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CROP REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 18

Corn and soybean planting continue ahead of normal according to the Indiana Agricultural Statistics Service. Many farmers are finished planting corn. Emergence has been very slow due to cool temperatures and some soil crusting. Some fields are being evaluated for potential replanting.

CORN AND SOYBEANS

Corn planting progressed to 86 percent complete, well ahead of 13 percent last year and the average of 57 percent. By region, corn planting is 94 percent complete in the north, 91 percent complete in the central, and 60 percent complete in the south. **Soybean planting** is 54 percent complete. This is well ahead of 4 percent last year, and the average of 28 percent. By region, soybean planting is 60 percent complete in the north, 65 percent complete in the central, and 16 percent complete in the south.

WINTER WHEAT

Ninety-seven percent of the wheat acreage is **jointed**, ahead of 86 percent last year and the 5-year average of 89 percent. Winter wheat **condition** is rated 69 percent good to excellent, compared to only 29 percent at this time last year. Statewide, 30 percent of the wheat is **headed**, compared to 21 percent last year and the average of 27 percent.

OTHER CROPS

Pasture condition was rated 7 percent excellent, 51 percent good, 31 percent fair, 10 percent poor and 1 percent very poor. Pasture and hay growth has been slow due to the cool temperatures. Currently, 95 percent of the intended **oats** acres have been planted.

DAYS SUITABLE and SOIL MOISTURE

For the week ending Friday, 5.7 days were rated **suitable for fieldwork**. **Topsoil moisture** was rated 14 percent short, 77 percent adequate and 9 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** was rated 5 percent short, 85 percent adequate and 10 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg
Percent				
Corn Planted	86	71	13	57
Soybeans Planted	54	31	4	28
Winter Wheat Jointed	97	89	86	89
Winter Wheat Headed	30	10	21	27

CROP CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					
Winter Wheat 5/18	0	4	27	56	13
Winter Wheat 5/11	1	6	31	51	11
Winter Wheat 1996	10	23	38	25	4
Pasture	1	10	31	51	7

SOIL MOISTURE

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
Percent			
Topsoil			
Very Short	0	0	0
Short	14	3	0
Adequate	77	60	15
Surplus	9	37	85
Subsoil			
Very Short	0	0	0
Short	5	3	1
Adequate	85	70	29
Surplus	10	27	70

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