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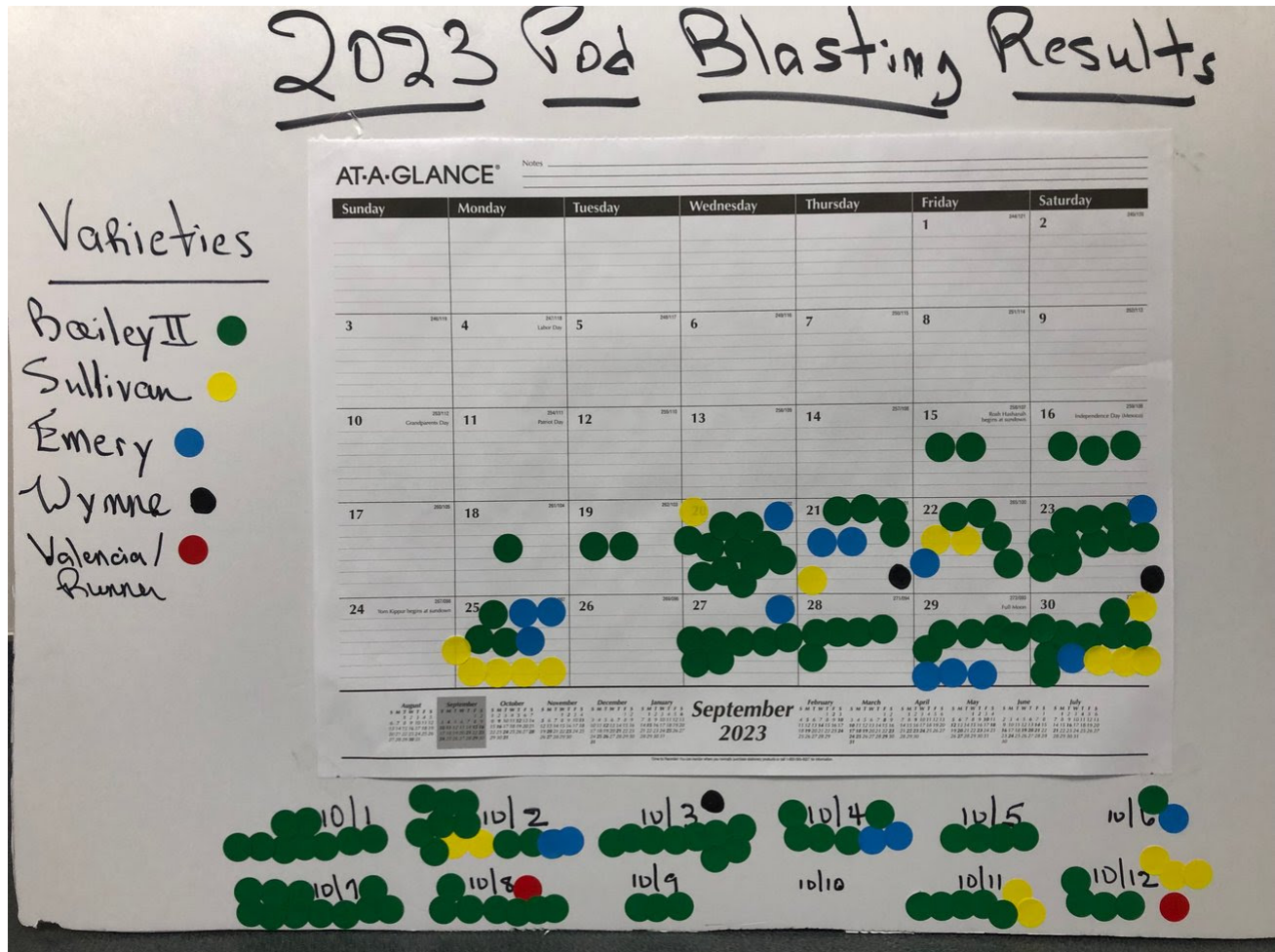
**PITT COUNTY PEANUT DIGGING DATES DELAYED**

Dr. David Jordan, N.C. State Crop Science Extension Specialist for Peanuts announced during the *2023 Annual Peanut Field Day* that *“this peanut crop is expected to be variable and its maturity delayed compared to last year.”* After 2 rounds of peanut maturity workshops in Pitt County, NC and 180 total samples that have been pod blasted for their projected optimum maturity date, that description has proven to be right on target.

Based on the results of the pod blasting process which was held in Pitt County beginning on September 11, the estimated optimum maturity dates have ranged from September 15 to October 12. During the workshops that were held last season, the average maturity date for peanuts in Pitt County was estimated to be September 21, 2022. All but four samples that were processed that year were estimated to reach optimum maturity during the month of September.

This year, the estimated optimum maturity for the samples that have been submitted for pod blasting, have lingered into the month of October. Based on those samples, the estimated average optimum maturity date for Pitt County will be October 2, 2023. Of the total number of samples that have been blasted, 48% have been projected to reach optimum maturity in October. Bailey II represents 73% of the samples that have been blasted. **(See Image Below)**

With cooler temperatures this week, a slower progression toward optimum maturity for many fields is expected. However, with the higher than normal temperatures that are expected to occur next week, the movement toward maturity should start back.



A THIRD POD BLASTING DATE SET

Based on the delayed projected maturity dates for many peanut farms in Pitt and surrounding counties, a third date has been scheduled in order to track recommended digging. This workshop will be held on **Tuesday, October 3 at Charles Tucker and Son Peanut Company**. Listed below is the physical address and the time.

Tuesday, October 3rd
Charles Tucker and Son Peanut Company - Belvoir, NC
4480 Old River Road, Greenville, NC 27834
9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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