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### OVERVIEW

Much of our coverage area is trying to rebound from excessive rain and cool temperatures during the first half of May. Replanting decisions are being made on a wide basis. Our contacts this week said that early planted stands mostly came through the cold weather fine and at this point are the best looking part of the crop in many areas.

Asian soybean rust was reported today on kudzu in Gadsden County, Fla., which is just west of Tallahassee and abuts Georgia's southwestern corner. Quincy is the county seat. For more info, see the article we've posted in

our Sunbelt News section at [agfax.com](http://agfax.com).

### CROP REPROTS

**Grover Shannon, University of Missouri Soybean Breeder, Portageville, Mo.:** "The season is in two parts, you might say. A lot of early-planted beans are up, but between April 1 and now, very few additional acres were planted. Growers are beginning to get into fields again. We had scattered showers Tuesday, mostly in Pemiscot and Dunklin Counties, and that slowed down things some, but in New Madrid and Stoddard Counties they're rolling pretty fast. Growers who planted early feel good about that now and probably wish they had planted more. We've got farmers who, up until the last day or so, hadn't planted the first bean this year. You've got to take what Mother Nature gives you, and we had an opening in April for planting soybeans."

**David Lanclos, Louisiana Extension Soybean Specialist:** "We're dealing with a world of calls about iron chlorosis and are trying to make some replant decisions. Iron problems are spotty, but in some locations it's severe, and it's not hard in those situations to decide what to do. With these 15 mph winds and warmer temperatures, our fields are drying up rapidly. It would help to get another rain by this weekend, but we could probably go another week before things get tight. There's good subsoil moisture, and the overall crop has improved with these rains in the last seven to ten days.

"We already were mostly planted in north Louisiana. From Alexander south, growers are going 90-to-nothing to finish, and we should have most of it wrapped up by this  
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weekend. They're mostly going with extremely late MG IVs and early MG Vs. We're picking up a few red-shouldered stinkbugs, although I hate to even mention that insect this early. Bean leaf beetles are still out there and are being treated in some fields planted ultra early."

**Tucker Miller, Ind. Consultant, Drew, Miss.:** "Soybeans haven't been much trouble in terms of insects. We added Dimilin for grasshoppers to some Roundup applications. A few bean leaf beetles are turning up in places, but we haven't treated any. We've got a lot of twin-row beans that were planted early, and they're up and look good."

**Chuck Farr, Mid-South Ag Consultants, Crawfordsville, Ark.:** "Quite a few soybeans have been replanted, some for the second time and, in a few spots, for the third time. After nine inches of rain, we quit counting."

**Angela Thompson, Tennessee Extension Soybean Specialist:** "At this point last week, we probably were less than 15% planted. Right now, the weather is dry and warmer, and planting is going full speed ahead. We had spotty showers Tuesday, but I don't think they will delay things much."

**Charles Denver, Denver Crop Consulting, Watson, Ark.:** "The earliest beans really look good. Some planted just before all the rain will be replanted. They were put in pretty deep when it was still dry, then got caught by the rain. Altogether, we've received about 20 inches of rain since about April 10, and we didn't get a solid break in the weather until late last week. Later beans are just being planted. We've found grasshoppers in some beans, especially on edges and coming out of ditches. Quite a few treatments have been made, either whole fields or edges, depending on the situation."

**Harold Lambert, Ind. Consultant, Innis, La.:** "In the southern part of my area, it's getting real dry again. Growers are still planting beans, and beans are still coming up. We started receiving rain about three weeks ago, and we were grateful for it. This area had been in a pretty serious drought up until then."

**Scott Gifford, Gifford Crop Consulting, Manila, Ark.:** "We've got a good looking soybean crop, overall, at least the part that's up now. In 2.5 weeks, we've received five to six inches of rain, and at times the water was standing everywhere. About 80% of my soybeans are bedded up on 38-inch rows so we can water down the middles, and the rain wasn't as big an issue as it was where beans were drilled and flat. The last couple of years, we've made 50 to 60 bu/acre on beds, and we started planting about a month ago. Two of my farmers are running twin-row planters on beds."

**Trey Reaper, Area Extension Soybean Agronomist,**

**Little Rock, Ark.:** "We're getting some decent weather now for spraying and planting, and beans are starting to respond to warmer temperatures. We're getting calls about whether to replant and what is the bare minimum plant population. This remains a field-by-field situation. We can produce an adequate yield with 60,000 to 70,000 plants, but can the grower put the kind of management into the crop necessary to do that? Also, what is the soil's potential? We're dealing with numerous fields where growers intended to have plant populations at twice those numbers. Some spot replanting is underway, and there are places where whole fields are being replanted."

"Growers are trying to make that first glyphosate application now. A lot of people, I noticed today, were running spray rigs early in the morning, then parking them after the wind got up during the day. Insect pressure seems to be down, which probably is an effect from the rain and cold conditions."

**Alan Blaine, Mississippi Extension Soybean Specialist:** "Many fields are finally drying out enough that people can work again. Some places were too wet for 10 to 20 days. We started with a fairly early crop and got a good deal planted. Less than 10% of the crop remains to be planted now, and we hope to finish that in a couple of more days."

"We're receiving calls about herbicide injury. This isn't surprising. These are mainly cases where preemergent materials were applied just as soybeans were cracking the ground, then there was a big rain. That sets you up for injury with several commonly used materials. It doesn't happen often, but we do tend to see this more with early plantings because April is typically one of our wettest months."

"We have fields in both the north and south Delta that are about to canopy. I know that every year people wonder if they're pushing the envelope with March planting dates, but that's the best looking part of the crop again this year. It came up, got a good start and avoided a lot of problems that hit our later plantings. We've had some flash flooding, with water backing into fields and covering plants. I'm telling folks not to panic. The water was cold. If the water is moving, then flooding at this point probably won't affect plants like it would in the summer when the water and air are hot. Watch the beans. There may be mud on them, but look in the terminal for new green tissue unfolding. If you see that, the plants probably will be fine."

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