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Soybeans and corn and Lincoln Marker on Champaign-Vermilion County line; recovered well following rough start to season (see June 23 post). August 25, 2023.

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

This week, I visited fields in southwestern Vermilion County. Disease levels in both corn and soybean fields was minimal; I observed only a few isolated areas in soybean fields with foliar disease symptoms. Soybeans are mostly at R6 (full pod), but a few fields were still lagging behind closer to R5. Corn fields I visited were in early to mid-R5 (dent). Ear fill was good in most fields I check, but I did find a couple fields that are struggling, with varying degrees of tipback as well as kernels aborted later in seed fill.