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# Crop Progress and Condition



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**Agricultural News (March):** For the month of March, Kentucky saw above normal temperatures and above normal precipitation. The state has now went four straight weeks with state average rainfall above normal. Precipitation (liq. equ.) for the period totaled 6.50 inches statewide which was 2.33 inches above normal and 156% of normal. Precipitation totals by climate division, West 6.58 inches, Central 7.49 inches, Bluegrass 5.04 inches and East 6.89 inches, which was 2.15, 3.1, 1.28 and 2.81 inches above normal. Precipitation totals by climate division, West 6.58 inches, Central 7.49 inches, Bluegrass 5.04 inches and East 6.89 inches, which was 2.15, 3.1, 1.28 and 2.81 inches above normal. Low temperatures averaged from 44 degrees in the West to 44 degrees in the East.

Warm, wet conditions have promoted early pasture and hay growth allowing livestock to graze again. Good quality hay has been in short supply. For the month of March, hay supplies are rated 7% very short, 34% short, 55% adequate, 4% surplus. Livestock conditions are 1% very poor, 5% poor 17% fair, 65% good, 12% excellent.

Despite the excess rain, farmers have taken advantage of a few consistently dry days to fertilize wheat which remains in mostly good condition. The condition of winter wheat is 1% very poor, 1% poor, 17% fair, 63% good, 18% excellent.