



# Indiana Crop & Weather Report

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## CROP REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 27

Dry weather allowed planting and tillage operations to advance rapidly this past week, according to the Indiana Agricultural Statistics Service. The best progress occurred in the northern two-thirds of the state, where the driest soil conditions exist. Most farmers in the southern region of the state are still waiting for the soil to dry out and warm up.

### CORN AND SOYBEANS

**Corn planting** progressed to 30 percent complete, well ahead of 7 percent last year and the average of 8 percent. The best progress was made in the central region of the state, where 40 percent of the intended corn acreage has been planted. Thirty-three percent has been planted in the northern region, while only 4 percent of the corn is in the ground in the southern region of the state. Record level progress was achieved in 1988, when 43 percent of the corn acreage was planted by April 30. **Soybean planting** is underway, with 10 percent of the intended acreage seeded. This is well ahead of the 1 percent average, and planting had not begun at this time last year.

### WINTER WHEAT

Fifty-two percent of the wheat acreage is **jointed**, ahead of 23 percent last year and the 5-year average of 8 percent. Winter wheat **condition** is rated 63 percent good to excellent, compared to only 20 percent at this time last year.

### OTHER CROPS

**Availability of hay** and roughage supplies was rated 2 percent surplus, 38 percent adequate, 43 percent short and 17 percent very short. **Pasture condition** was rated 6 percent excellent, 36 percent good, 39 percent fair, 0 percent poor and 3 percent very poor.

### DAYS SUITABLE and SOIL MOISTURE

For the week ending Friday, 5.1 days were rated **suitable for fieldwork**. **Topsoil moisture** was rated 1 percent very short, 9 percent short, 75 percent adequate and 5 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** was rated 4 percent short, 78 percent adequate and 18 percent surplus.

#### CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg
Corn Planted	30	5	7	8
Soybeans Planted	10	0	0	1
Winter Wheat Jointed	52	27	23	38

#### CROP CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat 4/27	2	7	28	54	9
Winter Wheat 4/20	2	7	34	49	8
Winter Wheat 1996	20	28	32	17	3
Pasture	3	16	39	36	6

#### SOIL MOISTURE

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
<b>Topsoil</b>			
Very Short	1	0	0
Short	9	1	3
Adequate	75	73	42
Surplus	15	26	55
<b>Subsoil</b>			
Very Short	0	0	1
Short	4	1	13
Adequate	78	73	60
Surplus	18	26	26

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