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### **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, Extension rainfall reporters recorded an average of 3.27 inches of rain in Hardin County. Last year, the average rainfall for the same time period was 3.70 inches. Rainfall for May 1-May 31, 2016 is 0.62 inches less than the ten year average rainfall during the same dates.

Marion Township received 4.26 inches and Hale Township received 4.25 inches of rain for May 1-May 31, the most of the township sites. For the growing season since April 15, the average precipitation in the townships was 4.73 inches, with a wide range from 3.15 inches in McDonald Township reported by Jerry Stout, to 6.50 inches in Hale Township reported by Tim Ramsey.

Rainfall amounts started to lessen after May 15 after going through a cool, wet period of about 3 weeks. Along with less rainfall later in May, the county experienced warmer temperatures. This allowed the soil to dry and provide better conditions for planting corn and soybeans. Earlier planted crops that didn't emerge because of cooler temperatures, emerged after this warmer weather. This change in the weather also allowed for farmers to resume planting under more favorable conditions.

Herbicide programs are being adapted 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, the county is in need of more rain as planting is reaching completion. Most forage growers have completed or are in the process of making the first cutting of hay. Wheat has been less susceptible to disease at this time as a result of the drier conditions at flowering.

*Editor: See attached table for your use.*

**Hardin County Extension Rainfall Report for May 1-May 31, 2016 (recorded in inches)**

Township	Reporter	May 2016	Growing Season (from Apr. 15- 2016)
Blanchard Township	Crop Production Services	3.60	5.10
Buck Township	Heritage Cooperative/Kenton	3.28	3.94
Cessna Township	Steve Lowery	3.25	5.65
Dudley Township	Dale Rapp	3.00	4.49
Goshen Township	Brein Bros. Farm	2.72	4.06
Hale Township	Tim Ramsey	4.25	6.50
Jackson Township	Jim McVitty	3.80	4.92
Liberty Township	Phil Epley	3.77	5.24
Lynn Township	Jan Layman	3.28	4.37
Marion Township	Mark Lowery	4.26	5.62
McDonald Township	Jerry Stout	2.09	3.15
Pleasant Township	Robert McBride	2.65	4.64
Roundhead Township	Mike Lautenschlager	2.85	4.30
Taylor Creek Township	Silver Creek Supply	3.42	4.28
Washington Township	Randy Preston	2.86	4.65
	<b>Average</b>	<b>3.27</b>	<b>4.73</b>