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General

There were some scattered showers early in the week. The same front that provided the showers yielded cooler than normal daytime and nighttime temperatures during the later part of the week. There were 6.0 days suitable for field work. Soil moisture supplies were 16% very short, 51% short, and 33% adequate.

Crops

Farmers continued irrigation on all crops. The silking stage on the corn crop was completed last week while the doughing stage, at 39%, remained ahead of its 5 year average. The crop remained in mostly good condition. Cotton squaring was nearly complete with almost half the crop having set bolls. The cotton crop was in fair to mostly good condition. Rice headed was 2% complete and the condition was mostly good. Sorghum began to turn color last week. Sorghum headed remained ahead of schedule. The condition of sorghum was mostly fair to good condition. Soybean planting was completed with crop emergence nearly complete. Both bloomed and pods set stages on soybeans, at 53% and 24% respectively, were ahead of their 5 year average.

Livestock

Livestock remained in good condition. Conditions on the hay crops maintained mostly fair condition despite a decrease in soil moisture ratings. Pasture and range environment deteriorated due to lack of soil moisture.

Percent of Progress

Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2005	5 Year Avg
Corn	Silked	100	98	91	92
	Doughed	39	19	20	18
Cotton	Squared	99	96	97	95
	Bolls Set	48	18	43	42
Rice	Headed	2	1	2	3
Sorghum	Headed	73	52	53	61
	Coloring	1	NA	2	3
Soybeans	Planted	100	99	98	98
	Emerged	99	97	95	95
	Bloomed	53	36	45	35
	Pods Set	24	11	18	10

Condition in Percentages

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	0	8	27	48	17
Cotton	1	8	32	45	14
Rice	1	5	26	53	15
Sorghum	1	12	49	33	5
Soybeans	4	17	36	36	7
Hay-Other	1	12	47	35	5
Hay-Alfalfa	1	19	68	12	0
Pasture & Range	1	20	45	30	4

