

AGRICULTURE

Days suitable for field work were 2.5. Wet weather and snow stopped most field activities during the week. There was more than one inch of rain for the week, and temperatures were below normal in most parts of the state. Top soil moisture was rated 30% adequate and 70% surplus. Wet conditions and cold weather slowed growth of winter wheat, barley, and hay. Vegetable producers were tending greenhouses and transplanting cabbages. Peppers and tomatoes were seeded in greenhouses. Asparagus and peas were starting to come up. Planting of spinach, sweet corn, and lettuce continued. Potato planting is delayed in some parts of the state. Strawberries were blooming, and some fields were covered to prevent frost damage. Peaches and blueberries have opened bud scales revealing green tissue which should not be susceptible to frost above 28 degrees. Pastures were muddy, and animals are back in confinement.

SOIL MOISTURE TABLE

	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	PREVIOUS YEAR
VERY SHORT	0%	0%	0%
SHORT	0%	0%	0%
ADEQUATE	30%	47%	100%
SURPLUS	70%	53%	0%