



Crop Progress and Condition

Week Ending September 10, 2006

Agricultural Summary

Farmers made steady progress in corn harvest during the week, while waiting on soybean and milo crops that are maturing somewhat behind last year's pace. Those that have finished corn harvest have just started to plant winter wheat. Rice harvest progressed ahead of schedule in the Bootheel, but cotton harvest has yet to begin. A mostly dry week left **topsoil moisture** supplies slightly down from last week to 24 percent very short, 32 percent short, 41 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. There were 6.2 **days suitable for fieldwork**.

Field Crops Report

Corn denting is virtually complete, while 81 percent of the crop is mature, 4 days ahead of last year and 5 days ahead of the 5-year average of 71 percent. Harvest is 31 percent complete, an advance of 10 percentage points over last week and a few days ahead of last year and normal. Of the major crop areas, harvest is ahead of last year in the Bootheel, but wet weather has slowed drydown in the three northern districts, putting progress behind last year. Producers are eager to get into fields due to concerns about stalk condition. Stalk rot is showing up in areas that have been wet the past few weeks, while other areas that had excessive dryness this summer are seeing brittle stalks. Corn condition rates 6 percent very poor, 12 percent poor, 32 percent fair, 43 percent good, and 7 percent excellent. **Soybeans** turning color is at 41 percent, 3 days behind last year but 1 day ahead of normal. Eleven percent is dropping leaves, 3 days behind last year and 2 days behind normal. Condition of the bean crop rates 7 percent very poor, 17 percent poor, 32 percent fair, 36 percent good, and 8 percent excellent, an improvement of 3 points in good to excellent from last week. Eighty-eight percent of the sorghum crop is turning color, 1 day behind last year but 3 days ahead of normal. **Sorghum** mature is at 44 percent, 3 days behind last year but slightly ahead of average. Thirteen percent of the sorghum crop is harvested, 1 point above last year and normal. Sorghum condition is rated 1 percent very poor, 11 percent poor, 41 percent fair, 42 percent good, and 5 percent excellent. **Rice** harvest is 15 percent complete, 1 week ahead of last year and over 4 days ahead of normal. Rice condition is rated 2 percent poor, 9 percent fair, 56 percent good, and 33 percent excellent. **Cotton** took advantage of a dry week, with the portion of the crop opening bolls moving ahead 29 points from last week to 55 percent, at least 5 days ahead of last year and normal. Condition of the crop is 5 percent poor, 22 percent fair, 67 percent good, and 6 percent excellent.

Pasture & Livestock

Pasture condition is rated 36 percent very poor, 26 percent poor, 22 percent fair, 14 percent good, and 2 percent excellent. The current rating is 2 points better than last week in good to excellent, but most of the gain is attributable to a significant improvement in the northwest district. Fall pasture growth has been minimal especially in the southwest district, while the west-central, central, and southwest districts remain critically short of livestock water supplies.

Weather Summary

It was another cool week throughout the State, as **temperatures** were 3 to 7 degrees below average, depending on location. A dry week resulted in average **rainfall** of 0.16 inches on a statewide basis. The northwest district received the most at 0.66 inches, but all other districts averaged less than one-third inch.

District Summaries As Of September 10, 2006

	Missouri	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE
Days Suitable For Fieldwork										
This Year	6.2	4.7	5.4	6.4	6.2	6.5	6.2	6.9	6.9	7.0
Last Year	6.9	6.6	6.9	6.8	6.5	7.0	6.9	7.0	7.0	7.0
Topsoil Moisture Supply										
Very Short	24	5	1	15	41	36	34	85	11	17
Short	32	9	14	46	45	34	37	14	58	32
Adequate	41	76	80	37	14	28	29	1	31	51
Surplus	3	10	5	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
Corn Mature, Percent										
This Year	81	54	80	70	99	94	85	99	86	100
Last Year	75	48	70	70	92	92	78	95	54	99
Normal	71									
Corn Harvested, Percent										
This Year	31	5	18	14	55	42	20	91	25	66
Last Year	27	11	20	20	38	36	29	64	23	45
Normal	23									
Soybeans Turning Color and Beyond, Percent										
This Year	41	49	37	40	36	40	52	31	23	43
Last Year	50	66	61	63	25	46	49	40	23	31
Normal	39									
Soybeans Dropping Leaves and Beyond, Percent										
This Year	11	7	8	6	15	8	16	8	0	20
Last Year	16	16	19	23	9	13	9	16	9	12
Normal	15									
Sorghum Mature, Percent										
This Year	44	28	14	23	63	31	54	86	11	64
Last Year	52	36	26	62	59	32	36	73	9	59
Normal	43									
Sorghum Harvested, Percent										
This Year	13	0	0	1	43	12	0	40	0	17
Last Year	12	0	4	9	7	9	6	36	2	14
Normal	12									
Alfalfa Hay 3rd Cutting, Percent										
This Year	97	94	96	98	100	100	98	100	100	100
Last Year	92	100	94	60	100	93	100	100	98	100
Normal	91									
Corn Condition										
Very Poor	6	1	15	5	1	19	1	1	0	1
Poor	12	11	14	12	11	21	17	4	4	5
Fair	32	37	24	36	49	29	31	20	4	20
Good	43	43	37	43	37	28	47	61	48	61
Excellent	7	8	10	4	2	3	4	14	44	13
Soybean Condition										
Very Poor	7	1	11	4	8	15	1	48	0	5
Poor	17	6	17	12	41	26	8	34	0	13
Fair	32	32	29	31	42	32	45	15	38	30
Good	36	45	33	49	9	27	40	3	56	42
Excellent	8	16	10	4	0	0	6	0	6	10
Sorghum Condition										
Very Poor	1	1	3	0	2	7	0	0	0	1
Poor	11	3	13	6	17	21	8	23	3	5
Fair	41	33	46	37	66	41	29	59	42	34
Good	42	28	34	54	15	31	61	18	22	50
Excellent	5	35	4	3	0	0	2	0	33	10
Pasture Condition										
Very Poor	36	4	8	20	53	55	33	78	28	5
Poor	26	9	13	38	35	26	50	16	36	37
Fair	22	44	40	33	12	15	16	6	16	44
Good	14	29	36	9	0	4	1	0	20	14
Excellent	2	14	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Average Precipitation	0.16	0.66	0.32	0.13	0.07	0.04	0.11	0.03	0.02	0.00

Precipitation for Week Ending September 10, 2006



