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

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### **Extension Rainfall Report for April 15-30**

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*Hardin County* – For the time period of April 15-30, Extension rainfall reporters recorded an average of 1.54 inches of rain in Hardin County. Last year, the average rainfall for the same time period was 4.08 inches. Rainfall for the April 15-30 time period is 0.83 inches less than the ten-year average rainfall during the same dates. McDonald Township received 1.98 inches for the April 15-30 time period, followed closely by Pleasant Township at 1.95 inches for the most of any of the township sites. Blanchard Township received 0.70 inches for the April 15-30 time period, the least of any of the township sites. Limited field work occurred in April with regular rains and cool temperatures early keeping soils wet until late in the month for most of the county. Early May brought warmer and drier weather allowing for the planting of corn and soybeans until the recent rains. Wheat fields showed slow growth due to the cool temperatures in April and early May. Spring forage planting was also delayed by wet field conditions.

Farmers are hoping for fields to become fit to continue planting corn and soybeans, as well as herbicide applications for weeds. As temperatures warm up and winds pick up, soils should dry out from the excess moisture. Ideally corn is planted by May 10, but this year that will be later for some because of the conditions. Farmers are encouraged not to work in wet fields as it compacts the soil and impacts yields. Delay of corn planting can also limit yields depending on the weather received during the growing season, however with less impact than compaction. Warmer temperatures are needed to get the planted corn and soybeans to emerge and get off to a good start while ponding in some fields may require replanting in certain areas.

*Editor: See attached table for your use.*

**Hardin County Extension Rainfall Report for April 15-30, 2020 (recorded in inches)**

Township	Reporter	April 15-30, 2020	Growing Season (from Apr. 15-2020)
Blanchard Township	Nutrien Ag Solutions	0.70	0.70
Buck Township	Heritage Cooperative (Kenton)	1.63	1.63
Cessna Township	Madelyn Lowery	1.70	1.70
Dudley Township	Dale Rapp	1.90	1.90
Goshen Township	John Brien	1.67	1.67
Hale Township	Travis Ramsey	1.75	1.75
Jackson Township	Rick Weber	1.50	1.50
Liberty Township	Phil Epley	0.98	0.98
Lynn Township	Jan Layman	1.60	1.60
Marion Township	Mark Lowery	1.30	1.30
McDonald Township	Jerry Stout	1.98	1.98
Pleasant Township	George Ziegler	1.95	1.95
Roundhead Township	Mike Lautenschlager	1.40	1.40
Taylor Creek Township	Silver Creek Supply	1.78	1.78
Washington Township	Randy Preston	1.26	1.26
	<b>Average</b>	<b>1.54</b>	<b>1.54</b>