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Extension Rainfall Report for July 2014

Hardin County – In the month of July, Extension rainfall reporters recorded an average of 2.85 inches of rain in Hardin County. Last year, the average rainfall for July was 7.4 inches. With the exception of three townships, this past month was a dry month as rainfall was 1.31 inches below the ten year average rainfall for the month of July.

Phil Epley, in Liberty Township received 4.66 inches of rain for the month, the most of any of the township sites. The least rain in July, 1.92 inches, was collected in Marion Township by Mark Lowery. For the growing season from April 15 through July, the average precipitation in the townships was 14.1 inches, with a range from 12.27 to 17.18 inches.

Rainfall was variable around the county during the month of July. After a cool, wet June the month of July brought drier periods. The weather cooperated for wheat harvest, where yields were good. Some wheat yields averaged 85-95 bushels per acre with little evidence of disease. This type of weather also allowed for soybeans to improve root systems and nodule development to produce nitrogen. As a result, soybeans showed improvement in growth entering flowering and pod development. The drier month of July also kept disease problems at lower levels in the crop.

Corn utilized the nitrogen applied to the soil and also made progress in development. Currently, many corn fields are firing, using up the available nitrogen from the ground up through the plant. Because of later planting of corn in the county, there may be some issues of fields not reaching full maturity before frost. Depending on the weather, this later maturity could present higher moisture levels at harvest time, increasing drying costs.

Editor: See attached table for your use.

Hardin County Extension Rainfall Report for July 2014 (recorded in inches)

Township	Reporter	July 2014	Growing Season (from Apr. 15- 2014)
Blanchard Township	Crop Production Services	4.38	17.18
Buck Township	Heritage Cooperative/Kenton	2.21	12.46
Cessna Township	Steve Lowery	2.79	13.29
Dudley Township	Dale Rapp	2.10	14.17
Goshen Township	Brein Bros. Farm	1.97	14.57
Hale Township	Tim Ramsey	2.81	14.66
Jackson Township	Jim McVitty	2.81	15.49
Liberty Township	Phil Epley	4.66	15.87
Lynn Township	Jan Layman	2.45	14.17
Marion Township	Mark Lowery	1.92	12.64
McDonald Township	Jerry Stout	4.24	15.80
Pleasant Township	Robert McBride	2.19	13.18
Roundhead Township	Mike Lautenschlager	2.85	13.20
Taylor Creek Township	Silver Creek Supply	2.30	12.27
Washington Township	Randy Preston	3.13	12.59
	Average	2.85	14.10