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Field Photo Upload 1



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Field Photo Upload Caption 1

Soil crusting causing emergence issues in a few fields.

Field Photo Upload Caption 2

Winter wheat has finished flowering.

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

Mildly Dry (soil is drier than normal, plant growth may have slowed)

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/AboutheData/DroughtClassification.aspx

Near Normal (Dnada)

Quick synopsis of conditions that will appear in the main feed

In Piatt County, the heavy rains of May 6 -8 have caused some emergence issues in fields planted ahead of those rains. Some fields have been rotary hoed and some not. Wheat fields have finished flowering and look good. Early planted crops are growing well, corn is at V4 and soybean at V2. Ponding damage is visible in poorly drained areas of fields. Only light rain has fallen in the past week.