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CROP REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 11

Corn and soybean planting made modest progress this past week, according to the Indiana Agricultural Statistics Service. Widespread rains slowed tillage operations during much of the week. Both corn and soybean planting progress have slipped back behind record levels for this date, which were achieved in 1988.

CORN AND SOYBEANS

Corn planting progressed to 71 percent complete, well ahead of 10 percent last year and the average of 6 percent. By region, corn planting is 79 percent complete in the north, 80 percent complete in the central, and 6 percent complete in the south. Continued cool temperatures have producers concerned about whether or not early planted corn will emerge. **Soybean planting** is 31 percent complete. This is well ahead of 3 percent last year, and the average of 12 percent. By region, soybean planting is 27 percent complete in the north, 45 percent complete in the central, and only 5 percent complete in the south.

WINTER WHEAT

Eighty-nine percent of the wheat acreage is **jointed**, ahead of 61 percent last year and the 5-year average of 72 percent. Winter wheat **condition** is rated 62 percent good to excellent, compared to only 32 percent at this time last year. Statewide, 10 percent of the wheat is **headed**, compared to 11 percent last year and the average of 2 percent.

OTHER CROPS

Pasture condition was rated 9 percent excellent, 4 percent good, 34 percent fair, 7 percent poor and 2 percent very poor. Pasture and hay growth has been slow due to the cool temperatures. Currently, 90 percent of the intended **oats** acres have been planted.

DAYS SUITABLE and SOIL MOISTURE

For the week ending Friday, 2.1 days were rated **suitable for fieldwork**. **Topsoil moisture** was rated 3 percent short, 60 percent adequate and 37 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** was rated 3 percent short, 70 percent adequate and 27 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg
Percent				
Corn Planted	71	60	10	36
Soybeans Planted	31	22	3	12
Winter Wheat Jointed	89	75	61	72
Winter Wheat Headed	10	0	11	12

CROP CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					
Winter Wheat 5/11	1	6	31	51	11
Winter Wheat 5/4	1	6	31	51	11
Winter Wheat 1996	12	23	33	28	4
Pasture	2	7	34	48	9

SOIL MOISTURE

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
Percent			
Topsoil			
Very Short	0	0	0
Short	3	12	0
Adequate	60	75	13
Surplus	37	13	87
Subsoil			
Very Short	0	0	0
Short	3	5	1
Adequate	70	87	32
Surplus	27	8	67

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