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While eighty-degree temperatures over the weekend warmed up southern Illinois soils, frequent rains are still causing planting

delays.

For some farmers in the region, including Lance Panzer of Waltonville, the answer to how much planting they have done is, “None whatsoever.”

He tells Brownfield their tillage equipment and planters are hooked up and ready to roll, but “Just about the time we are ready to go, every five days it seems to rain again and that’s how it has been all spring. And every time it rains you can reset the clock another 7 days.”

He says they really need seven days without rain before soils are dry enough for planting, and looking at data from his on-farm trials, he will be concerned if they cannot get some seed in the ground by May 10th.

“After we get past the 10th of May, we are shaving yield off of both beans and corn.”

But, Panzer says he is still hopeful to get in the field by that point.



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Interview with Lance Panzer