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Everybody wants a sunny summer, but in the Midwest:



More after this from Charlie.

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It’s not quite the dustbowl of the 30’s, but in parts of the Midwest – even the frogs are running out of options:



The fish aren’t happy either. CBS’s Jim Axlerod met up with fishing guide Buster Culjan – whosays you can still find fish, it’s just that they’re dead:



"(Culjan:) Every morning, there was a lot of dead carp floating down river. (Axelrod:) Just because it was too hot? (Culjan:) Too hot. (Axelrod:) The water was too hot? (Culjan:) Extremely - it was too hot." (:06)

Same thing in WISCONSIN, TENNESSEE AND KENTUCKY. In Iowa, 37,000 sturgeon were found dead along the DeMoines river.

Farmers are posting videos of their withered crops on You Tube…here’s a farmer

Here’s one in Indiana:



Officially the drought has touched 2/3rd of the land area of the lower 48, primarily the great plains -- and for about 22% it’s considered extreme:



Vide o after video of cracked earth and brown corn. Ed Olenic – (oh-LEN-ick) – senior NOAA meteorologist says there is a little good news:



But the Midwest – at this point -- would need a good 12 inches to catch up, and what little they’ve seen is barely enough to settle the dust



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