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**County**

Woodford

**Region/State**

Region 2

**Field Photo Upload 1**



**Field Photo Upload Caption 1**

R8 Soybeans mixed with some pretty green stems. Harvest could be challenging.

**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**

I've seen one field of corn in Tazwell County with the end rows taken off. Moisture test in early planted corn in McLean County at 20%. Harvest is slow between Springfield and Jacksonville. Farmers are trying to be patient and allow field drying but it is slow. Many harvesting just enough to stay with drying capacity. Yields 10-30% off normal. Older farmers who have farmed through 1988 are amazed at yields on 10" of rain that mostly came in 2 storms. Input prices for 2024 look better. 2023 will be the first break even year for some younger farmers.

### **Weather**

Temperatures are finally pleasant. Gentle rains would be welcome.

### **Precipitation**

None

### **Field/Soil Conditions**

Dry

### **Field/Soil Activities**

Minimal harvest

### **Soybean Growth Stage**

R7-8

### **Corn Growth Stage**

Some fields have black layered, others should soon.

### **Insects**

Stink bugs

**Weeds**

Seeded waterhemp

**Diseases**

The silver lining in a dry year- minimal.

**Cover Crop Insights**

Cover crops are being flown on by helicopters and drones. Need moisture for germination and establishment.

**Other**

Pumpkin harvest has begun. The fragrance of Morton, IL can best be described as odoriferous- which is how I also describe the smell of dirty diapers.