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BILL: And good morning and welcome into another week of Ag Talk Programs. This is Bill Rice along with Ed Lentz. Happy Monday to you Ed and today you put on your meteorological hat.

ED: Well I won’t say it’s mine. I’m giving the updates we get from the university researchers and those meteorological people and its not really one I’d like to see, Bill, but I’m not surprised. Most of the county is pretty dry right now. We could use rains and we’ve been compared to last year we had monsoons. This is just totally 180 degrees opposite of it. But the good news if we get dry early but we had water when we planted, which we did, the roots will go down as that water is going down so we get better rooting depth and as it gets dry later hopefully we will have roots deep enough they can take some of the dry conditions until timely rains come. So at this stage not all is lost but we could use some rain and we wish is was not as dry as it has been. You know, the forecast or what we just saw for the month of June in Ohio it was one to three degrees above normal and depending where you were in the state you got 50-100 percent rainfall which means you are half below normal or right at normal. Most of our area, most of our county was definitely below normal for the month of June. The part that troubles me the most though is the forecast is for the rest of the summer to be hot and in July they are expecting the temperatures to be one to three degrees above normal. But the one that the plant is really going to feel is and one that we may not notice much is that we’re going to be three to six degrees warmer at night than normal. And that’s really hard on the corn crop because the corn crop during the day it’s bringing in stuff and building stuff so as it’s burning stuff is also making stuff. But at night it’s not making anything and everything is just a complete burn and burning up energy and that so those hotter nights are going to increase respirations we really don’t like that. So for July they’re anticipating days to be 85-95 degrees, nights 65-75 but normal would be 80-85 for the day and nights to be 60-65. We expect things to continue to be dry for the summer. The northwestern part of the state is predicted to be the driest for Ohio this year. And these hot conditions will continue in August and September. So what we got to hope for is we get these scattered thunderstorms coming through and give us a good soaking rain or a hard rain but just a rain. And if we get some hurricanes that supposed to be an active hurricane system hitting the gulf coast down there that will bring rains up to us too. So timely rains is going to be real important for us to get this crop through this season.

BILL: Thank you Ed. For Ag Talk this is Bill Rice along with Ed Lentz. Good morning to you.

Ed: Good morning.