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Update on Levees Between Hannibal and St. Louis, Mo.

St. Louis, Mo. – As of this morning, the Army Corps of Engineers in St. Louis reports that eleven agricultural levees between Hannibal and St. Louis, Mo., have been overtopped by rising river levels. The levees are all in Missouri. These levees protect primarily agricultural property and are built to lower elevations than those that protect larger population centers.

The Cap Au Gris Levee, which began overtopping Tuesday, did breach last night in a location separate from the overtopping east of Winfield, Mo. The Corps continues to monitor four levees that have a high potential of overtopping. A map showing current levee status within the St. Louis District will be available on the web at <http://www.mvs.usace.army.mil/floodfight/status.html>

<u>Overtopped Levees</u>	<u>Date Overtopped</u>	<u>Level of Protection</u>	<u>County</u>
Columbia Bottoms	18 June	5 year	St. Louis
Kuhs	18 June	10 year	St. Charles
Pike Grain #3	18 June	25 year	Pike
Kissinger	17 June	30 year	Pike
Elsberry	17 June	20 year	Lincoln/Pike
Kings Lake	17 June	14 year	Lincoln
Sandy Creek	17 June	14 year	Lincoln
Foley	17 June	18 year	Lincoln
Cap au Gris	17 June	14 year	Lincoln
Brevator	17 June	14 year	Lincoln
Pike Grain #4*	15 June	25 year	Pike

A levee that is overtopped – or which the rising water flows over – should not be interpreted or reported as a “failed” levee. It was simply built to provide a lower or lesser level of protection than the threat that it faced.

Additional maps showing more detailed information about St. Louis District levees are available at: <http://www.mvs.usace.army.mil/floodfight/maps.html>

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