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Planting Report – South and Far West

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Texas Crop Progress

The crop is progressing well in Texas. Corn is tasseling in far southern Texas and irrigated fields are looking good. This area has been relatively dry so far, and dryland fields in the south and up through the lower gulf coast are hanging on and hoping for some relief. Along the upper gulf coast, things have been somewhat dry as well, but some timely rains have found much of the area to help progress continue without too much of an issue. More rain will be needed in May as that crop nears pollination. In central and north Texas the crop is a bit smaller, ranging from ten to two leaf. Early season conditions have been good for the most part and stands are very good. The area is seeing some rapid growth syndrome in sensitive hybrids, but nothing a little time won't fix. Planting is getting underway in the Texas panhandle and farmers are hoping to take advantage of good commodity prices.

Eastern Kansas and Missouri Planting Progress

Planting progress is about 10-15% complete in this geography and many farmers are hoping to hit the fields hard if they avoid upcoming rains. Corn that had emerged before the cold weather was frosted off, but it appears to be overcoming it well. Corn that was planted but not yet emerged when the cold hit is having a tougher time with emergence at this point.

High Plains Planting Progress

Planters have been rolling with several farmers starting the last week of April. Planting progress for the area probably sits at around 10% for corn and beans. There have been a few scattered weather events in the geography that have brought some much-needed rain, but overall, much of this area is still experiencing drought conditions.

California Crop and Planting Progress

Planting is in full swing for corn being grown for grain. Double crop farms are chopping winter crop and working ground for summer silage. Irrigation water is restricted due to drought conditions, so we are seeing more sorghum and less corn for the summer crop.

Pacific Northwest Planting Progress

Planting is in full swing for much of this area as well, with several corn plots already in the ground. There are no major concerns to report for the area at this time.

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