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Weed control early in the growing season is very important and producers should begin scouting fields soon, according to Pope.

Mueller reports soybean rust survived the winter in Louisiana and will be watched for any movement north this summer.

Elmore tells Cooper planting progress is encouraging and barring any weather delays corn farmers should complete corn seeding very soon. He says crusting remains a problem in areas of the state that received very heavy rainfall.

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