



Indiana Crop Weather

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October 21, 2024

Harvest Continued Unabated

Another dry week allowed Indiana farmers to make significant harvest progress, according to Nathaniel Warenski, State Statistician, USDA NASS, Indiana Field Office. Topsoil moisture levels decreased from the previous week, with 31 percent rated adequate or surplus.

The average temperature for the week was 50.0 degrees Fahrenheit, 3.1 degrees below normal for the State. The statewide average precipitation was 0.13 inches, 0.64 inches below normal. There were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending October 20.

Cool, dry weather aided operators across the State as they continued harvest activities. However, pastures were not recovering well and planted cover crops and winter wheat were struggling to germinate due to the persistent dry conditions. Soybean and corn harvest continued significantly ahead of their five-year average paces, while winter wheat planting remained on schedule. Fall calving was underway, with some livestock requiring alternate watering sources. Fourth cuttings of alfalfa hay were nearing completion. Other activities included hauling grain, planting cover crops, and harvest equipment maintenance.

Soil Moisture: Week Ending 10/20/24

Item	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>(percent)</i>	<i>(percent)</i>	<i>(percent)</i>	<i>(percent)</i>
Topsoil moisture	26	43	30	1
Subsoil moisture	26	44	29	1

Crop Progress: Week Ending 10/20/24

Crop/Activity	Percent Completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	6.7	6.7	-	-
Corn Harvested for Grain	61	44	39	45
Soybeans Harvested	75	57	61	62
Winter Wheat Planted	59	40	52	60
Winter Wheat Emerged	26	12	19	25
Alfalfa Hay 4th Cutting	85	80	82	84
Other Hay 4th Cutting	51	45	65	61

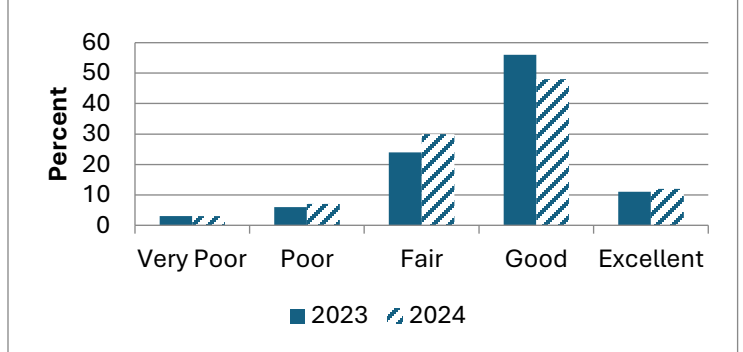
Crop Moisture Content: Week Ending 10/20/24

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
	<i>(percent)</i>	<i>(percent)</i>	<i>(percent)</i>	<i>(percent)</i>
Field corn harvested for grain	17	18	21	19
Soybeans harvested	11	11	13	12

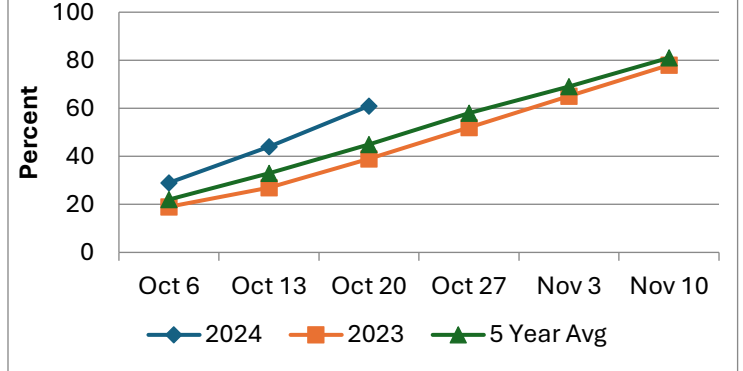
Crop Condition: Week Ending 10/20/24

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>(percent)</i>	<i>(percent)</i>	<i>(percent)</i>	<i>(percent)</i>	<i>(percent)</i>
Corn	3	7	30	48	12
Range and Pasture	9	23	38	28	2

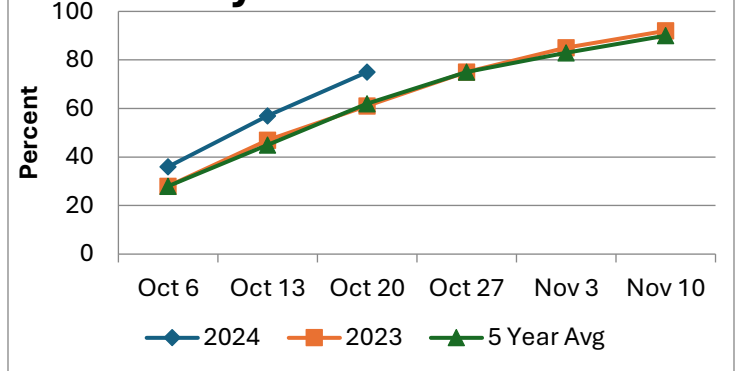
Corn Condition



Corn Harvested for Grain



Soybeans Harvested



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