

Crops are looking better now than three weeks ago

▲ Knee-high and above is the norm for corn this week

"On average, the crops in the area are looking much better now than three weeks ago," said agronomy specialist David Karki from the Watertown Extension Regional Center. "There is a lot of variation from one area to the next. Some areas got too much rain and yet other places are missing out on the rains and are too dry," he reported.

West of Henry, where heavy rains came one after another, water puddled in the fields, causing some problems, especially in the soybeans. "Soybeans don't like to be in standing water and their leaves will yellow from an iron deficiency resulting from too much moisture," noted Karki.

Getting back to the corn, most corn fields should be at V5 or V6 stage in development, but this year with too warm and too cool temperatures in the spring the corn crop was slowed down as it was stressed. Most fields are at V4 or four-leaf stage of growth it was reported.

"In some fields, the canopy is closed in the corn fields and in other fields, one can still see the ground

in between the rows," declared Karki. It really varies from field to field, but overall the corn crop is coming along better than expected. Looking forward, 80-85 degree temperatures would be optimal for the corn in the month of July.

Soybeans

Said Karki, "Soybeans, like corn, like the warmer weather for growth. Soybeans also don't like the cooler night temperatures. As mentioned before, too much moisture in the soybean fields can cause a yellowing of the leaves. Weather permitting, they should come out of that. Areas that have flooded however, may be lost in the soybean fields."

In the Castlewood area, where they suffered from hail damage, the soybean fields were flattened to the point that one would think there was nothing planted there at all, he opined. "Producers are having to start over with early soybeans or switch to a forage crop like milo or millet, as there is a forage shortage in the state," said Karki.

Wheat

Winter wheat has been hit the hardest by the drought conditions earlier this growing season, contin-

ued Karki who noticed in the middle part of the state in Douglas County - they are digging up and spraying/starting over with the winter wheat crops.

According to Karki, spring wheat and oats should be heading out about now. With more moist conditions one should be on the lookout for head scab as fungi like wetter conditions. "With warmer evenings now, by the end of July, some could be harvesting their small grains.

"The pastures are fairing well with the rains giving them all a

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WEATHER

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	HI	LO	PR
June 27	75	46	0
June 28	79	54	0
June 29	71	54	0
June 30	69	50	0
July 1	81	51	0
July 2	74	57	0
2017 precipitation to date			10.02
2016 precipitation to date			7.92



Knee-high corn by the Fourth of July has turned into 'waist-high corn by the 4th', annually and this year producers are thankful for the June rains, bringing about this great result at this time.

Bayler Hurlbut, age (almost) three, daughter of Dustin and Jeana Hurlbut, stands by the neighborly 'Noethlich' field just south of their ranch near Raymond.

Larson family rescues a rabbit

"He loves to cuddle and is as content as can be," pointed out Delma Wallen of Clark regarding the two-tone rabbit that she held in her arms last Friday morning.

The Tuesday before, she noticed him outside of her neighbor's apartment along South Commercial Street in Clark. "At first I thought it was toy or statue but then it moved. When I saw it, I knew it wasn't a wild one because of its two-tone color. And he was easy to pet."

Wallen is used to rabbits as when she and her husband DuWayne lived on the farm and their kids were young, they had domestic rabbits for a time. Their children Steve, Sandra, Penny and Mike enjoyed the rabbits which came to number more in time.

"They multiply pretty fast," laughed DuWayne. "We had 35 rabbits eventually."

"I named him Honeybunny until the vet told me he was a boy. I guess he'll need a different name now," quipped Delma.

"His new family can name him now."

The new family she's referring to is the Daron and Ann Larson family

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One hears of rescued dogs now and then, but rescued rabbits? Delma Wallen found this tame rabbit just outside of her neighbor's window last Tuesday. Word got around resulting in the adoption of the rabbit by the Daron and Ann Larson family. Shown above, left to right, are Mitchell Larson (holding 'Honeybunny'), Wallen, Kate Larson, Lauren Larson in front and their cousin Emmerson Larson.

Logan reunion will be the last

▲ Will be held July 30, 2017

After about 25 years of having a Logan School picnic (reunion), this tradition is coming to a close.

The 2017 Logan Picnic will be the last and final one for those who graduated from Logan Consolidated School.

"We're simply running out of people," stated Mona Schlager who was an organizer of the reunion with her husband - the late Bill Schlager who graduated from Logan in 1937.

The reunions started at the Schlager home years ago on New Years Eve.

"We always had oyster stew on New Years Eve and a party to celebrate Bill's birthday. A lot of Logan alumni usually came and we talked of how there just wasn't enough time to get all of our reminiscing in. We had such a good time together, we wanted to keep it up. So that's how it started."

The first year it was held at the Schlager home. The next few years it was held at the Raymond American Legion building.

When the Ulyot Building was finished the group moved their picnic to the senior citizens center or community room for their annual

gatherings.

They were always held the last Sunday in July which seemed to be a good time for everyone. Thirty-five was the attendance in 2016.

After the Schlagels, Dale and Lavonne Helkenn took over the organizing duties followed by Carla and Charlie Cornelius, Lorraine Logan, Lorna Baldwin, Marilyn Flora, Mary Helkenn and Julie Foster have also helped with reunion duties over the years.

The final organization meeting had Schlager, Carla Cornelius, Joyce Helkenn, Lavonne Helkenn, Lorraine Logan, Florence Brenden and Shirley Brenden in attendance.

A potluck is usually held for the main meal and later in the afternoon ice cream is always served.

"There was always ice cream at the end of the year school picnic, so we wanted to keep up that tradition," noted Schlager. So about 3:00 p.m., we all have ice cream together.

Comparing stories of the activities and shenanigans that went on in their early years at the Logan School is the favorite topic of conversation.

"We just visit," stated Schlager.

"Someone usually brings photos or memorabilia, or even a scrapbook of past pictures or a 'Logan Arrow' yearbook."

Logan's sports team was called the Arrows and their school colors were purple and white.

The school graduated around 179 students from Logan Consolidated which was in operation from 1915 to 1967.

Early alumni banquets began in 1955 put on by the Parent Teachers Association for a few years.

The last graduating class was in 1962 with three graduates - Donna (Haas) Davis, Carla (Cooper) Cornelius and John Gottsleben. Younger classes attended until 1967.

The Logan picnic reunion has always had the policy of inviting teachers and also friends of past graduates who would like to visit with the alumni. The children of graduates and spouses of teachers and graduates have also attended the annual reunions.

Melba (Graves) Olverson was a teacher at the school and put to-

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The summer has been extremely busy at the Clark County Airport recently. Jed Hansen of Hangar 8 Spray Service has been busy himself and he also hired out corn spraying to Kroepelin Air Service of Highmore. Every 15 minutes or so throughout the day a plane loads fertilizer and then sprays the crop. Even though

it was cold and windy last week, planes were spraying, as many corn crops have been just too wet to drive through.

Clark County Airport is buzzing with activity

"The Clark County Airport hasn't been this busy in some," said Jed Hansen and then he explained why the airport has been such a hub-bub of activity lately.

Hansen, who owns Hangar 8 Spray Service hired Kroepelin Air Service, of Highmore, to spray fertilizer on the corn crop.

So, all of last week, this week and

probably next week, every 15 minutes the plane will be loading fertilizer and leaving the airport to spray fields, located generally speaking in a 10-mile radius around Clark.

"This is my second year of spraying and I hope in the future to have a 502 plane, like what is needed to spray corn," Hansen stated. A 502 plane has a 500 gallon pay load and

for corn urea fertilizer is used to re-supply nitrogen to the soil. After heavy rains like those which occurred in the county the past three weeks, the nitrogen profile in the

soil, was lacking.

The fertilizer is obtained locally, said Hansen and he explained that

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