



Crop Progress and Condition

Week Ending April 8, 2012

Agricultural Summary

Warm temperatures remained across the state complemented by scattered rainfall. The state experienced 4.7 **days suitable for fieldwork** while the southeast district (Bootheel) enjoyed 6.5 days. **Topsoil moisture** was 1 percent very short, 16 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. The Bootheel was 32 percent short and very short compared to 2 percent short and very short last week. **Ground worked spring tillage** was 63 percent, 1 month ahead of last year, and 32 days ahead of normal (5-year average).

Field Crops Report

Corn planted advanced 16 points to 23 percent, 8 days ahead of last year, and 12 days ahead of normal. **Rice** planted advanced 38 points to 47 percent, 43 days ahead of last year, and 23 days ahead of normal. Rice emerged was 5 percent, 23 days ahead of last year, and 2 weeks ahead of normal. **Sorghum** planted was 1 percent, with planting reported in the northwest and northeast districts. **Winter wheat** development was well ahead of schedule with wheat headed and beyond at 31 percent, 25 days ahead of last year, and 28 days ahead of normal. Wheat condition was 2 percent poor, 22 percent fair, 56 percent good, and 20 percent excellent.

Pasture & Livestock

Pasture condition was 1 percent very poor, 5 percent poor, 26 percent fair, 58 percent good, and 10 percent excellent. Many producers were pasturing livestock.

Weather Summary

Temperatures averaged 5 to 11 degrees above normal with the majority resting 6 to 8 degrees above normal. Across the state weekly extreme highs reached the near 90's with weekly extreme lows reaching near freezing. **Precipitation** averaged 0.57 of an inch across the state with Nodaway, Audrain, and Ste. Genevieve counties receiving over 2 inches.

Audio Commentary

Weekly Crop Progress and Condition Audio Commentary is available at:

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

Weather Data

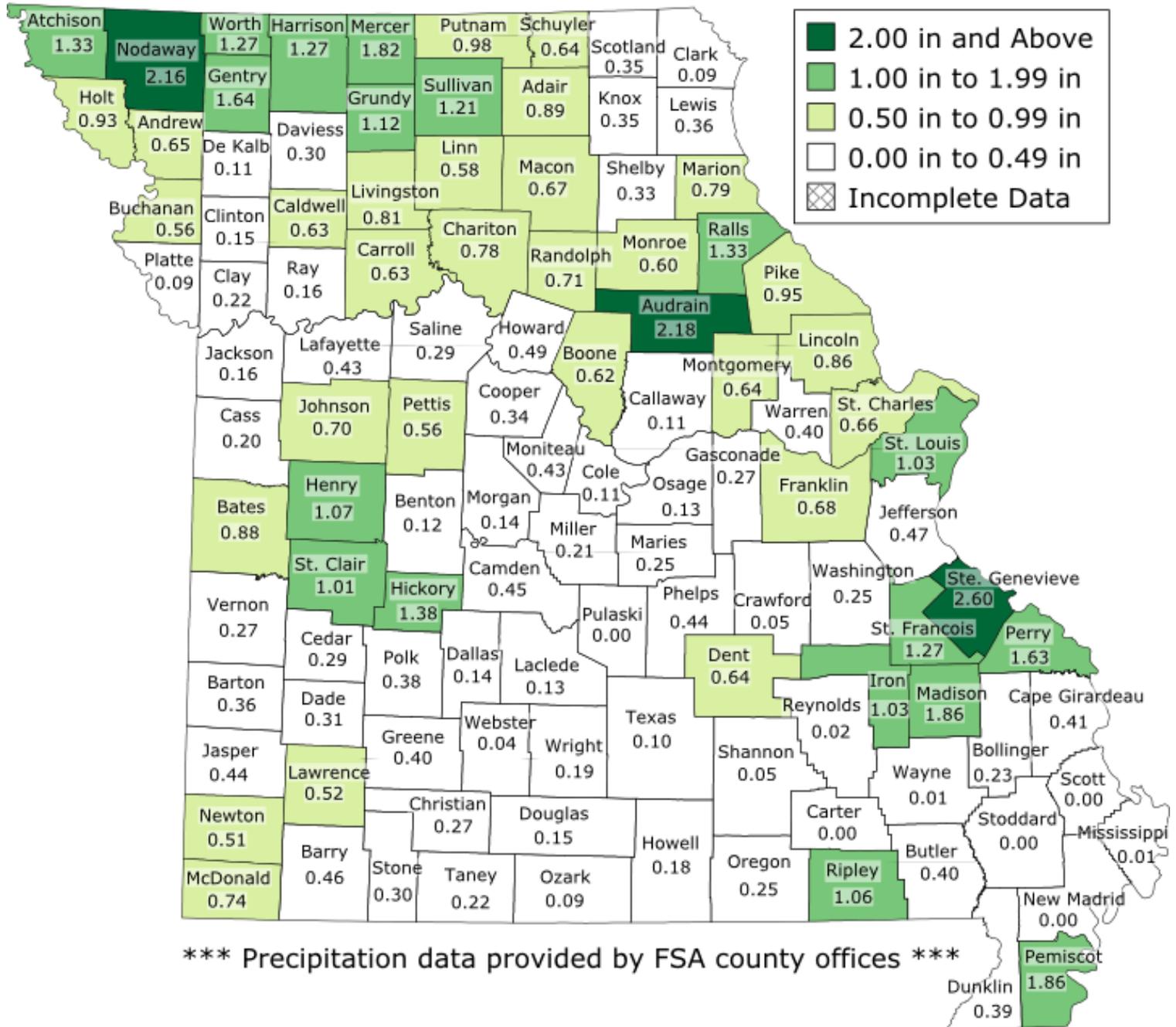
Hourly and daily weather data from stations throughout the state is available at:

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

District Summaries As Of April 8, 2012

	Missouri	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE
Days Suitable For Fieldwork										
This Year	4.7	3.5	3.3	4.1	4.4	4.1	4.8	6.1	6.1	6.5
Last Year	3.9	4.1	3.9	2.8	4.8	3.6	3.3	5.5	4.6	3.2
Topsoil Moisture Supply										
Very Short	1	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	3
Short	16	2	9	18	8	14	10	21	36	29
Adequate	78	92	79	74	83	81	86	79	64	64
Surplus	5	6	12	4	9	5	3	0	0	4
Ground Worked Spring Tillage, Percent										
This Year	63	55	49	39	67	68	64	74	72	80
Last Year	29	40	35	15	31	19	15	31	36	37
Normal	28									
Corn Planted, Percent										
This Year	23	7	9	13	25	9	31	43	35	76
Last Year	8	7	5	4	4	4	4	8	9	30
Normal	6									
Winter Wheat Headed and Beyond, Percent										
This Year	31	0	1	2	10	4	2	4	22	66
Last Year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Normal	0									
Winter Wheat Condition										
Very Poor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Poor	2	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	4
Fair	22	16	46	25	17	29	6	16	43	24
Good	56	50	38	53	64	64	78	49	52	53
Excellent	20	34	14	22	17	5	16	35	5	19
Pasture Condition										
Very Poor	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Poor	5	0	7	4	4	0	1	12	8	0
Fair	26	39	29	54	34	25	17	19	14	45
Good	58	32	52	32	49	67	73	57	75	51
Excellent	10	29	10	10	13	8	9	9	3	4
Average Precipitation	0.57	0.76	0.90	0.73	0.56	0.34	0.83	0.40	0.36	0.38

Precipitation for Week Ending April 8, 2012



Precipitation for Four Weeks Ending April 8, 2012

