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Ford

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Field Photo Upload 1



Field Photo Upload 2



Field Photo Upload 3



Field Photo Upload Caption 1

Corn field nearing VT; representative of average observed corn growth stage

Field Photo Upload Caption 2

Standing water once again in low lying areas of fields

Field Photo Upload Caption 3

Emerging waterhemp in soybean

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

Most of the corn and soybean crop in Ford County is looking healthy after some needed rain from the remnants of Beryl, although it may have been a little more than ideal for a few fields. Low lying areas where farmers struggled getting a crop planted and established this spring once again have standing water. However, the extent of observed ponding was relatively minimal at the time of this survey, with most fields saturated but not too tacky when walking through. A small proportion of the corn fields are at R1, but most are still a leaf or two away from VT. There are also a handful of fields still in the V8-V10 stages. Soybeans ranged from V3/V4 to R2, with most fields showing at least a few flowers. Weed control looked good, overall, in corn. Soybean fields were more variable. With a few exceptions, most fields looked relatively

clean from the road, but recently emerged waterhemp seedlings and/or escapes that were not controlled by herbicide applications could be found pretty easily when walking through a number of soybean fields.