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Extension Rainfall Report for July 2013

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Ohio State University Extension, Hardin County – In the month of July, Extension rainfall reporters recorded an average of 7.4 inches of rain in Hardin County. Last year, the average rainfall for July was 3.09 inches. This past month was an extremely wet month as rainfall was 3.21 inches above the ten year average rainfall for the month of July.

Jim McVitty, in Jackson Township, received 9.55 inches of rain for the month, the most of any of the township sites. The least rain in July, 4.91 in., was collected in Hale Township by Tim Ramsey. For the growing season from April 15 through July, the average precipitation in the townships was 16.53 inches, with a range from 12.75 to 21.32 inches.

Weather continued to play a role in the crop growth and development as wheat harvest was delayed by the constant rains in the early part of July, affecting grain quality. There was also a high wind event that accompanied one storm which left some corn blown over in parts of some fields, most of which has recovered. Soybeans that were drowned out early in the growing season have been stunted in some areas and will not recover in other areas. The wet conditions have encouraged some root rot and related fungal diseases in the soybean crop. Crop conditions are better in well-drained soils, with corn showing the most tolerance to the wet weather.

Editor: See attached table for your use.

Hardin County Extension Rainfall Report for July 2013 (recorded in inches)

Township	Reporter	July 2013	Growing Season (from Apr. 15- 2013)
Blanchard Township	Crop Production Services	8.95	17.20
Buck Township	Heritage Cooperative/Kenton	6.16	14.50
Cessna Township	Steve Lowery	7.71	19.88
Dudley Township	Dale Rapp	6.21	12.75
Goshen Township	Brein Bros. Farm	9.31	16.55
Hale Township	Tim Ramsey	4.91	14.91
Jackson Township	Jim McVitty	9.55	21.32
Liberty Township	Phil Epley	8.43	16.13
Lynn Township	Jan Layman	8.60	16.20
Marion Township	Mark Lowery	6.46	18.62
McDonald Township	Jerry Stout	6.56	17.32
Pleasant Township	Robert McBride	7.49	18.28
Roundhead Township	Mike Lautenschlager	6.65	14.90
Taylor Creek Township	Silver Creek Supply	6.70	15.20
Washington Township	Frank Boehm	7.34	14.23
	Average	7.40	16.53