



Crop Progress and Condition

Week Ending October 8, 2006

Agricultural Summary

Sunny, dry weather of the past week enabled progress of fall harvesting to continue ahead of normal for all the major crops except cotton, which was slowed by the heavy rains of late September in the Bootheel. **Topsoil moisture** supply ratings fell to 34 percent very short, 38 percent short, 27 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. The northeast, west-central, central and southwest districts are all indicated with moisture ratings of over 80 percent short or very short. There were 6.9 **days suitable for fieldwork**.

Field Crops Report

The **corn** harvest moved ahead to 84 percent complete, 8 days ahead of last year and 13 days ahead of the normal pace of 73 percent. Progress by area ranges from 57 percent harvested in the northwestern district to mostly well over 90 percent complete in the southern two-thirds of the State. Ninety-one percent of the **soybeans** are dropping leaves or beyond and 71 percent are mature, similar to last year but about 4 days ahead of average. Condition of the crop is rated at 5 percent very poor, 15 percent poor, 31 percent fair, 43 percent good, and 6 percent excellent, a minor improvement from the evaluation of a week earlier. The bean harvest is 37 percent complete, 4 days ahead of both last year and the five-year average of 27 percent. Progress is most advanced in the central and northeast districts, at about 52 percent harvested, while the southwest and south-central districts are least advanced with 4 percent and 10 percent, respectively. Ninety-five percent of the **sorghum** has reached maturity, a week ahead of average. Sixty-three percent of the crop is harvested, equal to last year and 3 days ahead of normal. Eighty-one percent of the **rice** crop has been harvested, 5 days ahead of the 75 percent 5-year average. Ninety-two percent of the **cotton** crop is opening bolls, 1 day behind last year and average. Progress of opening bolls is up only slightly from a week earlier, as the process was impeded in many fields which flooded before the bolls had opened. Condition of the crop is reported as 5 percent poor, 21 percent fair, 69 percent good, and 5 percent excellent, an improvement from a week ago, as flood damage could be less severe than expected. Twenty-two percent of the cotton is harvested, 5 days behind both last year and average. Twenty-eight percent of the **winter wheat** crop for next year has been planted, 2 days ahead of the 24 percent average. Seven percent of the crop has emerged, similar to last year and normal.

Pasture & Livestock

Pasture condition ratings fell to 37 percent very poor, 27 percent poor, 23 percent fair, 11 percent good, and 2 percent excellent, as available moisture supplies in much of the State are insufficient to sustain normal fall growth. Farmers in many areas are concerned with both the shortages of hay for winter and the escalating prices of hay for sale. Many stock ponds also have abnormally low water levels.

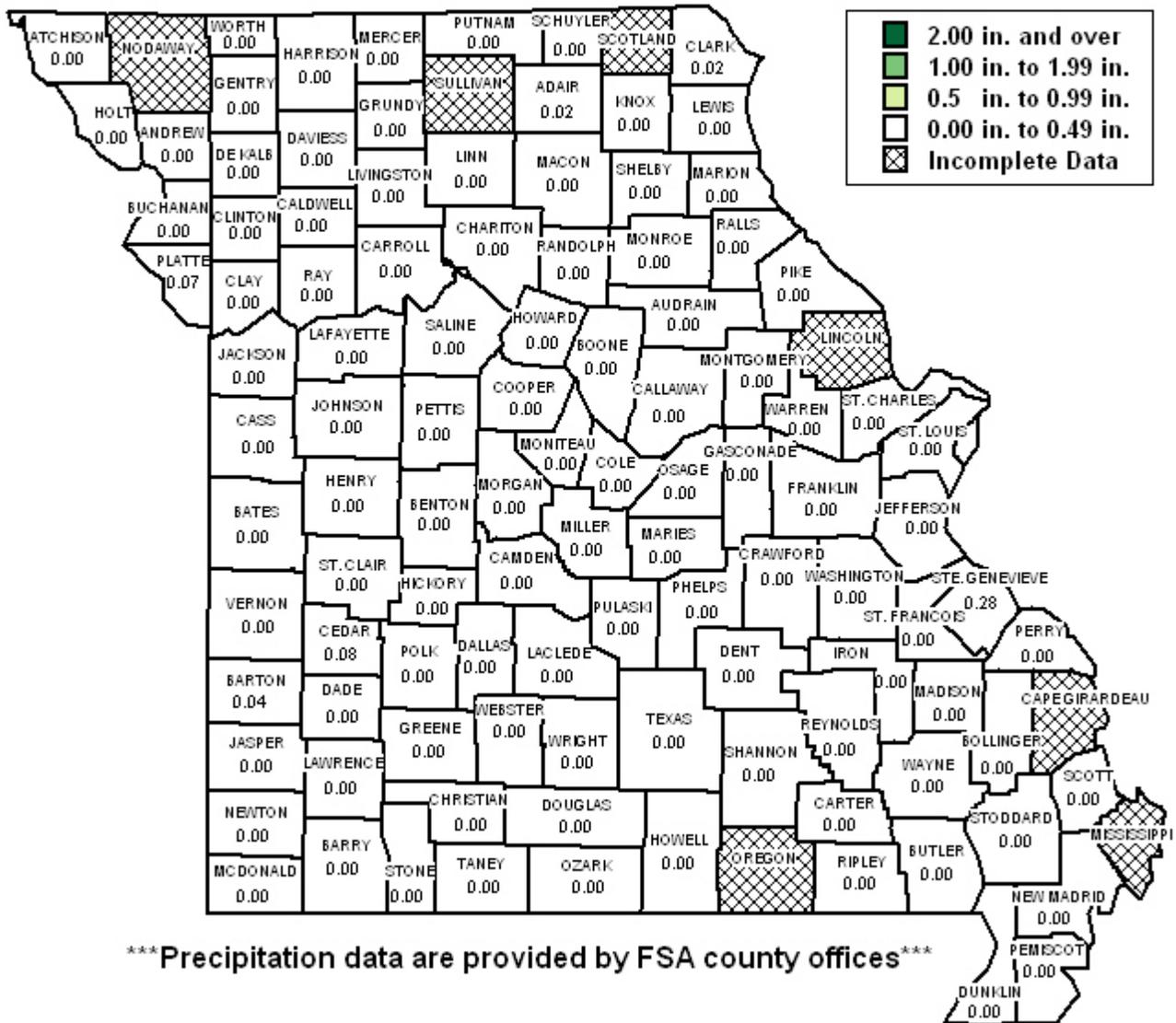
Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly 5 to 6 degrees above normal, but ranged from near normal in a few southern counties to as much as 9 degrees above average in the extreme northwest. **Rainfall** was virtually non-existent in all areas of the State.

District Summaries As Of October 8, 2006

	Missouri	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE
Days Suitable For Fieldwork										
This Year	6.9	6.8	6.8	6.7	6.9	7.0	6.8	6.9	7.0	6.8
Last Year	6.1	5.1	5.2	5.8	5.8	6.4	6.7	6.8	6.9	7
Topsoil Moisture Supply										
Very Short	34	3	16	50	57	53	34	78	16	0
Short	38	35	58	43	43	35	43	21	46	9
Adequate	27	61	26	7	0	12	23	1	36	85
Surplus	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	6
Corn Harvested, Percent										
This Year	84	57	76	79	99	96	91	99	90	97
Last Week	71	33	65	59	96	92	75	98	80	93
Last Year	76	48	78	71	88	90	88	96	74	97
Normal	73									
Soybeans Mature, Percent										
This Year	71	86	73	80	62	83	75	25	30	56
Last Week	42	46	45	50	35	37	48	9	23	38
Last Year	69	84	68	70	64	68	56	58	56	64
Normal	62									
Soybeans Harvested, Percent										
This Year	37	30	40	53	29	52	32	4	10	31
Last Week	11	4	11	13	9	14	15	1	7	15
Last Year	27	28	26	30	20	29	23	21	19	33
Normal	27									
Sorghum Mature, Percent										
This Year	95	98	72	97	98	93	91	98	94	100
Last Week	85	94	56	93	96	76	77	96	54	87
Last Year	94	90	96	94	99	86	90	98	88	100
Normal	90									
Sorghum Harvested, Percent										
This Year	63	56	35	52	87	53	56	93	50	74
Last Week	50	36	25	43	79	37	32	90	19	56
Last Year	63	24	60	53	61	55	43	87	49	87
Normal	60									
Winter Wheat Planted, Percent										
This Year	28	25	29	38	20	31	50	21	55	24
Last Week	12	12	8	8	14	14	25	9	38	10
Last Year	27	24	21	29	17	24	24	25	33	31
Normal	24									
Winter Wheat Emerged, Percent										
This Year	7	6	6	7	5	9	16	4	17	6
Last Week	4	2	1	2	3	5	5	3	15	5
Last Year	6	6	7	10	7	7	5	5	18	7
Normal	7									
Soybean Condition										
Very Poor	5	0	11	2	7	6	1	41	1	2
Poor	15	7	19	10	29	17	8	44	8	10
Fair	31	33	22	28	47	36	47	13	17	27
Good	43	48	39	54	17	41	38	2	61	53
Excellent	6	12	9	6	0	0	6	0	13	8
Pasture Condition										
Very Poor	37	0	12	34	61	54	24	83	16	0
Poor	27	4	17	43	32	23	33	15	43	13
Fair	23	54	38	20	7	20	41	2	22	49
Good	11	35	28	2	0	3	2	0	17	38
Excellent	2	7	5	1	0	0	0	0	2	0
Average Precipitation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00

Precipitation for Week Ending October 8, 2006



Precipitation data are provided by FSA county offices

