



## Field Notes for The Week Of

9-12-2022

### Time is Ticking on New Forage Seeding

Warmer than normal, this seems to be a common theme when it comes to our weather trends. September is off to a warmer than normal weather pattern and precipitation amounts are trending at normal amounts to just slightly above. Labor Day weekend was a soggy one for most of Southern Ohio with some parts of the county receiving two plus inches of rain. Not much in the way of hay was harvested this week and the burley tobacco harvest was slowed down as well. By the end of the week the ground began to dry out enough to allow the burley harvest to proceed and corn silage harvest to continue as well. Silage yields have been coming in at average yields with much of the corn maturing at a rapid pace. Much of the corn is at ½ milk line and early planted corn is almost reached black layer. My insect traps continue to come up with low numbers and disease pressure is still quite low in many of our crops. At this point I am keeping a close eye on double crop soybeans, with the warmer, wet weather forecasted to continue well into October, late season diseases could creep in on many of the later planted crops. This past week I had the pleasure to present to local 7<sup>th</sup> graders from Peebles and North Adams High School on conservation farming practices and the importance of protecting our most valuable natural resources. I was very pleased with the students and how intuitive they were and their excitement to learn on what sometime can be a boring subject (especially for young teenagers). I have also started my fall weed survey across the county and will continue this until early October. So far, I have covered the central and western portion of the county. I am seeing the common suspects like Giant Ragweed, Water hemp, Palmer Amaranth, Foxtail, and Johnson grass, but this year I am seeing more and more soybean fields with Fall Panicum and Barnyard grass as well. The wet start to September has also slowed down some planned fall forage seedings and I have received some questions regarding when the cutoff date is for seeding perennial forages.

If you are still planning on seeding cool season perennial forages, recommended seeding dates are as follows:

- Alfalfa -August 1<sup>st</sup> – August 30<sup>th</sup>
- Clovers- August 1<sup>st</sup>- September 15<sup>th</sup>
- Orchard grass, Timothy, and Fescue- August 1st – September 15<sup>th</sup>
- Winter Wheat for cover crop October 5<sup>th</sup> – November 1st

