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Sudden Death Syndrome in soybeans just beginning to show up in a few fields.

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

Moderately Dry (soil is dry, plants may be browning or stressed, water bodies are low)

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>

Moderate Drought (D1)

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

Early planted corn fields are in "dough" or R4 stage and later planted fields are in "milk" or R3 stage. Most soybean fields are in the "beginning seed" or R5 stage. In my 3 county area, the 9 straight weeks of being listed in the "moderate drought" category by the U.S. Drought Monitor has reduced our incidence of leaf diseases in corn and soybean fields. This week, a little SDS is just beginning to show up in a few soybean fields. The above SDS photo was from an area of a field with deep soil compaction.