



Crop Progress and Condition

Week Ending May 14, 2006

Agricultural Summary

Cool, overcast conditions were the rule for the week, with 3.2 **days suitable for fieldwork**. **Spring tillage** stands at 89% complete, 1 week behind last year but 1 week ahead of normal. The cool, cloudy weather is slowing corn development as well as soybean planting and emergence. Initial hay cuttings are yielding below average, as expected from early spring dryness. **Topsoil moisture supply** is little changed from last week, rated at 1 percent very short, 8 percent short, 83 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus. Topsoil moisture ratings are lowest in the northeast district, which has seen substantially less rain than other districts in the past four weeks. Subsoil moisture levels are still a concern in much of the State.

Field Crops Report

Corn planting progress is 96 percent complete, 3 days ahead of last year and 16 days ahead of the 5-year average of 86 percent. Emergence is at 87 percent, 1 week ahead of last year and 2 weeks beyond normal. Despite rapid emergence, growth has been very slow, with plants taking on a yellowish appearance. Corn condition is rated 1 percent very poor, 3 percent poor, 33 percent fair, 57 percent good, and 6 percent excellent. **Soybean** planting stands at 26 percent complete, while emergence is at 7 percent, about even with the normal pace. Compared to last year, planting is 4 days behind and emergence is 2 days behind. **Sorghum** planting is at 43 percent, the same as last year but 2 days ahead of normal. **Rice** planting advanced only 1 percent over last week to 91 percent complete, now a few days behind last year but still 10 days ahead of normal. Emergence is at 87 percent, several days ahead of both last year and the 5-year average. Condition of the crop is 1 percent poor, 29 percent fair, 59 percent good, and 11 percent excellent. **Cotton** planting is 53 percent complete, lagging both last year and the 5-year average by over 1 week. Cool, wet weather in the Bootheel is causing poor stands, making significant replanting of cotton likely. The condition of the crop is rated 1 percent very poor, 25 percent poor, 40 percent fair, 30 percent good, and 4 percent excellent. **Wheat** condition is rated 3 percent very poor, 11 percent poor, 32 percent fair, 46 percent good, and 8 percent excellent. Ninety-five percent of the crop is headed, nearly 2 weeks ahead of both last year and the 5-year average, while 8 percent is turning color, slightly ahead of normal. There is some concern about rust showing up in wet fields. The first cutting of **alfalfa** is 17 percent complete, 4 days behind last year but on pace with the 5-year average. **Other hay** is 6 percent cut, a few days ahead of both last year and the normal pace.

Pasture & Livestock

Pasture condition is rated 6 percent very poor, 15 percent poor, 43 percent fair, 31 percent good, and 5 percent excellent, a slight improvement over last week. Pasture growth has also been slowed by the cool, cloudy weather. Reports indicate that stock water supplies are gradually improving.

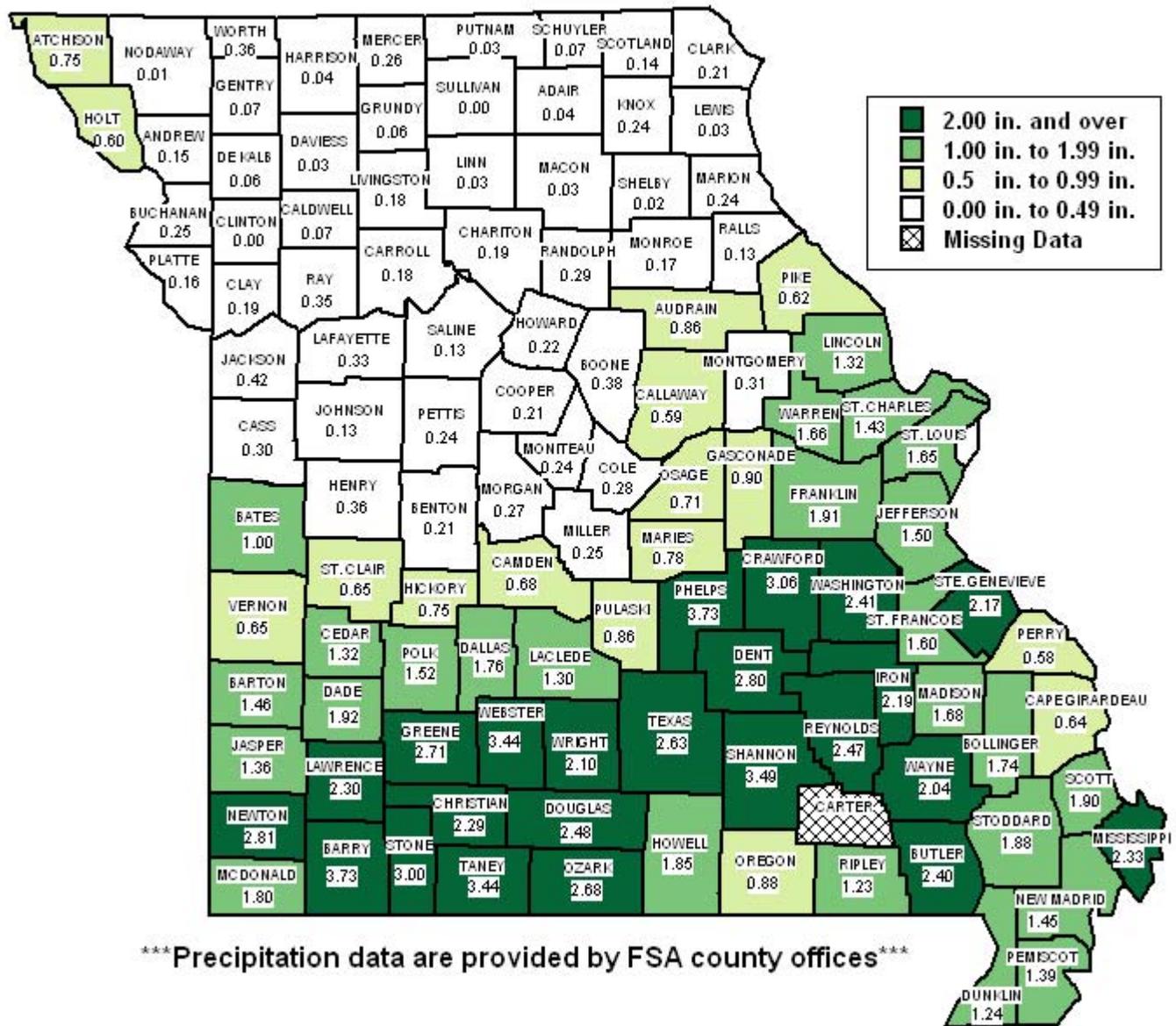
Weather Summary

Temperatures were below normal throughout the State, ranging from 3 to 8 degrees below the long-term average. **Rainfall** averaged 1.07 inches for the week, generally favoring the southern half of the State with the heaviest amounts. The southwest district again received the most at 2.34 inches, while totals in the northern third of the State were mostly less than 0.25 inches.

District Summaries As Of May 14, 2006

	Missouri	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE
Days Suitable For Fieldwork										
This Year	3.2	3.7	3.8	4.4	3.3	4	1.2	3.4	3	1.2
Last Year	4	2.4	2.8	3.9	4.1	4.2	5	5.4	5.7	5.1
Topsoil Moisture Supply										
Very Short	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	3	0	0
Short	8	8	5	13	6	11	9	8	14	0
Adequate	83	78	84	80	88	87	84	83	81	77
Surplus	8	14	11	2	6	2	7	6	5	23
Ground Worked Spring Tillage, Percent										
This Year	89	93	88	91	91	90	87	91	92	87
Last Year	92	90	87	89	95	94	94	94	94	97
Normal	85									
Corn Planted, Percent										
This Year	96	96	94	96	99	98	91	98	74	99
Last Year	94	91	95	90	100	93	97	97	99	100
Normal	86									
Corn Emerged, Percent										
This Year	87	82	81	79	99	91	79	94	62	99
Last Year	77	61	79	70	91	74	75	90	79	96
Normal	70									
Soybeans Planted, Percent										
This Year	26	36	25	40	11	30	18	4	6	16
Last Year	40	36	37	41	38	31	39	16	39	52
Normal	26									
Soybeans Emerged, Percent										
This Year	7	4	2	10	3	8	3	1	0	14
Last Year	13	10	10	11	15	6	11	3	7	22
Normal	8									
Sorghum Planted, Percent										
This Year	43	65	26	27	49	46	19	33	38	80
Last Year	43	30	18	37	37	16	25	61	41	77
Normal	39									
Winter Wheat Headed and Beyond, Percent										
This Year	95	75	86	84	100	93	94	100	97	100
Last Year	71	24	38	60	73	44	51	78	87	94
Normal	75									
Corn Condition										
Very Poor	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Poor	3	3	7	4	0	1	3	4	14	2
Fair	33	37	39	32	28	23	44	28	68	31
Good	57	58	48	54	62	75	53	61	18	53
Excellent	6	2	6	10	10	1	0	7	0	10
Winter Wheat Condition										
Very Poor	3	0	0	0	4	1	0	15	0	0
Poor	11	3	1	3	25	8	2	35	3	4
Fair	32	35	28	26	30	23	28	43	22	33
Good	46	57	55	65	31	58	56	7	45	54
Excellent	8	5	16	6	10	10	14	0	30	9
Pasture Condition										
Very Poor	6	0	4	11	4	5	2	23	1	0
Poor	15	7	15	28	26	11	5	30	6	0
Fair	43	41	38	41	44	47	42	40	48	19
Good	31	49	34	19	26	33	42	6	37	60
Excellent	5	3	9	1	0	4	9	1	8	21
Average Precipitation										
	1.07	0.21	0.11	0.27	0.57	0.76	1.58	2.34	2.18	1.65

Precipitation for Week Ending May 14, 2006



Precipitation data are provided by FSA county offices

