



Crop Progress and Condition

Week Ending May 7, 2006

Agricultural Summary

Cool, cloudy conditions and consistent rain kept fieldwork to a minimum in most of the State, allowing 1.9 **days suitable for fieldwork**. Soybean planting and corn side-dressing have been delayed, while **spring tillage**, at 85 percent complete, advanced only 1 percent from last week. The recent rains, however, have improved the agricultural outlook in several respects, including row-crop germination, pasture growth, stock water supplies, and soil moisture. **Topsoil moisture** supply is in good shape, rated at 1 percent very short, 8 percent short, 81 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus. The southeast district was again plagued by severe weather. Mississippi County suffered some hail damage to its corn, cotton, wheat, potato, and watermelon crops.

Field Crops Report

Corn planting progress was minimal over the past week. Ninety-three percent of the crop is planted, compared with 90 percent last week, although the pace is still 5 days ahead of last year and 18 days ahead of the 5-year average of 81 percent. Emergence is at 75 percent, nearly 1 week ahead of last year and 11 days beyond normal. Reporters indicate that early-emerged corn could use some sun to get it growing. **Soybean** planting, at 15 percent complete, has fallen behind last year's pace of 19 percent, but is even with the historical average. **Sorghum** planting is 34 percent complete, compared with 22 percent last year and 27 percent for the 5-year average. **Rice** planting is 90 percent complete, while emergence is at 80 percent, both over two weeks ahead of normal. Condition of the crop is 18 percent fair, 76 percent good, and 6 percent excellent. **Cotton** planting is 47 percent complete, lagging both last year and the 5-year average by a few days. **Wheat** condition improved slightly from last week at 3 percent very poor, 11 percent poor, 30 percent fair, 48 percent good, and 8 percent excellent. Eighty-three percent of the crop is headed, 12 days ahead of last year and 10 days ahead of normal. Central and southern areas are starting to see isolated areas of the crop turn, with the State averaging 2 percent turning color. Wheat that is not in the mature stages, primarily in northern areas, has grown significantly after recent moisture. The first cutting of **alfalfa** is 6 percent complete, while **other hay** is 3 percent cut, both ahead of average.

Pasture & Livestock

Pasture condition is rated 7 percent very poor, 18 percent poor, 43 percent fair, 28 percent good, and 4 percent excellent, a significant improvement over last week. Isolated areas in the southwest are still severely short of stock water supplies, but most reports state-wide indicate that run-off has started to refill ponds and streams.

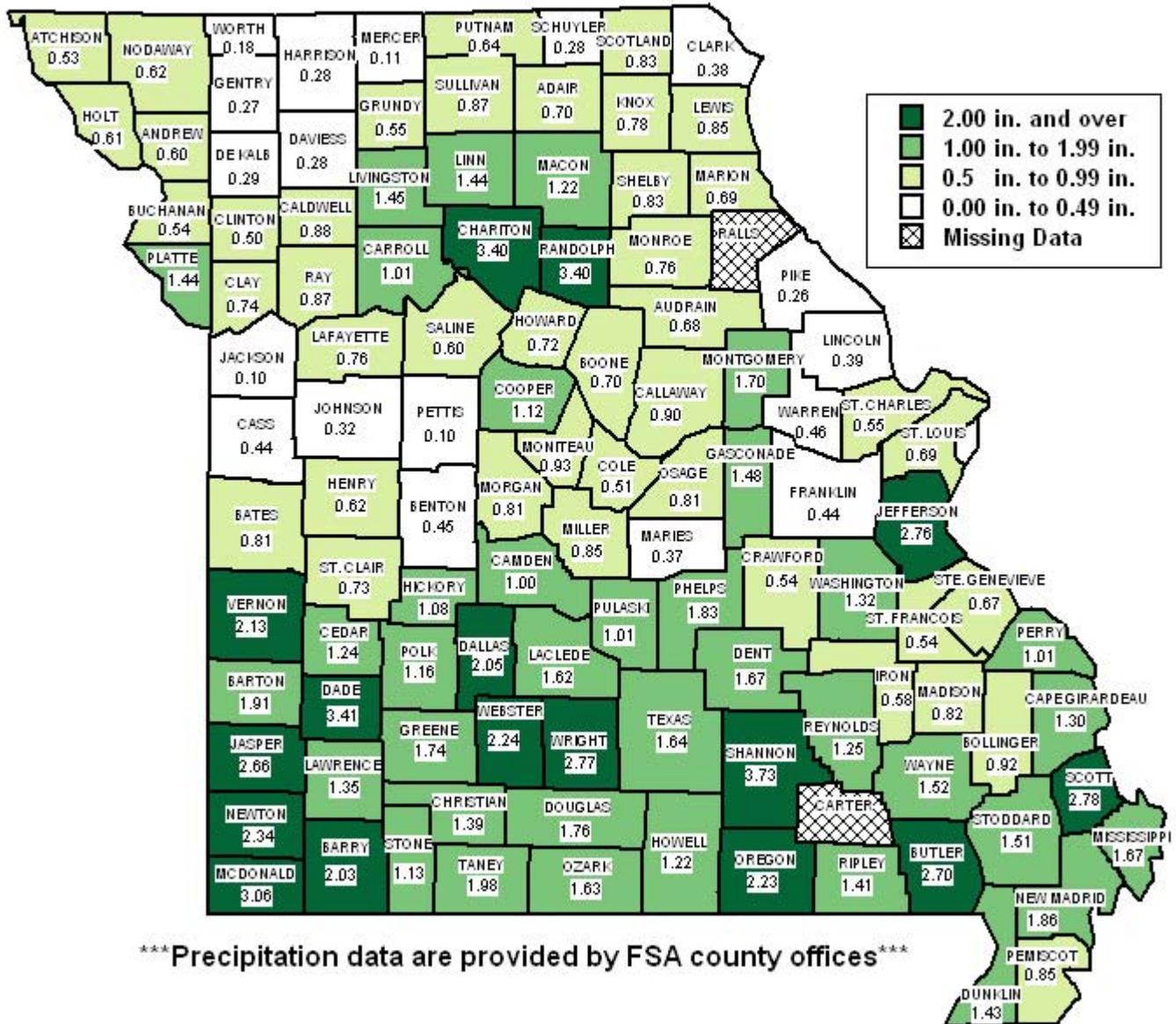
Weather Summary

Temperatures were near normal for the week. Readings throughout the State deviated, at most, 2 degrees from the long-term average. **Rainfall** averaged 1.15 inches for the week. Each district received over one-half inch, with the largest amount falling in the southwest district at 2.10 inches.

District Summaries As Of May 7, 2006

	Missouri	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE
Days Suitable For Fieldwork										
This Year	1.9	1.1	1.7	2.1	1.2	3.0	2.6	2.9	2.8	0.9
Last Year	6.3	6.3	5.3	6.0	6.8	6.2	6.4	6.6	6.6	7.0
Topsoil Moisture Supply										
Very Short	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	7	0	0
Short	8	6	8	8	0	10	15	13	13	0
Adequate	81	88	76	89	74	80	84	74	78	84
Surplus	10	6	16	2	26	9	1	6	9	16
Ground Worked Spring Tillage, Percent										
This Year	85	89	88	80	89	87	84	89	83	86
Last Year	88	84	83	82	92	90	89	92	91	95
Normal	80									
Corn Planted, Percent										
This Year	93	91	91	91	97	96	87	91	73	99
Last Year	88	80	89	79	99	87	93	94	95	99
Normal	81									
Corn Emerged, Percent										
This Year	75	64	67	65	92	80	65	81	59	99
Last Year	60	40	59	52	87	63	58	81	65	79
Normal	57									
Soybeans Planted, Percent										
This Year	15	20	17	19	9	13	13	3	6	15
Last Year	19	21	19	20	11	12	22	6	20	24
Normal	15									
Cotton Planted, Percent										
This Year	47									47
Last Year	70									70
Normal	58									
Rice Emerged, Percent										
This Year	80									80
Last Year	30									30
Normal	33									
Sorghum Planted, Percent										
This Year	34	35	11	26	49	21	10	28	38	67
Last Year	22	23	8	9	21	3	16	34	22	56
Normal	27									
Winter Wheat Headed and Beyond, Percent										
This Year	83	32	53	53	82	74	78	99	79	99
Last Year	44	1	8	17	38	18	28	40	58	77
Normal	51									
Winter Wheat Turning Color, Percent										
This Year	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	3
Last Year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Normal	0									
Alfalfa Hay 1st Cutting, Percent										
This Year	6	4	3	3	8	11	18	6	3	21
Last Year	9	1	3	2	6	14	14	27	25	27
Normal	3									
Other Hay Cut, Percent										
This Year	3	2	2	1	0	4	1	8	1	3
Last Year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Normal	0									
Rice Condition										
Very Poor	0									0
Poor	0									0
Fair	18									18
Good	76									76
Excellent	6									6
Winter Wheat Condition										
Very Poor	3	0	0	0	4	0	0	15	0	0
Poor	11	3	1	3	29	7	1	40	4	4
Fair	30	41	30	26	32	22	30	38	21	29
Good	48	51	56	64	28	63	55	7	45	58
Excellent	8	5	13	7	7	8	14	0	30	9
Pasture Condition										
Very Poor	7	0	6	10	4	6	2	34	2	0
Poor	18	7	15	29	31	18	10	36	9	0
Fair	43	38	41	36	47	46	35	26	59	19
Good	28	50	30	23	18	28	41	4	25	65
Excellent	4	5	8	2	0	2	12	0	5	16
Average Precipitation	1.15	0.58	1.26	0.61	0.79	0.93	0.97	2.10	1.61	1.76

Precipitation for Week Ending May 7, 2006



Precipitation data are provided by FSA county offices

