



CROP WEATHER

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Agricultural Summary: Most areas of the State received steady but light precipitation over the week, slowing harvest and wheat planting. Though amounts varied greatly, the western third saw slightly higher amounts. Producers averaged 4.4 days suitable for fieldwork last week. Winter wheat planting and row crop harvesting were the major activities. Topsoil moisture was rated 16 percent very short, 35 percent short, 47 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture was rated 29 percent very short, 40 percent short, and 31 percent adequate.

Field Crop Report: Eighty-five percent of the **wheat** has been planted, compared to 82 percent last year and 83 percent for the 5-year average. Fifty-four percent has emerged, compared to 53 percent last year and 59 percent for the 5-year average. Eighty-one percent of the **corn** has been harvested, compared to 77 percent last year and 79 percent for the 5-year average. Ninety-six percent of the **sorghum** is in the coloring stage, compared to 100 percent last year and 98 percent for the 5-year average. Sixty-nine percent of the sorghum is mature, compared to 79 percent last year and 80 percent for the 5-year average. Thirty-four percent has been harvested, compared to 39 percent last year and 42 percent for the 5-year average. Sorghum condition was rated 11 percent very poor, 20 percent poor, 38 percent fair, 25 percent good, and 6 percent excellent. Ninety-six percent of the **soybeans** were dropping leaves, the same as both last year and the 5-year average. Fifty percent has been harvested, compared to 57 percent last year and 52 percent for the 5-year average. Soybean condition was rated 8 percent very poor, 18 percent poor, 40 percent fair, 28 percent good, and 6 percent excellent. Ninety-six percent of the **sunflowers** are in the ray flowers dry stage, compared to 100 percent last year and 99 percent for the 5-year average. Ninety-two percent is in the bracts yellow stage, compared to 97 percent last year and 96 percent for the 5-year average. Seventy-three percent is in the mature dry down stage, compared to 82 percent last year and 81 percent for the 5-year average. Nineteen percent has been harvested, compared to 39 percent for both last year and the 5-year average. Sunflower condition was rated 8 percent very poor, 14 percent poor, 38 percent fair, 31 percent good, and 9 percent excellent. Sixty-five percent of the **cotton** is in the bolls open stage, compared to 81 percent last year and 67 percent for the 5-year average. Twenty percent has been harvested. Cotton condition was rated 5 percent very poor, 15 percent poor, 25 percent fair, 50 percent good, and 5 percent excellent.

Pasture and Range Report: Range and pasture conditions were rated 17 percent very poor, 29 percent poor, 38 percent fair, 14 percent good, and 2 percent excellent. Feed grain supplies were rated 4 percent very short, 10 percent short, 82 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Hay and forage supplies were rated 14 percent very short, 37 percent short, 47 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were rated 22 percent very short, 29 percent short, 48 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

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CROP CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING 10/15/06

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Soybeans	8	18	40	28	6
Sorghum	11	20	38	25	6
Range & Pasture	17	29	38	14	2

CROP PROGRESS BY AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICT AS OF 10/15/06

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	5-YR AVG.
Wheat Plant	91	95	93	88	87	82	55	70	51	85	75	82	83
Wheat Emerged	71	69	68	53	48	51	19	36	27	54	34	53	59
Soyb Shedd	97	95	88	98	98	99	100	99	92	96	93	96	96
Soyb Harvest	43	46	39	72	57	57	46	52	37	50	32	57	52
Sorg Colored	99	95	88	97	93	99	100	100	100	96	91	100	98
Sorg Mature	55	56	41	74	60	87	85	82	98	69	58	79	80
Sorg Harvest	17	34	23	21	35	55	44	56	85	34	25	39	42
Corn Harvest	38	65	83	70	93	94	90	96	99	81	69	77	79

DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING 10/15/06

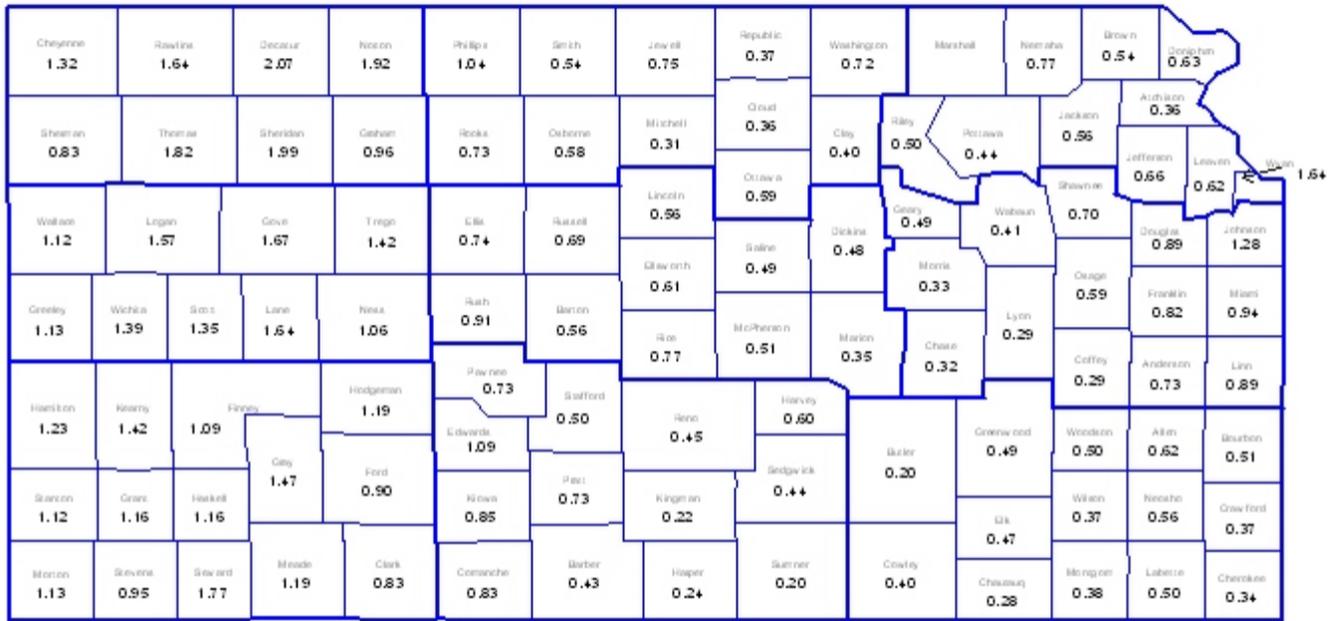
	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	2.5	1.0	3.9	3.9	3.8	5.2	4.9	5.6	6.3	4.4	6.8	5.0	
Topsoil Moisture (Percent)													
Very Short	0	11	23	5	16	18	0	12	46	16	24	5	
Short	1	30	26	17	29	50	29	50	46	35	36	28	
Adequate	95	59	51	77	55	31	57	38	8	47	39	66	
Surplus	4	0	0	1	0	1	14	0	0	2	1	1	
Subsoil Moisture (Percent)													
Very Short	0	49	36	14	41	25	10	16	60	29	33	10	
Short	50	31	36	29	33	52	29	60	36	40	38	36	
Adequate	50	20	28	57	25	23	61	24	4	31	29	54	
Surplus	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

TEMP. AND PRECIP. DATA, SELECTED SITES, FOR WEEK ENDING 10/15/06

Temperature							Temperature							
Station		Air		Soil 4"	Precip	Station		Air		Soil 4"	Precip			
Dist	City	Max	Min	Avg	Max	Min	Dist	City	Max	Min	Avg	Max	Min	
NW Colby		65	31	46	60	42	0.92	SC Hesston	69	34	51	69	51	0.42
WC Tribune		69	33	48	60	51	0.39	NE Powhatt	66	26	47	69	46	1.52
SW Grdn Cty		68	35	50	64	46	0.61	NE Manhat	65	27	49	67	46	0.56
NC Scandia		63	26	46	64	41	0.75	EC Ottawa	70	28	50	69	46	0.85
C Hays		68	30	47	66	38	1.16	EC Slvr Lk	65	24	49	66	46	0.51
SC Hutch		70	33	52	69	53	0.59	EC Rossvl	65	25	49	67	46	0.91
SC St John		70	33	52	69	49	1.09	SE Parsons	78	33	54	75	53	0.01

Data collected by Automated Stations (above) may differ from official stations (below). Automated stations report through midnight on Sunday. Official reporting station data are through 8:00 a.m. Sunday. The map data are collected by individuals (one or more per county).

PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 15, 2006



Omission of an entry indicates report not received.