



Signs of Spring!

It took a while to get here, but spring has arrived in Marion and Grant County, accompanied by more rain than famers really want at the start of the planting season for their cash crops. But there were the other traditional harbingers of change. Nesting birds were on guard to protect their young and keep a wary eye on intruders, while bumble bees hovered around flowering plants of all species. Poppies, weighted down by the encased blooms, prepared to emerge, and here and there a lady slipper of the orchid family emerged from the surrounding greenery.

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Puzzle answers

6	8	9	1	3	4	7	2	5
3	7	1	5	6	2	9	8	4
4	5	2	9	8	7	6	3	1
7	9	5	8	2	3	4	1	6
2	4	8	6	5	1	3	7	9
1	3	6	7	4	9	8	5	2
5	1	7	3	9	6	2	4	8
8	6	4	2	7	5	1	9	3
9	2	3	4	1	8	5	6	7

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