CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 31, 2019

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELD WORK

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| Wet conditions in March have delayed field preparations for corn planting. The weather delayed final nitrogen applications to small grains in some locations. Cathy Herring – Central Crops Research Station

Light rain and cooler temperatures are slowing the growth of fall crops, pastures and hayfields. Janice Nicholson - Rutherford County Extension

Rain earlier wheat is looking better. Pastures greening up but thin. Some field work being done. Gary Cross – Person County Extension

Weather for the week was relatively mild with some moisture early and late in the week. Daytime high temps were on the warm side with temps reaching the upper 60's/lower 70's mid-week; however, night time lows were on the cool side dipping down to the mid-upper 20's. Precipitation levels were mainly light with most of the county receiving around 0.75" for the week. Some of the higher elevations received light snow flurries late in the week. Soil conditions continue to improve with several producers able to do some spring plowing. Pastures continue to improve as grass begins to grow. A number of livestock producers took advantage of the drier conditions to fertilize hay/pasture land. Stanley Holloway – Yancey County Extension

Weather was near normal with about .75" of rainfall, frost on most mornings and mild to warm in the daytime. Spring conditions prevail. Soil is "Average Wet." Robert Hawk – Swain County Extension

Preparation for corn planting continues but is limited due to wet soils and frequent rainfall. Mike Carroll – Craven County Extension

Drying conditions during the week allowed some field activity and corn planting to occur. Threat of rain stalled most activity at the end of the week. Daniel Simpson – Pamlico County Extension

Corn planting has begun but has been delayed due to poor planting conditions and lots of field prep. Wheat crop is progressing but some acres have been abandoned due to poor conditions. Strawberries are coming off already and are looking good. Mac Mallow – Robeson County Extension

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