



# Indiana Crop & Weather Report

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## CROP REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 13

Corn planting is underway in scattered fields around the state, according to the Indiana Agricultural Statistics Service. Most of the planting has occurred in the southern regions of the state. Colder than normal temperatures slowed the drying process and may have damaged budding fruit trees.

### WINTER WHEAT

Thirteen percent of the wheat acreage is **jointed**, compared to 3 percent last year and the 5-year average of 9 percent. Winter wheat **condition** is rated 66 percent good to excellent, compared to only 11 percent rated good at this time last year. Wheat condition ratings during the next few weeks will indicate whether or not the crop was damaged by the sub-freezing temperatures experienced during the past week.

### SEED BED PREPARATION

Farmers continued to apply fertilizer and herbicides as the weather allowed. Soil conditions are still too wet in many areas to support heavy machinery. Most of the fieldwork has taken place in lighter soils.

### OTHER CROPS

**Availability of hay** and roughage supplies was rated 1 percent surplus, 40 percent adequate, 44 percent short and 15 percent very short. **Pasture condition** was rated 5 percent excellent, 46 percent good, 35 percent fair, 0 percent poor and 4 percent very poor. The return of colder temperatures has slowed pasture growth.

### DAYS SUITABLE and SOIL MOISTURE

For the week ending Friday, 3.5 days were rated **suitable for fieldwork**. **Topsoil moisture** was rated 3 percent short, 68 percent adequate and 29 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** was rated 2 percent short, 69 percent adequate and 29 percent surplus.

### CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg
Corn Planted	1	0	0	0
Winter Wheat Jointed	13	2	3	9

### CROP CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat 4/13	2	8	24	52	14
Winter Wheat 4/6	0	6	24	55	15
Winter Wheat 1996	19	33	37	11	0
Pasture	4	10	35	46	5

### SOIL MOISTURE

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
<b>Topsoil</b>			
Very Short	0	0	6
Short	3	0	21
Adequate	68	62	59
Surplus	29	38	14
<b>Subsoil</b>			
Very Short	0	0	8
Short	2	0	19
Adequate	69	61	64
Surplus	29	39	9

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