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#### Field Photo Upload 1



#### Field Photo Upload 2



#### Field Photo Upload Caption 1

Soybean plants leafing out underground due to crusting.

### **Field Photo Upload Caption 2**

Side-dressing of fertilizer completed in V5 corn.

### **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/AbouttheData/DroughtClassification.aspx>

Near Normal (Dnada)

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

Corn is in the V6 to V2 growth stage, except for replanted areas. Soybeans are V3 to V1 growth stage. Crusting in some soybean fields is causing stand variability where planting was done just ahead of the early May heavy rains. Rotary hoeing may have paid in some of these fields. Currently farmers are side-dressing N in corn and are making post-emergence herbicide applications. The past week saw only minor amounts of rainfall across DeWitt and Macon Counties.