

MEMO

To: Agents in Tobacco Growing Counties

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Re: [Crop Update and Upcoming Events](#)

With the letup in rain across the tobacco growing area, transplanting is finally getting well along. The Ag Statistics folks estimated us to be 44% transplanted in Tennessee as of Sunday, still well behind the 5-year average for the date of 59%. Before the rain came through on Wednesday afternoon, the transplanter were running full speed, so I suspect we have done some catching up. Still, it looks like we will have a bit of a late crop. Surprisingly to me, the Kentucky Ag Statistics folks say transplanting there is right on schedule, after some delays in early May.

The good news is that there is still no blue mold anywhere in the US. Although weather conditions in Tennessee have seemed perfect for it, there has apparently been no transport of spores from the Caribbean, either my nature or man.

Now that we are into the growing season, there are several field days scheduled which may be of interest to you and your producers. These include:

- Highland Rim REC Tobacco, Beef and More Field Day - June 25 (am)
- Greenville REC Tobacco and Forage Field Day - July 16 (am)
- UK All Commodity Field Day, Princeton Research and Education Center, Princeton, KY - July 23 (am)
- Southwest Virginia Tobacco Field Day, Glade Spring, VA - Tentatively set for August 20 (early evening)

Hold these dates on your calendar. I will get more information out to you as it is developed.