

This past week there was a lot of field work done and some corn planted in the area. Conditions in the field were good until Friday when the rain hit again. The rain was real spotty over the area. Armstrong received 1.12 inches of precipitation and Neely-Kinyon (NK) received .19 of an inch.

Activities:

- FACT's group were down taking soil samples
- Dan got 1st Date of Planting done for corn
- Randy smoothed out tile line trenches at NK
- Dry fertilizer was applied on Home 80 and North 80
- Randy got the spring plowing done at NK
- Dan finished spraying the pre on corn ground at NK
- Dan was also able to get the soybean burn down applied at Armstrong
- Randy got the garden area tilled and flagged out
- Randy got the urea applied to corn ground at NK
- Planted the 1st planting of corn on the FACTS plots
- Jim continued working on equipment and is having the sidedress rig worked on to have wings put on for easier hauling
- Odd and end tillage finished on plots that require it
- Biomass samples taken on the Learning Farm plots and the rye was terminated
- Dan went ahead and planted a few acres of bulk corn---making sure equipment is running correctly
- Randy did waterway seeding at NK
- Had a couple tile lines work on at NK
- Run the McNay 2016 spring born steers and bulls through the chute for their yearling weights and measurements
- Sold 2 loads of corn
- Worked in pasture when time allowed
- Continue to work on plans for the FIMS bunk system to be installed in cattle barn this summer

Dan and I sat in on a Biochar meeting with Dr. Laird and Humberto Blanco. This is a joint effort of Iowa State University and University of Nebraska in Lincoln. They are planning to use rain simulator on the biochar plot in the near future, collecting numerous samples and information from the plot areas that have been going for 6 years now. Should be interesting information.