

Isabel Flattens Cornfields

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that a lot of the corn is blown down, getting good quality silage is going to be even harder.

While soybeans were also "knocked down pretty good" in some areas, Anderson said, yield losses will be much less severe than in the corn crop. Alfalfa and other hay crops should be unaffected.

Pumpkins — a big cash crop for some farmers — "seem to be taking a hit," with many begin-

ning to rot in the field from the generally wet conditions, including a storm Monday night that brought between three and four inches of rain to much of the state and caused flooding in some areas. That was more rain than the area received from the hurricane itself, which totaled about two inches in Lancaster County.

Greg Roth, extension agronomist at University Park, said he has heard the worst reports of corn damage coming in from the southeastern counties of Leba-

non, Lancaster, and Chester, and from the Big Valley area around Belleville, Mifflin County. He also noted flattened corn in York County and northern Maryland, as well as scattered damage throughout the midstate.

Corn maturity, the lay of the land, pest damage, and type of hybrid all played into how well the stalks survived the storm, according to Roth.

"There's quite a variety of different kinds of wind damage," he said.

In addition, another storm early in the week on top of the hurricane put the county in a rainfall surplus, about seven inches over normal for the year, according to some reports. Flooding was rampant and widespread near flood areas, including the Conestoga River.

As for hurricane damage, the worst is in late-planted cornfields that grew tall and never developed good roots because of wet growing conditions through the summer, Roth said. Many of these plantings suffered root lodging from the hurricane winds — stalks blowing down because the roots were unable to hold in the wet soil.

Farmers should not be in hurry to harvest these late-planted fields, according to Roth. He



The wind and rain of Tropical Storm Isabel proved disastrous for corn farmers, as this photo taken near Millway shows.



Downed corn near Meadow Valley Road from Tropical Storm Isabel. Some harvest losses could be expected.

noted that the corn will continue to mature as long as the root system is intact.

"One concern I have is that a lot of this late-planted corn is not ready for silage harvest," Roth said. "I would urge farmers not to panic, and let it mature." They should monitor for ear mold in the meantime, he noted.

Isabel also broke stalks in some fields, especially weaker hybrids, or those with stalk rot or corn borer damage, according to Roth.

"On a positive note," he said, "a lot of the corn fared the high winds pretty well."

Rich Kammerer, a custom harvester from Gettysburg, Adams County, said a lot of corn in the area is "leaning." He has also seen a few flattened cornfields, especially narrow, 15-inch row silage plantings where stalks are thinner than in fields with lower plant populations.

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Corn was knocked down by a one-two punch: a combination of Hurricane Isabel and heavy rains Monday night on a field near Farmersville Road west of Farmersville.

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A gentleman goes canoeing where flood waters overtook the banks of the Conestoga River near Covered Bridge Road in Farmersville Tuesday afternoon.

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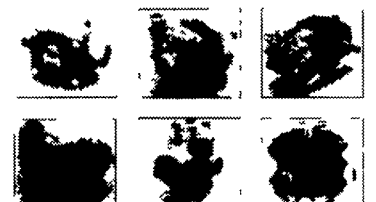
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