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OHIO CROP WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the State was 48.2 degrees, 0.1 degrees above normal for the week ending Sunday, April 15, 2012. Precipitation averaged 0.49 inches, 0.40 inches below normal. There were 41 modified growing degree days, 1 day above normal.

Reporters rated 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, April 13, 2012. Topsoil moisture was rated 2 percent very short, 17 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork

	Current Week	Previous Week	Since 1st week of April
	<i>Days</i>	<i>Days</i>	<i>Days</i>
2012	5.9	4.8	13.8
2011	1.3	1.0	4.7
2007-11 Avg.	2.5	2.2	6.7

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Current Week.....	2	17	73	8
Last Week	0	1	78	21
Same Week Last Year.....	0	0	44	56
2007-11 Average.....	0	3	50	47

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 15th 2012

Temperatures for the State were slightly above normal for the week, with the exception of 2-3 nights below freezing; and precipitation for the State was below normal. Freezing night temperatures recorded throughout the state may negatively impact this year's apples, peach, and alfalfa hay crops. Other field activities for the week include field application of fertilizers and manure, tilling ground, planting corn and soybeans, and protecting fruit crops from freezing temperatures.

As of Sunday April 15th, **corn** planted for grain was 10 percent complete, compared to 2 percent last week and 1 percent for the five-year average. **Winter wheat** jointed was rated at 29 percent, ahead of both last year and the five-year average by 17 and 16 percent, respectively. Sixty percent of **Oats** acreage has been planted throughout the State, 49 percent ahead of last year and 35 percent ahead of the five-year average. Oats emerged were rated at 21 percent, compared to 1 percent last year and 3 percent for the five-year average. Intended **potato** acreage was 20 percent planted, 19 points ahead of last year and 9 percent ahead of the five-year average. **Apples** at green tip or beyond were rated at 87 percent, compared to 34 percent last year and 46 percent for the five-year average. Apples at full bloom or beyond were rated at 50 percent, compared to 6 percent for the five-year average. **Peaches** at green tip or beyond were rated at 86 percent, 51 points ahead of last year and 40 points ahead of the five-year average. Peaches at full bloom or beyond were rated at 61 percent, compared to 11 percent for the five-year average.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Apples were 77 percent in fair-to-good condition, 11 points behind last week. **Peaches** were 68 percent in fair-to-good condition, down from 85 points last week. **Hay** was 85 percent in fair-to-good condition, up five percentage points from last week. **Livestock** were 79 percent in fair-to-good condition, unchanged from last week. Seventy-five percent of **range and pasture** acreage were rated in fair-to-good condition, up 4 percentage points from last week. Seventy-one percent of **winter wheat** was in fair-to-good condition, down 1 percentage point from last week.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, APRIL 15

Crop	2012	2011	2007-2011 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Apples in Green Tip or Beyond	87	34	46	85	NA
Apples in Full Bloom	50	NA	6	40	NA
Corn Planted	10	NA	1	2	7
Oats Planted	60	11	25	42	62
Oats Emerged	21	1	3	6	41
Peaches in Green Tip or Beyond	86	35	46	84	NA
Peaches in Full Bloom	61	NA	11	52	NA
Potatoes Planted	20	1	11	4	NA
Winter Wheat Jointed	29	12	13	13	NA

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 15

		Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
APPLES	Current Week	12	5	42	35	6
	Previous Week.....	1	3	40	48	8
	Previous Year	0	1	17	69	13
HAY	Current Week	0	4	33	52	11
	Previous Week.....	0	3	20	60	17
	Previous Year	0	4	32	56	8
LIVESTOCK	Current Week	0	3	16	63	18
	Previous Week.....	0	4	18	61	17
	Previous Year	0	2	21	64	13
PASTURE	Current Week	0	6	24	51	19
	Previous Week.....	1	7	23	48	21
	Previous Year	1	7	35	50	7
PEACHES	Current Week	12	16	37	31	4
	Previous Week.....	3	6	37	48	6
	Previous Year	0	1	15	71	13
WINTER WHEAT	Current Week	5	13	36	35	11
	Previous Week.....	4	13	33	39	11
	Previous Year	0	3	25	57	15

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, APRIL 15

Region	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ¹			
	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
	<i>Degrees</i>	<i>Degrees</i>	<i>Inches</i>	<i>Inches</i>	<i>Inches</i>	<i>Inches</i>	<i>Days</i>	<i>Days</i>	<i>Days</i>	<i>Days</i>
Northwest	48.3	1.9	0.28	-0.60	0.49	-1.25	42	10	90	30
North Central	47.9	1.5	0.37	-0.53	0.56	-1.23	39	7	77	18
Northeast	45.8	0.4	0.30	-0.65	0.35	-1.58	34	3	67	8
West Central	48.2	0.1	0.59	-0.32	0.68	-1.25	41	2	99	27
Central	48.4	-0.5	0.57	-0.34	0.83	-1.11	39	-3	97	16
Central Hills	47.4	0.4	0.37	-0.56	0.54	-1.45	36	0	80	11
Northeast Hills	48.2	0.7	0.33	-0.58	0.51	-1.43	36	-3	84	10
Southwest	49.6	-0.6	1.18	0.24	1.56	-0.52	46	0	115	27
South Central	49.5	-1.6	0.35	-0.39	0.58	-1.12	52	-3	125	19
Southeast	48.4	-1.0	0.44	-0.43	0.62	-1.25	43	-4	104	12
STATE	48.2	0.1	0.49	-0.40	0.69	-1.20	41	1	95	18

¹ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86

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