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### **Hardin County Extension News Release**

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## **Extension Rainfall Report for August**

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*Hardin County* - During the month of August, Extension volunteer rainfall reporters received an average of 4.78 inches of rain. The most rain for this month, 6.60 inches, fell in Lynn Township as measured by Jan Layman. The least rain reported during the month, 3.10 inches was reported in Cessna Township by Madelyn Lowery and 3.12 inches was reported in McDonald Township by Jerry Stout. During the same month last year, an average of 1.39 inches of rain fell. The rainfall recorded in August over the past ten years averaged 3.19 inches.

For the growing season since April 15, the average precipitation in the townships was 19.60 inches, ranging from 25.90 inches in Hale Township to 14.78 inches in Pleasant Township. The growing season average rainfall was 1.59 inches above the ten-year average for Hardin County through August.

August continued the pattern of receiving weekly rainfall in Hardin County. Adequate rain should have allowed for good kernel fill in corn in most townships. Some areas of the county that may have experienced low levels of rainfall in July during pollination, may have had less kernels on corn ears develop to fill in August depending on planting date and corn maturity. Soybean plants throughout the county grew tall with the continued rain in August, resulting in more nodes where soybean pods attach. These nodes allowed for high numbers of pods on soybean plants, which could translate to high soybean yields. Recent heavy rains have caused some soybean plants to lodge.

Corn silage harvest with farmers chopping corn for dairy cattle began in early September but was halted due to rains. Corn is drying rapidly in fields for the upcoming grain harvest, which may happen before some soybean fields. Soybeans are maturing and leaves are dropping, signaling start of the bean harvest soon around the county. Double crop soybeans are progressing well in local fields, but will need additional time to develop being planted after wheat harvest. Continued precipitation has allowed hay harvest to continue to a fourth cutting in several fields, however later cuttings will require longer drying due to cooler weather that may be around the corner.

*Editor: See attached table for your use*

**Hardin County Extension Rainfall Report for August 2018 (recorded in inches)**

Township	Reporter	August 2018	Growing Season (from Apr. 15-2018)
Blanchard Township	Nutrien Ag Solutions	4.30	22.75
Buck Township	Heritage Coop./Kenton	4.60	20.50
Cessna Township	Madelyn Lowery	3.10	21.07
Dudley Township	Dale Rapp	6.07	21.83
Goshen Township	Brien Bros. Farm	4.77	16.27
Hale Township	Travis Ramsey	6.20	25.90
Jackson Township	Rick Weber	5.50	19.50
Liberty Township	Phil Epley	4.57	19.88
Lynn Township	Jan Layman	6.60	20.48
Marion Township	Mark Lowery	5.17	18.13
McDonald Township	Jerry Stout	3.12	16.85
Pleasant Township	Robert McBride	4.05	14.78
Roundhead Township	Mike Lautenschlager	3.95	18.70
Taylor Creek Township	Silver Creek Supply	4.57	18.04
Washington Township	Randy Preston	5.20	19.25
	<b>Average</b>	<b>4.78</b>	<b>19.60</b>