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General

Warm and dry conditions were prevalent throughout much of the week. High temperatures were in the low to mid 90's. There were only a few, scattered showers last week. The week ended with warm temperatures and partly cloudy skies. There were 6.0 days suitable for field work. Soil moisture supplies were 0% very short, 14% short, 82% adequate and 4% surplus.

Crops

Farmers were busy applying fertilizers and herbicides to the corn crop. The crop remained in mostly good condition. Clay county reported hail damage to corn and cotton crops causing farmers to replant. Soybean planting was ahead its normal rate with 40% of the crop emerged. The crop was in fair to mostly good condition. Sorghum planting was nearing completion with the crop in mostly fair to good condition. Cotton planting was 90% complete with emergence at 72%. The crop was in mostly fair condition. Rice planting was nearly complete with crop emergence at 94%. The crop condition was mostly good. Winter Wheat harvest was underway last week.

Livestock

Livestock remained in good condition. Farmers were busy cutting and baling hay last week. Conditions on those crops were fair to good. Dry weather earlier this year may have decreased hay yields in some areas.

Percent of Progress

Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2005	5 Year Avg
Cotton	Planted	90	70	94	82
	Emerged	72	48	72	64
Rice	Planted	98	95	97	95
	Emerged	94	91	85	87
Sorghum	Planted	98	89	93	91
	Emerged	92	82	80	82
Soybeans	Planted	61	40	73	51
	Emerged	40	35	52	39
Wheat	Harvested	1	n/a	0	0

Condition in Percentages

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Cotton	1	22	39	31	7
Corn	0	1	29	51	19
Rice	2	8	29	48	13
Sorghum	0	8	43	41	8
Soybeans	1	6	41	43	9
Wheat	0	5	18	54	23
Hay-Other	0	4	39	54	3
Hay-Alfalfa	0	0	68	32	0
Pasture & Range	1	8	34	49	8

