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We are entering the most challenging part of the season for corn and soybean replant decisions. Before now, yield losses were minimal from each additional day of delayed planting, but now those losses are becoming much more significant. That means checking stands and seedling condition closely, especially from now for the next three weeks or so. If replanting is warranted, time and good seedling establishment are especially critical.

See postings this week (June 1 and 2) on this Integrated Crop Management News site for specific recommendations.