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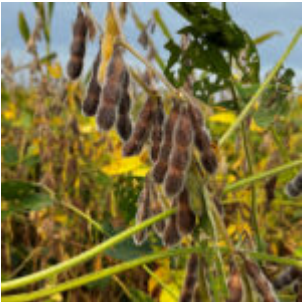
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Region 5

**Field Photo Upload 1**



**Field Photo Upload 2**



### **Field Photo Upload Caption 1**

Soybeans at R8 or Full Maturity stage.

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

Corn at R6 or Physiological Maturity stage. This ear is showing signs for grasshopper feeding damage.

### **Field Photo Upload Caption 3**

Soybean fields are in the Full Seed or R6 stage in my area.

### **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>

Abnormally Dry (D0)

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

Here in my 3 county area (DeWitt, Macon & Piatt), soybeans are in either R7 - Beginning Maturity or R8 - Full Maturity stage. All corn fields are in the Dent or R5 stage with many fields in the R6 - Physiological Maturity. A few farmers have started to harvest mature early corn varieties. Noting grasshopper feeding damage on field edges (see photo). Areas of local fields where corn was stressed during grain fill are showing signs of stalk quality issues and lodging. It might be worth your time to check stalk quality in corn fields to prevent lodging losses.