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CROP REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 4

Corn and soybean planting is advancing at a record pace, according to the Indiana Agricultural Statistics Service. The best progress continues to occur in the northern two-thirds of the state. Soil conditions in many areas have been ideal for tillage and planting operations. Progress was halted over the weekend as rain was received across much of the state.

CORN AND SOYBEANS

Corn planting progressed to 60 percent complete, well ahead of 8 percent last year and the average of 7 percent. This matches the record progress achieved in 1988 for this date. By region, corn planting is 62 percent complete in the north, 74 percent complete in the central, and 27 percent complete in the south. Emergence is very limited due to cool soil temperatures. **Soybean planting** is a record 22 percent complete. This is well ahead of 2 percent last year, and the average of 5 percent. Previous record progress for this date was achieved in both 1978 and 1988.

WINTER WHEAT

Seventy-five percent of the wheat acreage is **jointed**, ahead of 44 percent last year and the 5-year average of 56 percent. Winter wheat **condition** is rated 62 percent good to excellent, compared to only 24 percent at this time last year. There have been a few reports of wheat heading in scattered locations across the state.

OTHER CROPS

Pasture condition was rated 7 percent excellent, 33 percent good, 36 percent fair, 12 percent poor and 2 percent very poor. Pasture and hay growth has been slow due to the cool temperatures. Currently, 83 percent of the intended **oats** acres have been planted.

DAYS SUITABLE and SOIL MOISTURE

For the week ending Friday, 4.8 days were rated **suitable for fieldwork**. **Topsoil moisture** was rated 12 percent short, 75 percent adequate and 13 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** was rated 5 percent short, 87 percent adequate and 8 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg
Percent				
Corn Planted	60	30	8	17
Soybeans Planted	22	10	2	5
Winter Wheat Jointed	75	52	44	56

CROP CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					
Winter Wheat 5/4	1	6	31	51	11
Winter Wheat 4/27	2	7	28	54	9
Winter Wheat 1996	13	27	36	19	5
Pasture	2	12	36	43	7

SOIL MOISTURE

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
Percent			
Topsoil			
Very Short	0	1	0
Short	12	9	0
Adequate	75	75	30
Surplus	13	15	70
Subsoil			
Very Short	0	0	0
Short	5	4	5
Adequate	87	78	47
Surplus	8	18	48

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