



Indiana Crop Weather

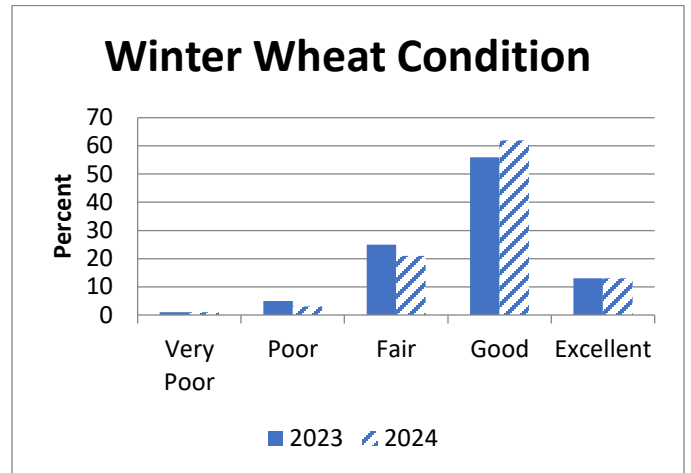
Planting Preparations

Mild weather made for generally favorable fieldwork conditions throughout much of the State, according to Nathaniel Warenski, State Statistician, USDA NASS, Indiana Field Office. Topsoil moisture levels were rated 78 percent adequate or surplus.

The average temperature for the week was 49.8 degrees Fahrenheit, 4.2 degrees above normal for the State. The statewide average precipitation was 0.63 inches, 0.27 inches below normal. There were 4.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending March 31.

Winter wheat jointing progress was ahead of the five-year average pace. The condition of the crop was rated 75 percent good to excellent, remaining stable despite reports of high winds. An isolated tornado was reported in Southeast Indiana. Other activities for the week included tillage, applying fertilizers and herbicides, and installing tile drainage systems.

This is the first weekly crop and weather report for the 2024 season. A series of weekly crop progress reports will be published each Monday at 4:00 p.m. ET throughout the crop season. These reports will cover planting and harvesting activities, crop development, weather data, and timely crop management information provided by farmers, USDA, and Purdue University experts. For the earliest possible access, look for these reports on the internet shortly after the 4:00 P.M. release time.



Soil Moisture: Week Ending 03/31/24

Item	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>(percent)</i>	<i>(percent)</i>	<i>(percent)</i>	<i>(percent)</i>
Topsoil moisture	3	19	70	8
Subsoil moisture	7	25	63	5

Crop Progress: Week Ending 03/31/24

Crop/Activity	Percent Completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	4.4	NA	NA	NA
Winter Wheat Jointing	5	NA	4	2

Crop Condition: Week Ending 03/31/24

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>(percent)</i>	<i>(percent)</i>	<i>(percent)</i>	<i>(percent)</i>	<i>(percent)</i>
Winter Wheat	1	3	21	62	13

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