

NEWSLETTER

August 2024



Crop Progress

Crops were beginning to show symptoms of stress due to the dry conditions of the last couple weeks, but the rain this week has come at a great time for kernel and pod fill. The August 12 Crop Progress and Condition Report rates 77% of corn and 77% of soybeans as good to excellent. 17% of corn has reached dent stage, while 74% of soybeans are setting pods. We still have strong yield potential in the field.



Preharvest Prep

Summer flew by and harvest is just around the corner! Make sure you are ready to roll for a smooth end to the 2024 season. Here are some things to consider as you begin preparations:

- Renew tech subscriptions
- Update in-cab display
- Confirm GPS accuracy
- Back up the previous year's data
- Check data storage space
- Load guidance lines from planting into the combine
- Clean equipment for safety and ease of inspections
- Complete needed repairs and regular maintenance
- Check tires, batteries, fluids, hoses, belts, chains, etc.
- Verify SMV signs, lights, turn signals are present & working

Appreciation Dinner

Come join us Thursday, August 15th for our annual customer appreciation dinner! Food will be served from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Bring your family out for a good time before harvest starts!

Thank you!

Scouting

Scout early and often! Look for earworms, European corn borer, corn rootworm beetles, aphids, and Gibberella ear rot in corn. Watch out for bean leaf beetles, nematode symptoms, white mold, sudden death syndrome, brown stem rot, and Phytophthora in soybeans. Some of these diseases and insects cannot be treated at this stage of the season, but being aware of them can help with management decisions in the future.



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