



Crop Progress and Condition

Week Ending May 6, 2012

Agricultural Summary

Spring showers poured down on the western and northern districts, halting fieldwork and reducing the state-wide **days suitable for fieldwork** to 3.4. Although the dry south-central and southeast districts had nearly a week suitable for fieldwork, inundated by rain, the northeast had no days suitable, and the north-central district had only 1.5 days suitable. **Topsoil moisture supply** was 5 percent very short, 12 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 25 percent surplus. The northeast district reported 65 percent surplus, but the south-central and southeast districts were over 70 percent short and very short. **Ground worked spring tillage** was 88 percent, nearly a month ahead of last year and normal (5-year average).

Field Crops Report

Corn planted increased 9 points from last week to 84 percent, 13 days ahead of last year, and 18 days ahead of normal. **Corn emergence** was 60 percent, 13 days ahead of last year, and 17 days ahead of normal. **Soybeans** planted were 16 percent, 1 week ahead of last year, and 10 days ahead of normal. Soybean emergence was 5 percent, 12 days ahead of last year and normal. **Cotton** planted was 49 percent, 11 days ahead of last year, and 6 days ahead of normal. **Rice** planting was nearly complete, one month ahead of last year and normal. Emergence was 81 percent, 1 month ahead of last year, and over 3 weeks ahead of normal. Rice condition was 7 percent poor, 34 percent fair, and 59 percent good. **Sorghum** planted was 26 percent, 23 days ahead of last year, and 17 days ahead of normal. **Winter wheat headed and beyond** was 94 percent, 22 days ahead of last year, and 25 days ahead of normal. Wheat turning color was 15 percent, 13 days ahead of last year, and 17 days ahead of normal. All districts developed well ahead of historic norms. Wheat condition was 1 percent very poor, 6 percent poor, 24 percent fair, 52 percent good, and 17 percent excellent. Hot, dry conditions in the southeast district reduced wheat condition. **Alfalfa hay** 1st cutting was 32 percent, 26 days ahead of last year and 22 days ahead of normal. **Other hay** cut was 14 percent, 26 days ahead of last year, and 20 days ahead of normal. High humidity slowed hay drying across some parts of the state.

Pasture & Livestock

Pasture condition was 1 percent very poor, 5 percent poor, 27 percent fair, 54 percent good, and 13 percent excellent.

Weather Summary

Hot weather returned across the state with average **temperatures** 12 to 15 degrees above normal. **Precipitation** averaged 1.63 inches with Monroe, Vernon, Howard, and Barton counties receiving over 4.00 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

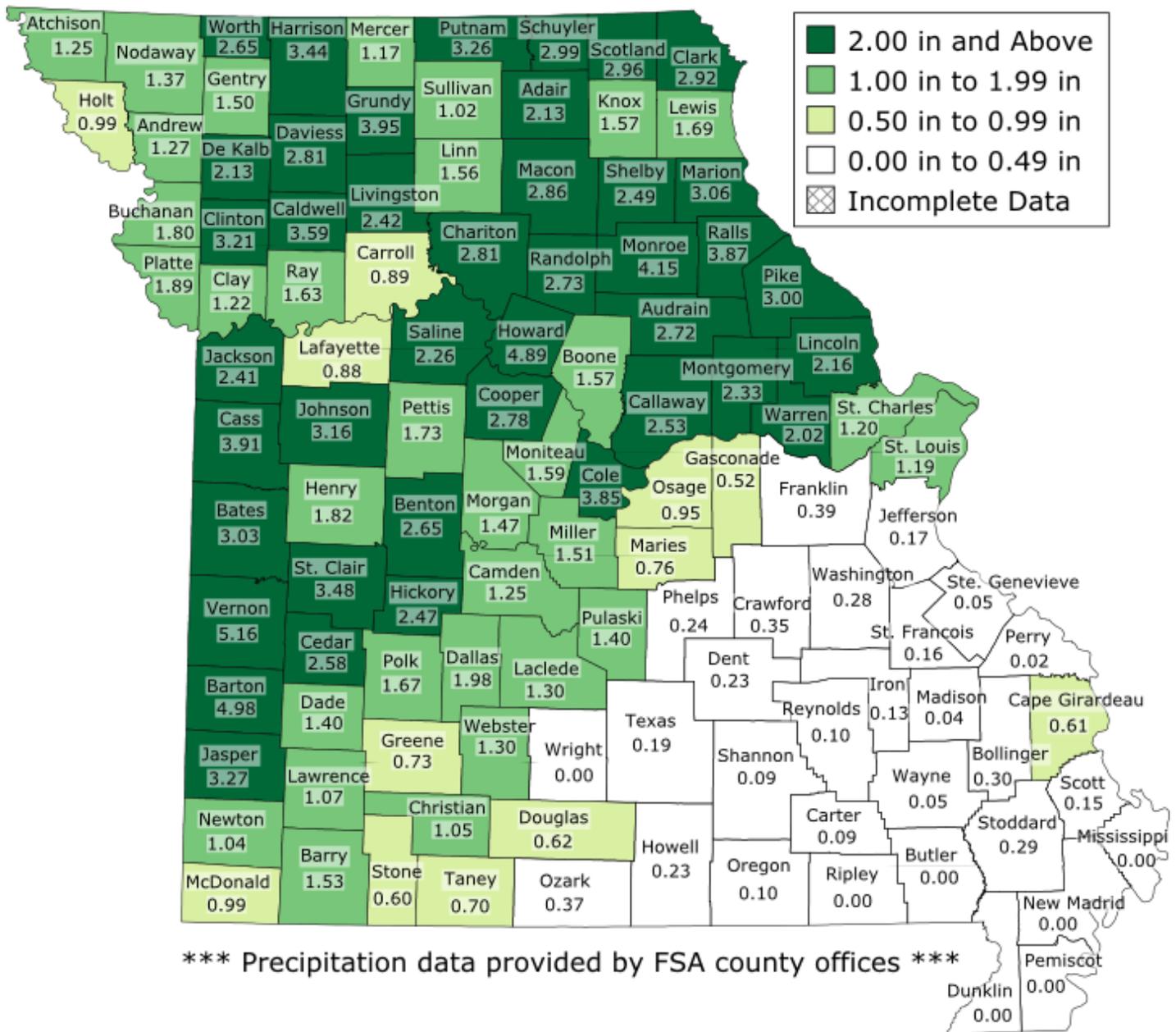
Hourly and daily weather data from stations throughout the state is available at:

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

District Summaries As Of May 6, 2012

	Missouri	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE
Days Suitable For Fieldwork										
This Year	3.4	2.0	1.5	0.0	2.7	3.1	3.9	4.2	6.8	7.0
Last Year	3.4	5.7	4.2	4.0	3.8	3.9	2.2	4.9	1.0	0.1
Topsoil Moisture Supply										
Very Short	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	31
Short	12	1	0	0	0	3	11	0	52	45
Adequate	58	74	67	35	74	68	63	75	28	24
Surplus	25	25	33	65	26	29	26	25	1	0
Ground Worked Spring Tillage, Percent										
This Year	88	79	87	69	91	91	89	92	92	99
Last Year	59	76	72	50	68	61	36	70	61	43
Normal	59									
Corn Planted, Percent										
This Year	84	81	78	67	96	85	76	93	90	100
Last Year	51	65	61	40	63	53	17	50	24	43
Normal	50									
Corn Emerged, Percent										
This Year	60	52	49	50	72	51	60	69	66	96
Last Year	24	19	25	15	38	31	6	24	8	37
Normal	26									
Soybeans Planted, Percent										
This Year	16	19	6	7	13	7	9	10	44	31
Last Year	5	11	4	7	4	3	0	0	0	1
Normal	6									
Soybeans Emerged, Percent										
This Year	5	3	1	1	5	1	1	4	23	13
Last Year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Normal	0									
Sorghum Planted, Percent										
This Year	26	20	3	5	4	13	2	10	100	78
Last Year	4	16	1	1	22	1	0	1	13	3
Normal	8									
Winter Wheat Headed and Beyond, Percent										
This Year	94	85	75	96	99	76	96	100	98	99
Last Year	49	4	0	5	30	2	26	62	36	82
Normal	32									
Winter Wheat Turning Color, Percent										
This Year	15	1	2	17	2	1	6	7	36	30
Last Year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Normal	0									
Alfalfa Hay 1st Cutting, Percent										
This Year	32	18	5	8	53	53	32	48	63	95
Normal	4									
Other Hay Cut, Percent										
This Year	14	4	5	0	9	10	13	34	25	30
Normal	1									
Winter Wheat Condition										
Very Poor	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	3
Poor	6	3	1	0	2	3	1	0	8	14
Fair	24	21	46	17	16	31	14	3	41	30
Good	52	51	27	63	56	65	76	61	48	41
Excellent	17	25	26	20	26	1	8	36	1	12
Pasture Condition										
Very Poor	1	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	2	3
Poor	5	1	10	2	1	0	1	0	23	11
Fair	27	19	34	43	31	16	22	23	34	72
Good	54	49	41	41	55	72	59	68	39	14
Excellent	13	31	12	12	13	12	18	9	2	0
Average Precipitation	1.63	2.05	2.32	2.84	2.94	1.94	0.83	1.67	0.27	0.13

Precipitation for Week Ending May 6, 2012



Precipitation for Four Weeks Ending May 6, 2012

