

Images from pod blasted peanuts collected from three fields at the Border Belt Tobacco Research Station near Whiteville remind are presented below. These peanuts were planted on the same day. These images remind us that maturity can vary considerably at the same location when comparing fields and practices. The images of these peanuts were recorded on September 4. The planting date was early May and the variety was Bailey II in all fields.

This reminds us of how important it is to check maturity in each field. Soil characteristics varied from field to field. While the seeding rate was the same for all fields, it is possible that plant stands varied from field to field. While irrigation also varied, the results do not track what I would predict for irrigated and non-irrigated peanuts.

Given there was a discrepancy in what was expected, it would be good to check each field again in about a week or 10 days. A second look at maturity in these fields would also be a good way to make sure the samples reflect the entire field.

Field 1. Irrigated peanuts.



Field 2. Irrigated peanuts



Field 3. Non-irrigated peanuts.

