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### **Hardin County Extension News Release**

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### **Extension Rainfall Report for April 15-30**

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*Hardin County* – For the period of April 15-30, Extension rainfall reporters recorded an average of 1.78 inches of rain in Hardin County. Last year, the average rainfall for the same period was 1.72 inches. Rainfall for the April 15-30 period is 0.12 inches less than the ten-year average rainfall during the same dates. Goshen Township received 2.69 inches for the April 15-30 period, for the most of any of the township sites. Marion Township received 1.30 inches, and Washington Township received 1.34 inches for the April 15-30 period, the least of the township sites. After some field work and early planting starting in April, things slowed down due to wet soils and cool temperatures. Wheat currently looks good and has been growing steadily due to recent rains and warmer temperatures. Alfalfa fields should also grow faster with increased heat units.

Farmers are hoping for fields to become fit to continue with planting corn and soybeans. As temperatures warm up and winds pick up, soils should dry. Early planted corn and soybeans have been emerging in some fields. Farmers are encouraged not to work in wet fields as it compacts the soil and impacts yields. Frequent rains combined with cool temperatures in early May has slowed evaporation and kept field conditions wet. As the weather improves, tillage operations will take place and herbicides will be sprayed. Fertilizer and manure applications will also resume, providing nutrients for this year's crops.

*Editor: See attached table for your use.*

**Hardin County Extension Rainfall Report for April 15-30, 2024 (recorded in inches)**

Township	Reporter	April 15-30, 2024	Growing Season (from Apr. 15-2024)
Blanchard Township	Nutrien Ag Solutions	1.45	1.45
Buck Township	Heritage Cooperative (Kenton)	1.76	1.76
Cessna Township	Madelyn Lowery	2.20	2.20
Dudley Township	Dale Rapp	1.92	1.92
Goshen Township	John Brien	2.69	2.69
Hale Township	Travis Ramsey	1.60	1.60
Jackson Township	Rick Weber	1.60	1.60
Liberty Township	Phil Epley	1.50	1.50
Lynn Township	Jan Layman	2.10	2.10
Marion Township	Mark Lowery	1.30	1.30
McDonald Township	Jerry Stout	1.70	1.70
Pleasant Township	George Ziegler	2.05	2.05
Roundhead Township	Mike Lautenschlager	1.75	1.75
Taylor Creek Township	Silver Creek Supply	1.79	1.79
Washington Township	Randy Preston	1.34	1.34
	<b>Average</b>	<b>1.78</b>	<b>1.78</b>