

Question of The Week – Crowfootgrass

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Yes, it was crowfoot grass in last week's question photo. It seems to have become more prevalent in the past 10 years.

This week's question concerns a photo I took while on an Agricultural Tour in Missouri last week. What is this a photo of and what are they getting ready to do in here?



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Corn Harvest Good

Good reports of yields and test weights on field corn where we were able to keep it wet. Some poorer producing areas in corn fields I posted about earlier turned out to likely be nematode damage, as the Southern Root Knot Numbers from the sample were over 2300. It would be a good idea to take a nematode sample to test from suspect areas in your corn fields. For a nematode test you need a plastic bag to keep soil moist, take the sample from the root zone. Keep the sample cool (ice chest) until you can get it to the Extension office or Lab.



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[Peanut Maturity](#)

Peanut Digging time will be here before you know it.



Crop Consultant Howard Small has some good looking peanuts on his truck. We checked them for maturity today to get an idea of how long until time to dig.



These Ga O6G peanuts showed 14 days until prime digging time. They are 127 days old. I've tested about a dozen fields so far this year and the oldest is 133 days old and it was 10 days off. Most are running in this range.

Reminders for using the Hull Scrape Maturity Test

* Test is only as good as the sample. Take sample from several spots in the field. Don't take peanuts from bottoms or any unusual area. Pull off all peanuts from a vine that are over kitchen matchhead size and keep pulling off until you get between 180 and 220 peanuts, try to end on a complete plant. Keep peanuts cool until you get them to the testing area.