



## Crop Progress and Condition

**Week Ending May 21, 2006**

### Agricultural Summary

Dry weather prevailed through most of the week, with 5.7 **days suitable for fieldwork**. With corn planting nearly complete, farmers worked to get soybeans in the ground, while also turning their attention to the first hay cuttings. Corn and soybean growth is still slow, but most of the planted fields appear well established, with just a few reports of poor stands that require replanting. **Spring tillage** progressed steadily to 94 percent complete, 4 days behind last year but 2 weeks ahead of normal. **Topsoil moisture** supply declined from last week to 2 percent very short, 23 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. The northern districts suffered the worst drop in topsoil moisture ratings, where rainfall the past two weeks has been of the "nuisance" variety, light and widely scattered.

### Field Crops Report

**Corn** planting progress is virtually complete at 98 percent, even with last year but 2 weeks ahead of the 5-year average of 90 percent. Emergence is at 93 percent, 5 days ahead of last year and 2 weeks ahead of normal. Corn condition is rated 3 percent poor, 36 percent fair, 56 percent good, and 5 percent excellent. **Soybean** planting made good progress to 53 percent complete, which lags last year by 3 days but is 6 days ahead of the normal pace of 41 percent. Emergence, at 18 percent, has been slow due to cool, overcast conditions, and is 5 days behind last year and slightly behind the normal pace. **Sorghum** planting is at 63 percent, about the same as last year but 1 week ahead of normal. In the Bootheel, **rice** planting is 97 percent complete, slightly behind last year but 9 days ahead of normal. Emergence is at 92 percent, 6 days ahead of last year and 11 days ahead of the 5-year average. Condition of the crop is 6 percent poor, 30 percent fair, 51 percent good, and 13 percent excellent. **Cotton** producers planted at a torrid pace during the week, advancing to 80 percent complete versus 53 percent last week. However, it is still 11 days behind last year and 2 days behind normal. Significant replanting has also been necessary, as wet soils have hampered stand development. The condition of the crop declined from last week to 1 percent very poor, 33 percent poor, 41 percent fair, 21 percent good, and 4 percent excellent. **Wheat** condition is rated 6 percent very poor, 11 percent poor, 31 percent fair, 44 percent good, and 8 percent excellent. Heading is 98 percent complete, at least 10 days ahead of both last year and the 5-year average, while 23 percent is turning color, 3 days ahead of normal. While other crops need rain, wheat in some areas needs warm, dry weather to avoid rust development. The first cutting of **alfalfa** is 41 percent complete, while **other hay** is 18 percent cut, both about even with last year and a few days ahead of normal.

### Pasture & Livestock

**Pasture** condition is rated 5 percent very poor, 14 percent poor, 43 percent fair, 34 percent good, and 4 percent excellent, nearly the same as last week. Reports from around the State continue to stress the need for a good hay crop to replace short hay supplies. However, early cuttings are showing erratic yields, with many coming in on the low side.

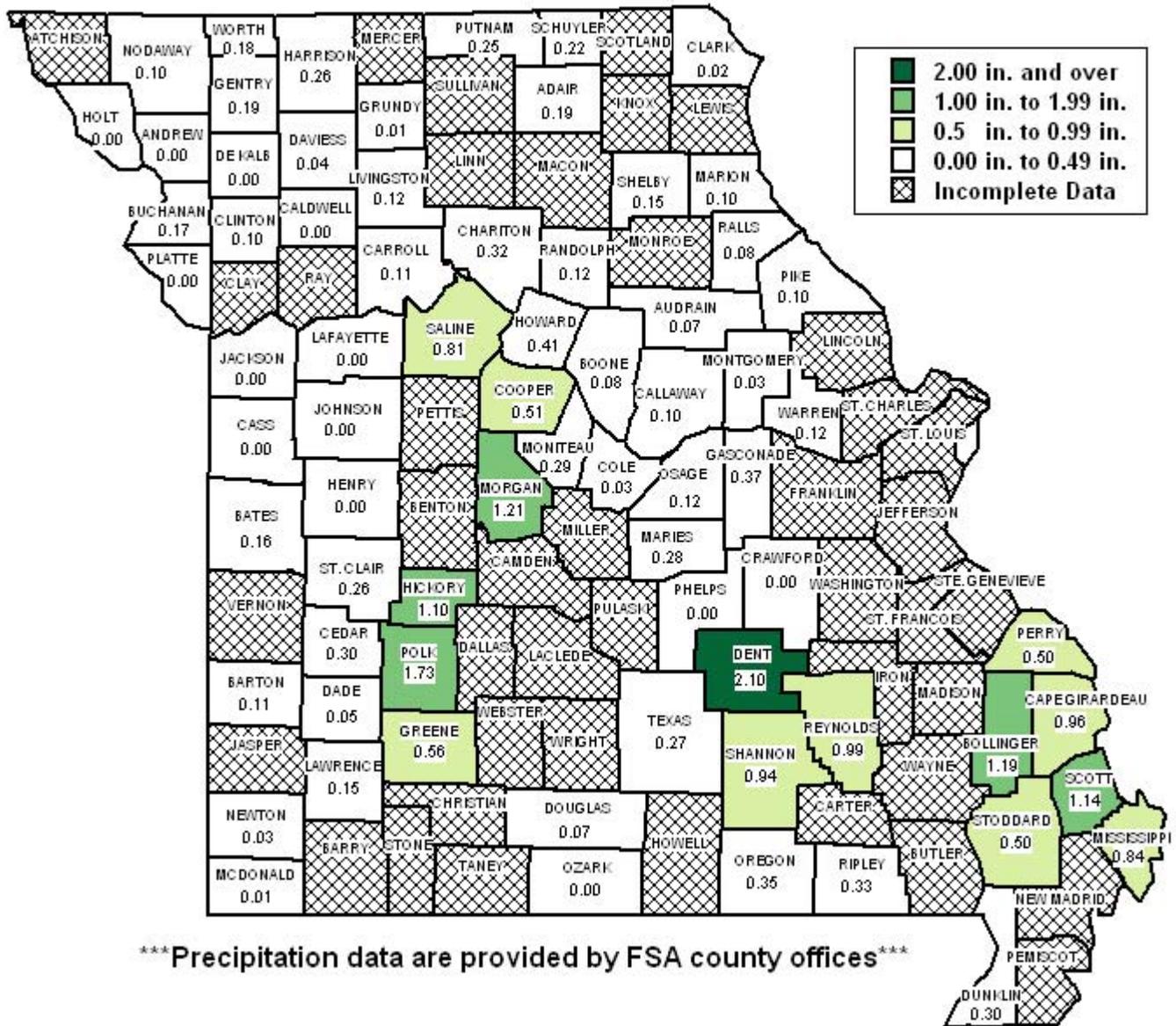
### Weather Summary

**Temperatures** were mostly below normal, especially in the eastern half of the State, where readings were 3 to 6 degrees below normal. Western areas were generally 1 to 3 degrees below normal. **Rainfall** for the week was light, averaging 0.32 inches. Six out of nine districts received a quarter inch or less. The central and southeast districts received the most, each with 0.58 inches.

## District Summaries As Of May 21, 2006

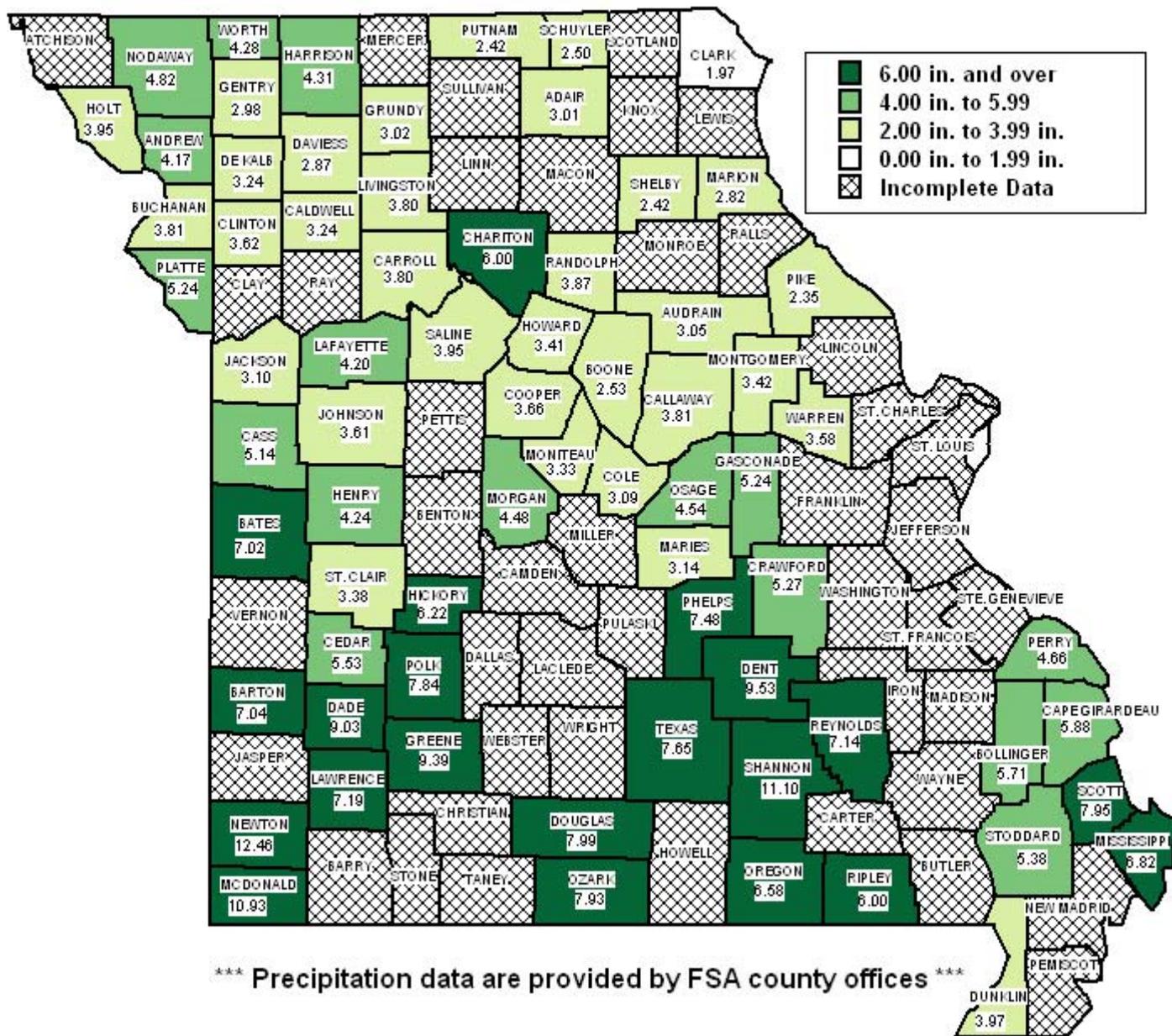
	Missouri	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE
Days Suitable For Fieldwork										
This Year	5.7	6.6	6.3	6.4	5.6	5.9	4	6.5	4.2	4.1
Last Year	5.8	5.5	4.5	4.9	5.8	6.3	5.8	6.8	6.5	6.5
Topsoil Moisture Supply										
Very Short	2	2	1	11	0	2	0	4	0	0
Short	23	51	27	34	14	21	11	20	18	2
Adequate	71	45	72	55	83	73	84	76	80	80
Surplus	4	2	0	0	3	4	5	0	2	18
Corn Emerged, Percent										
This Year	93	90	87	91	99	96	88	96	78	99
Last Year	87	78	86	83	91	89	87	95	88	100
Normal	79									
Soybeans Planted, Percent										
This Year	53	69	62	64	37	62	42	20	15	36
Last Year	62	62	57	65	57	62	64	27	55	69
Normal	41									
Soybeans Emerged, Percent										
This Year	18	18	20	21	11	22	9	5	7	20
Last Year	30	21	27	40	20	31	34	7	15	41
Normal	21									
Sorghum Planted, Percent										
This Year	63	92	47	53	55	51	40	62	57	95
Last Year	64	53	42	66	55	42	49	77	53	90
Normal	52									
Winter Wheat Turning Color, Percent										
This Year	23	1	1	19	23	3	12	28	25	38
Last Year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Normal	9									
Alfalfa Hay 1st Cutting, Percent										
This Year	41	49	23	26	56	44	28	64	38	33
Last Year	42	16	23	29	53	61	55	63	64	89
Normal	34									
Other Hay Cut, Percent										
This Year	18	10	18	7	13	21	12	33	19	11
Last Year	15	7	6	9	4	15	9	27	14	18
Normal	12									
Corn Condition										
Very Poor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Poor	3	3	8	7	3	1	4	3	2	1
Fair	36	43	41	41	29	26	43	30	62	29
Good	56	50	49	50	60	73	52	61	36	56
Excellent	5	4	2	2	8	0	1	6	0	14
Winter Wheat Condition										
Very Poor	6	0	0	0	4	0	0	34	0	0
Poor	11	3	0	3	30	6	5	30	4	6
Fair	31	38	25	29	32	20	33	27	21	35
Good	44	54	58	62	26	65	56	9	39	49
Excellent	8	5	17	6	8	9	6	0	36	10
Pasture Condition										
Very Poor	5	1	6	9	4	3	2	20	1	0
Poor	14	9	12	31	28	9	5	25	7	0
Fair	43	41	38	46	45	43	38	43	48	19
Good	34	45	43	13	23	40	44	12	37	60
Excellent	4	4	1	1	0	5	11	0	7	21
Average Precipitation										
	0.32	0.07	0.18	0.16	0.10	0.58	0.26	0.23	0.51	0.58

# Precipitation for Week Ending May 21, 2006



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# Precipitation for Previous Four Weeks Ending May 21, 2006



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