

JULY NEWSLETTER



NCGA Yield Contest

The National Corn Growers Association is currently accepting entries for their annual corn yield contest.

Sign up is easy and DEKALB will cover your entry fee, so there is no cost to you. If you win, you will get a trip to the 2026 Commodity Classic to be held in San Antonio, TX. Contact Meghan to learn more and get entered.



Scout Early & Often

Pollination and grain fill are beginning, so be out scouting to make informed decisions. Keep an eye out for tar spot, northern corn leaf blight, gray leaf spot, & common rust in corn & frogeye leaf spot, white mold, septoria brown spot, cercospora leaf blight, downy mildew, brown stem rot, and SDS in soybeans. Insects are also increasing, including Japanese beetles, bean leaf beetles, rootworm beetles, and aphids.

Crop and Weather Updates

The area received a widespread, much-needed rain in mid-June and has since caught a couple smaller showers to keep the crops happy. The July 7 Iowa Crop Progress and Condition Report rated topsoil moisture at 73% adequate and 16% surplus. Corn reached 15% silking, slightly ahead of the five-year average, with 86% of corn rated good or excellent. Soybean blooming reached 36%, with 79% of the crop rated as good or excellent.



Corn and Soybean Disease Risk Maps

Bayer has released corn and soybean disease risk maps for July based on weather models, historical data, and knowledge of the disease to help farmers understand the disease pressure outlook in their area. So far crops are looking healthy, but we have seen several diseases beginning to develop in the area. Moderate risk ratings indicate that you should scout and treat crops with fungicide as necessary. Here are the estimated risks to Southwest Iowa and Northwest Missouri:

Low risk: Southern rust, white mold

Moderate risk: Northern corn leaf blight, gray leaf spot, common rust, & tar spot

High risk: Frogeye leaf spot



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