

AGRICULTURE

Days suitable for field work were 2.5. Field activities included replanting of some corn and soybean fields due to wet weather, as conditions permitted. Other activities during the week were spraying pesticides and herbicides, mowing, and harvesting spring vegetables. There were measurable amounts of rainfall during the week over most of the state, and in southern parts of the state almost three inches of rain fell on June 7, 2003. Temperatures were below normal in most areas of the state for the week. Top soil moisture was rated 16% adequate and 84% surplus. Barley was harvested where conditions allowed. Hay crops were rated mostly good in the northern and central districts, and fair in some areas of the south. Wet conditions continued to delay hay harvest in many parts of the state. Corn and soybean plants continued to emerge across the state, but germination was slow in many areas. Tomato planting activities continued with condition ratings from fair to good depending on locality. Yellowing and stunting of tomatoes was reported due to cool temperatures and wet weather in some localities. Planting and harvest of most vegetables was halted due to wet weather. Weather conditions halted strawberry harvest in most parts of the state. Hand thinning of peaches continued in northern areas. Fungal infections became more visible on apples in the north, and continued rain provided little opportunity for spraying. Grape plants were in pre-bloom stage in the south. There were some pollination problems in blueberry fields due to cold and wet weather conditions.

SOIL MOISTURE TABLE

	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	PREVIOUS YEAR
VERY SHORT	0%	0%	0%
SHORT	0%	0%	25%
ADEQUATE	16%	61%	37%
SURPLUS	84%	39%	38%

RANGE AND PASTURE

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK	PREVIOUS YEAR
VERY POOR	0%	0%	0%
POOR	0%	0%	0%
FAIR	23%	4%	14%
GOOD	54%	86%	79%
EXCELLENT	23%	10%	7%