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Successful Germination

Corn planting at all six locations has finished and some of the early planting is up and out of the ground. Some of the corn is at the two to three leaf stage about 2 1/2" to 3" in height. The weather we have experienced this last month in May has not had any serious impact on the earlier seeded corn. The month of June can still have those cold frosty mornings and the weather man's most recent report calls for lower temperatures mid week.

If your corn has not popped up through the surface, dig around in the field to see what stage it is at.



Finding seed in the field that has started to develop is a reassuring feeling that it is there and growing.



Got weeds in your corn?



Now that the project corn is out of the ground, you will start to notice that weeds are out too. You will find a variety of broad leaf weeds, as well as grasses and volunteer alfalfa. The corn varieties used in this project are glyphosate resistant varieties.

When monitoring your corn, monitor your weeds to decide when to spray. Too much weed pressure can choke out the corn.

An alternative to spraying out the weeds in the corn plots is inter-row cultivation with a tractor mounted cultivator. However, matching wheel width spacing and cultivator shanks to corn rows can be a challenge.

An unexplored idea for weed control is planting a companion crop with the corn to choke our weeds such as a grain crop.