



## CARDINAL CHIT-CHAT CORNER

September is like a new chapter in a book - the state fairs are over, school has begun, the early morning air seems fresher, and the remaining crops in the field are now in the home stretch. The burning question is, will they have time to fully mature before the first hard frost?

Sunflower and safflower this year need through the third week of September to mature, since most of it got planted late due to the rainy spring. Fortunately, these last 2-3 weeks of hot weather have pushed it along. Just keep praying for more time! An early frost could spell disaster for crops and then prices will skyrocket.

Millet price is finally coming back down with the harvest approaching. This is welcome after record-breaking prices this past season. We should see bird feed mixes reflecting this downward trend too.