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Williamson

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Region 6

**Field Photo Upload 1**



**Field Photo Upload Caption 1**

Field in southern IL (Williamson Co.) on John Pike's farm with cover crop strips.

**Which of the following best describes current conditions in this county?**

Moderately Wet (soil is damp, standing water may be present in low areas, water bodies are full)

If conditions are on the dry end, which of the following US Drought Monitor categories best fit current conditions. To better judge the fit, see explanation of USDM categories here:

<https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About/AbouttheData/DroughtClassification.aspx>

Near Normal (Dnada)

### **Quick synopsis of conditions that will appear in the main feed**

In my trip through South Central IL this past week, most fields I saw are still on the wet side. Most wheat fields are headed out and at least entering the anthesis (flowering) period. The wet soils kept the ground equipment out of many fields, but I did see at least a couple planes applying fungicide treatments.

I didn't see much in the way of newly planted fields, and that which was planted in the last couple weeks has, for the most part, not yet emerged. That said, there were a few fields with emerged spring-planted crop. With more rain coming through this weekend, field operations will likely be delayed a bit longer in that region. But with a dry and relatively warm forecast next week, many are expecting to get back in the field.