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The 2022 Crop is Taking Shape

Our “American Roots” Virtual Crop Tour is starting to take shape.

If you are ever in Watertown, South Dakota, you owe it to yourself to visit the Redlin Art Center. If you love landscapes of farms and wildlife, you will be amazed by the art of Terry Redlin. Much like a work of art, growing a crop takes time for everything to “take shape” and get a true sense of what the final product will reveal. Week 3 of the VCT takes us one step closer to seeing the true portrait of the 2022 crop.

Overall, there seemed to be improvement in many of the stories that we collected from farmers and agents across the country. Perhaps the biggest surprise was that drought-stricken areas in Texas received substantial rains (check out that Panhandle rain gauge picture)! While the crop is late, the heart of the cornbelt seemed to display widespread improvement and corn stands are solid. The Delta continues to show a strong start. The southeastern states got that precipitation that seems to continually show up in the nick of time. Key areas of southern Minnesota and Wisconsin also saw much-needed planting progress.

As a common theme, the folks in North Dakota, northern Minnesota, and northern Wisconsin cannot seem to catch a break. After dominating the 2021 Virtual Crop Tour with extreme drought, 2022 has brought problems in the form of too much moisture. The aerial picture from this week’s tour says it all!

HOLD THE PRESS...a late entry in this week’s VCT shows some planting in the extreme northeastern portion of North Dakota!

Speaking of art, you must check out some this week’s VCT pictures! There are a couple that are worthy of putting in a frame. It is wonderful to know that each of us plays a role in producing and protecting this masterpiece!
Auburn Agency Crop Insurance
Nemaha County, NE

- Good moisture with cooler temperatures this week
- Some of the best corn stands that we have ever seen
- Soybean stands yet to be determined as they were planted under wetter conditions
- Later start means early frost concerns down the road
Wiley Jackson
Charlotte, NC

- Good start with rains needed on a regular basis
- Earlier in the week, the eastern part of the state was a lot drier than the western portion; decent rains hit most of the state
- Even with moisture coverage, we are dry
- Quite possibly the coolest picture in Week 3 VCT!!
“Aunt Nellie” is monitoring this corn planted on 5/13/22.
Corn planting hit its prime on 5/23/22; some still not able to plant due to wet conditions.
What is planted looks good.
Some Prevent Plant inquiries.
Winter wheat looks solid.
Still very wet
Farmers seem to be willing to plant corn late into the year
For most, soybeans will replace what was originally planned for corn
Prevent Plant is an option, but most want to grow a crop with these prices
Picture credit to Scott German
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Bryan Lott
Kilmichael, MS

- We got off to a good start; one of the few places that was not behind pace
- Pictured is non-irrigated corn
- Crops look good overall

Mississippi
Mike Toohill
LeRoy, IL

- Weekend rains helped with slowly emerging crops
- Cool temperatures slowed growth this week
- Lots of spraying being done
- Some re-plant soybeans, but almost no corn re-plant
- May 10-15 plantings look the best
Stephens Ag Risk Management
Cameron, Missouri

- Most corn is planted
- Corn stands look good
- Recent rains have side-lined soybean planting; majority of soybeans are planted
- More rain in the forecast through Friday
- Good start!
Wayne Krabbe
Sabina, OH

- Most corn is planted, but very water-logged
- Most areas received between 2 and 5 inches since last week's update
- We still have a lot of soybeans that need to go into the ground
- It is so wet we have mushrooms growing in our yards!!
Tim Strunk
Manhattan, KS

- Long-term dry conditions have turned to strong moistures
- Corn went in the ground under great conditions
- A few beans are still waiting to be planted
- The replenishment of sub-soil moisture is a great trade for a few wet holes in fields
Barrett Ag Services
Cleveland, MS

- Things continue to look great
- 1” of rain this week with more forecasted
- Wheat harvest will begin soon despite fewer acres; winter wheat looks solid
- Some areas still wet to the north of us and still looking for that dry planting window
The Bass Agency
Smithfield, NC

- Pictured is tobacco prior to this week’s rains
- Strong start to most crops
- We received beneficial rains earlier in the week that helped most crops
- There are still some dry pockets, but most crops look excellent
Wade Kissner
Lamberton, MN

• Farming looks pretty easy from this distance!
• Planting window continued this week
• Most are finishing soybean planting this week
• Rain forecasted for weekend
This planted cotton field was from last week; there was hope of rain.

Widespread rains hit the area; first decent rain in a long time.

This should help recently planted crops with emergence.

Still critical with the crop already impacted in 2022.

It can rain in Texas!!

Jim Bob Conner
Lubbock, TX
Nick Raffaelli
Yuma County, CO

- Pictured is dryland wheat
- Extreme drought has taken a toll; most wheat is very short with reduced yield expectations
- Slight chances of rain throughout the week, but it will probably offer minimal help with this crop
• Yes...this is actually planting in North Dakota!!
• A bit on the wet side, but limited planting before our next chance of rain on Sunday
• The Red River is slowly getting back within its banks
• Taking advantage of every minute of planting time
How does planting progress look in your neighborhood?
How do your overall stands and establishment look versus average at this point?
Early crop eye appeal – Is the crop uniform with good color?
How would you describe current topsoil moisture?

- Very Short
- Short
- Adequate
- Surplus
At this point, how would you describe yield potential?
Toohill’s Topic of the week:

Very slow emergence, growth, and development week in western, central, and northern U.S. growing areas: If you think that your crops didn’t grow much this week, you are correct. Below I have the total growing degree days (GDDs) for a few locations from Saturday May 21 through Thursday May 26:

- Grand Island, Nebraska: 42.
- Fargo, North Dakota: 45.
- Austin, Minnesota: 27.
- Des Moines, Iowa: 35.
- Madison, Wisconsin: 49.
- Evansville, Indiana: 103.

For reference with corn, it usually takes around 125 GDDs from planting to emergence and 82 GDDs per new leaf collar from emergence to V-10. Thus, corn planted on May 21 would not have emerged yet at all locations and only corn in the Evansville, Indiana area would have added a new leaf collar over the last 6 days.

Heat coming but short lived: Well above normal temperatures are back in forecast from May 29 to June 1, but the corn belt “flips” to back below normal around June 2. The below normal temperatures in very early June are expected to persist for at least 4 or 5 days.

My current estimate for widespread I-States corn pollination: Despite the Memorial Day weekend heat in the forecast, I moved back my estimate to **July 10 through the 20.** Mid-July pollination increases heat risk, as we all know. Time will tell…
Be a part of the story!

Take part by completing the week 4 survey by 12 p.m. noon CT on June 2.

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