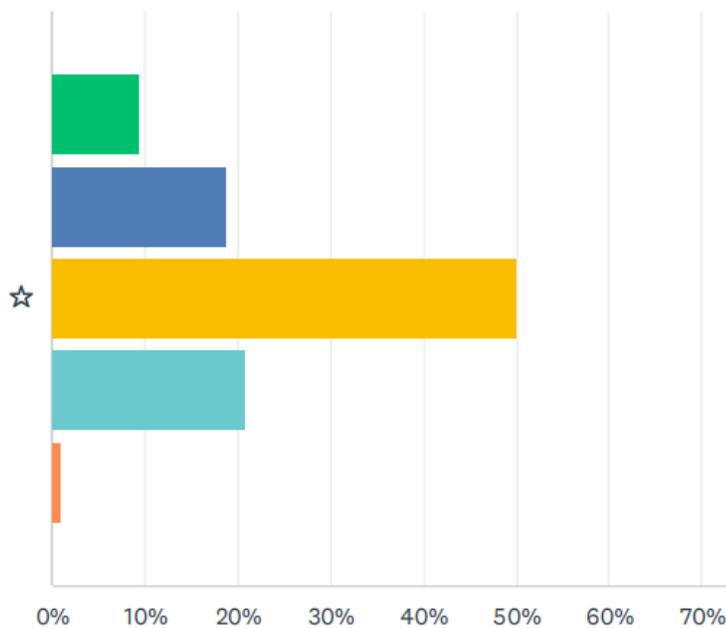


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- Well above ...



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How do your overall stands and establishment look versus average at this point?

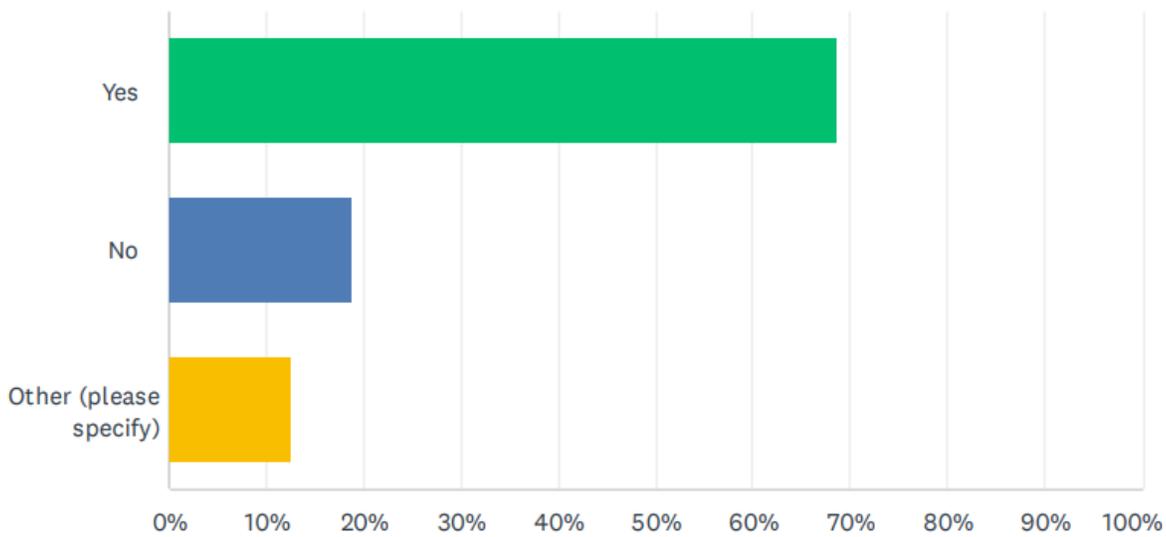


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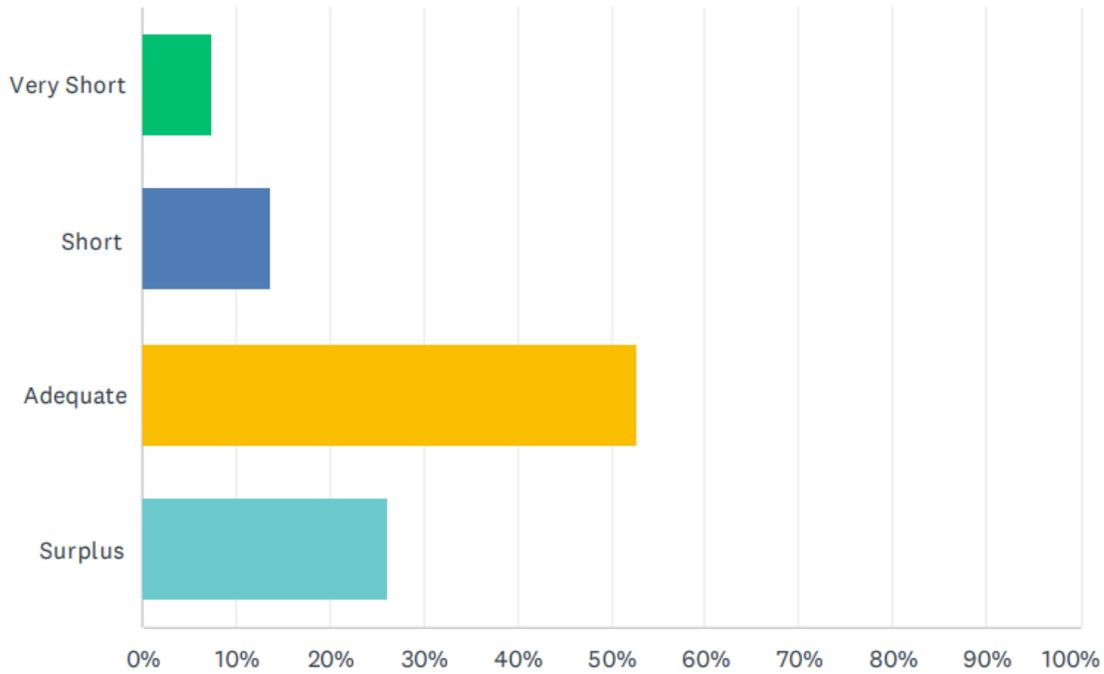
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Early crop eye appeal – Is the crop uniform with good color?



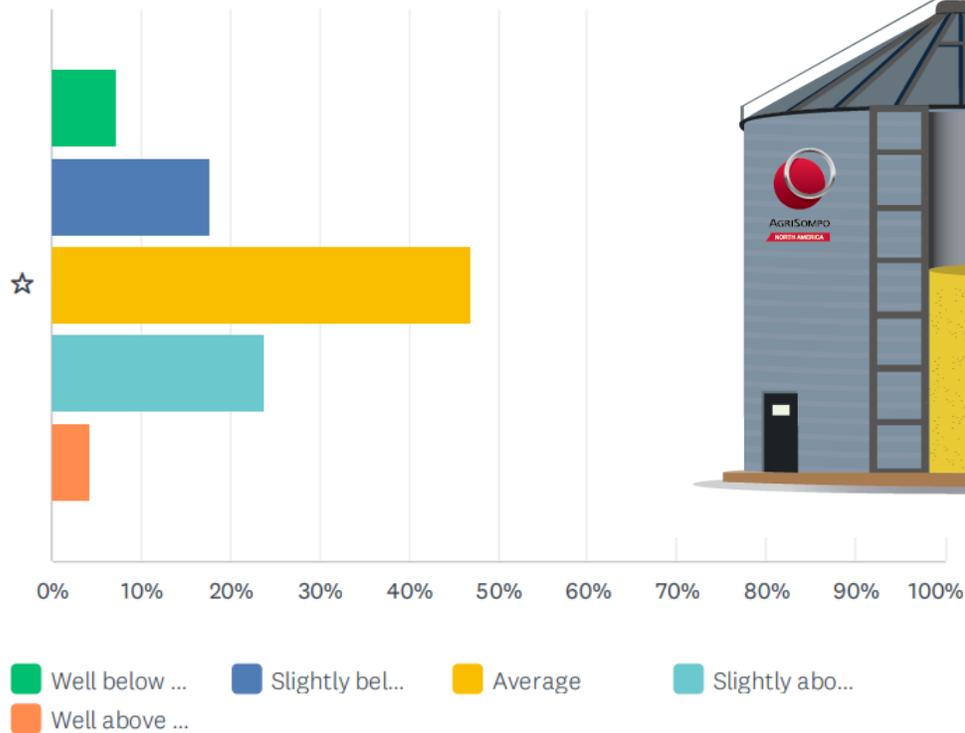
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How would you describe current topsoil moisture?



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At this point, how would you describe yield potential?



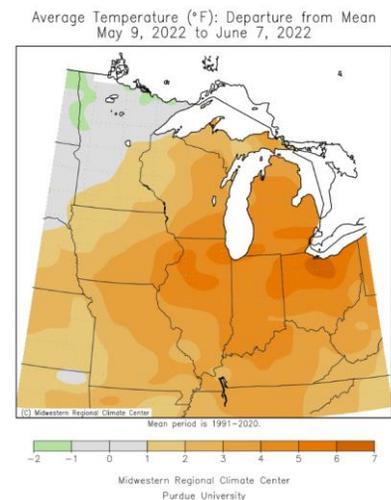
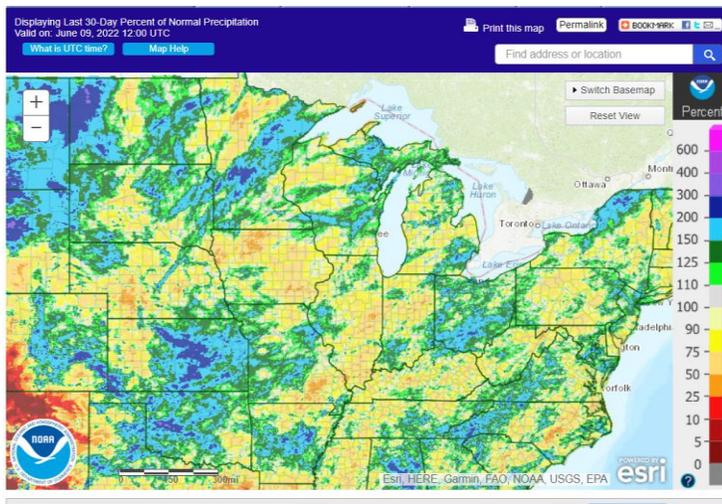
Toohill's Topic of the week:

The corn planted mid-May and later in the vast majority of the Corn Belt is off to an excellent start, but will that continue?

Before we “start”, 50% of the U.S. corn crop was planted between May 9th and May 22nd according to USDA/NASS. 72% with more still going in the ground was planted after May 9th. **Thus, mid to late May planted fields are by far the biggest “chunk” of the 2022 U.S. corn crop.**

Below left is the 30 day % of normal precipitation map as of Thursday morning. For crop establishment and good early growth, I like to see 50% to near normal rainfall amounts after planting and that is the case in much of Nebraska through Indiana (the tan to yellow colors on the map).

Why do I like below to near normal rainfall in 30 days or so after planting? Emergence issues are minimized, N loss is reduced and the roots “push down” much better than when corn encounters very wet soil during emergence and early growth. The below right 30-day average temperature compared to mean map (“centered” on Illinois) shows warmer than normal temperatures which is ideal to get corn out of the ground and growing.



The well “advertised” weather forecast “flip” from slightly above normal temperatures with occasional showers to hot and dry for most of the Corn Belt occurs early next week. Initially the turn to HOTTER is a good thing to help the corn catch up from the later planting dates. But if root accessible moisture becomes an issue and corn starts to roll, growth will slow down. Hopefully, some “ridge runners” will hit your farm during the heat wave and minimize June stress to your corn crop!

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Join the fun and be a part of the story!

Take part by completing the week 6 survey by noon on June 16.

Week 6 Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/926G9CR>

Catch up on all the latest on our webpage:

<https://www.agrisompo.com/resources/marketing/virtual-crop-tour/>

June is a full month for the ASNA Edge team. Be sure to join us for the June marketing meeting on the 16th and the USDA Special Report on the 30th. You can register to attend either or both events using the links below.

June Meeting

Special Report



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