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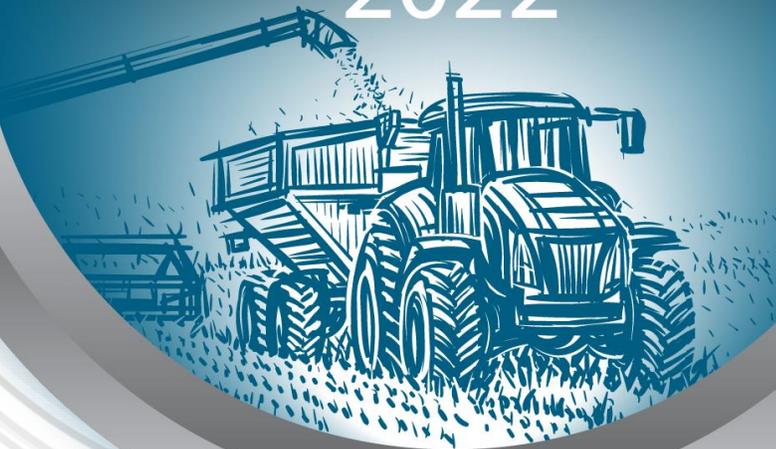
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Fit for a Novel

As an avid reader, I love a book that makes you *think* you know exactly how the plot will unfold, but which throws you for a complete curve in the end. This year's crops held plenty of surprises all across the country. Some of those surprises were pleasant, while others were disastrous.

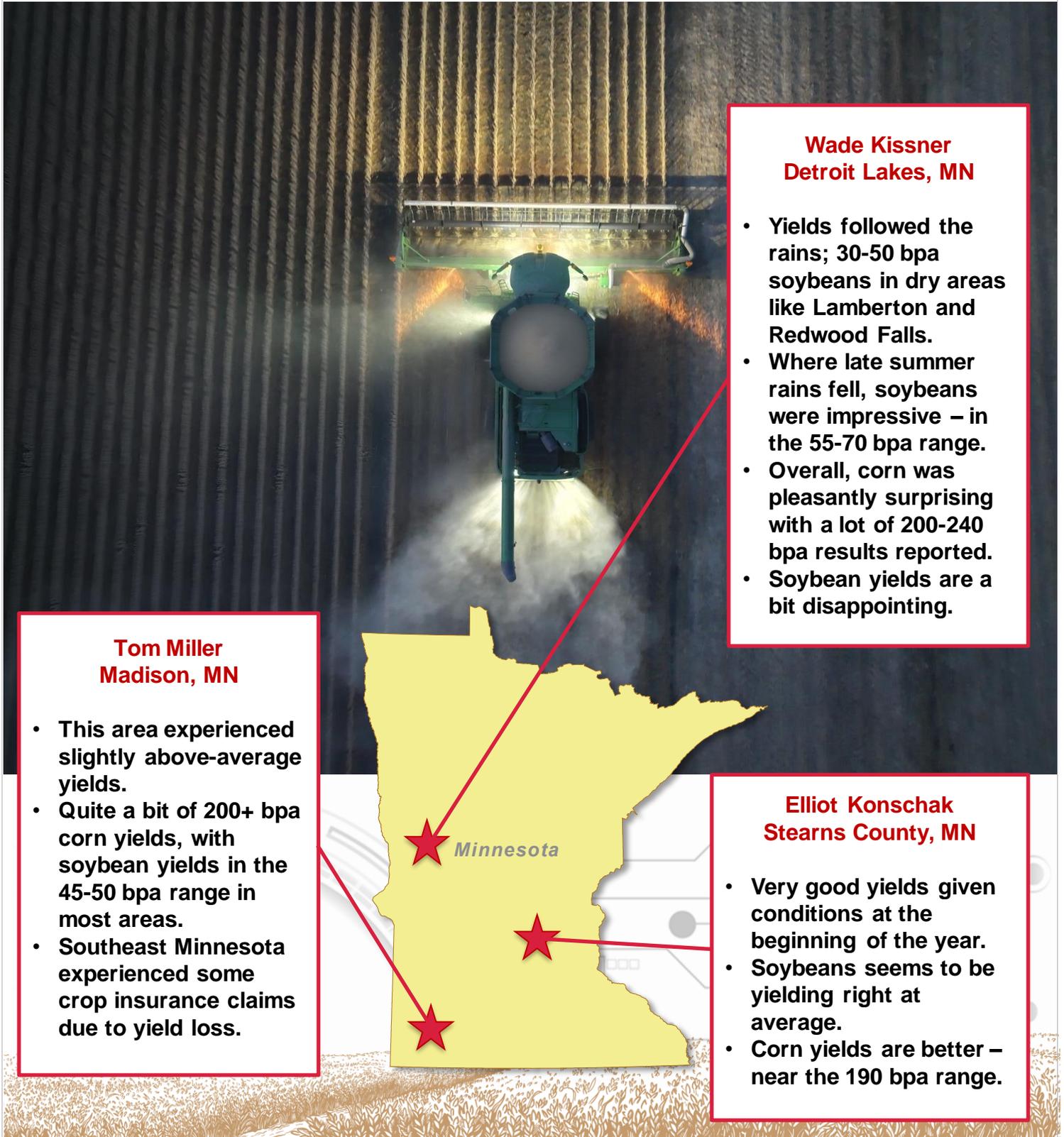
When ASNA's American Roots VCT started in May, everyone had the hopes and aspirations that a new crop year brings. In our first edition, farmers and agents spoke of the incredible start that the western Corn Belt had put together. By mid-June, the sheen of this great start had faded and conditions began to move from bad to worse.

Conversely, the eastern Corn Belt was far behind and held little hope for yield prospects. The northern fringes were also on the ropes early in the planting season. Early VCT stories illustrated farmers planting around wet holes just to get something planted. Somehow, despite this disheartening start, these areas finished the crop year with some surprising results.

I forgot to mention Texas. Unfortunately for Texas, there was never a period of optimism throughout the entire year. Pictures from Central Texas revealed planted fields that received less than 1/2" of rain the entire growing season!

By July, it was clear that Iowa and Illinois had to step up and carry the load if the country was to come close to trend-line yields regarding corn and soybeans. Too much of Iowa was affected by the western Corn Belt drought to pull off record yields. Despite a hot June, Illinois was resilient. So resilient that the VCT believes record corn yields and near-record soybean yields are likely as we tally the results over the next month.

Despite solid to stellar results in Iowa and Illinois, the nation's yields will fall short of expectations for 2022. Continue reading to learn more about the experiences of our participants in this year's ASNA American Roots tour.



**Tom Miller
Madison, MN**

- This area experienced slightly above-average yields.
- Quite a bit of 200+ bpa corn yields, with soybean yields in the 45-50 bpa range in most areas.
- Southeast Minnesota experienced some crop insurance claims due to yield loss.

**Wade Kissner
Detroit Lakes, MN**

- Yields followed the rains; 30-50 bpa soybeans in dry areas like Lamberton and Redwood Falls.
- Where late summer rains fell, soybeans were impressive – in the 55-70 bpa range.
- Overall, corn was pleasantly surprising with a lot of 200-240 bpa results reported.
- Soybean yields are a bit disappointing.

**Elliot Korschak
Stearns County, MN**

- Very good yields given conditions at the beginning of the year.
- Soybeans seems to be yielding right at average.
- Corn yields are better – near the 190 bpa range.



**Tim Strunk
Manhattan, KS**

- We have pretty much finished with harvest.
- The KS River Valley had about average yields, compared to historical yields.
- Our area in the northeast corner of the state was the best in KS.
- There were some counties in central KS that literally did not have a harvest due to drought.



**Chris Deetjen
Randolph, KS**

- It was a rough year in our area.
- Some soybean fields were estimated to yield as low as 0-3 bpa due to extreme dryness.
- Dryland corn yields fell in the 20-30 bpa range.
- Crop insurance will play a big role on the farm this year!



Kansas



Brian McIntyre West Fargo, ND

- Langdon experienced big swings in canola yields (1,500-3,000 lbs.) due to late planting and excessive heat.
- The Grand Forks area had some of the strongest soybean yields and may have some record-type numbers.
- Most key production areas of corn/soybeans had solid yields despite a wet start.

Nancy Overland Hope, ND

- We started the year very wet, so everything was planted behind optimal timing.
- Despite a poor start, we are excited about the yields that we are experiencing.
- Above average on both corn and soybeans.



Randy Martinson Southern ND

- Southern ND seems to be the rougher area in the state; yields typically get better the farther north and east you go.
- Soybean yields were in the 30-40 bpa range.
- Hoping for a statewide “average-type” yield.
- Some areas in the eastern-central part of the state are exceptional.

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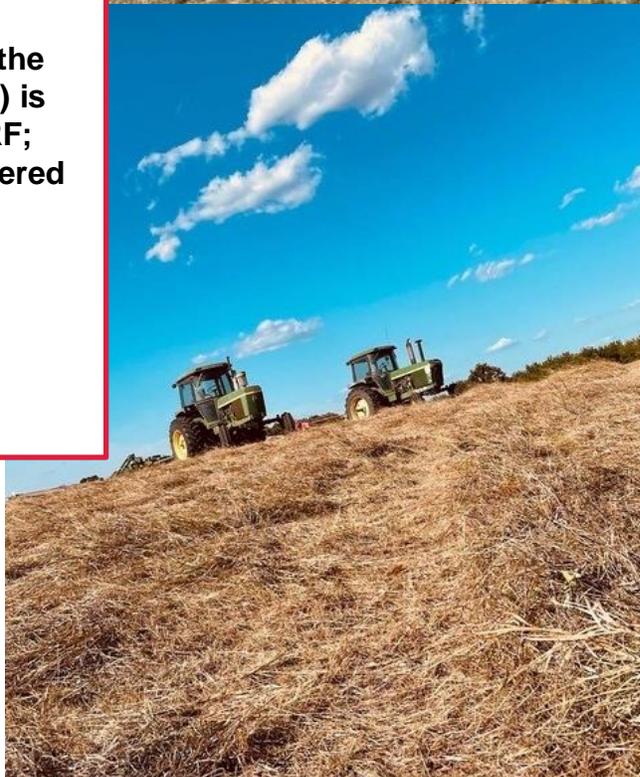
North Dakota



Oklahoma

Hope Hutchings Hendrix, OK

- It was a hard year for Oklahoma farmers.
- Many filed for drought assistance with the local FSA.
- The land around the pond (top picture) is insured under PRF; the cattle are covered under LRP.





Denny Lenhart Northwest Ohio

- Soybean fields produced average to slightly above-average yields.
- There is still a lot of corn in the fields, but yields are better than expected.
- Vomitoxin is a concern in corn at this point.



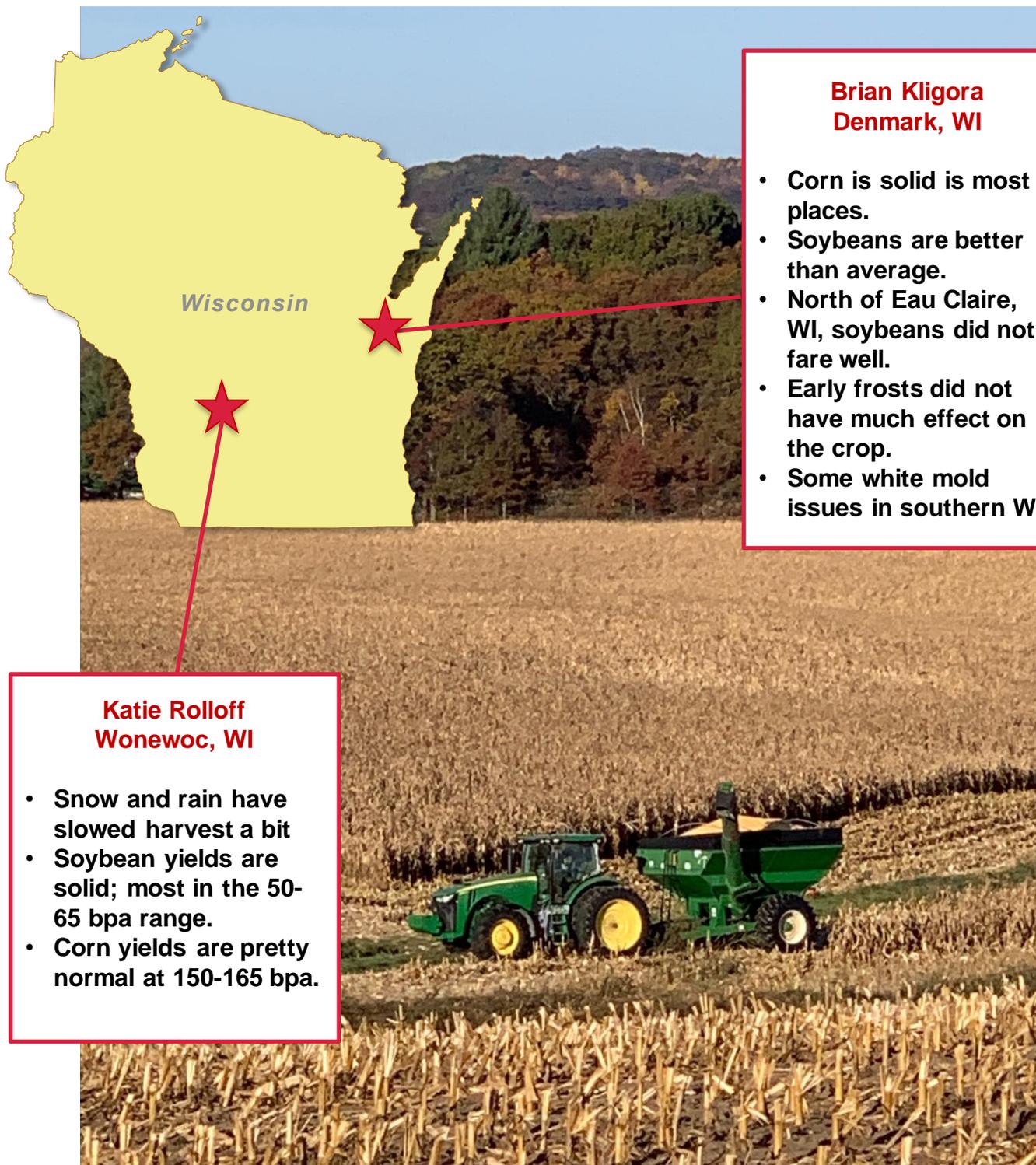
Wayne Krabbe Sabina, OH

- Good yields on soybeans: in the low 50s to mid-70s bpa range.
- Corn is drying well in the fields even with a late planting start.
- Corn yields are at or slightly above average for our area.



Gary Saylor Belle Center, OH

- West Central Ohio harvest is nearing completion.
- Excellent yields despite a late and wet start.
- Soybeans in the 60-70 bpa range.
- Corn yields in the 200 bpa range in our neighborhood.
- Lots of wheat going in the ground.
- Some vomitoxin concern for corn.



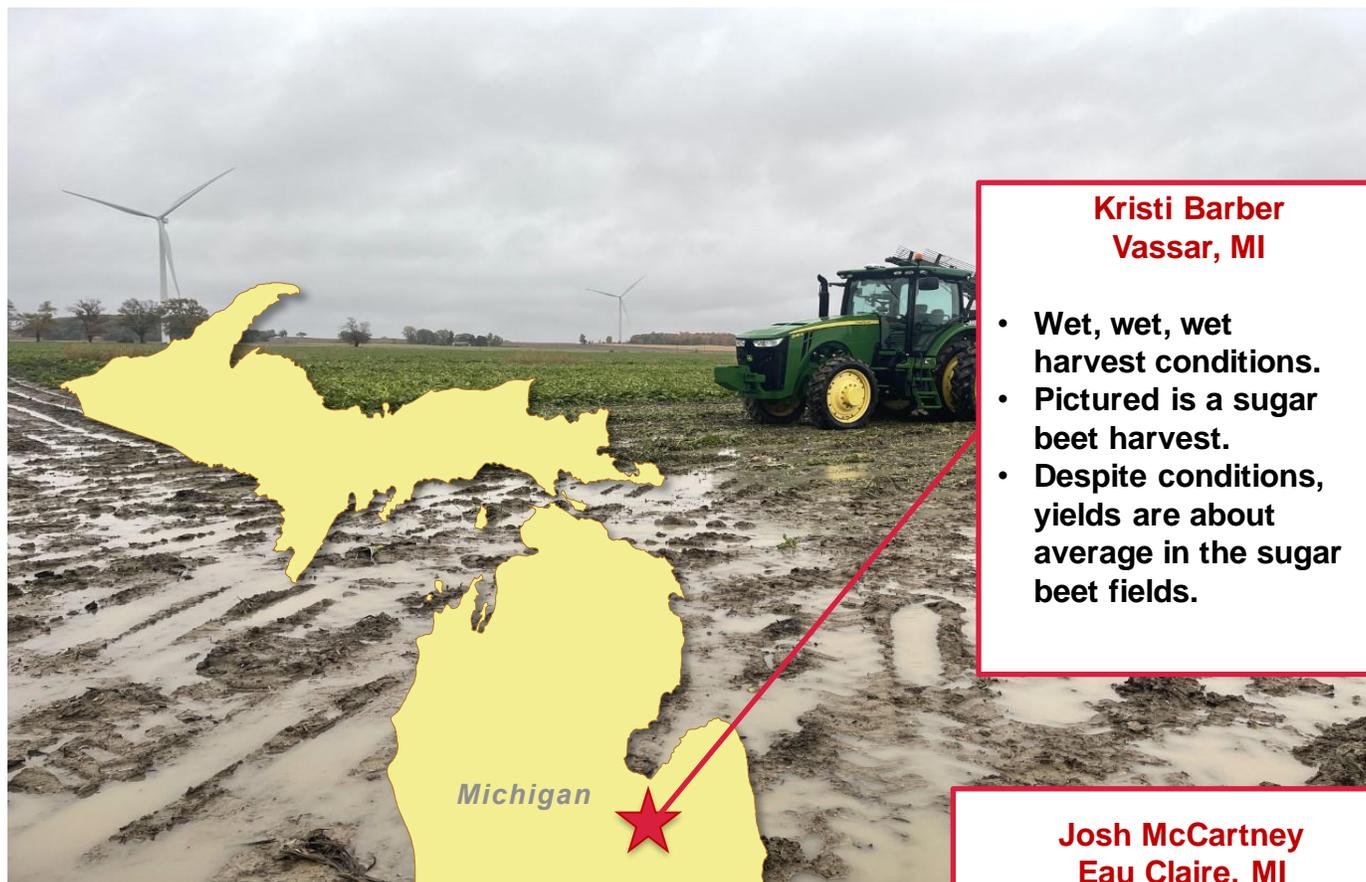
Wisconsin

Brian Kligora
Denmark, WI

- Corn is solid in most places.
- Soybeans are better than average.
- North of Eau Claire, WI, soybeans did not fare well.
- Early frosts did not have much effect on the crop.
- Some white mold issues in southern WI.

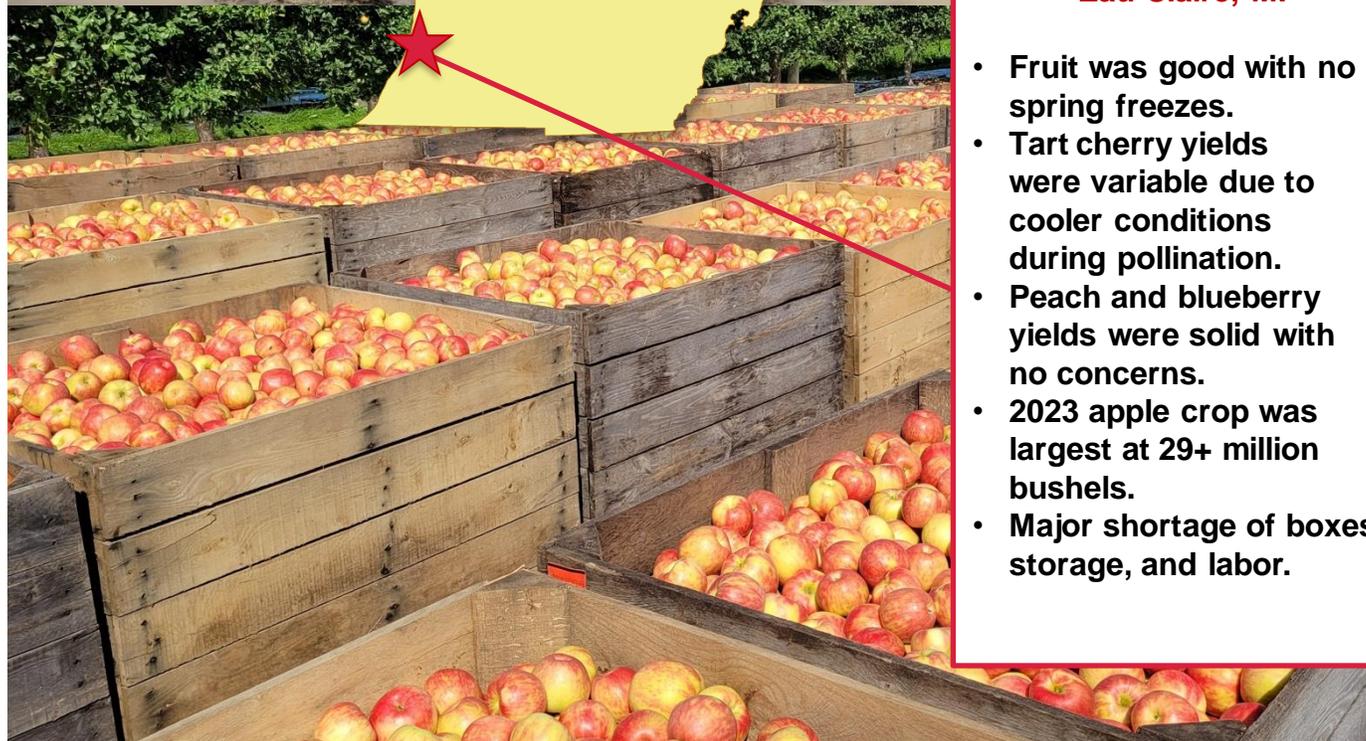
Katie Rolloff
Wonewoc, WI

- Snow and rain have slowed harvest a bit
- Soybean yields are solid; most in the 50-65 bpa range.
- Corn yields are pretty normal at 150-165 bpa.



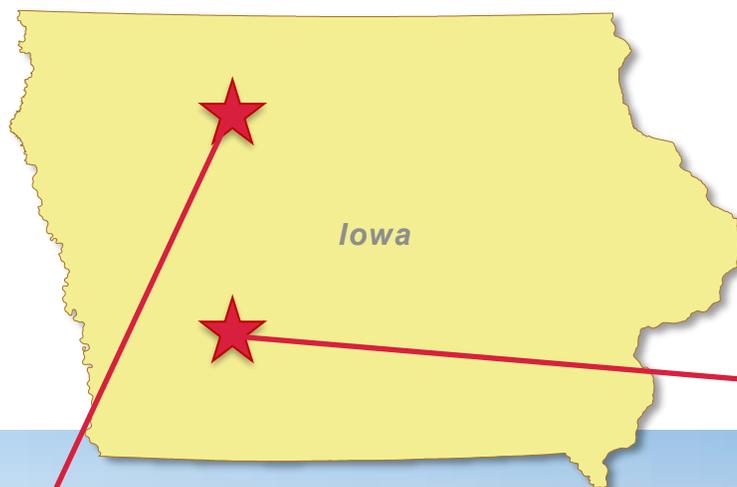
**Kristi Barber
Vassar, MI**

- Wet, wet, wet harvest conditions.
- Pictured is a sugar beet harvest.
- Despite conditions, yields are about average in the sugar beet fields.



**Josh McCartney
Eau Claire, MI**

- Fruit was good with no spring freezes.
- Tart cherry yields were variable due to cooler conditions during pollination.
- Peach and blueberry yields were solid with no concerns.
- 2023 apple crop was largest at 29+ million bushels.
- Major shortage of boxes, storage, and labor.



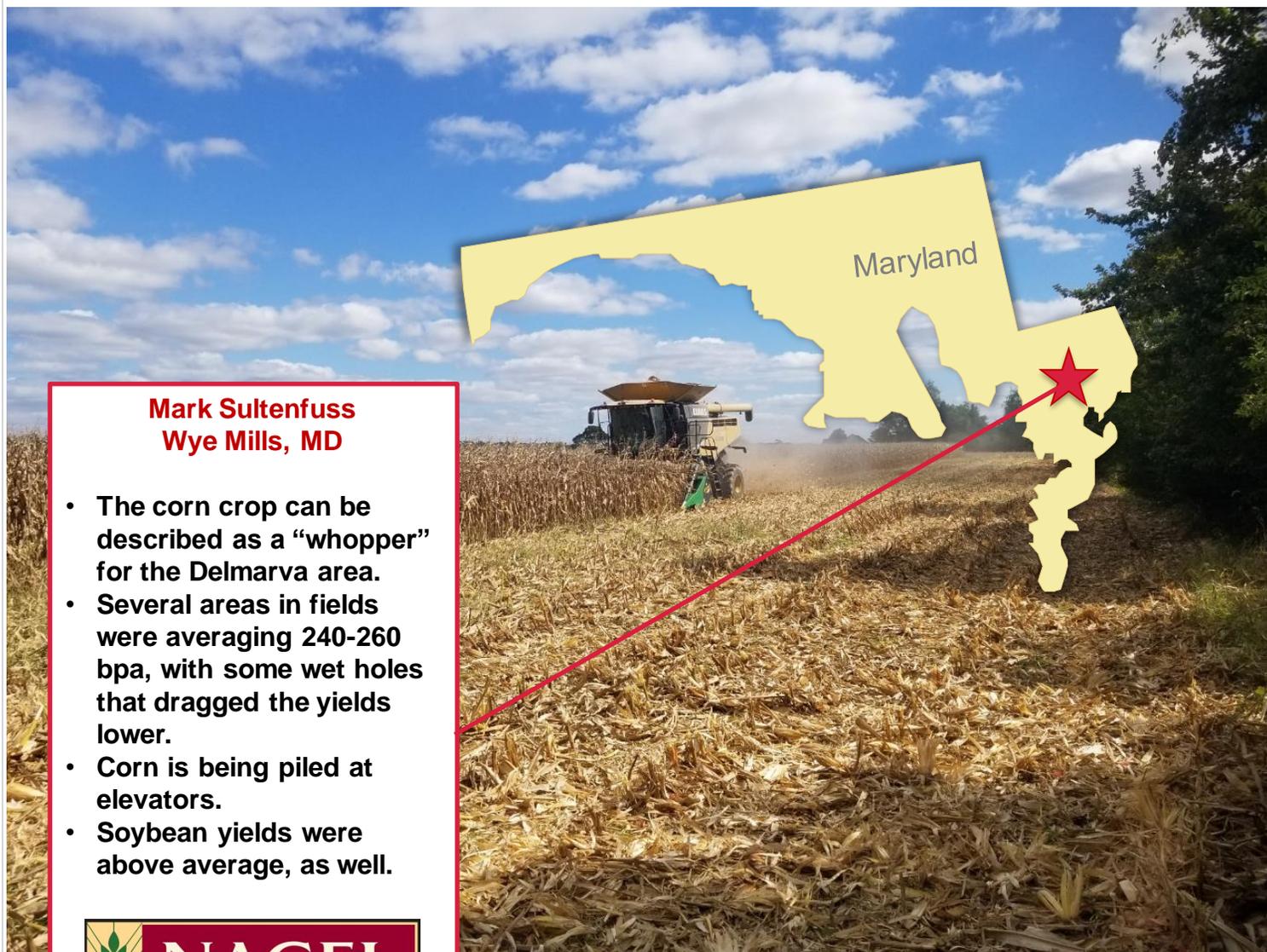
Mike Carlson
Emmetsberg, IA

- Strong yields for both corn and soybeans.
- Corn averaging in the 200+ bpa range.
- Most soybeans in the 60-80 bpa range.
- Harvest is going smoothly as long as the wind doesn't blow anything down!

Eric Eklund
Afton, IA

- Corn yields are better than expected.
- Early summer conditions were challenging.
- Soybeans yields are highly variable (10-70 bpa), probably averaging around 50 bpa in our area.
- Crops seems to better as you move north and east.





Mark Sultenfuss
Wye Mills, MD

- The corn crop can be described as a “whopper” for the Delmarva area.
- Several areas in fields were averaging 240-260 bpa, with some wet holes that dragged the yields lower.
- Corn is being piled at elevators.
- Soybean yields were above average, as well.





**David Meyer
Concord, IL**

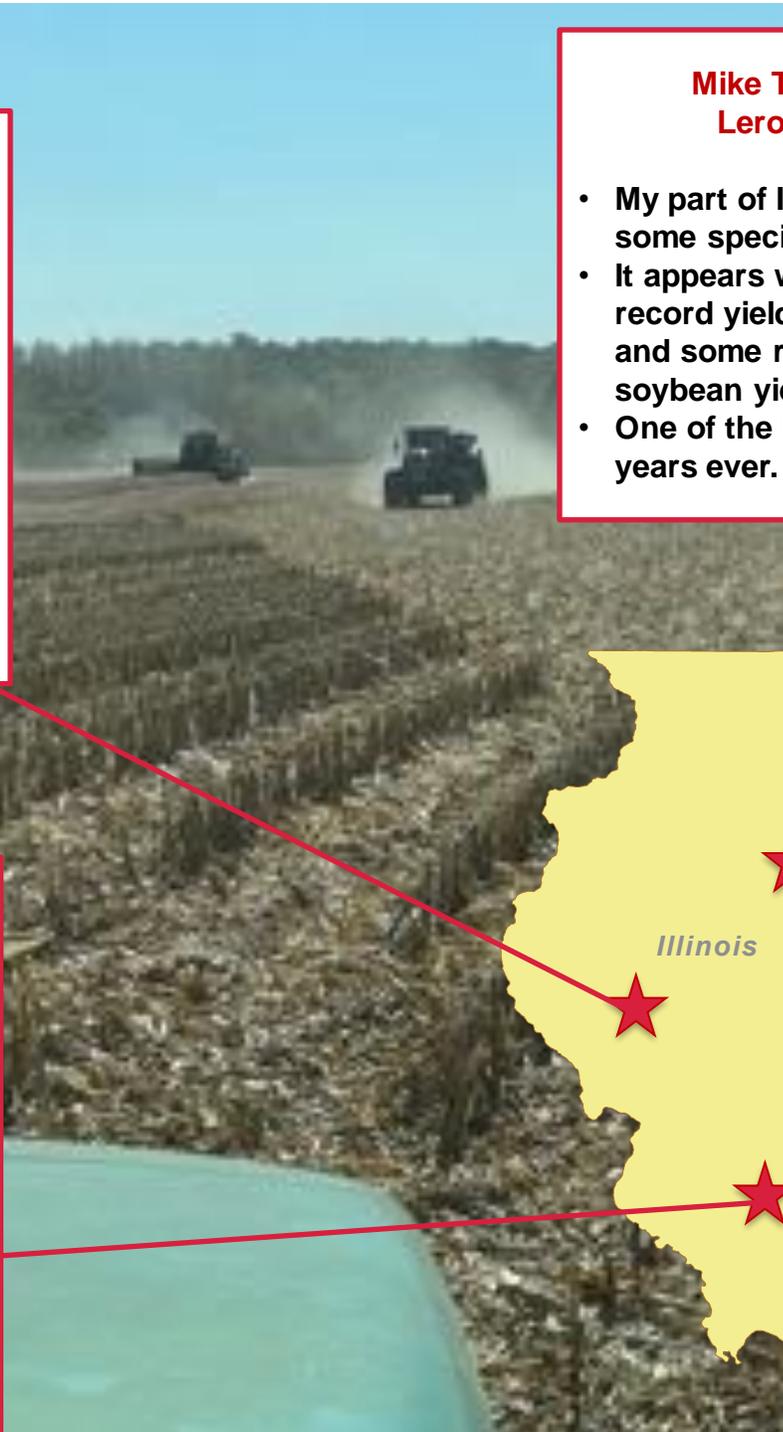
- Slightly above-average corn yields (230-250 bpa range).
- Soybeans averaging at around 75 bpa.
- It has been a dry and non-stop harvest
- Lots of field work and fertilizer being applied!

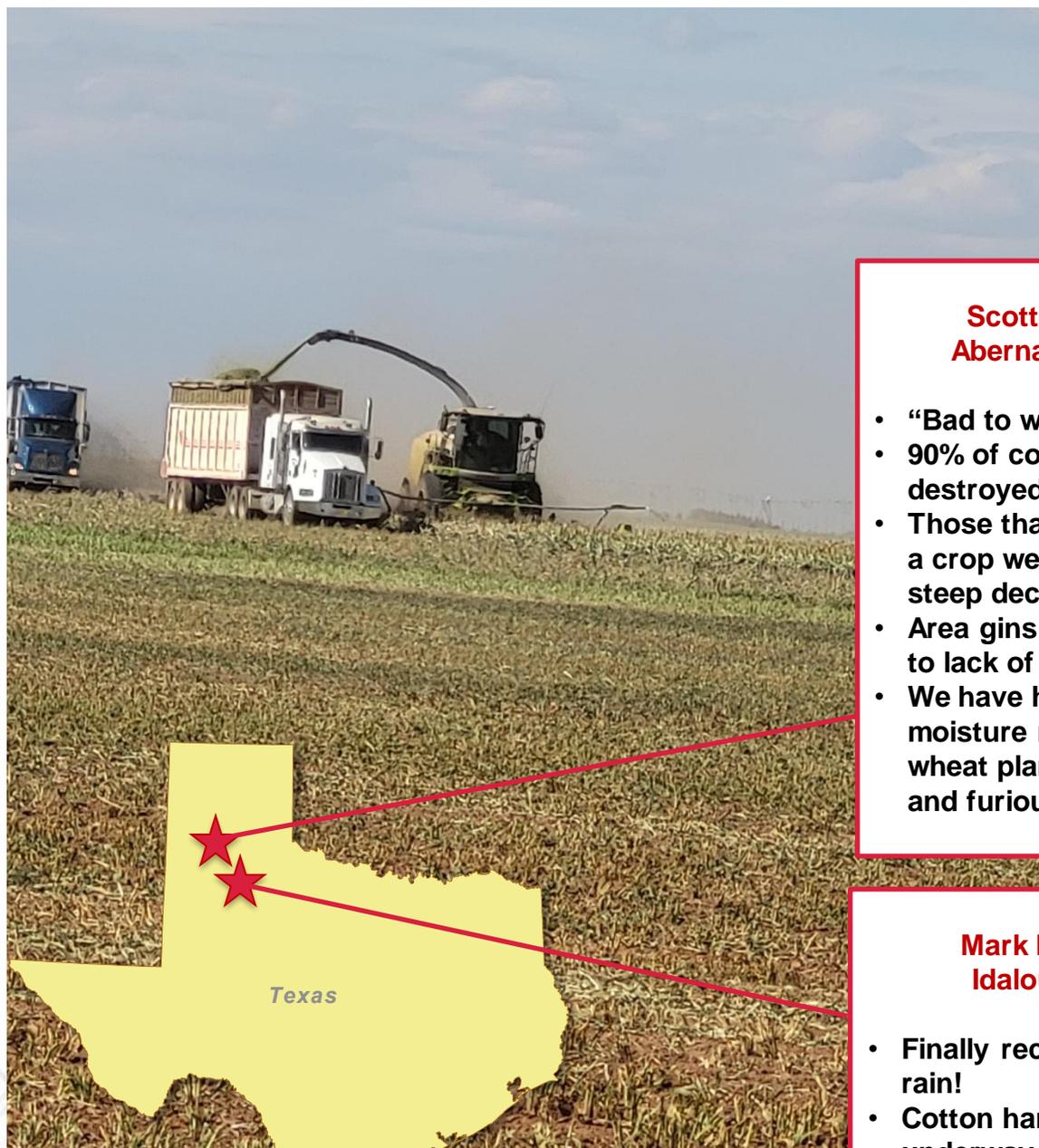
**Mike Toohill
Leroy, IL**

- My part of Illinois has some special yields!
- It appears we will see record yields on corn and some really strong soybean yields.
- One of the best years ever.

**Matt Deganhart
Mt. Vernon, IL**

- Overall, yields are really good
- We did have some lower corn yields in the extreme southern portions of the state due to a terrible June
- Some flooding with the big July rains
- As you go north, yields improve





**Scott Bickel
Abernathy, TX**

- “Bad to worse.”
- 90% of cotton was destroyed in June.
- Those that did harvest a crop were hurt by a steep decline in price.
- Area gins closed due to lack of harvest.
- We have had some moisture recently and wheat planting is fast and furious.

**Mark Moore
Idalou, TX**

- Finally received some rain!
- Cotton harvest is underway
- Yields are right at insurance guarantee levels
- Prices are much lower despite all of the cotton crop problems.



**Bryan Lott
Kilmichael, MS**

- Overall, corn was average in our area; some areas in the Delta experienced above-average yields.
- Cotton and soybean yields seem to have been above average with a good growing season.
- August rains were heavy in the Central Delta area and there was some discoloration of soybeans.



Mississippi





**Mike Reveal
Western Pennsylvania**

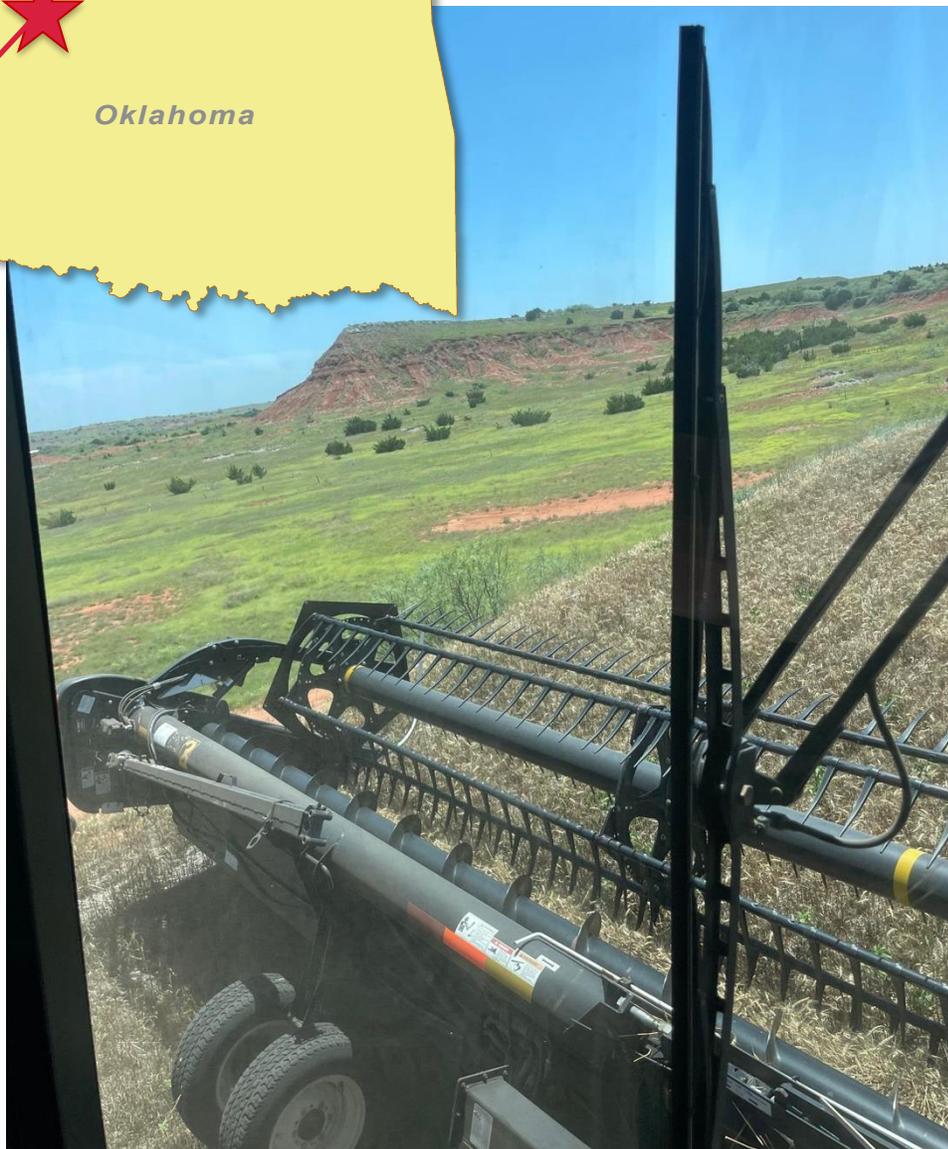
- Drought conditions persisted in many areas.
- Rains were variable sporadically, which is showing up in yields.
- Corn yields range from 30 bpa to 180 bpa – all dependent on critical summer rain.
- Soybeans were decent in most areas (40-50 bpa range)
- Vomitoxin in corn is a concern.



Oklahoma

Jessica Wilcox
Fairview, OK

- Rough season; well below average for all crops.
- Lots of dryland grain sorghum chopped for silage.
- Several soybeans fields baled, as well
- The drought never let up during the entire growing season.

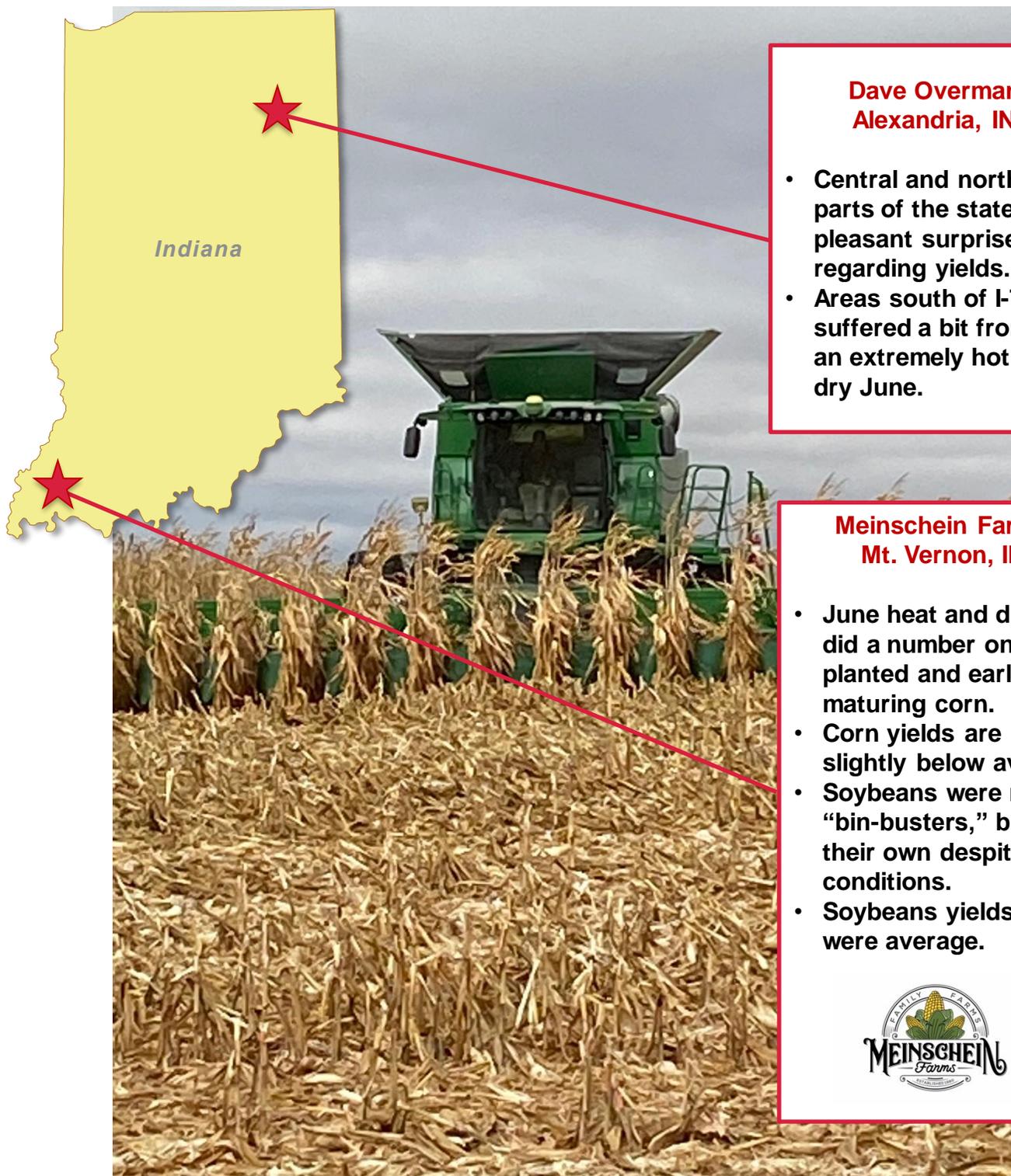




**Brad Bass
Wilson, NC**

- Non-irrigated corn was terrible due to drought (75-85 bpa range).
- Soybean off to a good start; most yields are average.
- Tobacco is highly variable due to spotty weather over the last couple of months.





Indiana

Dave Overman Alexandria, IN

- Central and northern parts of the state had pleasant surprises regarding yields.
- Areas south of I-70 suffered a bit from an extremely hot and dry June.

Meinschein Farms Mt. Vernon, IN

- June heat and drought did a number on early-planted and early-maturing corn.
- Corn yields are slightly below average
- Soybeans were not “bin-busters,” but held their own despite conditions.
- Soybeans yields were average.





Brian Jacobsen
Fremont, NE

- Western NE is still harvesting.
- There was lots of replanting in the western parts so everything is a bit behind.
- Northeast NE yields were a bit better than expected (expectations were low due to the hot conditions).
- Harvest is progressing quickly.



Nebraska





Joyner Swamp Crop Insurance Horry County, SC

- Tobacco was average due to drought and local storms; quality is low.
- Non-irrigated corn was below average; a lot of 40-100 bpa fields.
- Cotton was really good considering Hurricane Ian.
- Soybean harvest is still going on and seems to be excellent.



South Carolina



California



Erin Cucchi
Fresno, CA

- Most areas are wrapping up harvest.
- Grapes harvested now with light yields all around the area.
- Spring frosts caused a lack of sugars.
- Walnut crop showing a lot of losses.
- Almonds better in the southern part of the state with average yields.
- Citrus areas hurt due to summer heat; small fruit size.





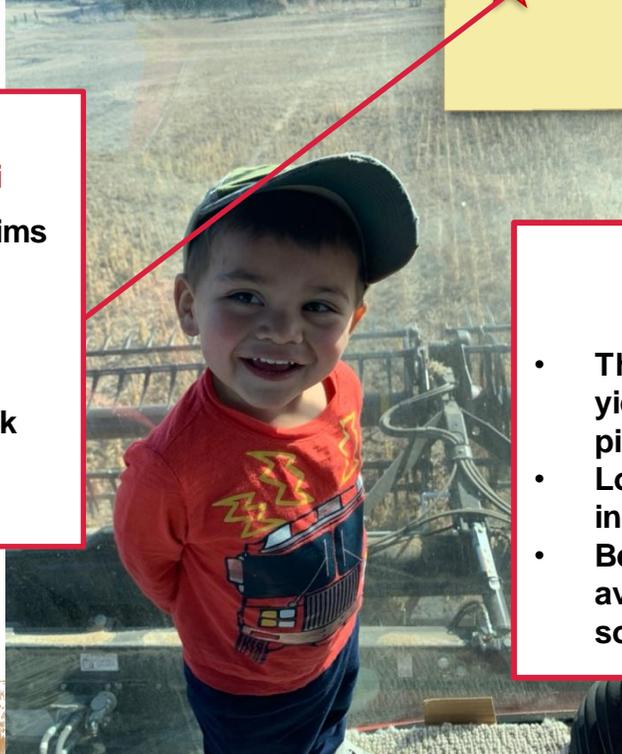
**Aaron Stephens
Cameron, MO**

- Good to very good overall yields in our area.
- Corn averages range from 150 to the low 200s.
- Soybeans performed as expected; most in the 40-60 bpa range.



**Aaron Stephens
Golden City, Missouri**

- Lots of insurance claims throughout this area.
- Yields for both corn and soybeans well below average.
- Drought and heat took its toll on this area of Missouri.



**Quinn Huhmann
Fortuna, Missouri**

- These soybeans didn't yield the best, but the co-pilot was a lot of help!
- Lots of heat and dryness in early summer.
- Below average to average yields on soybeans in the area.

Toohill's Topic of the week:

Wrapping up the 2022 corn and soybean crops

As we mentioned all growing season in the VCT, it really was an EAST/WEST split this growing season. In the West (especially South Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas), hot and dry conditions dominated the summer. Non-irrigated crops were very poor in many areas of the forementioned states. The heat also took bushels away in many Western irrigated fields. In the middle (Iowa), the jury is still out. Here in Illinois, we are finishing up harvesting a MONSTER. Our crop was on the ropes in June due to drought, but cooler weather and timely rains in July and August resulted in a great finish. The lack of water damage and Tar Spot also greatly benefited the Illinois crops.

Breaking down current yield estimates by state

Below are the state charts from the October Crop Report:

U.S. Corn Yield – USDA/NASS

(bushels per acre)

	2022 Sep.	2022 Oct.	Oct/Sep chg
Iowa	200	200	0.0%
Illinois	204	210	2.9% ^{RT}
Nebraska	176	172	-2.3%
Minnesota	190	190	0.0%
Indiana	186	187	0.5%
South Dakota	138	130	-5.8%
Kansas	122	115	-5.7%
Ohio	186	187	0.5%
Wisconsin	183	182	-0.5% ^R
Missouri	149	151	1.3%
North Dakota	141	141	0.0%
Michigan	168	166	-1.2%
Kentucky	150	149	-0.7%
Texas	104	100	-3.8%
Colorado	123	125	1.6%
Pennsylvania	150	148	-1.3%
Arkansas	176	176	0.0%
Tennessee	127	126	-0.8%
North Carolina	114	116	1.8%
Mississippi	172	167	-2.9%
U.S. TOTAL	172.5	171.9	-0.3%

Note: "R" denotes a new record, "RT" denotes tied record
Data source: USDA/NASS @kannbwX

U.S. Soybean Yield – USDA/NASS

(bushels per acre)

	2022 Sep.	2022 Oct.	Oct/Sep chg
Illinois	64	64	0.0% ^{RT}
Iowa	59	58	-1.7%
Minnesota	50	50	0.0%
Indiana	60	59	-1.7% ^{RT}
Nebraska	52	49	-5.8%
Ohio	56	55	-1.8%
Missouri	47	45	-4.3%
South Dakota	41	40	-2.4%
North Dakota	34	35	2.9%
Kansas	32	28	-12.5%
Arkansas	53	53	0.0% ^R
Mississippi	55	56	1.8% ^R
Michigan	47	46	-2.1%
Wisconsin	53	54	1.9%
Kentucky	52	53	1.9%
Tennessee	46	46	0.0%
Louisiana	47	47	0.0%
North Carolina	38	37	-2.6%
Pennsylvania	43	46	7.0%
Virginia	44	42	-4.5%
U.S. TOTAL	50.5	49.8	-1.4%

Note: "R" denotes a new record, "RT" denotes tied record
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Looking ahead to the November Report

I don't expect much change on a national basis. By state, I suspect that the West continues its decline and Eastern yields (especially Illinois) continue to rise. The "wild card" is Iowa (currently at 200 and 58) as yields have been excellent in much of the northeast, but poor in many southern and western areas of the Hawkeye State.

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