

PeanutFax: Southeast

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OVERVIEW

The crop is moving along. Herbicide and fungicide applications are underway and land plaster is going out. None of our contacts this week reported pest or disease problems. Parts of the region could use a rain.

CROP REPORTS

Mike Donahoe, Santa Rosa

County Extension Leader, Milton, Fla.: "Peanuts look good. We're mainly trying to clean up weeds and are gearing up for fungicide applications."

Dallas Hartzog, Alabama Extension Agronomist, Headland, Ala.: "We've finally finishing planting. Most farmers are making late cracking sprays, trying to clean up weeds and grasses. Also, our first leafspot applications have been going out.

"It's been 10-11 days since our last general rain, and things are beginning to get dry again. For this time of the year the crop looks moderately well. But, of course, the weather over the next 70-80 days will mainly determine how everything turns out."

John Beasley, Georgia Extension Agronomist, Tifton, Ga.: "We're in pretty decent shape, although we haven't had substantial rain since the end of last week, and it's getting dry pretty quickly in some places.

"Most growers are into weed control. I'm still getting questions about whether it's too late to plant, which it is, but some people are planting anyway. We've got areas where plants are still showing symptoms of waterlogging from the last big round of rain, but a lot of those fields are looking better now.

"No major outbreaks of pests are being reported. The crop is beginning to bloom and peg. If we don't get rain soon irrigation

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will have to start up. Most of the irrigation I see right now is on corn.”

Jay Chapin, Extension Specialist-Peanuts, Blackville, S.C.: “We’re in a ‘steady as she goes’ phase right now. Fieldwork is underway, and people are making progress. Growers have applied Cadre on a lot of their acreage now and are busy putting out land plaster. A little Bravo is going in with Cadre applications. Some of the earlier planted fields are getting their 45-day Tilt-Bravo application. Overall, we could use a rain. Some plants have blooms now, but not much pegging has started yet.”

Carl Hobbs, Carl Hobbs Ag Consulting, Ashburn, Ga.: “Our earlier peanuts look fantastic and are blooming. It’s dried out just right, and we can finally make our first fungicide applications. These are running 40-45 days, and our oldest ones are at

48 days. We’re not seeing any pests. Cadre is going out, too, and we’ll probably have to put out a little Select for grass escapes. A lot of my peanuts are in conservation tillage systems, which makes weed control a little more complicated and a little more expensive.

“Peanuts were a little yellow from the big rains but appear to be coming out of it now.”

Trey Bullock Bullock’s Ag Consulting, Hattiesburg, Miss.: “Peanuts look really good this year. We’re getting dry now, but we’ve had great growing conditions up to this time. It’s a really clean crop. Last year we had issues with too much water and bad stands. But this year we’re off to a good start.

“We’re coming up on our 60-day fungicide shot. There are no insects. The thing that’s bothering me a little is that the Delta is having tremendous trouble with spider mites in cotton, and I’m

hoping they don’t make it to south Mississippi. I found them on peanuts late in the season 2 years ago. We started digging before they really blew up, but I saw how much trouble they could potentially cause.”