



Indiana Crop Weather

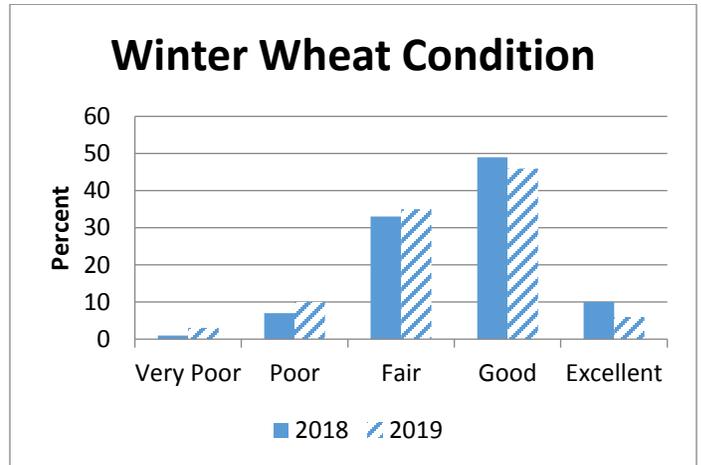
Cold and Wet Start to Spring

Cool, wet weather kept soils saturated and prevented fieldwork in much of the State, according to Greg Matli, Indiana State Statistician for the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. With rain events occurring at both the beginning and end of the week, soil moisture levels remained above the previous year and five-year average. The average temperature for the week was 43.7 degrees Fahrenheit, 2.0 degrees below normal for the State. The amount of rainfall varied from 1.41 inches to 2.26 inches over the week. The statewide average precipitation was 1.89 inches. There were 1.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending March 31.

Winter wheat was breaking dormancy in some parts of the State, primarily in the central and southern regions. Minor concerns of hay supplies were reported, while livestock were recovering from the cold and wet winter. Above average rainfall did little to ease moisture levels or flooding concerns, but a brief dry window midweek allowed for limited fieldwork in some areas. Activities for the week included hauling grain, potato planting, application of dry fertilizers and anhydrous ammonia, spring tillage, tiling, and preparing equipment for spring field work.

This is the first weekly crop and weather report for the 2019 season. A series of weekly crop progress reports will be published each Monday at 4:00 p.m. ET throughout the crop season.

These reports will cover planting and harvesting activities, crop development, weather data, and timely crop management information provided by farmers, USDA, and Purdue University experts. For the earliest possible access, look for these reports on the internet shortly after the 4:00 P.M. release time.



Soil Moisture: Week Ending 03/31/19

Item	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture	0	1	50	49
Subsoil moisture	0	1	58	41

Crop Condition: Week Ending 03/31/19

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Winter Wheat.....	3	10	35	46	6

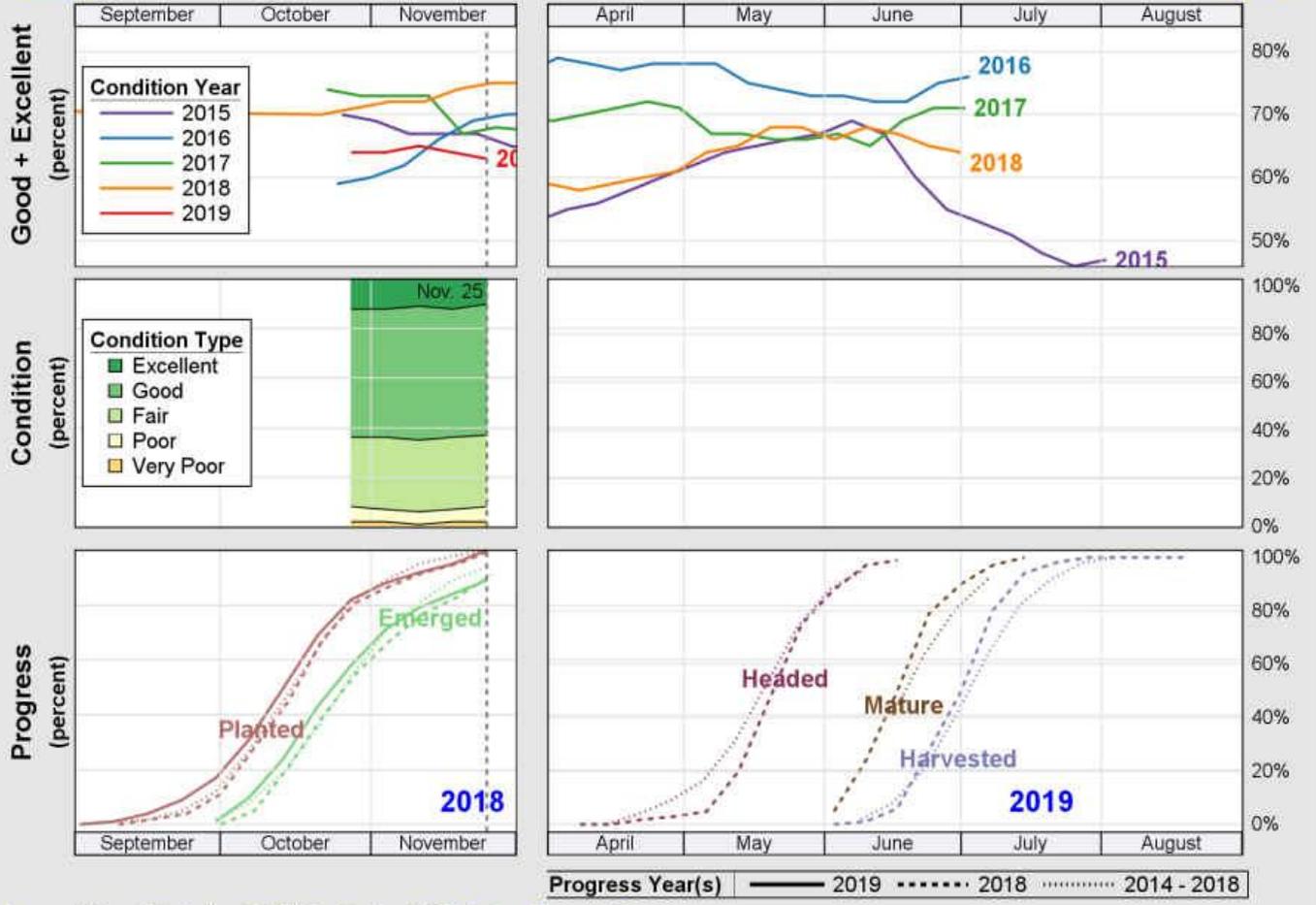
Crop Progress: Week Ending 03/31/19

Crop/Activity	Percent Completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	1.6	NA	NA	NA

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