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CROP REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 29

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY

Harvest of corn and soybeans made some progress until rain showers stalled field activities mid week, according to the Indiana Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Strong winds and heavy rain showers resulted in more lodging of corn in many areas of the state. Corn harvest is about 9 days behind the average pace. Soybean harvest is about 10 days behind average. Unfavorable weather conditions have slowed both planting and emergence of winter wheat.

FIELD CROPS REPORT

There were 3.3 **days suitable for field work**. **Corn condition** is rated 72 percent good to excellent. Forty-nine percent of the corn acreage is now **harvested** compared with 77 percent for last year and 67 percent for the 5-year average. By area, 45 percent of the corn acreage is harvested in the north, 44 percent in the central region, and 65 percent in the south. **Moisture** content of harvested corn is averaging about 19 percent and has been slow to dry down because of the cool, wet weather conditions.

Seventy-one percent of the soybean acreage has been **harvested** compared with 92 percent last year and 86 percent for the 5-year average. By area, 67 percent of the soybean acreage is harvested in the north, 78 percent in the central region, and 63 percent in the south. **Moisture** content of harvested soybeans is averaging about 13 percent.

Eighty-four percent of the **winter wheat** acreage has been **planted** compared with 93 percent for last year and 85 percent for the 5-year average. Forty-one percent of the winter wheat acreage has **emerged** compared with 71 percent for last year and 63 percent for the 5-year average.

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE REPORT

Pasture condition is rated 9 percent excellent, 58 percent good, 29 percent fair, 3 percent poor and 1 percent very poor. Livestock remain in mostly good condition.

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg
Corn Harvested	49	37	77	67
Soybeans Harvested	71	58	92	86
Winter Wheat Planted	84	70	93	85
Winter Wheat Emerged	41	21	71	63

CROP CONDITION TABLE

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	2	5	21	53	19
Winter Wheat	0	5	38	54	3
Pasture	1	3	29	58	9

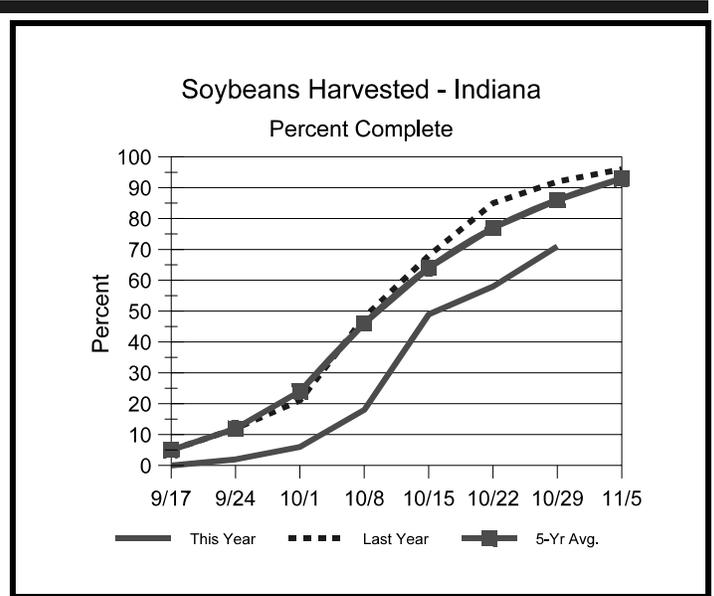
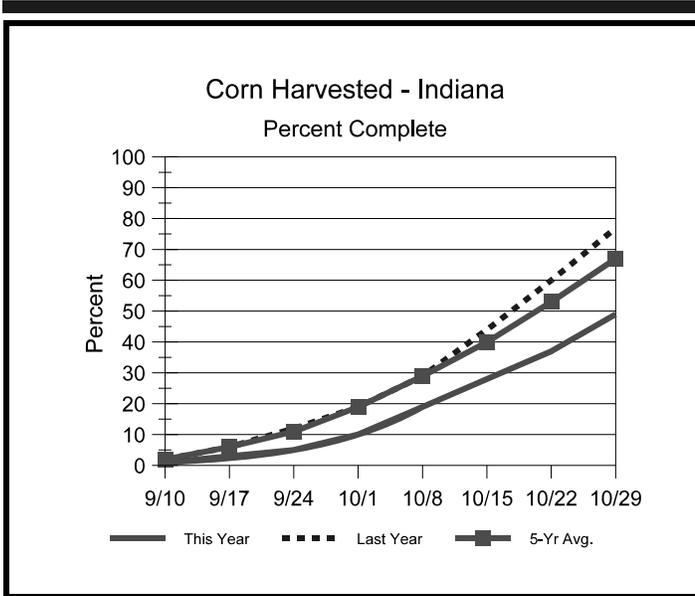
SOIL MOISTURE & DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK TABLE

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
Topsoil			
Very Short	0	0	4
Short	1	1	17
Adequate	46	58	77
Surplus	53	41	2
Subsoil			
Very Short	0	0	10
Short	1	2	27
Adequate	69	75	62
Surplus	30	23	1
Days Suitable	3.3	2.7	5.6

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Better Late Than Never for Wheat? It All Depends

Is it too late to plant winter wheat? That's a question inquiring farmers and plant pathologists want to know.

"There is no easy answer to the question of how late is too late to plant wheat," said Pierce Paul, Ohio State University Extension plant pathologist.

"It all depends of the weather conditions during the fall and early winter. Ideally, all the wheat should have been planted by the second week of October in order to ensure adequate tiller development before winter dormancy. Due to late soybean harvest, growers will more than likely be planting wheat during the last week of October and, because of contractual agreements and current wheat prices, some growers may still be willing to plant wheat as late as the first week of November."

Wheat planted in late October to early November is at greater risk of poor stand establishment from fewer tillers per foot of row, increased winter kill and spring heaving, Paul said.

"However, in any given year, if warmer-than-usual conditions occur during late fall to early winter, with freezing weather delayed until early December, even wheat planted as late as the first week of November may still do fairly well," Paul said.

"To compensate for fewer tillers in late-planted wheat, growers are recommended to plant at a higher seeding rate than the regularly recommended rate of 1.2-1.6 million seeds per acre for 7.5-inch rows -- that is, about 18-24 seeds per foot of row," Paul said.

"Plant at a rate of 1.6-2 million seeds per acre instead. The number of seeds per pound is greater than usual this year, so the pounds of seed per acre will also be larger."

Two million seeds per acre equal 30 seeds per foot of 7.5-inch row.

"If there are 13,000 seeds per pound, you will need 154 pounds of seed to get 2 million per

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Weather Information Table

Week ending Sunday October 29, 2006

Station	Past Week Weather Summary Data							Accumulation				
	Air Temperature				Precip.		Avg	April 1, 2006 thru October 29, 2006				
							4 in	Precipitation			GDD Base 50°F	
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Soil Temp	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN
Northwest (1)												
Chalmers_5W	56	23	40	-11	0.84	2		29.77	+5.28	74	3055	-152
Francesville	52	23	38	-11	0.39	2		36.80	+11.86	89	2924	-4
Valparaiso_AP_I	51	25	39	-11	0.07	1		18.49	-8.54	59	3011	+76
Wanatah	53	20	38	-10	0.47	2	45	27.21	+1.36	81	2698	-84
Winamac	53	25	39	-10	0.51	3	41	30.34	+5.40	75	2954	+26
North Central(2)												
Plymouth	51	26	39	-11	0.68	5		27.48	+1.75	84	2833	-252
South_Bend	51	29	39	-10	1.15	4		30.99	+5.85	87	2978	+87
Young_America	53	24	39	-10	1.08	3		30.50	+6.21	83	3075	+50
Northeast (3)												
Columbia_City	51	25	39	-10	0.85	3	45	28.68	+4.45	89	2779	+23
Fort_Wayne	50	25	40	-10	1.04	3		28.96	+6.74	82	3023	-15
West Central(4)												
Greencastle	52	25	40	-11	2.55	3		36.91	+8.97	80	3043	-405
Perrysville	59	23	41	-9	1.17	3	42	28.06	+2.07	79	3382	+186
Spencer_Ag	53	27	42	-9	2.26	3		36.62	+8.73	85	3258	+42
Terre_Haute_AFB	53	27	43	-9	1.96	3		26.74	+0.46	87	3463	+42
W_Lafayette_6NW	54	23	39	-11	1.01	3	45	29.23	+4.60	88	3149	+125
Central (5)												
Eagle_Creek_AP	51	27	43	-9	1.90	3		31.55	+6.93	88	3476	+90
Greenfield	52	25	40	-10	2.18	3		39.23	+12.24	92	3119	-134
Indianapolis_AP	52	27	43	-9	2.06	3		31.42	+6.80	87	3513	+127
Indianapolis_SE	51	24	40	-11	2.13	3		32.34	+7.08	85	3090	-289
Tipton_Ag	51	22	40	-9	1.58	3	46	33.77	+8.38	90	2907	-17
East Central(6)												
Farmland	53	23	39	-10	1.25	2	46	32.56	+8.32	91	2860	+10
New_Castle	51	24	40	-9	1.90	2		34.45	+8.53	85	2922	-1
Southwest (7)												
Evansville	57	30	45	-9	2.33	3		41.07	+16.03	72	4027	+82
Freelandville	53	31	43	-10	2.14	3		26.37	+0.35	67	3658	+122
Shoals	54	27	42	-10	1.99	3		40.59	+12.44	78	3472	+43
Stendal	58	30	46	-7	2.37	2		43.19	+15.39	72	4066	+363
Vincennes_5NE	55	28	43	-9	2.01	3	47	35.00	+8.98	81	3772	+236
South Central(8)												
Leavenworth	55	31	43	-9	2.51	3		46.45	+18.12	92	3610	+206
Oolitic	52	27	42	-9	1.71	3	47	33.54	+6.40	79	3251	-10
Tell_City	57	35	47	-7	2.26	3		48.53	+20.14	72	3982	+157
Southeast (9)												
Brookville	55	26	42	-8	2.10	2		33.49	+7.42	67	3381	+294
Greensburg	54	26	41	-9	1.43	3		35.90	+9.66	76	3436	+268
Scottsburg	54	26	43	-10	1.79	2		38.10	+11.30	82	3533	+13

DFN = Departure From Normal (Using 1961-90 Normals Period).

GDD = Growing Degree Days.

Precipitation (Rainfall or melted snow/ice) in inches.

Precipitation Days = Days with precip of .01 inch or more.

Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit.

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acre, or 123 pounds to get 1.6 million seeds per acre," Paul said.

For more information on seeding rates, including a seeding chart, read "Correct Wheat Seeding Rates Can Increase Profit," by Jim Beuerlein, Ohio State Extension agronomist. The article is available online by logging onto <http://corn.osu.edu/story.php?setissueID=102&storyID=605>.

Additional crop management advice is available at OSU's Crop Observation and Recommendation Network (C.O.R.N.) Web site, located at <http://agcrops.osu.edu/>.

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