

**Corn:** The crop as a whole is off to a great start. Saw the first field tasseling and silking yesterday and this was a 110 day hybrid. I'm seeing some anthracnose disease on the lower leaves in fields that are corn back to corn. With the wet weather we will probably see more later on when organisms that already have infected the plant show up as lesions on the stalk and leaves. It soon will be time to apply Headline @ 6 oz/A. The optimum time is from VT (tasseling) to R2 (brown silk). I've had the question already whether 1 application will be good enough for the season since we are so far away from harvest. Generally an application will last for about 30 days. These are very important grain fill days and 1 application should be adequate unless we have continuous wet weather.

Western bean cut worm are being caught in traps in higher numbers and earlier than in previous years. They lay clusters of white eggs which turn purple just before hatching. These are usually found on the upright leaves. If you observe any please let your agronomist know so the field can be inspected to see how many egg masses are out there. These larva are voracious feeders and control is warranted if they reach economic levels. They also can open up the plant to molds that produce vomatoxin.

**Soybeans:** Post spraying is in full swing. We are seeing the Roundup resistant marestail now in our area. If these go to seed it will enhance the problem in the future. A lot of this seed will stay close to home instead of going to the neighbor. Classic chemistry will stop them if they are not sulfonated urea resistant. I have seen one field that is both. The only control option that grower has left for the future is 2,4D or sharpen in the burndown.

**Wheat:** Harvest is on. Those that sprayed fungicide this year should be well rewarded for your time and effort. If you have side by sides we would like to document the yield differences.

**Alfalfa:** Some hay made some not made. Leafhopper numbers have been anemic to date which isn't normal. Be on the look out for them. They may be brought up here by these southern winds. Inspect your field once a week for pressure. We have the moisture to make a nice 2<sup>nd</sup> cutting.