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GENERAL SITUATION

All in all things are not looking too bad at this time. Our soil moisture is decent, but obviously could be better. It is dryer as you get into the sandier country up north. However, we have received rain in the months of January and February which has been a welcomed surprise. These are generally two of our driest months.

WHEAT

Earlier planted wheat has finally broke dormancy and started to grow off. With the recent rain and warm weather it is putting plenty of growth on at this time. Many fields are at or very near that point of first hollow stem. If you are grazing your wheat and planning on taking it to grain, now is the time to be checking for first hollow stem and pulling livestock off. Late planted fields, late December into January are still struggling to get established and really needed to be sown earlier. I still cannot find any insect pests in wheat right now to cause any concern. This is great news considering the price. If you are planning on killing this crop and planting into the stubble, be sure to give it enough time for the stems to start growing erect with hollow joints inside. Otherwise, the residue will not last until you plant in May.

COTTON

As I mentioned, soil moisture is decent but not great. It is good enough to get weeds up in many places. The question becomes, How long do you leave them out there to suck up moisture before controlling them, especially if you have already made a pass. Granted, most of these small weeds are not using a lot of moisture at this time, but we all know how precious it is. If you have a large number of weeds now, do not get caught up in thinking, "I'll just make a burn down application before planting." Your moisture loss could be considerable at that point especially if we have a dry spring.

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Topics To Be Covered Include: Variety Trials, New Varieties, Weed Resistance, Xtend and Enlist Technologies.

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