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Peanuts around the state continue to develop and mature. Digging has started in the most mature fields on a limited basis and, as is permitting, will be increasing with each week ahead. If recent rainfall patterns continue, digging opportunities will need to keep a watchful eye as the harvest season progresses to take advantage of favorable weather windows and prepare to be nimble if needed. Included are a couple pictures from in and around the Marion County area from today.

Also included is an image taken from a field where an occasional plant could be found with symptoms including some yellowing, browning of the leaves, and lesions on stems. These were limited to controlled traffic pass rows. The most prevalent disease was Rhizoctonia. This fungus can infect tissues directly, but it is also good at taking advantage of wounds that are caused by mechanical damage. On stems/laterals this produces the characteristic "target spot" lesion, and on leaves it can be varied but can cause the entire leaf to become necrotic brown and dead. Most fungicides that are used for stem rot are effective against Rhizoc. In this field, the low incidence of plants affected will not notably affect yield, but when more widespread Rhizoc can cause economic losses.

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