

NEWSLETTER

July 2024



Crop Progress

Crops are looking great for the most part, with both corn and soybeans rated at 76% good to excellent in the July 9 crop progress report. Corn is tasseling and silking around the area and soybeans are flowering and beginning to put pods on. Ground sprayers are finishing off post herbicide applications while aerial fungicide applications are ramping up.

Tar Spot in Southwest Iowa

Tar spot has been found throughout the area. Disease development is favored by cool, humid conditions with extended periods of leaf wetness. Tar spot can cause up to 50 bu/acre yield loss. Protect your yields with Delaro Complete fungicide to control disease and improve plant health.

What to look for:

- round or irregularly shaped raised black spots (ascomata)
- fisheye lesions around the ascomata
- symptoms start on lower leaves then move upwards



Insect Pressure

This year's conditions have been conducive to an early start for insect populations. You may notice grasshoppers, bean leaf beetles, corn rootworm beetles, & especially Japanese beetles. These insects defoliate crops and feed on the silks of corn, which can reduce pollination and kernel set, leading to yield loss. At this point in the season, insecticides are your best management option, if you reach the action threshold.



NCGA Yield Contest

Talk to us about entering the NCGA Corn Yield Contest -- you could win a trip to Commodity Classic 2025 and prize money!



Scouting

Watch for tar spot, Northern leaf blight, gray leaf spot, Goss's wilt, stalk and ear rots, aphids, grasshoppers, and corn rootworm beetles in corn.

Look for brown spot, frogeye leaf spot, rust, pod and stem blight, white mold, sudden death syndrome, brown stem rot, bean leaf beetles, and spider mites in soybeans. Scout often all season long so you can catch any changes in your crops!



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