

June 25th- 29th Scouting Report



Introduction

For those who don't know who I am, my name is Zach Cowsert. For the summer of 2018, I was given the opportunity for an internship at the Donovan Farmers Cooperative. Over these past couple weeks, I have been around the area scouting many of our grower's fields. To make your lives a lot easier, I will be splitting up this scouting report into 4 different sections. The sections will be as follows: North, South, East, and West of Donovan. For example, if your fields are Northeast of Donovan, look in the North and the East sections of this report, or if you are wanting to see all the sections, go ahead and read as much as the report as you please. This scouting report will include disease identifications, common insects throughout the area, growth stages throughout the area, and recommendations to you if you have any diseases or insects in your fields. Thank you again for taking the time to read this scouting report.

Northern Section

The crops in the Northern sections have really impressed me this week. The corn growth is sitting right around V14-VT stage. Who would've thought that we would be seeing tassels before the 4th of July? Bean growth is at R1-R2. As far as disease goes, I am mainly seeing Grey Leaf Spot in the corn. I haven't seen any other disease in the beans besides the Phytophthora that showed up earlier this month. Insects on the other hand are something to be paying close attention to. Japanese Beetles the only insect that I have seen in both corn and beans. If there was any time to start thinking about a fungicide and insecticide application, it is now. The weather this weekend and into the beginning of next week is hot and humid with moderate storms throughout the area. This is almost a "perfect storm" for diseases to start developing in fields throughout the area.

Southern Section

The Southern section has once again had an interesting week to say the least. The corn growth stages are around V12-VT. Bean growth stages are right around R1. From what I have seen over the course of this week, Grey Leaf Spot is becoming a common disease over all the sections in this report. The good news is, it is not a severe case. I haven't seen any beans diseases besides that early season Phytophthora. As far as insects go, I have seen quite a bit of Japanese Beetles flying around. If there was any time to start thinking about a fungicide and insecticide application, it is now. The weather this weekend and into the beginning of next week is hot and humid with moderate storms throughout the area. This is almost a "perfect storm" for diseases to start developing in fields throughout the area.



Eastern Section

In the Eastern Section, the crops look fantastic! The corn is loving the weather that we have had causing most of the corn growth to jump to VT. The beans are also growing into R1-R2. I haven't seen any cases of disease in this section, but with the weather that is coming this weekend and the beginning of next week, it is weather that could start producing diseases. I would recommend some fungicide applications. As far as insects go, I have seen a bunch of Japanese Beetles in both corn and beans.

Western Section

In the Western Section, the crops have really impressed me this week. There wasn't any disease in the corn. There was still some Phytophthora in the beans, but the beans are looking a lot better this week. Corn growth is right around V14. Bean growth is at R2. Japanese Beetles have started showing up around all the sections this week. With the weather coming this weekend, I would consider keeping fungicide and option. If there is any time to start thinking about a fungicide and insecticide application, it is now!

Conclusion

Overall, the crops look great! With this weather coming this weekend, I would start to think about fungicide and insecticide applications. Thank you for taking the time to read this report. Have a great weekend!



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