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Rich Pope says field agronomists from around the state estimate about ten percent of the state's corn has been planted. That compares to six percent (through April 19) in the latest Iowa Crops and Weather Report from USDA's National Agriculture Statistics Service (NASS).

Palle Pedersen reminds listeners that remembering and heeding the ideal planting times for soybean are important in order to achieve maximum yield potential. He says ISU Extension's recommendations remain the same – April 25 for the southern two-thirds of the state and May 1 for the northern one-third of Iowa.

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