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The Battle of The crow and the Frost verses the Might corn



Top Left:

Frost Bitten corn at
Harlan's corn patch
Skookumchuck

Top Right :

Corn seedlings pulled
out of the ground by
crows at Jordy's in
Cranbrook

Bottom Left :

8 leaf corn at Jeff's in
Parson



The month of June was a tough one on our corn plots. A combination of hard frost in early June and a touch in late June combined with hungry crows made for a challenging month.

Just about every plot location was hit with a frost that occurred on Sunday June 7th, the most severe was in Skookumchuck where the frost turned some seedlings into brown mush. Shortly after I took some pictures and was shocked at the damage caused. I'm happy to report that the corn thought to not recover has and though being slightly shorter will grow to be excellent cow feed.

As well as frost the dreaded big "**fat**" black bird the crow has been munching up little seedlings at some of the plots, a heavy loss happened in Cranbrook where the birds eat 50% of the plot. The decision was made to replant this location and the replanted corn has grown to 3 leaf seedlings stage which over the summer should grow into usable corn plants.

The corn has gone through some hardships but has won the battle, this month.....To Be Continued.