

## Corn

Most of the corn in our area has the "black layer" but has matured early which will cause lower test weights. Some of the fields have had some late diseases emerge, but too late to make a difference in the yield. The big concern has been aflatoxin testing. It will be difficult to determine ahead of time how a sample will test because there can be great variance within the same truckload of grain.

## Soybeans

Some first crop beans are nearing maturity while the double crop fields are setting on pods. We have seen a big increase in podworms and armyworms in the last week, primarily podworms. Their damage varies from field to field, but they have been seen all directions from Lamar. I strongly recommend that producers check all of their bean fields (especially the double crop) for podworms as they can cause a lot of damage in a hurry. A few spider mites have also been found in the area. To be safe, if podworms are bad enough to spray, use an insecticide that will also suppress and/or kill the spider mites such as Hero. Consult your local MFA representative if you are unsure of anything discussed here. We are always happy to help.