Special Weather Event June Webinar

June 6, 2019

For more information:

Dennis.todey@ars.usda.gov Charlene.Felkley@ars.usda.gov



USDA Midwest Climate Hub U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE





- May temperatures mostly colder than average. Signal more in the max temps.
- Top 10 coldest average highs central/western US.
- Warmer minimums eastern US



https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/cag/



May/Spring Precipitation

Statewide Precipitation Ranks March-May 2019 Period: 1895-2019

- May and spring precipitation well above average through middle US
- Top 10 and wettest all time for a few states at these time scales



https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/cag/



6/12 Month Precipitation



- Extended period of wetness back to a year.
- Top 10/record wettest in states back to a year.
- Wetness problems are long term issues.





- May temperatures mostly colder than average. 6-10 F below average in nrn Plains to slightly above average along the Ohio River.
- Generally wet conditions more than double in places to quite dry along the Canadian border and Kentucky.

Soil Moisture



http://www.emc.ncep.noaa.gov/mmb/nldas/drought/

http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/Soilmst Monitoring/US /Soilmst/Soilmst.shtml#

- Very wet soils over most of the region. 99th percentile for much of it.
- Few dry areas.
- Cool and wet conditions and low ET contribute to the overall conditions.





Drought in the Midwest

U.S. Drought Monitor North Central



June 4, 2019 (Released Thursday, Jun. 6, 2019) Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area) D0-D4 D1-D4 D2-D4 D3-D4 D4 None 3.54 1.09 96.46 0.00 0.00 Current 0.00 Last Week 96.99 3.01 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 05-28-2019 3 Months Ago 99.03 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.97 0.00 03-05-2019 Start of 4.07 95.93 1.43 0.00 0.00 0.00 Calendar Year 01-01-2019 Start of 73.15 26.85 12.92 4.07 0.97 0.05 Water Year 09-25-2018 One Year Ago 38.41 17.56 6.53 1.70 61.59 0.15 06-05-2018



The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

<u>Author:</u> David Simeral Western Regional Climate Center



Drought-free period has ended due to serious dryness in ND-MN. D1 introduced this week after an extended period w/o drought. Wetness elsewhere is not close to drought conditions.

Planting Progress



- Record slow corn planting and emergence.
- Worst since 1995 for planting (67% vs. 77%) /2011 for emergence (46% vs. 73%).



NASS Data – Maps unpublished but shared via USDA-OCE Brad Rippey

Planting Progress



- Record slow bean planting and emergence.
- Worst since 1995 for planting (39% vs. 40%)/2013 for emergence (19% vs. 31%).



NASS Data – Maps unpublished but shared via USDA-OCE Brad Rippey

Crop Condition



- Crop conditions, though delayed are generally good.
- Rangeland and pasture good except for southeast.



NASS Data – Maps unpublished but shared via USDA-OCE Brad Rippey

Assorted AG Issues

- Wet soils continue to slow planting many acres likely planted in soils that should not have equipment on them.
- Cool temperatures have delayed emergence and development as well as ET
- USDA-NASS report crop conditions decent for those far enough along.
- Serious decision-making on planting. Many acres not going to be planted. (Multiple influences on decisions)
- Some frost/freeze still far north
- Weed/disease issues reported.

GDD Accumulation Tool

Corn Growing Degree Day Tool





https://hprcc.unl.edu/gdd.php

https://mrcc.illinois.edu/U2U/gdd/

Flood in the Midwest



Hydro points

- Major flooding on Mississippi River from the Quad Cities downstream to the Ohio confluence
 - Also on the Illinois downstream of Peoria
- Crest just upstream of St. Louis today
- Lock and Dams closed from LD12 (Bellevue, Ia) downstream
- Significant contributions from Illinois, Missouri, and Arkansas Rivers
- Not so much from the Ohio River
- Rivers will fall steadily pending future rainfall, but the hydro system remains hypersensitive to future rains, and a lack of ag crops and/or slow development hampers transpiration contribution to the hydro situation

CPC/IRI Probabilistic ENSO Outlook

Updated: 9 May 2019

El Niño conditions are favored to continue through winter 2019-20 with diminishing chances.



1-7 Day Precip



- Heavier precipitation more to the southeast US – some srn Corn Belt.
- Lesser amounts in the Midwest/Plains.
- May open for late planting.

Temperature Outlook

- Not great news on temperature toward mid-June.
- Cooler than average more likely throughout the area.



Precipitation Outlook



Above average chances for precip continue. Normal chances farther north.

http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/

Precipitation Outlook



Ongoing slight risk of heavy precipitation over wet areas.

1-Month Outlook

- Interesting June outlook
- Precip likely wetter central-southern Plains – likely drier along Canadian border
- Temps likely cooler over the wet area and more likely warmer nrn Plains
- Indicates some variability from mid to late month in the outlooks. Cooler and wetter in Week 2 may not continue into late month



<u>3-Month Outlook</u>

50% 60% 70%

Probability of Below

00% 33%

40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100% 33%

Probability of Near-Normal

50% 60% 70%

Probability of Above

- Precip likely wetter throughout most of the area
- Temps likely cooler over the wet area central US
- New outlooks released in 2 weeks. Outlooks continue to seem on track.



Drought Outlook



Current D0 area in ND-MN headed toward drought category during the month.

<u>Summary</u>

- Cold and wet conditions generally over the area leading to delayed planting and emergence.
- Cool to near avg. temps not a great thing for ongoing crop development. Need some above avg. before mid-season. Or warmth well into fall.
- Wet-avg. precip also difficult.
- Major decisions ongoing with final planting due to various influences.

Summary-2

- Going to need conditions to be near-perfect for balance of growing season.
- Will need regular rainfall ongoing because of likely poorly developed root systems.
- Disease issues likely to flare up with ongoing wetness
- Delayed crop development likely through season could lead to immature/wet grains.
- Grain drying seems likely.

Next Regular Webinar

- Thursday June 20, 2019 1:00 PM Central Time
- Kelsey Jensco Montana Climate Office