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With regard to the Iowa State University Weed Science program, most of the corn trials have been established at the Curtiss Farm in Ames but there are still many that have yet to be planted. Similarly, we have not been able to plant any soybean trials yet this year at the Curtiss Farm. Given the rain we received overnight, it is unlikely that even with the best of drying conditions, we will be back in the field by June 12.

It is suggested that most plots may be at an appropriate stage of development for viewing by the second week of July. Some of the earlier corn trials might be a bit beyond prime time, so two trips may be necessary to view all experiments at the best time.

We will make field books available after June 27; they can be picked up at the Curtiss Farm Pesticide Mixing Facility on South State Street in Ames. Experiments will be labeled and a map with directions to the field locations will be included in the field book. If you make arrangements in advance, someone will be available to take you to the field.

I apologize for this decision but I feel that it would be a waste of everyone's time to attend an event on June 27. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (515) 294-5936 or mdowen@iastate.edu.

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