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OHIO CROP WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the State was 48.6 degrees, 2.9 degrees above normal for the week ending Sunday, April 1, 2012. Precipitation averaged 0.30 inches, 0.46 inches below normal. There were 43 modified growing degree days, 11 days above normal.

Reporters rated 3.1 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, March 30, 2012. Topsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 29 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	3.1	NA	3.1
2011	2.4	NA	2.4
2007-11 Avg.	2.0	NA	2.0

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Current Week	0	1	70	29
Last Week.....	0	0	0	0
Same Week Last Year.....	0	0	0	0
2007-11 Average.....	0	0	0	0

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 1st, 2012

Temperatures were above normal and precipitation below normal throughout the state; however a heavy freeze during the night of March 27 may negatively impact this year's apple and peach crop. Other field activities for the week include field application of manure, anhydrous, and fertilizers. Fields are much drier than normal for this time of year, which allowed operators much earlier access to fields with farm machinery.

As of Sunday April 1, **corn** planted for grain was 1 percent complete. **Winter wheat** jointed was rated at 9 percent, ahead of both last year and the five-year average by 6 and 7 percent, respectively. Eighteen percent of **Oats** acreage has been planted throughout the State, 17 percent ahead of last year and 14 percent ahead of the five-year average. Intended **potato** acreage was 1 percent planted. Apples at green tip or beyond were rated at 55 percent, compared to 4 percent last year and 2 percent for the five-year average. Peaches at green tip or beyond were rated at 59 percent, 53 points ahead of last year and 57 points ahead of the five-year average.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Livestock were 80 percent in fair-to-good condition. Seventy-two percent of **range and pasture** were rated in fair-to-good condition. Seventy-one percent of **winter wheat** was in fair-to-good condition.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, APRIL 1

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	55	4	2	NA	NA
Corn Planted	1	NA	NA	NA	NA
Oats Planted	18	1	4	NA	NA
Peaches in Green Tip or Beyond	59	6	2	NA	NA
Potatoes Planted	1	NA	NA	NA	NA
Winter Wheat Jointed	9	3	2	NA	NA

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 1

		Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
LIVESTOCK	Current Week	0	3	18	62	17
	Previous Week	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Previous Year.....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
PASTURE	Current Week	1	9	23	49	18
	Previous Week	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Previous Year.....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
WINTER WHEAT	Current Week	4	16	35	36	9
	Previous Week	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Previous Year.....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, APRIL 1

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	46.0	2.3	0.11	-0.57	0.00	-0.06	31	7	9	6
North Central	45.2	1.4	0.12	-0.57	0.01	-0.05	31	7	9	6
Northeast	42.4	-1.0	0.15	-0.63	0.03	-0.07	25	-1	5	2
West Central	49.0	3.7	0.21	-0.54	0.00	-0.07	46	17	11	7
Central	49.6	3.2	0.42	-0.31	0.00	-0.07	46	13	11	7
Central Hills	46.2	1.4	0.27	-0.45	0.02	-0.05	36	7	9	5
Northeast Hills	46.7	1.3	0.41	-0.29	0.08	0.00	32	0	7	3
Southwest	52.7	5.3	0.34	-0.57	0.06	-0.03	56	21	12	7
South Central	53.6	5.3	0.32	-0.51	0.00	-0.07	63	21	12	6
Southeast	51.2	4.3	0.54	-0.18	0.00	-0.07	52	15	10	5
STATE	48.6	2.9	0.30	-0.46	0.02	-0.05	43	11	10	5

¹ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86

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