Quentin Connealy and his family grow corn and soybeans along the Missouri River bottoms in eastern Nebraska. Some may recognize him as the "wakeboarding farmer" from a May 2017 viral video on social media, where he and his uncle had a little fun on their rain-flooded fields.

"It's saved me a lot of time and miles. I can pull up the information when and where I want, and it's right there. It's made things more convenient and efficient."

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“We used to run around a lot looking at rain gauges. Now we can check readings from our phones.”

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What he was up against.

“In every aspect of farming, we always watch the weather,” explained Connealy. “Being in Nebraska, the wind is always a factor. We need to monitor it when making decisions.”

What we did to help.

A second generation DTN customer, Connealy was already relying on the company’s flagship MyDTN solution, which provides award-winning industry news, market data and unbiased analysis, and cutting-edge weather tools. To make the weather data even more relevant, he added an on-site DTN Ag Weather Station.

The station gathers and delivers critical weather and agronomy data directly from his own fields. That information is then used to create ultra-local forecasts and custom alerts, which support more targeted planning and operations. That’s especially helpful when Connealy has his friend apply fungicide by air tractor.

What the impact was.

“It’s been quite the asset,” Connealy said. “Every morning, we wake up and check it first thing. It’s especially helpful during planting, spraying, and harvest.”

The information helps him plan which fields to work based on anticipated conditions. “With the new regulations, we need to make sure we’re spraying when the conditions are right,” he said. “The historical weather records are great for backing up our decisions.”

“I like that it’s always watching for us,” he said. “We don’t have to run around and waste a bunch of miles. It’s been working out great.”