



Crop Progress and Condition

Week Ending April 11, 2010

Agricultural Summary

Warmer and drier conditions across the State have allowed progress for tillage and planting. **Topsoil moisture** was rated 3 percent short, 72 percent adequate, and 25 percent surplus. The biggest change in topsoil moisture occurred in the south-central district, which went from 0 to 30 percent short from last week. This was due to windy conditions and light precipitation throughout the district. There were 3.9 **days suitable for fieldwork** with over 6 days reported suitable in the southwestern district. **Spring tillage** advanced quicker than average to 27 percent complete, below last year's 30 percent and a normal of 41 percent complete.

Field Crops Report

Corn planting progressed in all areas of the State, averaging 9 percent complete. This is 9 days ahead of last year's 5 percent but 5 days behind the normal of 16 percent complete. The southern third advanced more rapidly than the rest of the State, averaging 32 percent, 15 percent, and 29 percent complete in the southwestern, south-central, and southeastern districts, respectively. **Cotton** planting was just getting started with 1 percent being complete, 8 days ahead of last year and 3 days ahead of normal. **Rice** planting was 7 percent complete, which is 1 day ahead of year but 1 day behind normal. **Sorghum** planting came in at 1 percent complete, 12 days ahead of last year but equal to normal. **Winter wheat** condition was rated 12 percent very poor, 19 percent poor, 39 percent fair, 27 percent good, and 3 percent excellent. Conditions in the east-central and southwest districts were rated 39 and 43 percent very poor, respectively.

Pasture & Livestock

Pasture condition improved to 2 percent very poor, 18 percent poor, 38 percent fair, 39 percent good, and 3 percent excellent. The poorest pasture conditions were in the south-central district, which reported 47 percent in poor condition.

Weather Summary

Temperatures averaged 7 to 12 degrees above average statewide. **Rainfall** averaged 0.49 of an inch across the State. The south-central district reported the least precipitation with 0.07 of an inch, while the west-central district reported the most precipitation with 1.03 inches.

Audio Commentary

Weekly Crop Progress and Condition Audio Commentary by State Director Gene Danekas is available at:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Missouri/Publications/Audio/

Weather Data

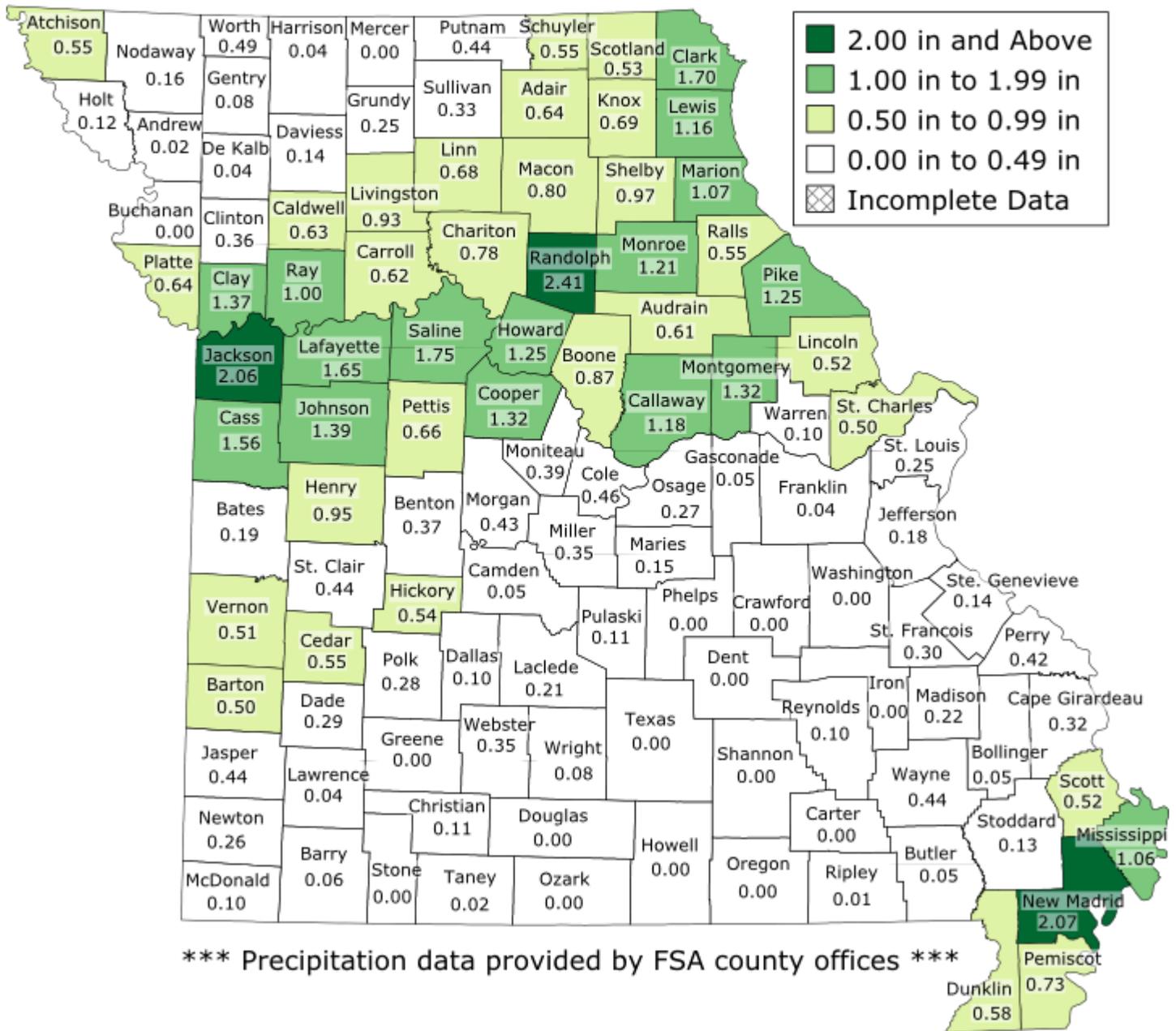
Hourly and daily weather data from stations throughout the state is available at:

<http://agebb.missouri.edu/weather/history/>

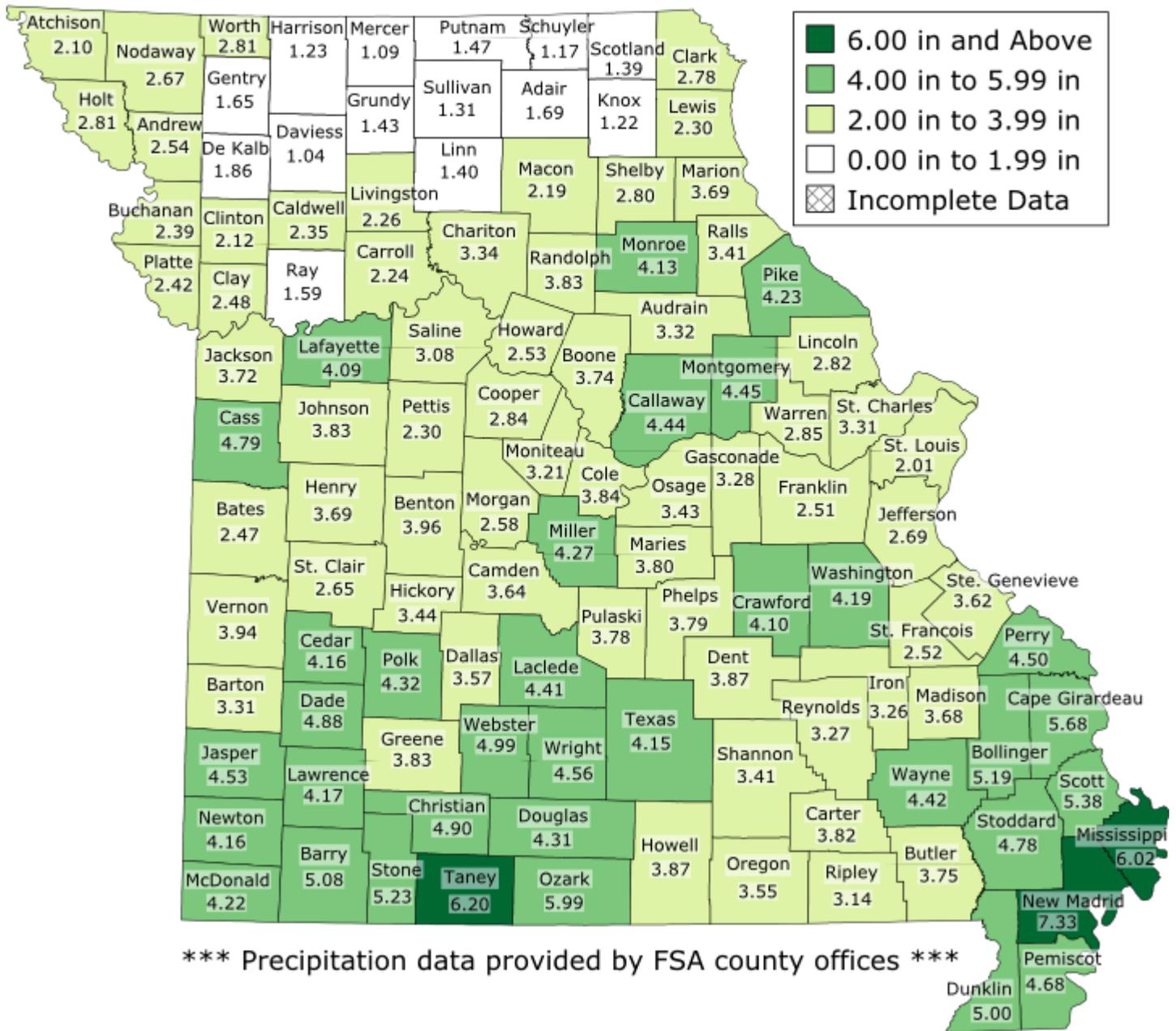
District Summaries As Of April 11, 2010

	Missouri	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE
Days Suitable For Fieldwork										
This Year	3.9	5.4	3.0	1.6	4.1	3.0	3.7	6.6	5.7	3.3
Last Year	2.2	1.9	1.0	1.4	1.1	2.5	2.2	3.9	3.3	3.3
Topsoil Moisture Supply										
Very Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Short	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	30	0
Adequate	72	74	60	42	78	74	78	96	66	82
Surplus	25	26	40	58	22	26	18	4	4	18
Ground Worked Spring Tillage, Percent										
This Year	27	35	11	7	26	19	16	46	39	44
Last Year	30	38	22	5	42	24	31	48	37	35
Normal	41									
Corn Planted, Percent										
This Year	9	4	5	3	5	2	8	32	15	29
Last Year	5	2	1	1	3	2	3	17	8	20
Normal	16									
Sorghum Planted, Percent										
This Year	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
Last Year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
Normal	1									
Winter Wheat Condition										
Very Poor	12	0	0	7	8	15	39	43	0	0
Poor	19	8	22	20	26	14	18	23	1	18
Fair	39	37	43	42	45	54	25	26	9	41
Good	27	54	29	25	21	16	18	7	90	36
Excellent	3	1	6	6	0	1	0	1	0	5
Pasture Condition										
Very Poor	2	8	0	4	0	2	2	1	0	0
Poor	18	10	22	13	5	25	20	2	47	0
Fair	38	26	55	49	33	36	39	43	25	49
Good	39	56	21	28	49	35	36	52	28	43
Excellent	3	0	2	6	13	2	3	2	0	8
Average Precipitation	0.49	0.38	0.70	0.97	1.03	0.54	0.29	0.18	0.07	0.68

Precipitation for Week Ending April 11, 2010



Precipitation for Four Weeks Ending April 11, 2010



*** Precipitation data provided by FSA county offices ***