

We were able to get some soybeans combined and get in the swing of things here. It has rained overnight and sounds like more off and on all week, so will get a few other things finished up. Armstrong received 1.48 inches of precipitation over the week and Neely-Kinyon received 1.3 inches.

Activities:

FFA District Soil Judging Contest was held here at Armstrong on the 26th.

Finished getting combines ready to roll at both farms

Cleaned out last bin of corn and got loaded out. Bins are ready for harvest

New bulk bin augers were installed, with a few items yet to be done and electrician to come to hook up

Technician was here to finish up software on FIMS project. Garland Dahlke accompanied him.

Harvest is complete at the Demo Garden and cleanup is started

Started harvesting some soybeans on the 28th—getting combine adjusted and opening up some fields

Projects harvested—Nitrogen X tillage, Long term tillage, and Learning Farm cover crop study

An On Farm study was taken out on the 29th

The FFA Soil Judging Contest was well attended with 143 FFA members participating. With advisors, FFA District officers, Iowa Western Community College student helpers, and Farm Bureau members there was over 190 people on the farm that day. I would like to thank everyone involved for a smooth event and new this year, Farm Bureau bring an educational conservation trailer and grilling lunch for all in attendance.

As most of you know now, Dan Schaben has accepted another position and will be leaving us. We wish him well. He is working with all our staff here so there is a smooth transition after leaving. We are getting all his protocols and notes so that harvest can continue as normal. I (Dallas Maxwell) will be your contact for all the crop projects, so feel free to contact me with any information that we need to know. Also, if we have any questions on any projects, I will be in touch with you.