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WEATHER - Rained most of the week, but a few folks harvested towards the end of the week. Rain arrived again on Friday and is expected for most of this week. No doubt that this is harming crops remaining in the field. Too early to tell to what degree quality and/or yields have been affected.

COTTON - Some cotton picked on Thursday and Friday, but showers started again on Friday and all field work is curtailed for several more days.

Yields of 600 - 1,000 lb/ac plus on most recently picked cotton. Quality an issue on some.

95% of cotton ready for defoliant. Over 50% of acreage awaiting 2nd shot or boll-opening shot.

Using Dropp + Ginstar + light rate of Prep in 1st defoliation application. Second app will most likely be ¼ gal Prep + 1/12 gal Finish + ½ - ¾ oz Aim/ac and 1/12 - 1/10 gal Def/ac or Aim (1/2 - ¾ oz/ac) and Ginstar (3 oz/ac) depending on temps and amount of re-growth potential.

SOYBEANS - Most soybeans remaining in the field will have a quality issue after this extended rainy period. Some may be harvestable, some may not. Too early to tell until we get several loads cut.

Some of the latest planted soybeans are just beginning to turn; some of the late planted soybeans will not turn without a freeze. Green Bean Effect or Syndrome is causing bud proliferation and, therefore, non-maturing features. We think this latest round of green beans was caused by disease and stinkbugs that were left untreated for several weeks during the previous rain event (although it is hard to distinguish different rain events when we have had only a limited number of "clear" days).

Collected another 800 stinkbugs from the field with possible bifenthrin-tolerant stinkbugs. Dr. Roger Leonard will run this population through testing for acephate tolerance or resistance. This field was one of many south of Jonesville where stinkbugs have become much harder to kill.

CORN - Still some corn remaining in the fields. It may not be harvestable or farmers may be waiting for a frost or freeze to kill the morningglory.

RICE - Much of the local crop is still in the field. Perhaps 2/3 of acres have been harvested in surrounding area.

Late rice is now flowering or filling, but is under severe disease pressure due to cloudy, cooler conditions. Rice stinkbugs also an issue in latest planted rice. Borers have been found, but not at severe numbers.

Rice yields of 150 bu/ac or above are still commonplace, but later planted and later harvested rice will be substantially less.

WHEAT - No wheat planted yet. Wheat acres will be down substantially this year due to economics. Wheat followed by beans is less attractive than soybeans alone.

Some wheat ground must also be rotated to other crops.
