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Rich Pope reports Extension field specialists are in agreement with the latest USDA Crops and Weather report – 90 percent of Iowa's corn has been planted and nearly half of the soybean crop is in the ground. He recommends farmers scout their fields for weeds and other pests regularly.

Pedersen says despite a few setbacks in planting soybeans - the situation is much improved over one year ago. Indiana, Illinois and Ohio are all well behind in planting both corn and soybean.

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