

## CHECK OUT CROP FIELDS FOR EARLY SEASON ISSUES

A couple of weeks ago some parts of southeast Nebraska received some heavy rains and hail. It is important to check your fields to determine if there is some damage to your crops. This may be from hail or crops being washed out or covered due to soil erosion. If fields were not damaged to severely and the stand was kept, it is important to keep an eye on these fields as they are more susceptible to disease and under stress, are more vulnerable to attack from insects. For information about hail damage to crops go to Hail Know at: <https://cropwatch.unl.edu/hailknow> .

With the report of the emergence of soybean gall midge adults, it is important to be vigilant in checking fields for signs of the gall midge. Sites in Otoe, Lancaster and Cass Counties all had the emergence of adult gall midges. In previous years, this insect has been along the outside borders of fields, where it has caused significant damage. While this pest hasn't been established in Nemaha County yet, there are some severe infestations close in southern Otoe County. To keep updated about the soybean gall midge, go to : <https://soybeangallmidge.org/> and join the alert network to keep updated about this pest. You can also go to: <https://cropwatch.unl.edu/2021/soybean-gall-midge-updates-and-tools-2021> for info on the soybean gall midge.

With the hot, dry weather settling in, it is important to scout fields for weeds, diseases of corn and soybeans and insect pests that could be causing damage to your crops. For latest information and updates on crop issues go to; <https://cropwatch.unl.edu/>. When the warm weather kicked in a couple of weeks ago, corn really took off and the roots reached the nitrogen fertilizer and it greened up significantly. There are still some fields that are looking pale green or yellow and may need some more nitrogen. There has been reported that some of the pale green or (yellowing) of corn is due to a herbicide interaction with the cold temperatures followed by a rapid change to hot temperatures. Hopefully it will grow out of this condition with minimal impact on crop yield. If you have questions about any of these issues feel free to contact me at University of Nebraska Extension in Nemaha County at 1824 'N' St., in the lower level of the courthouse in Auburn (402) 274-4755.

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