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Corn field at VE/V1

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Recently planted field with now saturated soil conditions

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Standing water in emerged soybean field; indicative of the most extensive ponding witnessed during transect

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

Moderately Wet (soil is damp, standing water may be present in low areas, water bodies are full)

Quick synopsis of conditions that will appear in the main feed

Like much of the state, conditions in Ford County are fairly wet. Standing water in fields was minimal, for the most part, most fields are at or near their holding capacity. During my transect of the southern half of the county, I saw very few emerged fields. The majority of fields are still yet to be planted, and many of those have not been sprayed or tilled yet this spring. I did see both corn and soybeans emerged in a couple fields, but still at VE/V1 and VC, respectively. There were several fields that had been recently planted prior to the last couple days of rain. Without too much more rain, those fields should come out of it okay, but that may not be in the cards, with some slight chances for rains in the local forecast over the next several days.