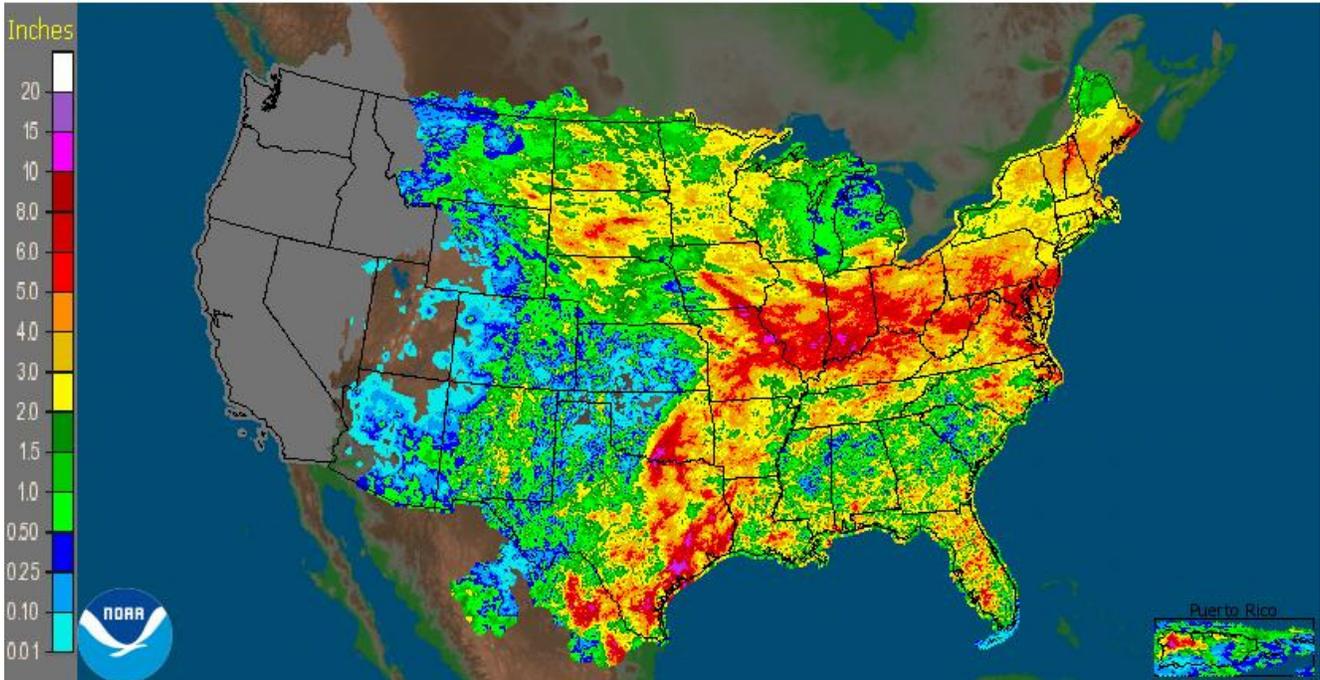




Monday, June 29, 2015

Too much rain again this past week showing up in reduced crop ratings in some areas, particularly the Eastern Corn Belt. And the damage from record rainfall has brought buying into the grain markets. As of Sunday night there are still just over 5 million intended soybean acres to be planted, with over 2 million of those in Missouri. Here's the 14-day observed precipitation through Tuesday morning (since we began the Virtual Crop Tour).

CONUS + Puerto Rico: Current 14-Day Observed Precipitation
Valid at 6/30/2015 1200 UTC- Created 6/30/15 14:30 UTC



And here is the updated table of simple average crop ratings that our crop scouts have been sharing for each crop now for three weeks. Somewhat surprisingly, corn & soybean ratings are slightly higher.

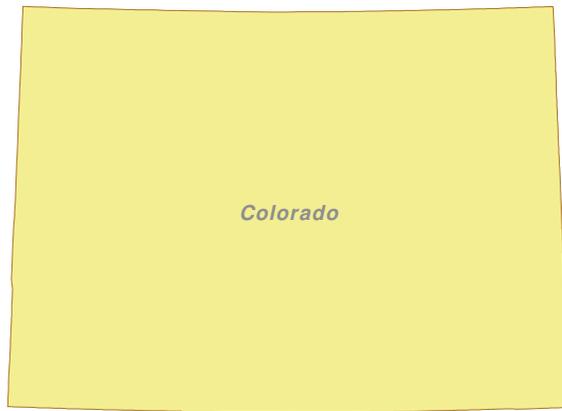
 Diversified Services Marketing Group		DSMG Virtual Crop Tour - Average Crop Rating <i>(simple average on scale of 1-5, number responses)</i>											
	6/15	6/22	6/29	7/6	7/13	7/20	7/27	8/3	8/10	8/17	8/24	8/31	
Corn	3.6 (43)	3.7 (47)	3.8 (48)										
Soybeans	3.5 (42)	3.4 (47)	3.5 (45)										
Spring Wheat	4.0 (3)	4.0 (2)	3.9 (5)										
Cotton	3.4 (12)	3.7 (10)	3.8 (10)										
Rice	3.8 (5)	4.0 (6)	3.8 (3)										
Grain Sorghum	3.7 (7)	4.0 (10)	3.7 (8)										
Small Grains	4.2 (3)	3.8 (4)	3.7 (3)										
Peanuts	3 (2)	3.3 (2)	3.8 (4)										
Tobacco	5 (1)	4 (1)	4 (1)										
Canola	3 (1)	4 (1)	3.5 (1)										
Winter Wheat	2.5 (9)	3.2 (13)	3.1 (9)										
Fruits			4 (1)										



Natalie Miller – Eastern Arkansas



Joe Kirksey, SW Arkansas



Colorado





Lewis Baldwin – Richland, Georgia

Heat index still exceeds 100 daily. General conditions still very dry although some areas received scattered rains of 0.5 to 1.0 inch.

Corn Irr 5 NI 2

Early planted IRR very good. Silage on Irr starting this week. NI suffering from lack of rain. Bottom leaves brown with upper stalk twisting. Expect high loss on NI.

Cotton Irr 4 NI 2

NI needs rain badly. Young plants have died from heat. Irr fields constantly being irrigated.

Peanuts IRR 4 NI 2

NI needs rain. Early planted in bloom and peg stage. Heat index will burn pegs due to soil temp.

Grain Sorghum 3

Few acres planted

Soybeans IRR 4 NI 2

Fewer acres in 2015 than 2014 due to weather conditions. Later planted need rain badly to sprout and grow. Heat will cause young plants to die.

Wheat

Harvest almost complete. Lower yields, vomitoxin and low test weight.



Plenn Hunnicutt – Moultrie, Georgia

Cotton - 4/5 scattered rain. Older cotton started blooming last week.

Peanuts - 4/5 scattered rain. Some twin row lapped in middles. Blooming good.

Corn is all but done expect harvest to start mid to late July.

Soybeans - 3/5 have beans from ankle high to waist high. Lopper worm pressure high. Forecast in southeast looks favorable for this week.



Veronica Edwards – Rock Falls, Illinois

Corn seems to have had another growth spurt this past week and is looking pretty good, mostly all dark green in color now. Along with that the weeds have also really seemed to pop up this past week. Early corn planted in April has started to tassel. **Rating 4 out of 5.**

Soybeans seem to still be struggling to grow. We have more rain in the forecast, but there are also a few sunny days expected this week that can hopefully help the soybeans along. Ponding continues to be an issue in a fair amount of fields in the area. **Rating 3 out of 5.**

We have had some hail claims in Whiteside and Lee Counties but the damage from those storms has been minimal so far.

Larry Abbe – Buckley, Illinois

Crops are going downhill fast with all the rain we have had and continue to have. Bean ground is saturated and nitrogen is leaving the corn field. Not much can be done beside watch and pray. I would rate corn in **Ford and Iroquois counties at 3 and beans at 3.**

Bill Pherigo – Mt Sterling, Illinois

Corn crop is continuing to hold at **4/5**. We are starting to see some tassels in our area.

Soybeans - With the continued rains, the soybeans can't seem to find any relief. Many fields are growing at a snail's pace. Some growers are still persistent on planting if it dries out.

Many growers are telling me that July 4th is going to be their (planting) deadline on this year's soybean crop. **Soybeans 2.75/5.**

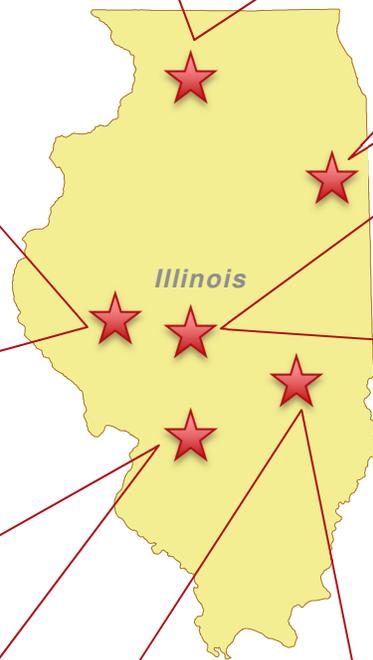
Jennifer Hendrix – Venedy, Illinois

Corn: Rated 2 out of 5.

Anything planted before May 6th is doing much better than corn planted after May 6th. Too much moisture is causing a lot of issues. We also have favorable conditions for disease.

Soybeans: Rated 3 out of 5. There are still plenty of soybeans to go into the ground, plenty of re-plant and double crop soybeans. Too many soybeans have had to be replanted due to excess moisture and pounding rains.

Wheat: Vomotoxin levels are all over the board. \$2.00 doc at elevator has been very common. Wheat harvest is around 80% completed in our area.



Rustin Godfrey – Chatham, Illinois

Corn and Beans both went backwards over the last week. Continued heavy rains with high winds and hail haven't helped. We took some heavy hail hits mainly west of Lincoln including Logan, Mason, Menard and Sangamon counties. There are still some good looking corn fields out there but they are getting fewer and farther in between. Overall field/farm averages have to be dropping. I wonder how many of the "tough spots" are being camouflaged. Still several acres of soybeans to plant and countless acres needing sprayed. **Ratings: Corn 4.0 Soybeans 3.25**

Rob Ames – Mattoon, Illinois

Corn - In Coles County our corn crop is still trending above average, there has been development since last week and the corn has changed across Coles County. The color is still good, mostly deep green with some water holes appearing more prominent due to the heavy rain fall. I would rate the corn crop still very good, however with at least a 40% chance of rain for the next eight days, it is going to be very hard to sustain the quality that we currently enjoy. Currently I would still **rate our corn at a 4 out of 5.**

Soybeans - Our soybeans are not as far along as the corn crop, with little added growth in the last week due to heavy rains and limited sunshine. The yellowing is starting spread from the ponded areas to much greater portions of fields. Weed pressure is still a big issue in some places because of a lack of ability to get in the field. After walking several fields today I can tell you the mud is deep and the ground is completely saturated. Any rain at this point will be run off. Currently I would **rate our crop at a 3.**



Mitch Snyder – Wabash, Indiana

Corn – The crop in Eastern and Central Indiana has not improved in the last week. We have had 7 inches of rain in the past week, some areas more, added to what is already record rainfall events and they just keep coming. My phone just alerted me to additional river flood warnings – they are all at record high levels and the Army Corp of Engineers has increased flow from reservoirs that are at capacity. Some growers were able to get a day of work in last week. Still a lot of spraying and nitrogen to be applied. Soil tests for remaining nitrogen showed extensive losses. Northern 2 tiers of counties in east half of Indiana have good crops on **sandy, well drained soils - rate 4/5**. Crops in our area to just **north of I-70 rate 1/5**. Crops we were proud of 3 weeks ago; we don't want to drive by anymore.

Soybeans – No progress has been made on planting, replanting or spraying in 3 weeks. Fields with pre-emerge herbicides have struggled growing a little bit with all of this wet saturated weather – but the herbicides are working well for the most part and keeping fields manageable until a post application can be made. Beans still struggling to fix nitrogen and find a greener color. Not what the Doctor ordered for a start to our bean crop. **Soybeans northern Indiana or sandy well drained soils – 4/5. Eastern and Central Indiana rate 1/5.** Easily the worst start to corn and soybean crops many have ever seen in their farming careers.

Mike McKay – Medaryville, Indiana

In spite of the fact that we (only...) had a little less than 3" of new rain over the past week, corn seems to have slipped backwards in terms of quality. Nutrient deficiency is obvious, and even corn on higher, lighter ground is suffering. The ground is so saturated that even small showers fill low areas back up. We haven't seen tractors or sprayers rolling around here for several weeks; about 1/3 of the crop has not been side-dressed. **Corn rates 2 out of 5**, and is moving the wrong way. **Soybeans** have perked up a bit over the past 3 days with partly sunny days, even though temps have only been in the low-mid 70s. More beans seem to have survived the standing water than previously expected, but there are massive empty holes. **Soybeans also rate 2 out of 5**, with hopeful improvement in what's left.



Michelle Dahlinghaus – Portland, Indiana

Overall crop conditions have not changed this week. Sunday through Tuesday was dry and some people were able to cut their alfalfa fields and make baleage. On Wednesday, some area growers were able to apply Nitrogen and apply herbicide to selective fields. We were again greeted with rain for the remainder of the week totaling between 3 – 5 inches of accumulation. The drowned out areas of fields have been re-filled with water, and remaining crops are struggling due to poor aeration, lack of nutrient uptake, and saturation of the soil. Prevented Plant claims continue to be turned in. Alfalfa fields are looking very sick and are overly mature at this point. Some fields are actually dying. The wheat appears to be mature, but harvest is delayed until we get some dry weather. **Ratings: Corn 2 of 5, Soybeans 2 of 5.**

Erin Parks – Mt Vernon, Indiana

Corn – Bottom ground is officially flooded with many rivers and creeks cresting on Sunday. Heavy rains are to move into the areas again on Tuesday night into Wednesday morning. The early corn with decent root systems today, looks better than the later planted corn. **Rated 3 out of 5.**

Soybeans – End of last week gave a few days soybean planting in late full season fields as well as double crop. But waiting to see how heavy the rain hits the area tonight and tomorrow. As some of those fields may have replant. **Rated 3 out of 5.**

Wheat – Everyone that had wheat was harvesting by the middle of last week. Some ground was too heavy to plant soybeans right behind and had to wait a couple of days. Overall quality looks satisfactory with average tests weight and low vomitoxin levels.

Danny Greene – Franklin, Indiana

Corn – Corn ranges from V6-V14 in the area. Fields are saturated with standing water common. More than 3" fell in the last week. Yield potential is still very good, but because of ponding and loss around creeks and rivers, I am **lowering the corn rating to 4 of 5.**

Soybeans – 1st crop soybean stands have been good. Growth, nodulation and color were beginning to improve, but areas with a yellow cast from too much water have not improved with the additional rains. Yield potential is still good, but because of recent lost stand due to water, I would **drop the soybean rating back to 3 of 5.**

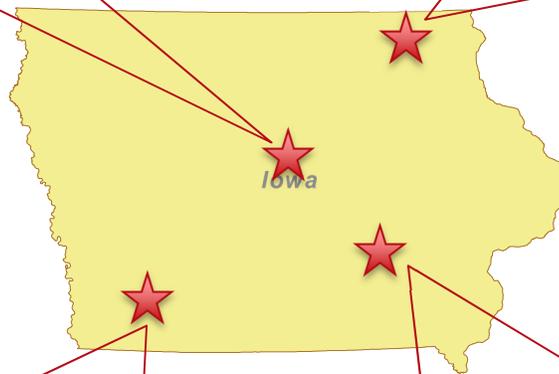


Greg Artz – Roland, Iowa

Corey Tiskoetter – Ossian, Iowa

This week the **corn** on bean ground is looking real good and the corn on corn is starting to look better than a week or 2 ago. Overall the corn still looks great and **receives a 5 of 5**.

Beans are starting to shape up good too but still lacking in a few spots I would say **4 out of 5 again**. If the weather stays like this there could be some storage and logistical issues this fall.



John Becker – Griswold, Iowa

Corn - Northern Leaf is starting to show up in some fields. Some growers planning on spraying yet this week. Early planted corn will begin to tassel 7-10 days.

Soybeans - Early planted beans are really looking good. Still having some replant and first planted beans June 29. Overall early planted corn and soybeans are looking the best with the best stands.

Rate early planted crops 4.5, late planted 3.

Travis Patton – Albia, Iowa

Feels like a broken record up here in Southern Iowa, heavy rains day after day have left all soil saturated.

Corn overall is a 2 with early corn on rolling hills @ $\frac{3}{4}$.

Many beans will go unplanted and most beans are really struggling unless they are in a spot that the water can move off of them. **Beans are a 2 overall.**



Jeremy Knoll – Garden City, Kansas

Wheat - Harvest is in full swing in the area and combines will continue to roll in the fields for the next few days as there is no chance of rain in the forecast for several days. Not much new to report on as yields have not changed much. They continue to be all over the board. Yields on the dry land has report's from 5-50 bu per acre and test weights are much of the same from 47 lbs to 64 lbs. There has not been much irrigated harvested as of yet and I hope to have some information on irrigated yields very soon. I am estimating harvest is about 25% complete. **Rate 2.5.**

Corn - With most of our corn being irrigated it has really taken off this last couple of weeks with some well needed heat units. We are approaching the 10 to 12 leaf stage. As of this point I have not heard of any bug or disease infestations. **Rate 4.**

Milo - Not much to report as most of the milo has been planted and is just starting to emerge. Some of the earlier planted fields are at the 4-6 leaf stage. The crop appears to be in great shape as of now but we could use some rain in the next week or so to help it along. **Rate 4.**

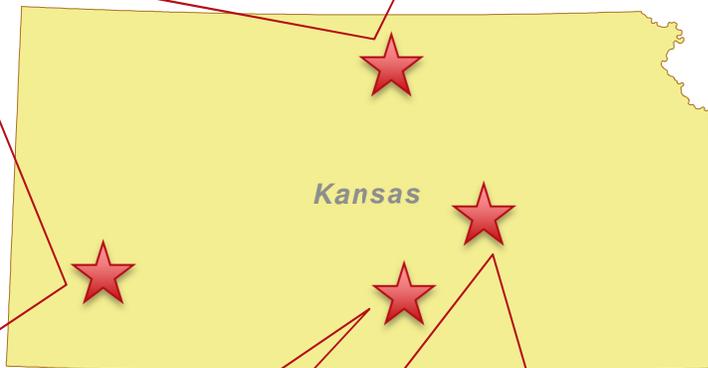
Zeb Larson – Beloit, Kansas

Corn: Corn is still looking very good even with the dry and hot conditions. The lack of rain is allowing root development to take place in plants that previously had underdeveloped root systems because of excess moisture. Some aerial application of fertilizer is taking place to replace leached N. **Rate 5.**

Soybeans: Soybean acres will be a moving target. Reports of some acres switched to sorghum as the plant date was eclipsed. Rain delays impacted herbicide programs as well and some applications have been further delayed because of wheat harvest. The beans that are up look good. **Rate 4.**

Sorghum: Dry condition created ideal weather for Sorghum to get planted and planted fast. Sorghum that has emerged looks excellent. A rain in the next week would top it all off. **Rate 5.**

Wheat: Wide spread harvest activity in the last week. Most areas in North Central Kansas are approximately 50% completed. Yields and test weight are highly variable 25 to 70 BPA and 57 to 61 TW. Overall, average crop is expected, which is an improvement from earlier in the year. **Rate 3.**



Jordan Flynn – Moundridge, Kansas

Wheat harvest is rolling hard with a lot of guys finishing up over the weekend and first part of this week. For the most part I have heard of above average yields. The South East part of my territory the yield were below what guys thought I think a lot of that is due to lack of fungicide. **Rate wheat 4.5.**

Everyone is telling me **corn** looks great and that if we catch these rains at the end of this week that corn will be made. **Rate corn 4.** **Bean** planting is going full on and will be done by the end of the week. Also getting milo and dbl crop beans in the ground this week. **Rate beans 3.5.**

Huge market rally this week is causing a ton a producer selling and re owning with some sort of option strategy. Overall everyone's outlook is positive with the market rally.

Justin Jenkins – South Central Kansas

The **wheat** in my area is all over the place with yields. Going to average a good portion 40-65 bu.

The **corn** is in great shape still and starting to tassel and pollinate. **Rate corn & milo 4 of 5.**

The **soybeans** are just now coming up and looking decent and most producers got all their beans in for full season. There has been a lot of talk of double crop beans this year.

Rate soybeans 4 of 5.



Kentucky

Jarrod Bennett – Pembroke, Kentucky

Corn - A couple days in the mid-90s set the corn back just a little last week but a cold front brought a good rain Friday that cooled temps off to the 70s and 80s over the weekend. Still an outstanding corn crop. **Give it a 5/5 today.**

Wheat - Harvest is almost complete except for a few areas that just keep getting showers. Those areas we are seeing test weights affected but these are very isolated. By and large the wheat crop was excellent in the south and just average in the north. I give the **bulk of the wheat in the region a 5/5**. The lesser amounts of **wheat to the north I give a 3/5**.

Soybeans - Double crop beans are almost all planted. With the adequate moisture, they are quickly emerging instead of lying in the ground waiting on a rain like most years. So far, so good and I **give them a 4/5** at this point. Single crop beans to the north look great and I **give them a 5/5**.

Excessive rain across central IL and IN has continued to swell rivers and creeks. We'll lose many acres of river bottoms in Southern IL and IN and with the river forecasts, it's not likely many acres, if any, will be able to be replanted.





John Files – Bastrop, Louisiana

During the past week we received some rain across the area ranging from 1/2 to 1 inch in LA and up to 2" in South AR. Temps last week were the hottest of the year so far. This favored the young soybeans but one place it may have hurt was the late corn that had to be replanted due to hail damage earlier. Other than the late corn all crops seem to look about the same to a bit better than last week (**rated 4 out of 5 all crops**).



Joe Kirksey – NE Louisiana

Joe Kirksey – W Louisiana





Tom Risdal – Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

Finally got some sunshine.

Wheat and barley headed out and looking great -- **4.5 out of 5.**

Corn looking much better this week after we got some sunshine -- **4 out of 5.**

Soybeans still behind -- **3.5 out of 5.**

Dan Jirele – Northfield, Minnesota

As June comes to an end crops are looking very good in my area. Rains have been very spotty but overall most areas have received good precipitation and warm days and nights have made for excellent growing conditions. After a very cool spring, the heat and sunshine over the past week are a welcome site as we push this crop towards pollination. **Corn and soybeans are both rated a 4.5 out of 5.**

Jim Kluis – Slayton, Minnesota

Crops in SW MN continue to look great however there was a hail storm that wiped out some fields in Cottonwood County not sure how big an area got hit. **Overall we are still at a 4.5-5.**

Jim Nesseth – Lakefield, Minnesota

Corn – Rapid growth and development V10-V12. Corn height avg 42-44 in. Excellent plant and root health. No significant above ground insect activity. Some wind/hail damage from weather events 8 days ago and last weekend. Excellent soil conditions in terms of moisture levels. **5 star rating.**

Soybeans – Rapid growth and development. Majority of soybeans are blooming. Most herbicide applications will be completed this week weather permitting. Most fields responding to excellent growing conditions. Usual root/disease/insect pressure. **4.5 Star rating.**

Jay Klemmensen – Eagle Prairie, Minnesota





**Hartwell Huddleston –
Greenville, Mississippi**

Corn is progressing well, still in excellent shape. **5 of 5.**
Cotton is still behind in development but is trying to catch up. **3 of 5.**
Rice most has its mid-season fertilizer applied starting fungicide treatments. **4 of 5.**
Soybeans are still looking good. Blooming and setting pods. Rain showers are helping the dry land fields. Insect pressure is low and nearing fungicide application time. **5 of 5.**

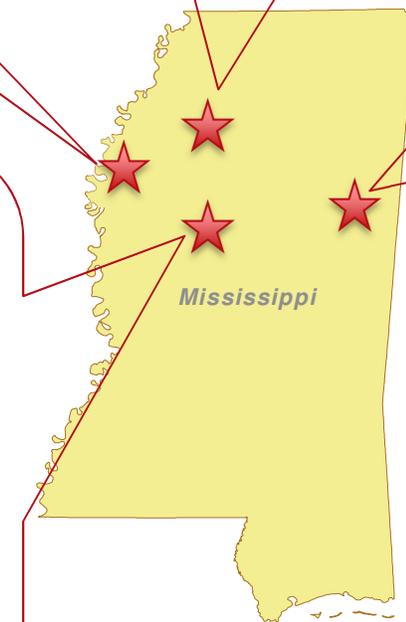
Bateman Greenlee – Inverness, Mississippi

Soybeans - Received a much needed rain last week and this weekend. It was a little spotty, but covered most of the area. We have reports of 4.5 inches down to just a tenth, though most got about an inch to an inch and a half. Soybeans are doing good for the time being, looking for another rain soon. **4 out of 5.**
Rice - Looks good. Seem to be nice stands everywhere. Most everyone has gotten a shot of fertilizer and has flooded back up. **4.5 out of 5.**
Corn - The rains and a quick break from the heat seemed to perk all the corn up a little. Non- Irrigated will be looking for another shot of rain real soon. **4 out of 5.**
Cotton - Cotton crop seems to be late, though coming along nicely. No real news here. Hot weather seems to be helping cotton catch up. **4 out of 5.**
Overall the crops really have had a great week. Good timely rains and breaks in the 95 degree weather have helped crops that were starting to struggle.

**Joseph Erickson –
Yazoo City, Mississippi**

We finally got some rain this past week, but still could use more. The temperature has been fairly hot, in the mid 90's.
Corn - Growing at a healthy rate. Ears are forming. **Rated 4 out of 5.**
Cotton - Although the cotton in the area got a slightly late start this year, it is looking fairly well for the most part. The high temps these past few weeks have helped it get a kick start in growth. **Rated 3 out of 5.**
Soybeans - Overall, the soybeans in the area are looking great this year. Wheat beans have emerged for the most part. **Rated 4 out of 5.**
Grain Sorghum - Not much sorghum has been planted in the South Delta region this year. What little was planted got a late start, but is growing at a rapid rate. **Rated 3 out of 5.**

**Joe Kirksey –
Noxubee, Mississippi**





**Alan Stephens – Cameron,
Missouri**

Joshlin Yoder – Bowling Green, Missouri



Missouri

Aaron Stephens – Golden City, Missouri

Corn – Corn has better color this week, but is still very uneven. Heard several reports of nitrogen loss and some producers that have irrigation applying liquid nitrogen in the past week. **Corn rated 3 out of 5.**

Soybeans – Had one to two inches of rain throughout the area last week. Not a lot of acres are planted and virtually no double crop beans have been planted yet. What is planted is looking pretty good, but there are a few spots that need to be replanted. **Soybeans rated 3 out of 5.**

Wheat – Wheat harvest is still rolling along with a pause for a few days after the rain. Test weights continue to decrease. Have heard ranges from the mid 30's up to 60 on the test weight. Yields have been all over the board as well with some producers in the mid to high 70's and others in the 40's or lower. Quality has been a huge factor and the local elevators have started to dock pretty hard. **Wheat crop rated at 1 out of 5.**

Laura Nolan – Cape Girardeau, Missouri

Odd weather for late June in Southeast Missouri. In one area water is sitting in fields still too wet to plant due to daily rains, and a few miles down the road the irrigation is running. The Mississippi River, still not receding, is almost 10' over flood stage at Cape Girardeau with a projected crest on Thursday at 11.5' over flood stage. The swollen Ohio River is not helping matters, as it slows the water flow in the Mississippi and causes it to stay high longer. More heavy rain in the forecast for this week. Many soybeans are still not planted - mainly soybeans after wheat and in flooded areas. Wheat harvest is 95% complete with some good, some not-so-good. **I give wheat 3.5 of 5. Corn, looking beautiful, remains 5 of 5. Rice, Grain sorghum, and Soybeans have been affected by late planting and heavy prolonged rains and are rated 3 of 5.**



Korey Fauque – Sunburst, Montana

We have had record heat for that past 5 days in northern Montana and all of the spring crops are really showing stress. The **winter wheat** is a **3 out of 5** and the **spring crop** are **2 out of 5** headed toward 1 quickly with no rain in sight.





Dave Anderson – Laurel, Nebraska

Corn growing well with good dark color, temps in the 80's and looking for a nice rain. **Rate 4.5.**

Soybeans are starting to look better with good growth. Farmers still spraying. **Rate 4.0.**



Shawn Hastings – Hastings, Nebraska

Looking at the **corn** it still looks good as it has really taken off in the last week. No stress on the corn yet and we are getting the heat units we have needed. The dryland will probably need a rain here in the next week and irrigation should get going here in the next couple days. I would **rate the corn a 4.1** a slight increase from last week.

Looking at the **soybeans** we are still behind it seems. All the soybeans are in now but there was a lot that got planted later than normal so we have some catching up to do. Overall though I would say that they haven't endured any stress yet and probably are in the same boat as the corn moisture wise. I would give the soybeans a slight increase from last week and **give them a 3.5.**



David McIntyre – Waterloo, New York

Corn: Continued wet conditions are taking a toll on stands and delaying growth. This year, so far, has shown the value of drainage tile. **Rating 3.5 out of 5.**

Soybeans: Much the same as corn. The wet conditions are holding some growers out of the fields to apply the herbicides. **Rating 3 out of 5.**

Apples: The May 23rd freeze has caused a heavy June drop. It looks like the king blossom was effected and will most likely give quality issues. **Rating 4 out of 5.**

Grapes: The severe cold last winter has affected some of the non-native varieties. Blossom and set are all over the board by varieties this year. **Rating 4 out of 5.**





Brenda Poole – Smithfield, North Carolina

Finally, some relieve on Sunday, from the really hot weather, we have experienced for past two weeks. Really strong thunderstorms on Thursday and Friday. We got some much needed rain, but could have done without hail and strong winds.

Corn despite rain, the hot weather has had an effect on pollination. **Yield 2.**

Soybeans, tobacco and cotton, peanuts continues to look good and promising.

Soybeans yield 4, Cotton yield 5, Tobacco yield 4, Peanuts yield 5.



**Van Alphin –
Mt Olive, North Carolina**



North Dakota

Tim Olson – Larimore, North Dakota

Spring wheat is all headed right now with fungicides applied to most. Some people thinking of 28% application as there are protein concerns with no stress. I will **rate wheat 4.5 of 5** this week, the only reason not a 5 is because a few fields had water damage early otherwise looks like huge wheat crop coming.

Corn is growing now pretty well and reaching nitrogen finally. Just worried about damage already done sadly.

Rating is 1.5 of 5 just because of poor stand issues.

Soybeans are growing well now with the heat and sun shining finally. Great stands for the most part and potential is good for the most part. **Rated 4 of 5** new crop this week.

Edible beans are growing well with cultivation and spraying taking place, look good except where water damage hurt some. **Rated 3 of 5.**

Mike Kozojed – Hillsboro, North Dakota

Frequent thunderstorms continue to provide adequate to excess moisture. Some very strong storms passed through eastern ND on Saturday with tornados, hail, and various amounts of rain. Crops continue to develop nicely (except for the area that received some hail).

Majority of the **Wheat and Barley** is headed and in excellent condition. **Rated a 5.**

Soybean development looks good and I would **rate a 4.**

Corn growth is progressing quickly with the favorable temps. Crop is **rated 3.5** overall.

Ed Didier – Valley City, North Dakota

Corn – had a rough start - early corn on heavy ground took it the worst. Some of this corn has a population of 14k and will struggle to see three digit yields - later corn will be knee high or better by the fourth of July and is promising. **Rate 3 of 5.**

Soybeans look tremendous. Early beans are canopied and later beans are not far behind. **Rate 4 of 5.**

Small grains have potential to be one of the best – however – Grandpa always said you won't know until it's in the truck! Disease and test weight could be factors.

Rate 4 of 5.

The biggest risk now is hail. We continue with excessive moisture and with heat it spawns storms.



Zach Bollinger – Ashland, Ohio

We need sunshine – BAD. **Corn** still has very good potential, as long as we don't turn hot and dry long term. There will be some nitrogen loss with the 6-8 inches of rain we've had in the last two weeks, especially during the key phases. It's mostly all about shoulder high now, if planted before May 15. After that, it's short, yellow, has water at the feet ... you know the story. **Rate corn 3.5.**

Beans have the most concern. Some fields you can't even see the beans, because they need sprayed so badly. There are 10 percent of the bean acres that are exceptional, 20% that are terrible, and the rest need help, but have potential. **Rate beans 2.5 maybe.**

Wheat is a headache right now. We're about 8-14 days from harvest, and all the talk has turned to test weight, vomitoxin, head scab, rust, etc. issues. We don't really know what we have, except for wheat that is all over the board – both yield and state of ripen (is this a word, LOL). **Rate wheat 3.5 with a quality question mark.**



Mike Vallery – London, Ohio

Wheat harvest started a little early on Monday but paused on Thursday by more rain. It was surprisingly better quality than expected considering the amount of precipitation. By Wednesday it was down to 16% moisture with test weights above 60. Initial yields ranged from 70-90 bpa.

Corn and soybeans still struggled with wet feet. Soybeans seemingly more effected than corn. **Rate corn & soybeans both 3 of 5.**





Andrea Metcalf – Enid, Oklahoma

Wheat - Harvest is all but finished in our area with a few fields left to cut that were sprayed in early harvest to control the late push of weed pressures due to all of our recent moisture. Generally, yields were slightly below average, but we saw a tremendous range of yield depending on area, variety, etc.

Soybeans - Last week's weather not only allowed for good harvest progress, but we also saw planters running everywhere behind the combines. Early soybeans look good at this point and double crop beans are going in with favorable conditions. **Rate 4 out of 5.**

Corn - Corn is still looking good in our area, but it could use some moisture. Forecasts are calling for some moderate rain chances for the 4th of July weekend, so we are crossing our fingers. **Rate 4 out of 5.**

Grain Sorghum - Milo, much like corn, still looks really good. Many double crop milo acres were planted this past week, and conditions are favorable. **Rate 4 out of 5.**



Jessica Wilcox – Fairview, Oklahoma

Wheat - Harvest is mostly wrapped up in Oklahoma. Yields have been coming in all across the board. Some small harvest price claims are anticipated. **Crop condition for acres still left in the field: 2.5.**

Canola - Harvest is about 99% wrapped up. Overall, I'd give 2015's crop a **rating of 3.5.**

Corn - Dryland could use a rain, some rain is in the forecast for later this week, fingers crossed it materializes! Irrigated acres are looking great. All crop is still a little behind due to cool, wet weather early on. **Rating: 4.0.**

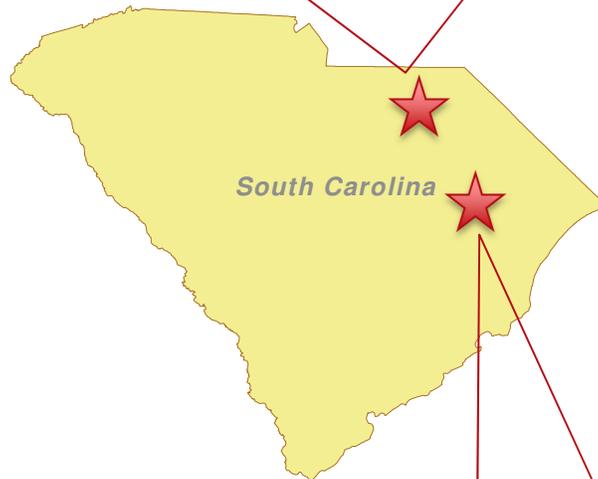
Milo - Same story at corn, it could use a rain. Crop still is in good condition: **rated 4.5.**

Soybeans - Late planting period starts on Wednesday. Will be quite a few acres planted late due to all the rain in Eastern OK especially. It would not surprise me to see some dryland acres originally designated to beans actually be planted to late Milo instead. **Crop Rating: 3.0.**



Jimmy Bryson – Lydia, South Carolina

The Central Midlands of South Carolina is still very dry in most areas. We have received some “spotty showers”, but not much beneficial rain. On the bright side, today is much cooler, hovering right around 90, much better than last month of 100’s. This week’s **rating for Corn in this area is 1**. Some Corn in this area is going to be a total loss. **Cotton, Soybeans and Peanuts are still rated at 3**. I’m sure we will have some Soybeans not planted in this area due to very dry conditions, also think we will have some in the Late Plant Period. The Low Country, Coastal, Upstate, Northern Midlands and Pee Dee seem to continue to be doing very well, getting rains when needed. Their **ratings for Cotton, Corn, Soybeans and Peanuts I think will be 4**.



**Chris Mishoe – Lake City,
South Carolina**



Josh Mitzel – Bowdle, South Dakota

What a difference a week makes. Now some area farmers are saying we need a rain again! Small areas had some major hail that is requiring replant on soybeans and head scratching on corn and wheat fields.

Wheat: Staged at flowering to watery ripe. Most fields have lots of uneven staging. One field we looked at had half of field at watery ripe and other half in the boot. **Rated 3.5 of 5.**

Corn: Staged at V7+. Some sulfur deficiency starting to show. The heat last week really got the corn growing. Should be knee high by 4th of July. **Rated 4 of 5.**

Soybeans: Staged at V2-V4. Having to perform second pass of herbicide spraying, marestail has been a big problem. **Rated 4 of 5.**

Malt Barley: Staged at flowering. Amazing looking crop in North Dakota. **Rated 5 of 5.**

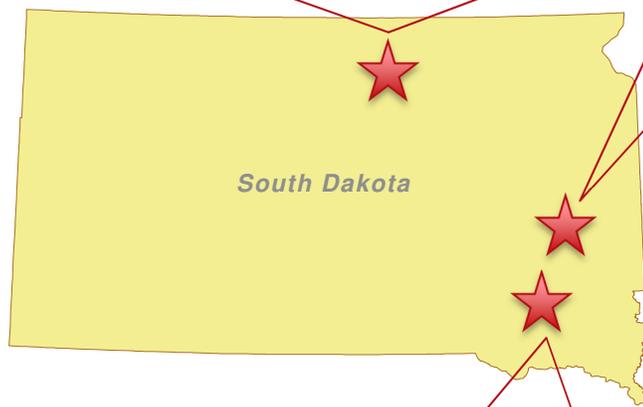
Tim Breske – Madison, South Dakota

Corn - has really progressed this past week. Looking very good where not affected by recent hail storms. Waist to chest high.

Rated 4 of 5.

Soybeans - looks great in some areas but other areas marginal. Needs heat and to dry out some. Still a good crop where not hail on. **Rated 4 of 5.**

Both crops would be rated 5 if not for hail.

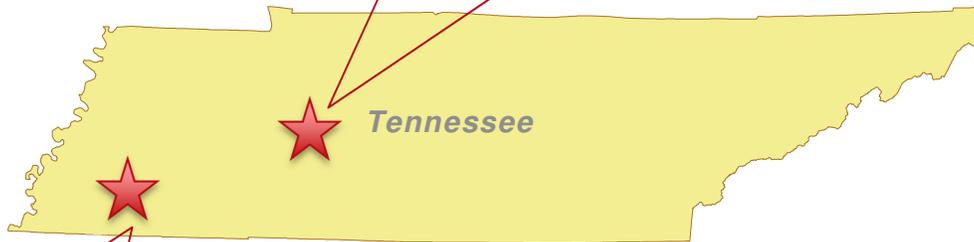


Craig Blindert – Salem, South Dakota



Claude Callicott – Only, Tennessee

Corn 5 out of 5.
Beans 4 out of 5.

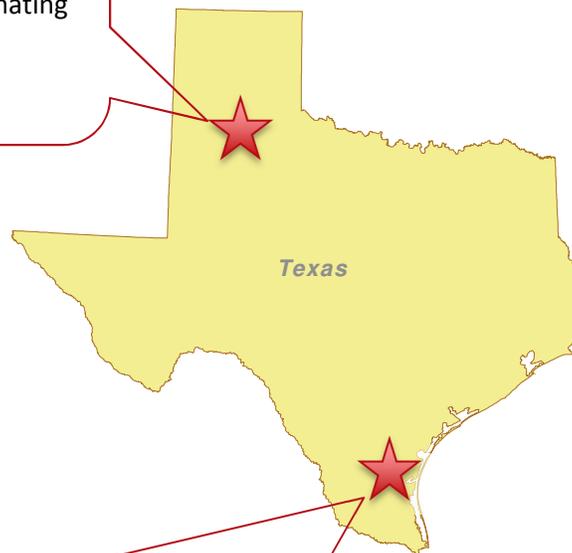


Ken Reeves – Somerville, Tennessee



Danny Preston – Lubbock, Texas

The Lubbock surrounding area is looking really good!!!! **Corn** is close to pollinating and **cotton** is growing well.



Royce Felder – Robstown, Texas

CORN: The Coastal Bend corn crop shows signs of improvement and maturity but would remain a 3. The area of Corpus Christi north to Houston has tolerated the wet conditions much better having somewhat less rainfall. **Would rate 3.5 to 4.**

COTTON: Cotton remains an issue for the Coastal Bend. Many fields are muddy or even have low lying water holes. Because of the much decreased acreage, the production of this crop will be minimal. Rate a 2. Upper coast has acreage that is on schedule and looks to be fruiting very good. **Rate a 3.5.**

MILO: Due to the various stages of this crop in the Coastal Bend, controlling aphids and headworms are at a very rapid pace. Grain is turning bronze in some fields while others are several weeks from heading. Sometimes in the same field. **Remain rating a 3. Upper coast is 4.**

SOYBEANS: Upper coast soybeans look very good. Not knowing a great deal about growing soybeans but will try to keep up with their development.

This last week received a small showers, but the forecast for later this week is more rain. Will report next week on outcome.



Jordan Riley – Darlington, Wisconsin

Corn - 4.5 out of 5, Waist to chest high.

Beans - 4 out of 5.

Pretty timely rains and not overly wet so far on the season. Slightly below average temps this week with only a few chances of rain.