

Hardin County Extension News Release

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Extension Rainfall Report for May

Hardin County – For the time period of May 1-May 31, 2017 Extension rainfall reporters recorded an average of 7.21 inches of rain in Hardin County. Last year, the average rainfall for the same time period was 3.27 inches. Rainfall for May was 3.45 inches more than the ten year average rainfall during the same dates.

Jackson Township received 8.90 inches of rain for May, the most of the township sites. For the growing season since April 15, the average precipitation in the townships was 10.37 inches, with a wide range from 8.05 inches in Hale Township reported by Travis Ramsey, to 12.79 inches in Jackson Township reported by Rick Weber.

Rainfall persisted most of the month of May, with the exception of about a week without rain in the middle of the month. Cooler temperatures prevailed most of the month as early planted corn was slow to emerge. Several fields had ponding events and were saturated for long periods of time, causing a need for replanting. Both corn and soybeans were replanted multiple times in some fields, causing stands that are either thin or growing in different stages. Later planted crops were showing more uniform emergence, although some are weeks behind the earliest planted fields.

Herbicide programs needed to be adapted in several fields to meet the advanced stage of weed development as a result of the earlier extended time period of wet conditions that favored weed growth. Currently, soybean planting is reaching completion as farmers are hoping for warm growing degree days with timely rains to promote crop development. Most forage growers have completed or are in the process of making the first cutting of hay, which is later than normal. This has caused hay tonnage to increase, but lowered the feed quality. Wheat has been less susceptible to disease as a result of the cool conditions at flowering. Adequate moisture has benefited grain fill, but now drier conditions will be needed to keep good grain quality as harvest approaches.

Editor: See attached table for your use.

Hardin County Extension Rainfall Report for May 1-May 31, 2017 (recorded in inches)

Township	Reporter	May 2017	Growing Season (from Apr. 15-2017)
Blanchard Township	Crop Production Services	7.90	12.40
Buck Township	Heritage Coop./Kenton	6.36	9.67
Cessna Township	Steve Lowery	7.33	10.38
Dudley Township	Dale Rapp	5.72	8.27
Goshen Township	Brien Bros. Farm	5.94	9.13
Hale Township	Travis Ramsey	5.60	8.05
Jackson Township	Rick Weber	8.90	12.79
Liberty Township	Phil Epley	8.09	11.23
Lynn Township	Jan Layman	7.30	11.43
Marion Township	Mark Lowery	7.04	9.36
McDonald Township	Jerry Stout	7.12	9.77
Pleasant Township	Robert McBride	7.26	10.55
Roundhead Township	Mike Lautenschlager	8.15	10.70
Taylor Creek Township	Silver Creek Supply	7.40	11.05
Washington Township	Randy Preston	8.06	10.82
	Average	7.21	10.37