

# Corn Baled, Rain Helps Soybeans And Pests Are Few

LAMAR, MO.

Tim Schnakenberg, an agronomy specialist with University of Missouri Extension, scouted fields west of Lamar and near Nashville on Sept. 21.

Corn fields appeared to be at least 80 percent harvested. Many fields had the stalks baled up to feed to cattle.

“Buyers and sellers of this hay should be aware of nitrate levels that could be high. It is recommended that stalks be tested for this issue,” said Schnakenberg.

Soybeans scouted this week were in R5 and R6 beginning and full seed stages of development, though a few full season fields were at full maturity.

“A much needed rain over the weekend has made the outlook better for the soybean crop, though many doublecrop fields will still be pushed to make a decent yield if we have an early frost,” said Schnakenberg.

The most obvious pests on soybeans currently are green cloverworms, grasshoppers, podworms and a few stinkbugs. Most of the pod damage appeared to be old. Leaf feeding was mostly at 10-20 percent and is mostly due to several small cloverworms in the crop.

“Some of the soybeans are being baled for hay.

Soybean hay typically is about 14 percent protein and could have a TDN level in the upper 50s. Issues related to baling soybeans include getting the stalks dry without leaf loss and the quality of the hay is sometimes compromised by the high stalk content,” said Schnakenberg. Δ



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