Missouri Extension Service Warning of Potential Field Problems

(KLZA) The University of Missouri Extension reports a number of potential problems showing in area fields. Armyworm has been found in scattered fields attacking tall fescue and winter wheat. Producers should scout fields for this potential pest. Small worms will feed at the bottom of plants and will stay close to the ground. Also, they will feed in evenings and early mornings.

Next, because of the rains, there is a potential loss of nitrogen. The amount of loss is dependent on soils and various other factors such as nitrogen application timing. Fall applications are of highest risk of loss. Now that we are into June, moist warm soil conditions lend the opportunity for additional losses. Areas of corn in fields showing yellowing should be observed closely and look for nitrogen deficiency. Young plants will show yellowing. Older plants will have an inverted "V" shape on the tip of the leaf pointing to the stalk.

The cool wet temperatures have caused outbreaks of soybean seedling diseases. Several calls have come into the office concerning soybeans rotting in the soil and soybeans emerging then falling over and dying. Diseases can be from several broad organisms that hurt soybeans. In places, soybean seed treatments have not been effective so please scout fields to determine if you have any damage to your soybean stand.

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