

AGRICULTURE

A line of strong to severe thunderstorms brought much needed rainfall to the area late Thursday afternoon and evening. Rains were heavy at times, and some areas reported minor damage from flooding and high winds. Days suitable for field work averaged 5.2. Top soil moisture was rated 25% short, 37% adequate, and 38% surplus. Range and pasture condition was rated 14% fair, 79% good, and 7% excellent. Small grains were rated in mostly good condition, with barley harvest underway in some areas. Corn planted was 95% complete. Corn emerged was at 85%. Corn condition was rated 100% good. Soybeans planting was 63% complete. Soybean condition was rated 100% good. Activities included spraying, fertilizing, and planting summer vegetables. Vegetable producers continued to make good progress harvesting romaine lettuce, beets, leeks, and peas. Spinach and asparagus harvest was winding down in most localities. Recent weather conditions have caused some producers to fall behind schedule planting cantaloupe, lima beans, and other summer vegetables. Apples and peaches were rated in mostly fair to good condition by producers. Some producers reported cranberries in bloom.

SOIL MOISTURE TABLE

	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	PREVIOUS YEAR
VERY SHORT	0%	0%	0%
SHORT	25%	58%	18%
ADEQUATE	37%	41%	80%
SURPLUS	38%	1%	2%

RANGE AND PASTURE

	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	PREVIOUS YEAR
VERY POOR	0%	0%	0%
POOR	0%	0%	2%
FAIR	14%	0%	39%
GOOD	79%	90%	25%
EXCELLENT	7%	10%	34%