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OHIO CROP WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the State was 29.1 degrees, 3.8 degrees below normal for the week ending Sunday, December 13, 2009. Precipitation averaged 1.10 inches, 0.44 inches above normal. There were 2 modified growing degree days, 2 days below normal.

Reporters rated 3.4 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, December 11, 2009. Topsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 28 percent surplus.

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY DECEMBER 13, 2009

Farm activities for the week included harvest of corn and farmstead repairs. Wet fields and wind hampered field work.

As of Sunday December 13, 98 percent of the **corn** was harvested, which was 2 percent behind last year and 2 percent behind the five-year average.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Eighty-eight percent of the **livestock** were in fair-to-good condition, up four percent from last week.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork

	Current Week	Previous Week	Since 1st week of April
	<i>Days</i>	<i>Days</i>	<i>Days</i>
2009	3.4	3.3	154.2
2008	NA	NA	NA
2004-08 Avg.			

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Current Week	0	1	71	28
Last Week	0	1	73	26
Same Week Last Year . .	NA	NA	NA	NA
2004-08 Average	NA	NA	NA	NA

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

Crop	2009	2008	2004-2008 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn Harvested for Grain	98	100	100	94	88

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 13

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Current Week	0	1	22	66	11
LIVESTOCK Previous Week	0	1	14	70	15

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

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	25.0	-5.3	0.97	0.40	26.79	-0.44	0	-2	2,985	-185
North Central	26.9	-4.4	0.77	0.19	24.31	-3.89	0	-2	3,051	-76
Northeast	27.9	-3.9	0.67	0.02	27.48	-2.86	2	-1	2,854	-99
West Central	27.8	-4.1	1.06	0.47	28.97	-0.17	0	-3	3,190	-138
Central	30.1	-3.0	0.98	0.38	29.67	-0.14	1	-3	3,334	-42
Central Hills	28.2	-3.8	0.88	0.25	27.67	-2.21	2	-1	3,059	-59
Northeast Hills	29.4	-3.7	1.01	0.32	26.37	-3.46	3	-1	3,101	-70
Southwest	30.6	-3.5	1.57	0.90	33.65	2.40	2	-3	3,430	-114
South Central	32.2	-3.6	1.57	0.78	34.63	4.72	6	-3	3,582	-45
Southeast	31.5	-2.9	1.27	0.53	28.86	-1.22	5	-1	3,377	-9
STATE	29.1	-3.8	1.10	0.44	29.05	-0.52	2	-2	3,214	-84

¹ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86

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