



OHIO CROP WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11th 2011

The average temperature for the State was 63.9 degrees, 3.7 degrees below normal for the week ending Sunday, September 11, 2011. Precipitation averaged 1.75 inches, 1.23 inches above normal. There were 100 modified growing degree days, 26 days below normal. Reporters rated 2.3 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, September 9, 2011. Topsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 10 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 21 percent surplus.

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS

Rains this week helped to revive crops, but prevented some field work. Those able to get into fields tilled wheat stubble, planted cover crops, hauled manure, and began corn harvest for silage.

As of Sunday September 11th, **corn** in dough was 93 percent, which was seven percent behind 2010 and three percent behind the five-year average. Corn dented was 56 percent, compared to 89 percent last year and 79 percent for the five-year average. Corn mature was six percent, compared to 46 percent last year and 20 percent for the five-year average. **Corn for silage** was 22 percent harvested, compared to 74 percent last year and 47 for the five-year average. Nine percent of **soybeans** were dropping leaves, compared to 49 percent last year and 32 percent for the five-year average. The third cutting of **alfalfa hay** was 92 percent complete, which was seven percent behind last year and two percent behind the five-year average. Thirty-two percent of the fourth cutting of alfalfa hay was complete, compared to 59 percent last year and 42 percent for the five-year average. Sixty-five percent of the third cutting of **other hay** was complete, which was nine percent behind last year. Ninety-three percent of **peaches** were harvested, which was six percent behind last year. Ninety-one percent of **summer apples** were harvested, which was eight percent behind last year and three percent behind the five-year average. **Fall and winter apples** were 16 percent harvested, compared to 24 percent last year and 17 percent for the five-year average. Twenty-three percent of **grapes** were harvested, which was nine percent behind last year. Eighty-seven percent of **cucumbers** were harvested, compared to 99 percent last year and 88 percent for the five-year average. Fifty-one percent of **potatoes** were harvested, compared to 71 percent last year and 54 percent for the five-year average. **Processing tomatoes** were 29 percent harvested, compared to 57 percent last year and 54 percent for the five-year average.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Apples were rated at 77 percent in fair-to-good condition, up one percent from last week. Seventy-four percent of **corn** was in fair-to-good condition, which was unchanged from last week. **Hay** was 78 percent in fair-to-good condition, which was unchanged from last week. **Livestock** were 84 percent in fair-to-good condition, up three percent from last week. Seventy-three percent of **range and pasture** were in fair-to-good condition, up two percent from last week. Seventy-four percent of **soybeans** were in fair-to-good condition, up one percent from last week.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork				Topsoil Moisture				
	Current Week	Previous Week	Since 1st week of April		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	Days	Days	Days		Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
	2.3	6.2	88.2	Current Week	0	10	69	21
2011	2.3	6.2	88.2	Last Week	9	20	68	3
2010	6.7	6.8	107.2	Same Week Last Year	34	45	20	1
2006-10 Avg.	5.9	5.8	106.8	2006-10 Average	20	28	49	3

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Crop	2011	2010	2006-2010 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Alfalfa Hay 3rd Cutting	92	99	94	89	NA
Alfalfa Hay 4th Cutting	32	59	42	25	NA
Apples Harvested (Summer)	91	99	94	89	NA
Apples Harvested (Fall & Winter)	16	24	17	8	NA
Corn in Dough	93	100	96	85	94
Corn Dented	56	89	79	37	71
Corn Mature	6	46	20	3	18
Corn Silage Harvested	22	74	47	12	NA
Cucumbers Harvested	87	99	88	79	NA
Grapes Harvested	23	32	23	15	NA
Other Hay 3rd Cutting	65	74	65	98	NA
Peaches Harvested	93	99	93	90	NA
Potatoes Harvested	51	71	54	43	NA
Processing Tomatoes Harvested	29	57	54	22	NA
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	9	49	32	3	6

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 11						
		Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
APPLES	Current Week	5	10	22	55	8
	Previous Week	2	8	16	60	14
	Previous Year	1	2	23	60	14
CORN	Current Week	4	10	29	45	12
	Previous Week	4	11	31	43	11
	Previous Year	2	9	26	48	15
HAY	Current Week	4	10	33	45	8
	Previous Week	3	10	36	42	9
	Previous Year	4	9	34	44	9
LIVESTOCK	Current Week	1	3	17	67	12
	Previous Week	1	4	19	62	14
	Previous Year	0	4	22	60	14
PASTURE	Current Week	4	14	30	43	9
	Previous Week	5	13	33	38	11
	Previous Year	7	22	37	28	6
SOYBEANS	Current Week	2	8	24	50	16
	Previous Week	3	9	26	47	15
	Previous Year	2	9	29	46	14

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11										
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	62.1	-5.0	1.93	1.26	25.85	6.87	87	-35	2,842	205
North Central	64.2	-2.8	2.27	1.60	28.39	8.96	101	-20	2,875	278
Northeast	65.1	-0.7	1.71	0.93	29.53	9.50	107	-8	2,684	236
West Central	62.1	-5.8	1.17	0.67	26.64	6.19	87	-41	2,982	239
Central	64.1	-3.9	1.41	1.00	29.49	8.78	102	-27	3,072	304
Central Hills	64.5	-2.0	1.41	0.85	28.13	7.44	103	-16	2,882	308
Northeast Hills	66.0	-0.8	1.54	0.95	26.79	6.29	114	-7	2,919	311
Southwest	62.9	-6.3	1.12	0.71	30.84	9.26	92	-43	3,141	251
South Central	64.2	-4.9	2.82	2.46	30.78	10.36	101	-34	3,143	222
Southeast	65.0	-2.8	2.07	1.69	28.21	7.56	107	-20	3,046	291
STATE	63.9	-3.7	1.75	1.23	28.49	8.13	100	-26	2,970	263

¹ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86

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