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Extension Rainfall Report for April 15-30

Hardin County – For the time period of April 15-30, Extension rainfall reporters recorded an average of 1.46 inches of rain in Hardin County. Last year, the average rainfall for the same time period was 1.06 inches. Rainfall for the April 15-30 time period is 0.55 inches less than the ten year average rainfall during the same dates.

Cessna Township received 2.40 inches for the April 15-30 time period, the most of any of the township sites. Buck Township received 0.66 inches for the April 15-30 time period, the least of any of the township sites. The drier April enabled some farmers to begin planting corn, before temperatures turned cooler and rains began in May. This April weather also allowed for some spring tillage and herbicide burndowns, as well as fertilizer and manure applications to provide nutrients for the crops.

With the arrival of May bringing wet conditions and cool temperatures, corn planting halted around the county. A few soybean fields were also planted early, with not much progress in growth. Very little corn has emerged and most is not able to be rowed. Farmers are hoping for warmer temperatures and drying conditions to continue planting corn and soybeans. Herbicides and/or tillage will need to be adapted to manage weeds that have advanced in growth due to inactivity in the fields.

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Editor: See attached table for your use.

Hardin County Extension Rainfall Report for April 15-30, 2016 (recorded in inches)

Township	Reporter	April 15-30, 2016	Growing Season (from Apr. 15-2016)
Blanchard Township	Crop Production Services	1.50	1.50
Buck Township	Heritage Cooperative/Kenton	0.66	0.66
Cessna Township	Steve Lowery	2.40	2.40
Dudley Township	Dale Rapp	1.49	1.49
Goshen Township	Brien Bros. Farm	1.34	1.34
Hale Township	Tim Ramsey	2.25	2.25
Jackson Township	Jim McVitty	1.12	1.12
Liberty Township	Phil Epley	1.47	1.47
Lynn Township	Jan Layman	1.09	1.09
Marion Township	Mark Lowery	1.36	1.36
McDonald Township	Jerry Stout	1.06	1.06
Pleasant Township	Robert McBride	1.99	1.99
Roundhead Township	Mike Lautenschlager	1.45	1.45
Taylor Creek Township	Silver Creek Supply	0.86	0.86
Washington Township	Randy Preston	1.79	1.79
	Average	1.46	1.46