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Week 4 of VCT: Our “Perfect Game” is out of Reach

A “Perfect Game” in baseball occurs when a pitcher not only prevents the opposing team from getting a hit, but never allows a runner to reach base. In the history of the game, there have only been 23 perfect games pitched! It is one of the rarest feats in all of sports.

Within the agricultural realm, we want the crop to be perfect. We want our GPS guidance systems to be “on the money”, not one inch variance. We want our seed depth to be consistent, regardless of the soil conditions. Programs for planting different hybrids across the field are becoming common... not to mention the perfect population of seeds to match the soil types. Our fertilizer application needs to match the analysis of the ground on which it is placed. Nitrogen application is critical. Too close and we have issues... too far away and we have issues. Even though we control these variables, we never achieve the “Perfect Crop”!

To make it more impossible, we add the variables that we do not control. Mike Toohill has drawn up his perfect recipe for June weather. I certainly hope that Mother Nature reads Week 4 of the VCT to know exactly what we need during the month of June!

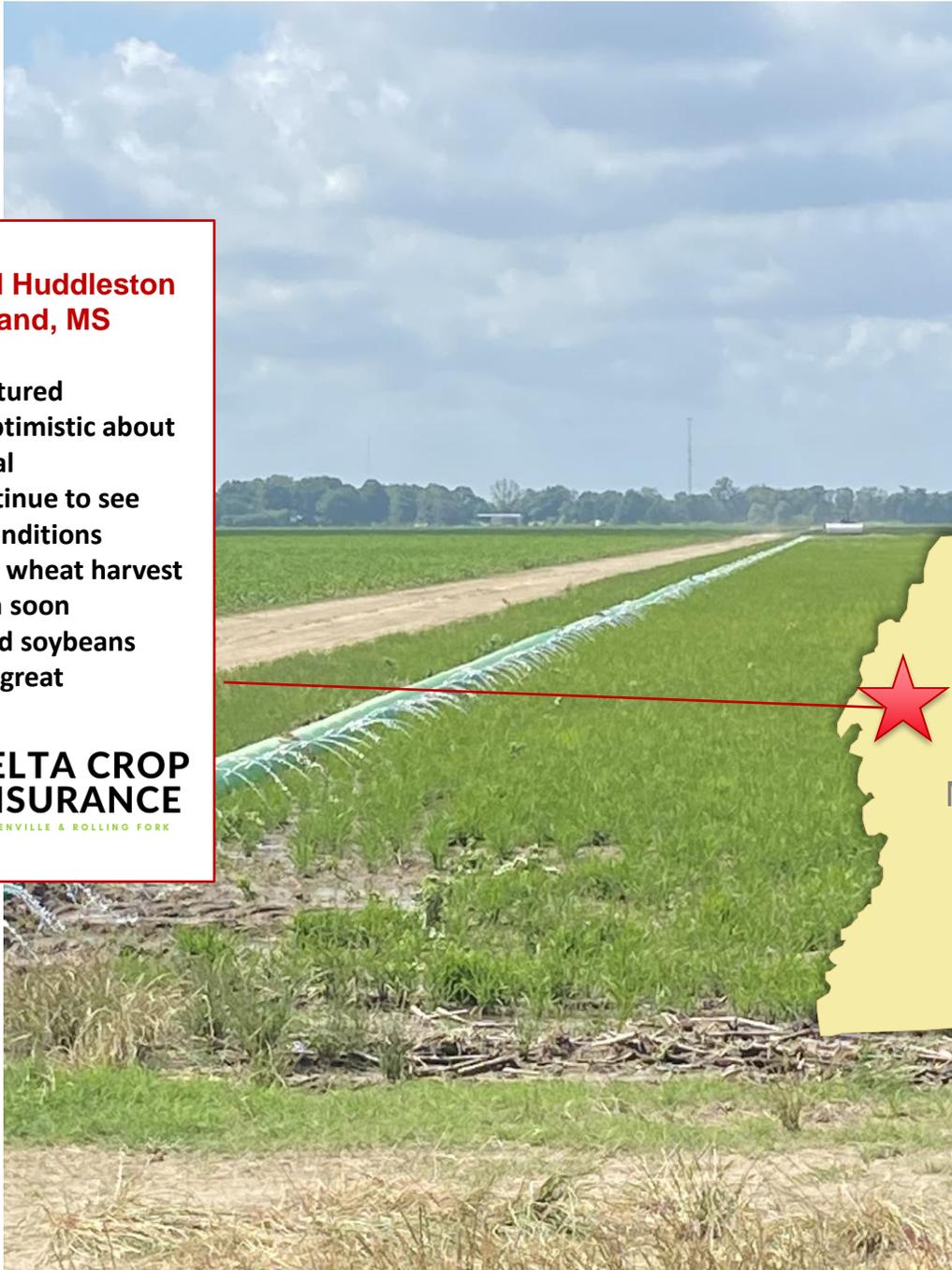
Week 4 is really a mixed bag, but from the cheap seats it seems like we had overall improvement, while some problems seem more defined and here to stay. A lot of conversations revolved around North Dakota and parts of Minnesota. It would certainly seem like recent rains have slammed the door shut on corn-planting. On the other hand, there seems to be an over-arching improvement to the majority of our crop tour area.

No. There are no “Perfect Games” in the farming-business. Most years, we have to make that occasional call for a relief pitcher to make an appearance. At ASNA, we are always waiting in the bullpen to close out a victory when the crop is on the line.





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Mississippi

**Hartwell Huddleston
Leland, MS**

- Rice pictured
- VERY optimistic about potential
- We continue to see great conditions
- Soft red wheat harvest to begin soon
- Corn and soybeans looking great



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**Bryan Kilgora
Denmark, WI**

- Alfalfa cutting is underway
- Alfalfa yields may be a little below normal with the cooler temperatures this year



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Gary Saylor
Bellefontaine, OH

- Variable conditions due to spotty rains
- In my immediate areas things look very good
- Quite a bit of fieldwork is continuing through the week
- A lot of areas in the field are just staying wet with small planting windows





Carl Eklund
Shannon City, IA

- Most corn is in V2-V4 stage
- Sprayers will be running soon
- Corn looks good
- No-till soybeans look a bit rough to look at through most of the area, but it is too early to tell much about the stands yet





Georgia

**Jerry Story
Ashburn, GA**

- Pictured is pasture being irrigated... tough to even make a puddle due to dry conditions
- Dry-land corn is taking the lack of rain the worst
- Cotton and tobacco need less rain during their first 60 days, so not critical
- Irrigated crops look great

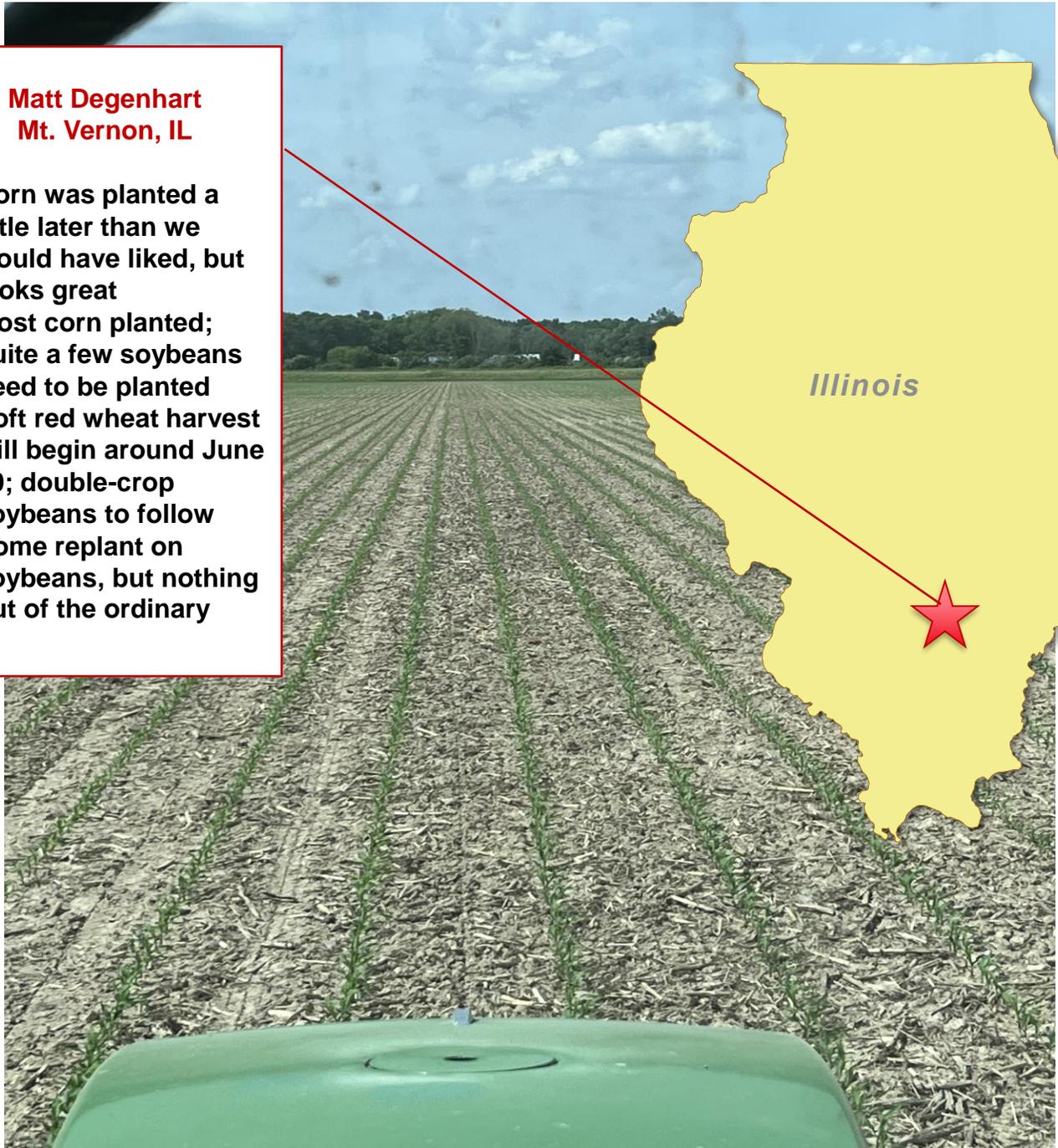




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Matt Degenhart
Mt. Vernon, IL

- Corn was planted a little later than we would have liked, but looks great
- Most corn planted; quite a few soybeans need to be planted
- Soft red wheat harvest will begin around June 20; double-crop soybeans to follow
- Some replant on soybeans, but nothing out of the ordinary



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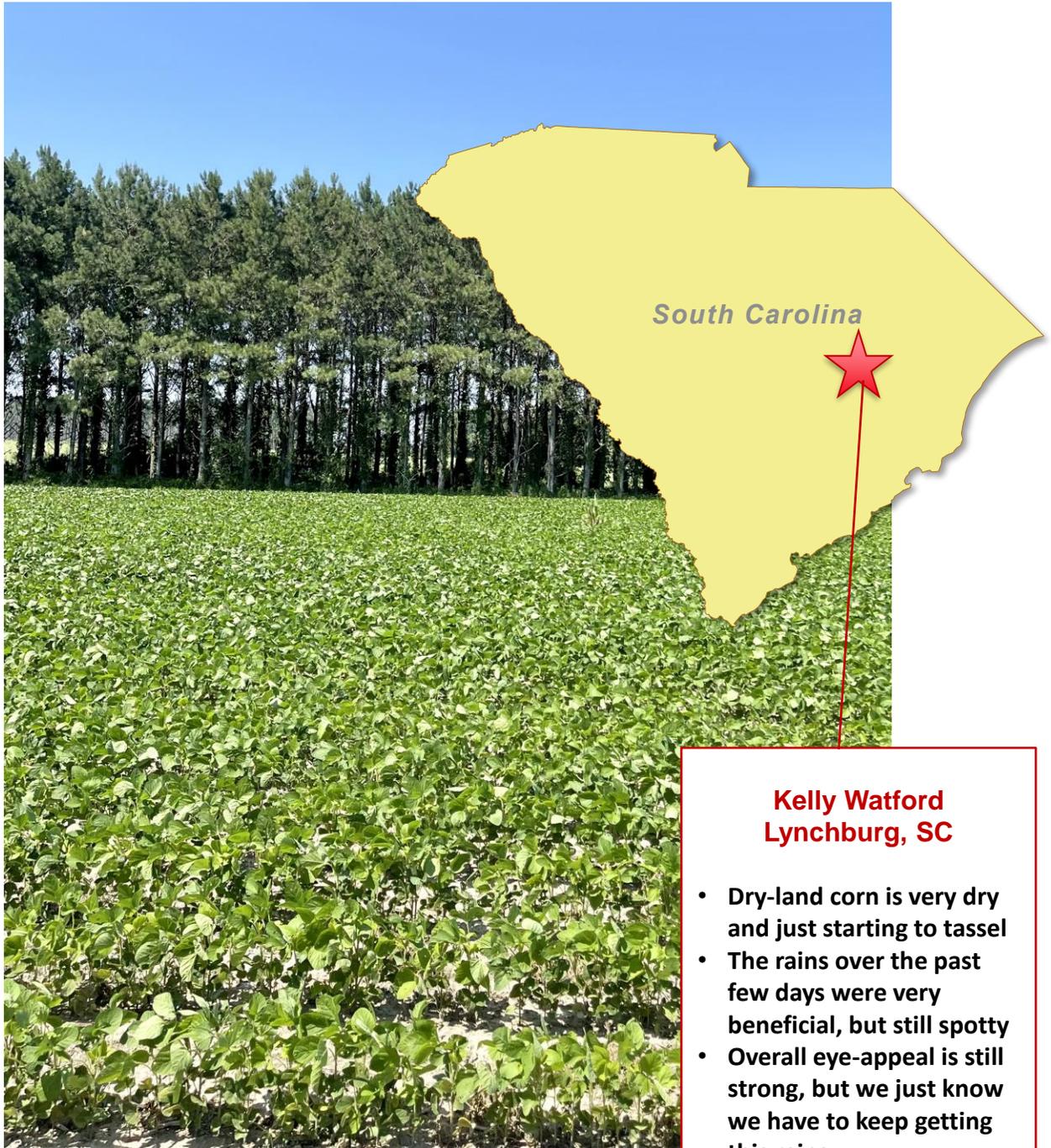
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Wade Kissner Lamberton, MN

- The work is done... now the work begins in the form of clean-up
- Just about everyone got corn and soybeans planted through a tough season
- Not far north it appears a lot is still unplanted; however, our area looks like we are off to a good start





South Carolina

Kelly Watford
Lynchburg, SC

- Dry-land corn is very dry and just starting to tassel
- The rains over the past few days were very beneficial, but still spotty
- Overall eye-appeal is still strong, but we just know we have to keep getting this rains.

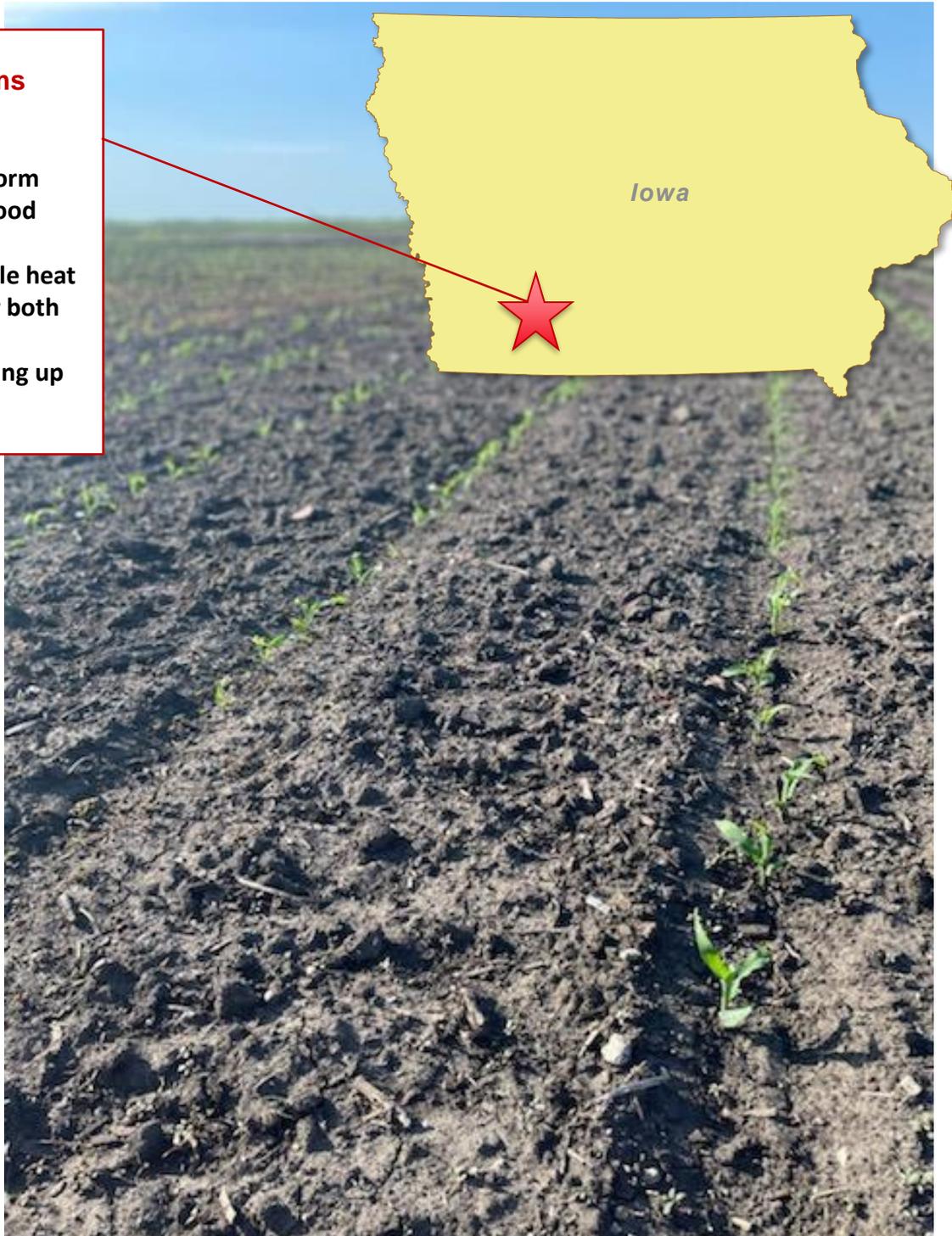




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**Downing Farms
Creston, IA**

- Corn is pretty uniform and looks pretty good across the state
- We could use a little heat in the evenings for both corn and beans
- Beans slower coming up in areas



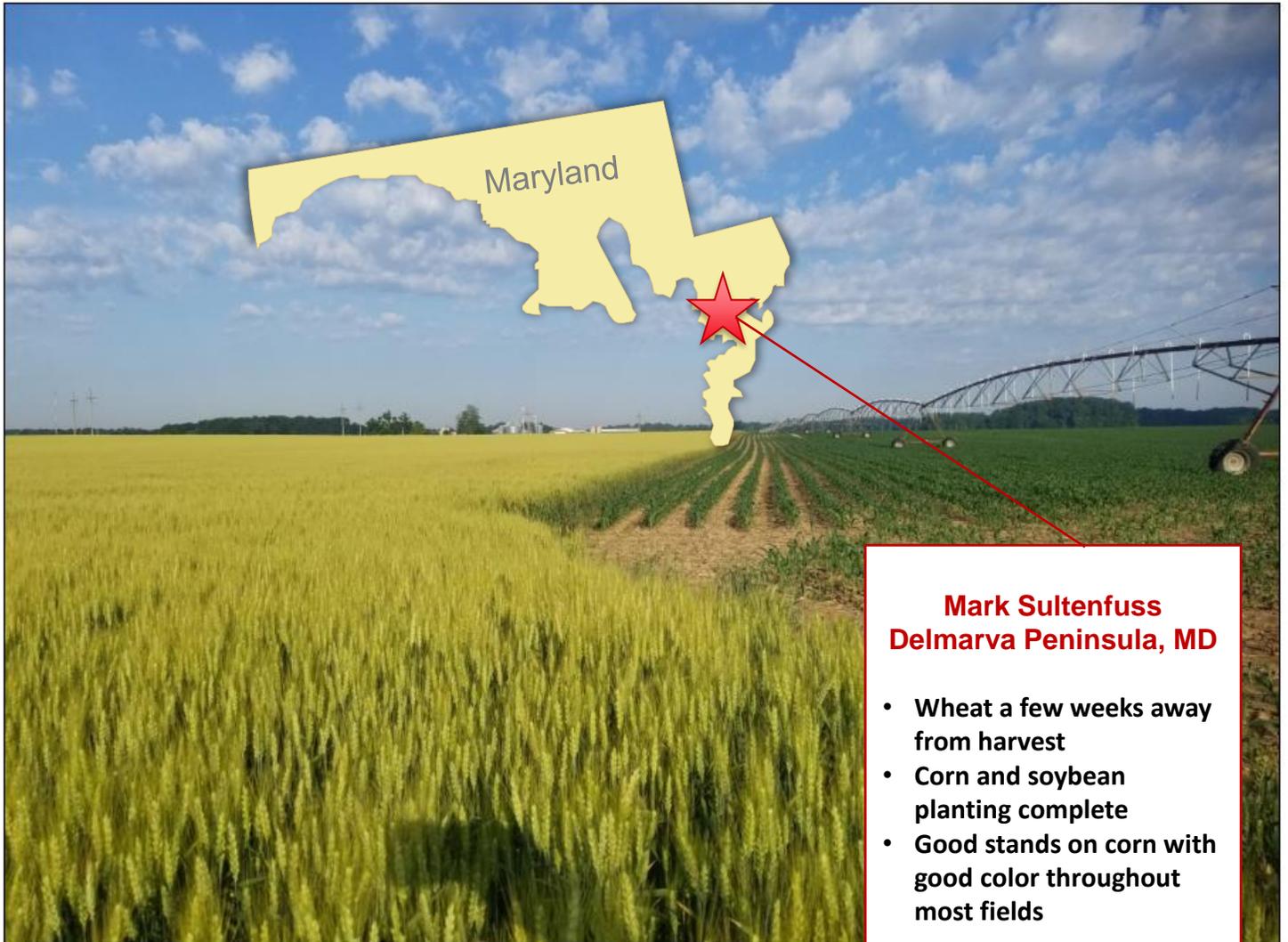
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**Mark Sultenfuss
Delmarva Peninsula, MD**

- Wheat a few weeks away from harvest
- Corn and soybean planting complete
- Good stands on corn with good color throughout most fields



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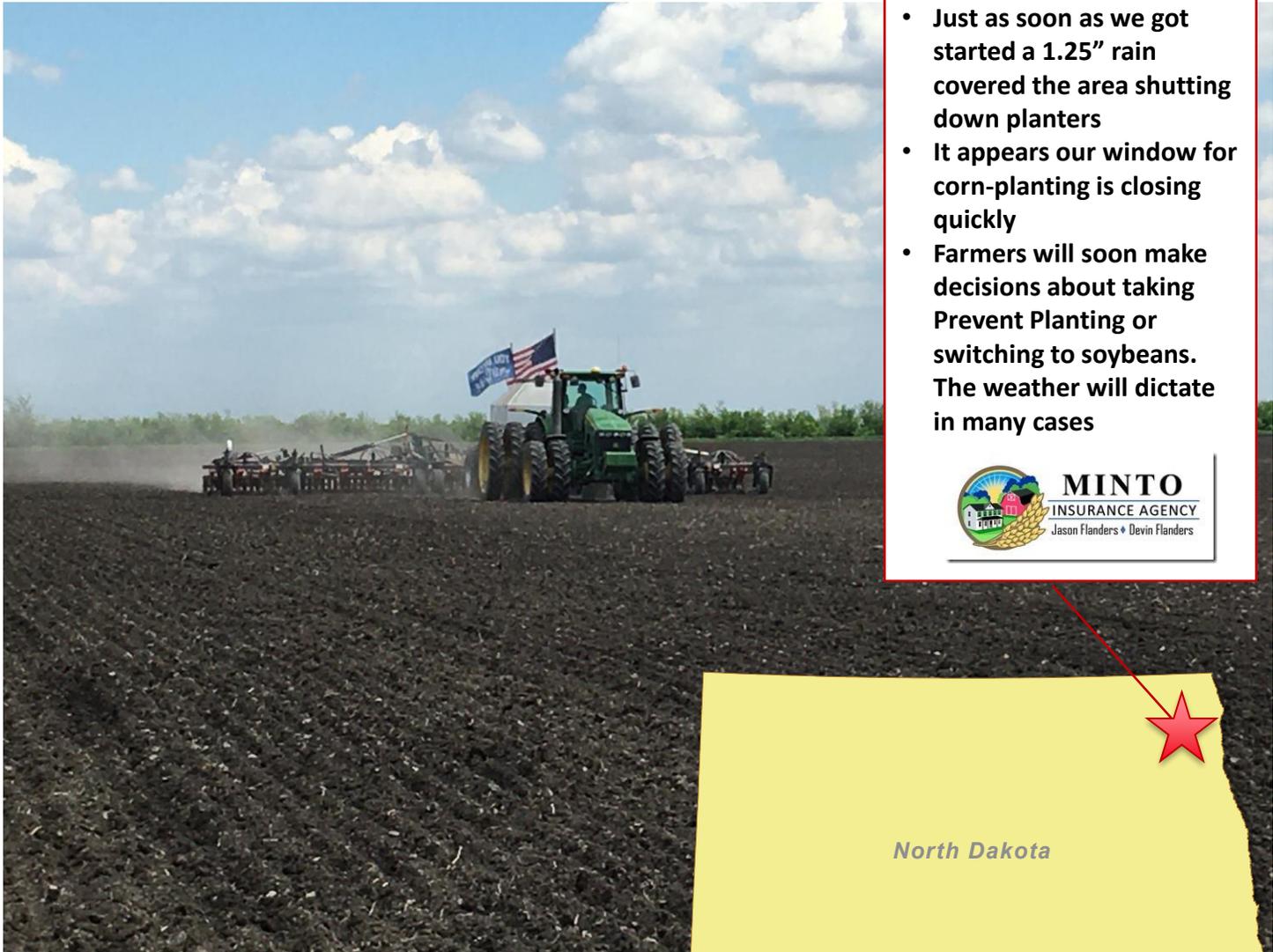
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Minto Insurance Agency Minto, ND

- Just as soon as we got started a 1.25" rain covered the area shutting down planters
- It appears our window for corn-planting is closing quickly
- Farmers will soon make decisions about taking Prevent Planting or switching to soybeans. The weather will dictate in many cases



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Ohio

Jim Reveal
Clinton County, OH

- Slow start with a lot of rain over the past few weeks
- The corn looks fair to good
- Soybeans are very small, but stands look decent
- We need some heat and sunshine



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Auburn Agency Crop Insurance Insurance Nemaha, NE

- Corn is progressing well
- Moisture is a bit short
- Expecting average yield overall



Nebraska

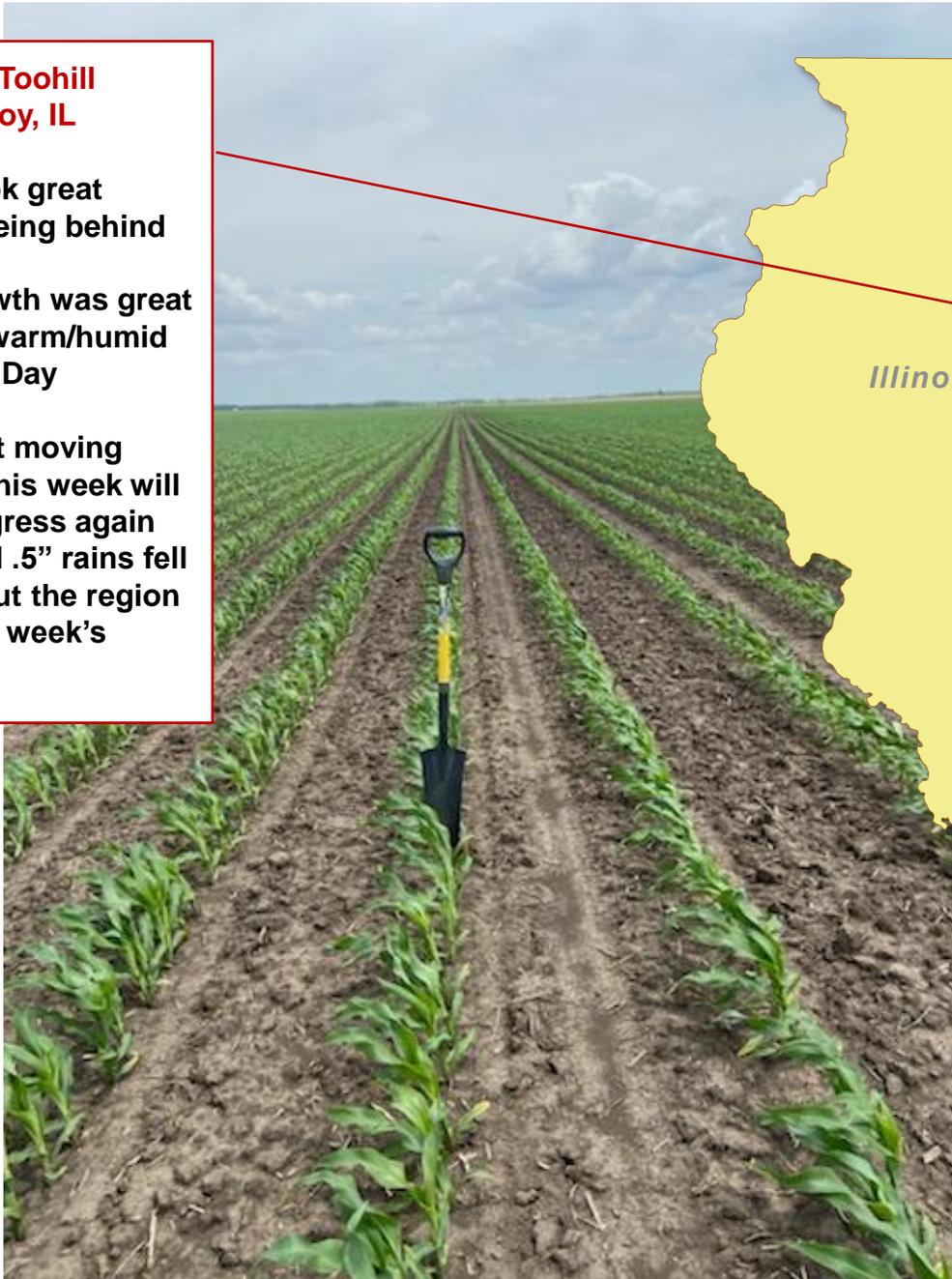




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Mike Toohill
LeRoy, IL

- Crops look great despite being behind pace
- Corn growth was great over the warm/humid Memorial Day weekend
- Cool front moving through this week will slow progress again
- Beneficial .5" rains fell throughout the region since last week's update

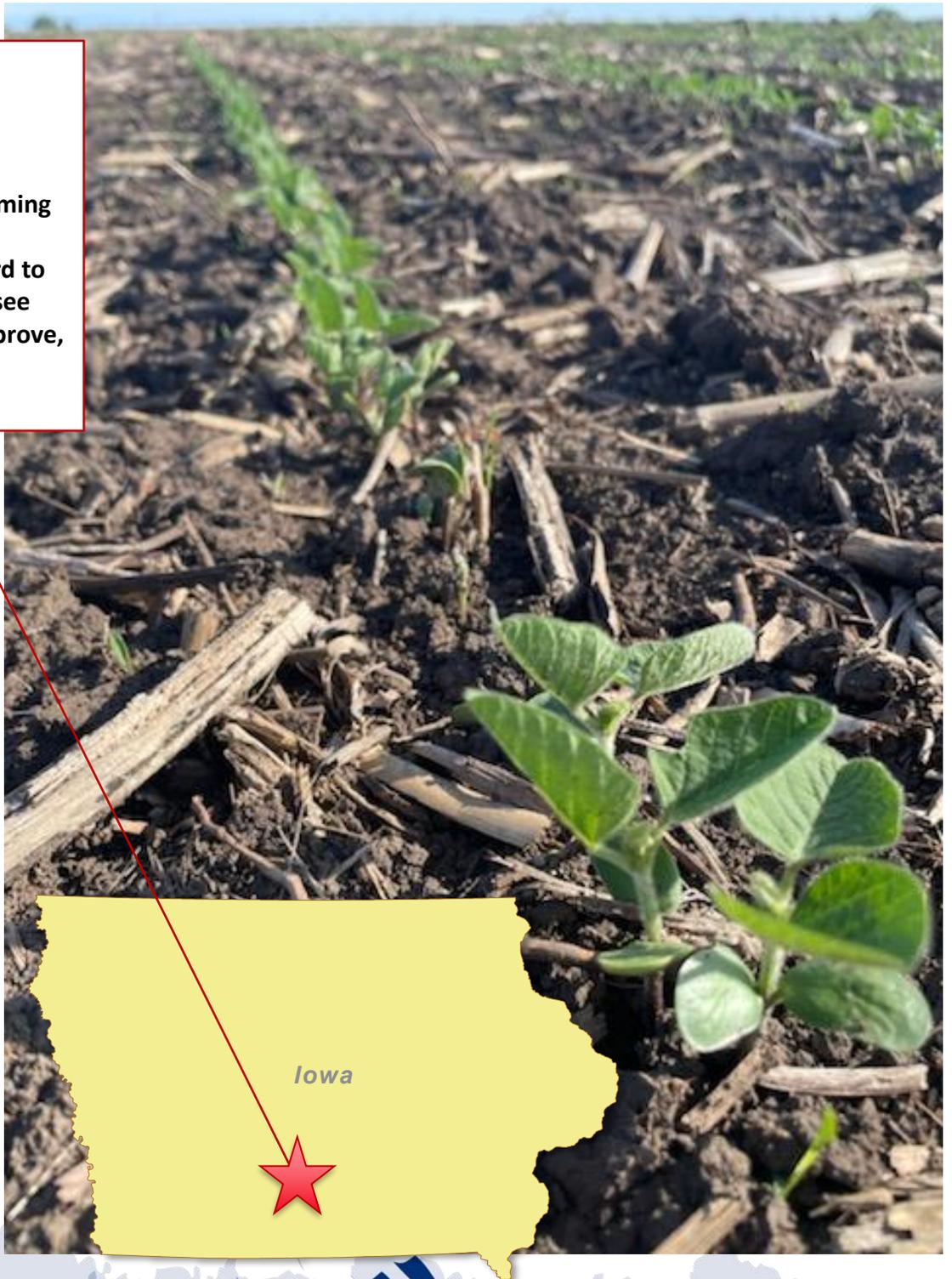




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**Randall Long
Afton, IA**

- Beans are slower coming up
- No-till beans are hard to look at and hard to see
- As temperatures improve, they should make it





**Gene Slater
Farmington, NY**

- **WELCOME NEW YORK to the VCT!!**
- Pictured is early-planted corn and it looks great
- Some of the poorer-drained soils are yet to be planted due to moisture
- Well-drained planted ground could use a shower
- First cutting of alfalfa is about to begin
- Wheat harvest won't be too far out



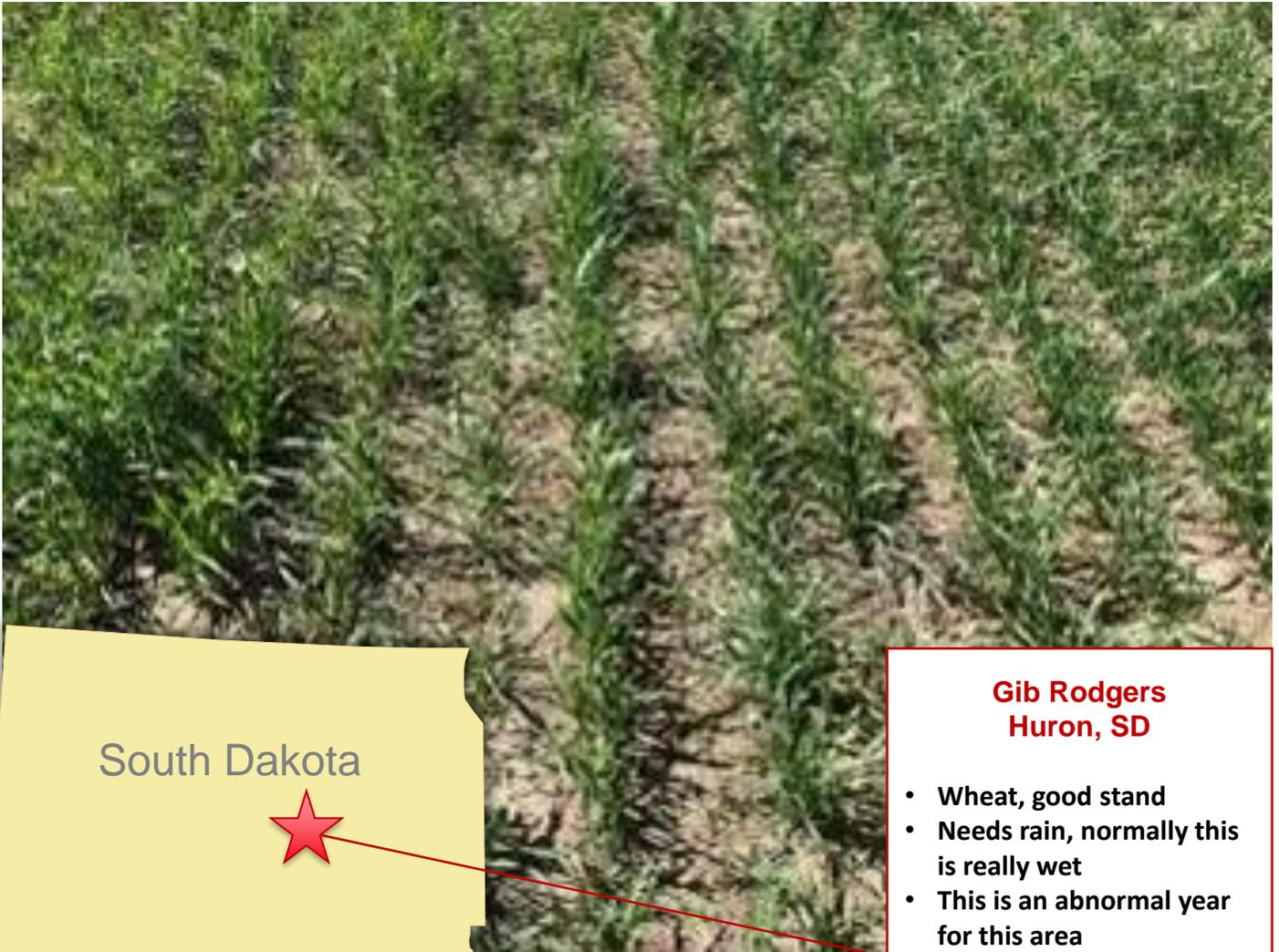
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South Dakota



**Gib Rodgers
Huron, SD**

- **Wheat, good stand**
- **Needs rain, normally this is really wet**
- **This is an abnormal year for this area**
- **Surrounding area lots of prevented planting with either too much rain or not enough**



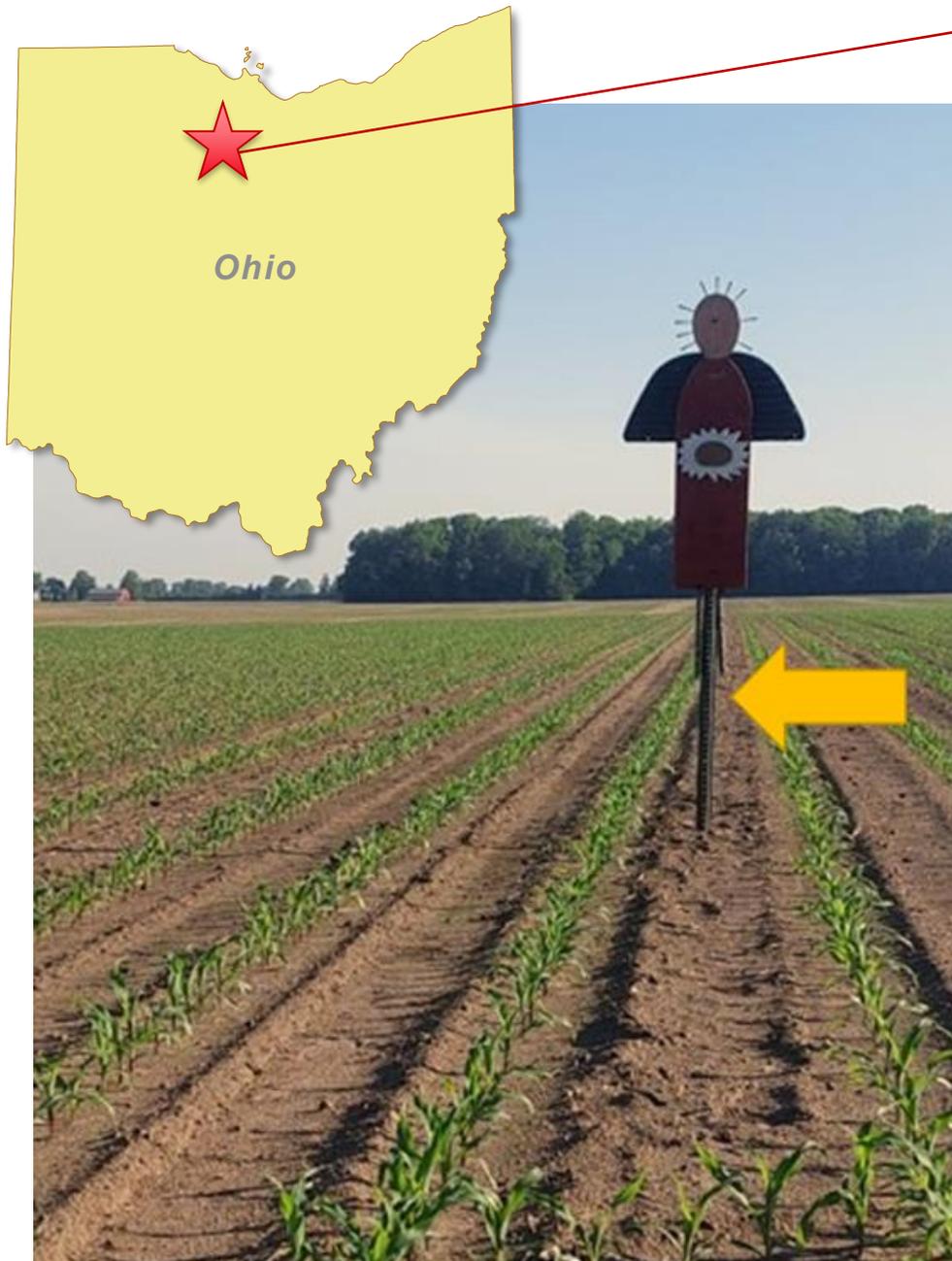
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HarLen Insurance Clyde, OH

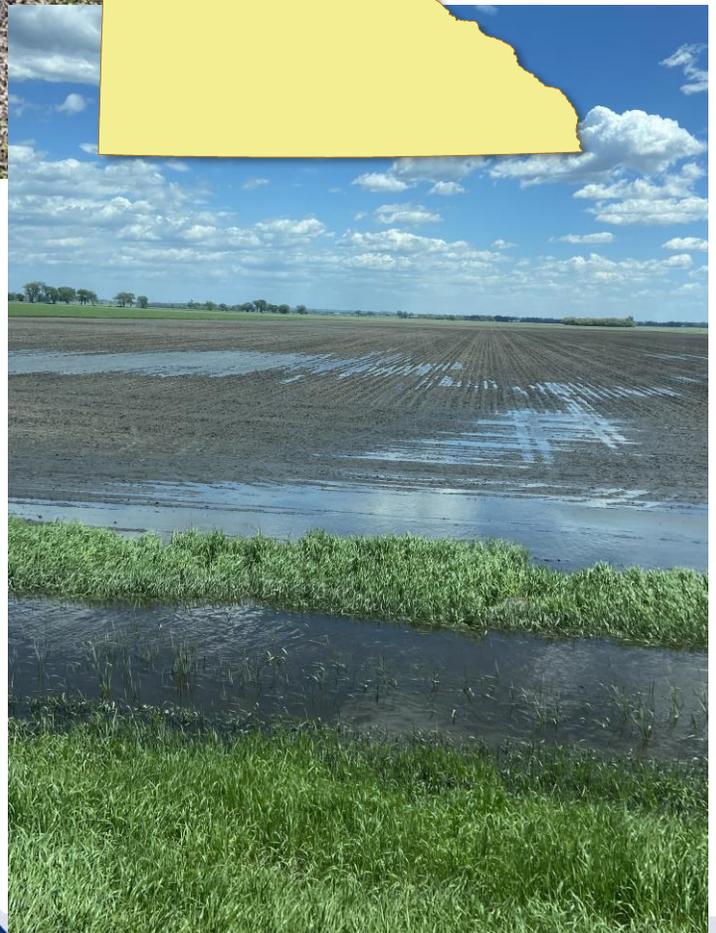
- “Aunt Nellie” never leaves this field
- Good planting progress over the last week
- Corn appears to be hitting a growth spurt; needs warm and dry weather
- Winter wheat looks solid a few more weeks until harvest





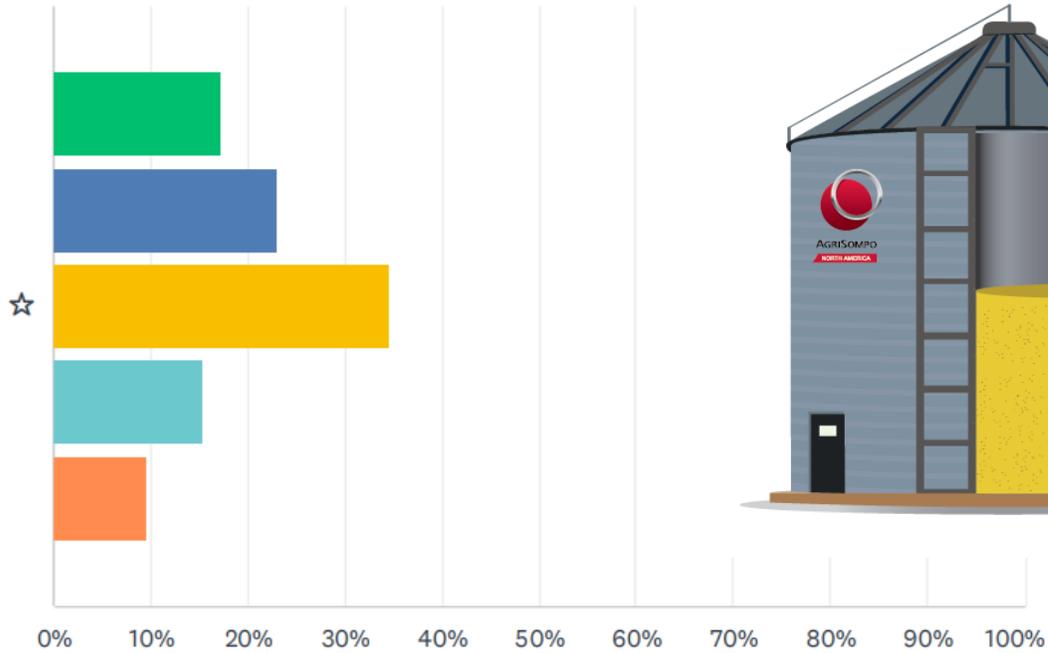
**Red River Valley
Insurance
Downer, MN**

- One picture won't do this part of the country justice
- Good news: some corn-planting progress; what is up looks good
- Bad news: rains came shortly after planting
- Farmers "pulling the pin" on corn and switching to soybeans
- "Saturated!"



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How does planting progress look in your neighborhood?

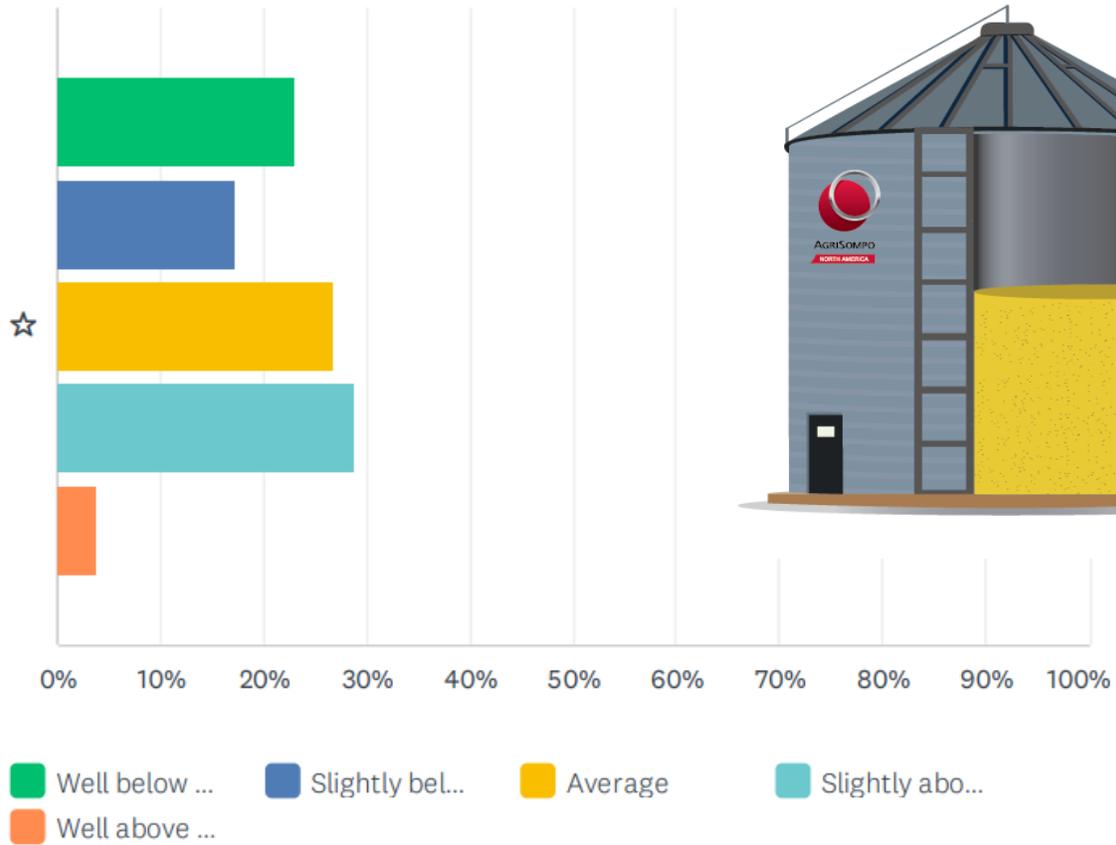


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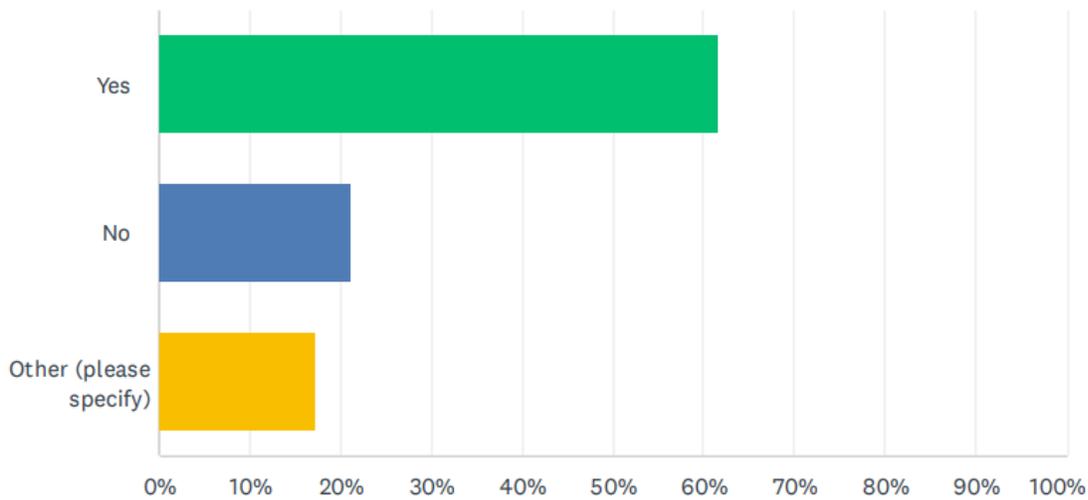
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How do your overall stands and establishment look versus average at this point?



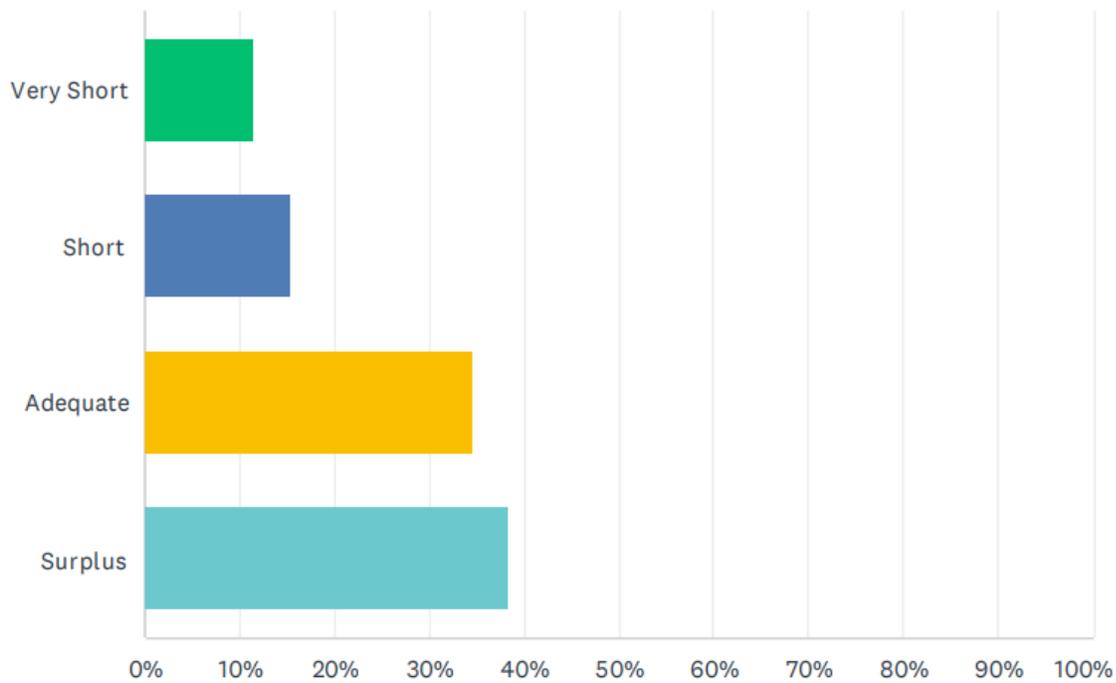
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Early crop eye appeal – Is the crop uniform with good color?



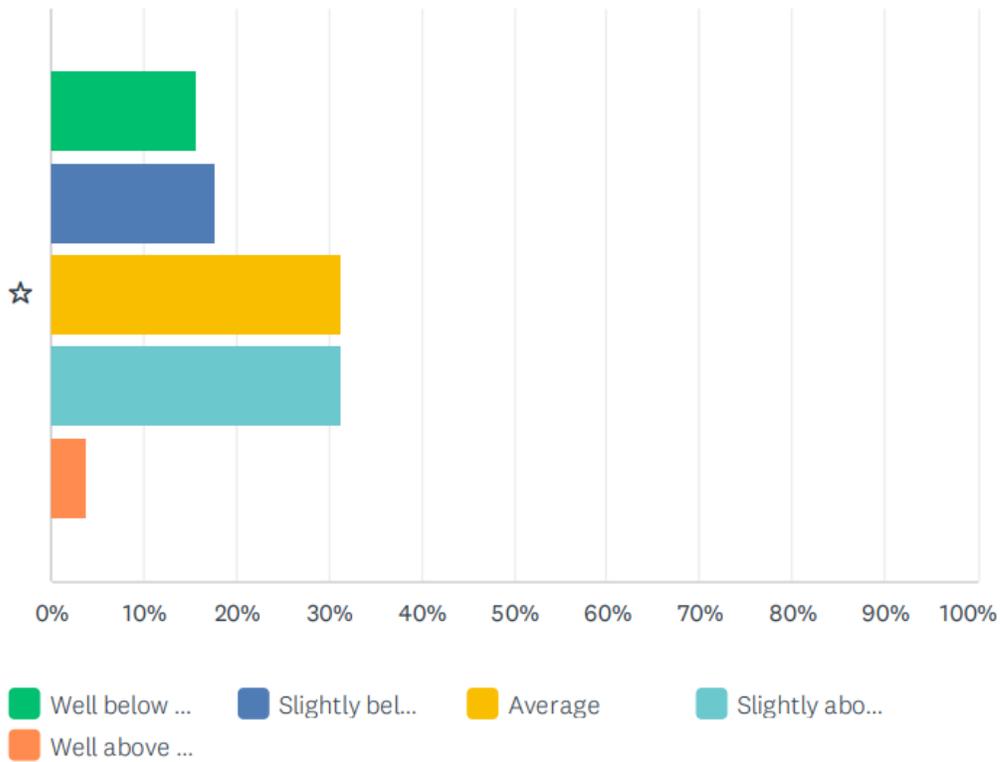
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How would you describe current topsoil moisture?



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At this point, how would you describe yield potential?



Toohill's Topic of the week:

My ideal June weather scenario for corn.

Below is my “recipe” for the best June weather to maximize corn growth and development heading into pollination:

- **Rain.** Although most growers would prefer “a very dry June so the roots go down” weather pattern, I like 50% of average-to-average June rainfall. Why don't I want a June “flash drought”? I like some wetter June days to temporarily soften the ground in case there are compaction issues. Moderate June rains also “stretch” sub soil moisture. When would I like to get my rain every week? I want it dry from Sunday morning through mid-afternoon Saturday and then I'd take a slow soaking ½” to an inch every Saturday evening. That way I get plenty of dry days to push the roots down and enough moisture to help with tight soil conditions and give the plants an easy “drink”. A slow soaking moderate rain every week supports good organic nitrogen release and rarely causes much N loss.
- **Sun.** I want the sun shining all the time it is up and it isn't raining.
- **Temperature:** Ideally, I like mid 80-degree highs and mid 60-degree lows in June. If moisture is not an issue, 90 and 70 is also “fine” as growth will be fast. But if moisture is short and corn rolls while it's hot, growth will slow despite the heat. 80 and 60 is also OK but that temperature pattern will slow growing degree day accumulation and delay pollination into early July or later when it will likely to be hotter.

If we get my ideal weather pattern in June... Corn builds plants that are taller than genetic average with a big cooling and sunlight collection “factory”, critical if pollination and grain fill is stressful. Walk into a 10 foot and a 7-foot tall of corn on a 100-degree July day and the “air conditioning” effect of the taller corn can be felt in seconds. I realize that taller than genetic average plants are more susceptible to wind, but MONSTER sized corn plants are almost always associated with bin busting yields come fall.

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Join the fun and be a part of the story!

Take part by completing the week 5 survey by noon on June 9.

Week 5 Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QX22L9C>

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. We have the WASDE on the 10th, the June meeting on the 16th, and the USDA Special Report on the 30th. You can register to attend any or all of these events using the links below.

WASDE

June Meeting

Special Report



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