



After coming out of a major drought several years ago, farmers are no longer apt to complain about too much rain. Instead, they just work around it. That's what farmers have been forced to do this year. Corn planting on the sandier ground began in mid- to late April. However, planting has been on a stop-and-go basis since due to rain. According to a survey of farmers, there are still many fields of corn to be planted between now and early June, especially where the ground is heavier or in areas getting more rain. While the skies looked threatening west of Imperial Monday night, no measurable amount of rain was recorded. Here, Dick Banks was still working Monday night as the light began to wane after clouds blocked the sun. Banks said he has completed planting on all of his irrigated ground and was starting on his corners and other dryland plots. (Republican photo)