

Western Floods

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numerous according to Jean Kayser, Cargill Seeds, Camp Hill, who is just back from her family farm in north central Iowa. "The situation is unbelievable," Kayser said. "You are only seeing the land along the rivers on TV. There are hundreds of acres further from rivers that have been under a weather pattern of rain since March. The ground was so saturated, the corn didn't get planted. And when farmers turned to plant soybeans later, they also didn't get them planted."

Some attempts were made to plant soybeans by airplane. And herbicides were applied by airplane.

"There is a lot of grain in the pipeline, but much of the last crop had high moisture and didn't keep very well," Kayser said. "Now with railroad tracks washed out and barge shipments halted, corn prices will likely go up."

Barry Hoke, Jacques Seeds, Manheim, agrees. "With the light weight and low energy of much of the corn from last year and the reduction of planted acres this year, the corn market should be acting up more than beans," Hoke said. "They weren't buying this corn before the latest floods, but they are now."

The seed corn crop has had many obstacles even before the latest floods. Cloudy weather and low degree days have the seed crop seven to 14 days behind schedule. In some areas excessive rains are

washing the pollen off, and some 100 mph winds caused crop damage.

On the positive side, much of the seed production is on sandy soil that drains well. And company representatives are in Australia, South America and Puerto Rico for winter production. But growing seed out of the country is expensive, and with all the domestic weather problems, farmers can look for seed prices to be up \$1.00 to \$3.00.

Norma Camerer of Doeblers in Northcentral Pennsylvania along the Susquehanna River also said the scarcity of seed will send the price up a bit. "A lot of people, particularly in New York State, didn't plant because they lost the crop last year," Camerer said. "But in Pennsylvania the crop looks good, but we have been irrigating. We started to detassel yesterday."

Pete Johnson, Ohio Seed, Mifflinburg, sees adequate seed corn supplies and a glut in alfalfa seed supplies. "There is enough alfalfa seed around for the next three years," Johnson said. "In Pennsylvania there were record soybean sales and the number of acres increased."

"We had a bumper crop of corn last year, and there is so much around. In Pennsylvania we have some areas that need rain, but mostly we have a good crop," Johnson said.

Ron Dodds, NC Plus, Mifflintown, is just back from a trip to

Omaha. On the trip he saw a barge that was sunk because it was tied too tightly to its moorings. The Missouri River, usually about three blocks wide, could now swallow several towns at once. "The flooding will not affect our seed supply directly," Dodds said. "We have had some hail and wind damage, but not extensive, and we have some left over from last year so we should be in good supply."

As for the feed situation, Dodds believes livestock feeders will need to be sensitive to feed costs. Even here in the East we have had various weather problems. "I was talking to a farmer in the Delmarva Peninsula last week, and he was approaching a 50 percent crop loss," Dodds said. "Feed costs are going up, and there may be a time livestock feeders may need to send their steers to market rather than put extra high cost feed into them."

Ed Lazowski, Pioneer Hi-bred, Manheim, said their seed crop supply was of no concern because of carryover from last year and production from other states where the crop conditions are good. Lazowski said grain marketing was not within his field of expertise. But he said, many times farmers in the past have lamented that they did not sell grain when they had a good opportunity. His thought was that it often does not pay to become too greedy.

Judy Reese, Hoffman Seeds, Landisville, said because of the upward flight of bean prices, farmers are trying to plant beans now, which likely will be too late to

mature. But bean acres may be up next year because of the price.

Bob Brutus, Fielder's Choice, in Monon, Indiana, said his feeling is that out in his area soybeans are hurt the most because they have not grown high enough at this time of year to withstand the water cover. But the corn looks very good

except in the flooded area.

Frank Welch, Beachley-Hardy, said that in general there is some seed at risk. However, the total that will be affected will not affect the seed supply for the farmer. "In summary, I don't think corn or the soybean supply will be greatly affected," Welch said.

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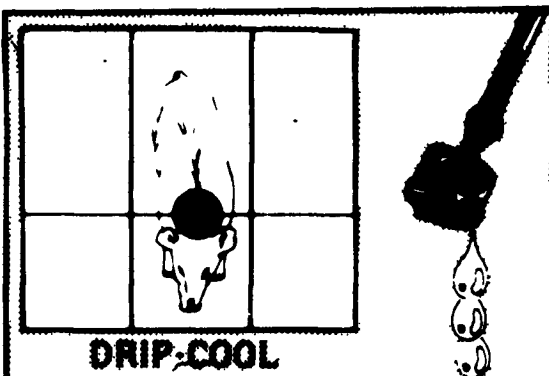
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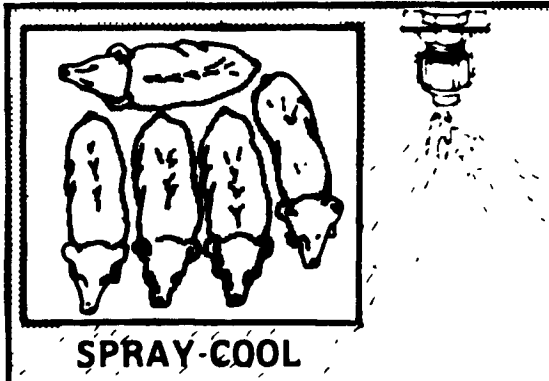


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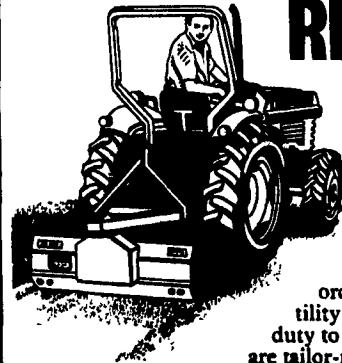


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