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CROP REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 20

Corn planting is picking up speed around the state according to the Indiana Agricultural Statistics Service. Currently, 5 percent of the intended corn acreage has been planted. The best progress was made in the northwest quadrant of the state. Both last year and the 5-year average were at 3 percent. Record level progress was achieved in 1976, when 9 percent of the corn acreage was planted by April 20.

WINTER WHEAT

Twenty-seven percent of the wheat acreage is **jointed**, ahead of 8 percent last year and the 5-year average of 22 percent. Winter wheat **condition** is rated 57 percent good to excellent, compared to only 13 percent rated good at this time last year.

SEED BED PREPARATION

Tillage operations made good progress this past week as farmers continue to apply fertilizer and anhydrous. Much of the acreage is awaiting warmer soil temperatures for seeding.

OTHER CROPS

Availability of hay and roughage supplies was rated 1 percent surplus, 44 percent adequate, 44 percent short and 11 percent very short. **Pasture condition** was rated 6 percent excellent, 45 percent good, 35 percent fair, 1 percent poor and 3 percent very poor. Continued cold temperatures have 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 1 percent short, 73 percent adequate and 26 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** was also rated 1 percent short, 73 percent adequate and 26 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg
Corn Planted	5	1	3	3
Winter Wheat Jointed	27	13	8	22

CROP CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat 4/20	2	7	34	49	8
Winter Wheat 4/13	2	8	24	52	14
Winter Wheat 1996	17	35	35	12	1
Pasture	3	11	35	45	6

SOIL MOISTURE

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
Topsoil			
Very Short	0	0	4
Short	1	3	24
Adequate	73	68	61
Surplus	26	29	11
Subsoil			
Very Short	0	0	4
Short	1	2	35
Adequate	73	69	54
Surplus	26	29	7

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