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NEWSLETTER

Crop Progress On Track

Many farmers are finished up planting or are getting very close. We have had a nice stretch of weather for getting work done, but could now use a little rain to give the crop a boost out of the ground. Some fields are being replanted due to poor stands and emergence from frost damage and issues stemming from soil crusting. Be sure to check your fields. The Iowa Crop Progress and Condition Report for the week of May 4 to May 10 says 72% of corn and 60% of soybeans were planted, on par with last year and ahead of the five year average.

Evaluating Frost Damage

We had a couple cold nights to kick the month off, and if you had crops out of the ground you may be concerned about your stand. Plants may have initially shown signs of frost damage but after a few days may produce new growth. If they do not have new growth and the growing point is soft and discolored, the seedling will not recover.

Soybeans may produce new growth from axillary buds and still have good yield potential. Even if you do have a reduced stand of soybeans, they can compensate well, particularly if there are not large gaps scattered throughout the field. A general minimum soybean stand to keep is around 90,000 but take each farm's situation into consideration. A corn plant's growing point is belowground until V6, so a mild frost early on may not kill the plant. If the growing point is white and firm, you should start to see new growth within a few days with good weather. As new leaves develop, you may see buggy whipping (leaf wrapping).

When it comes to making replant decisions, consider the yield potential of your existing stand vs. the yield potential of a replanted stand, remembering to account for calendar date. You should also factor in fuel and labor costs, herbicide program adjustments, and seed availability when making your decision. Scan the QR codes for more information.



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