



Crop Progress and Condition

Week Ending October 15, 2006

Agricultural Summary

Another week of mostly dry weather cooperated with fall fieldwork, keeping the harvest pace of most major crops ahead of normal. **Topsoil moisture** supply rates 35 percent very short, 35 percent short, 29 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. The northeast, west-central, central, east-central and southwest districts are all rated more than 80 percent short to very short in topsoil moisture. There were 6.1 **days suitable for fieldwork**.

Field Crops Report

The **corn** harvest is 88 percent complete, 8 days ahead of last year and 12 days ahead of the normal pace of 79 percent. Progress by area ranges from 64 percent harvested in the northwestern district to virtually complete in the southern two-thirds of the State. Ninety-six percent of the **soybeans** are dropping leaves or beyond, with 85 percent mature, slightly ahead of last year and a few days ahead of normal. Condition of the soybean crop is rated 6 percent very poor, 15 percent poor, 33 percent fair, 40 percent good, and 6 percent excellent, a minor deterioration from last week's evaluation. The soybean harvest is 56 percent complete, 3 days ahead of last year and 1 week ahead of the 5-year average of 42 percent. All districts made significant progress, ranging from 13 to 23 percentage point advances. Only the west-central at 42 percent, the south-central at 25, and the southwest at 18 lag last year's pace and are also the only districts below 50 percent harvested. Seventy-one percent of the **sorghum** crop is harvested, about even with last year and 4 days ahead of normal. Eighty-nine percent of the **rice** crop has been harvested, about 1 day behind last year but 1 week ahead of normal. Ninety-five percent of the **cotton** crop is opening bolls, 3 days behind both last year and the average. Condition of the crop is reported as 1 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 25 percent fair, 65 percent good, and 5 percent excellent, a modest decline from a week ago as reporters are still trying to get a handle on the severity of flood damage. Cotton harvest activity was significant during the week, advancing 22 points to 44 percent complete, 5 days behind last year and 2 days behind normal. Forty-eight percent of the **winter wheat** crop for next year has been planted, 1 day ahead of last year and 4 days in front of the normal pace. Wheat emergence of 16 percent is slightly behind last year and the 5-year average. A few scattered reports indicate wheat emergence is struggling due to dry soils.

Pasture & Livestock

Pasture condition rates 36 percent very poor, 27 percent poor, 25 percent fair, 11 percent good, and 1 percent excellent. An increasing area of the State is becoming very concerned with hay shortages, rising hay prices, and stock water shortages. Livestock producers in many areas are struggling to maintain their herds in the face of two consecutive drought years.

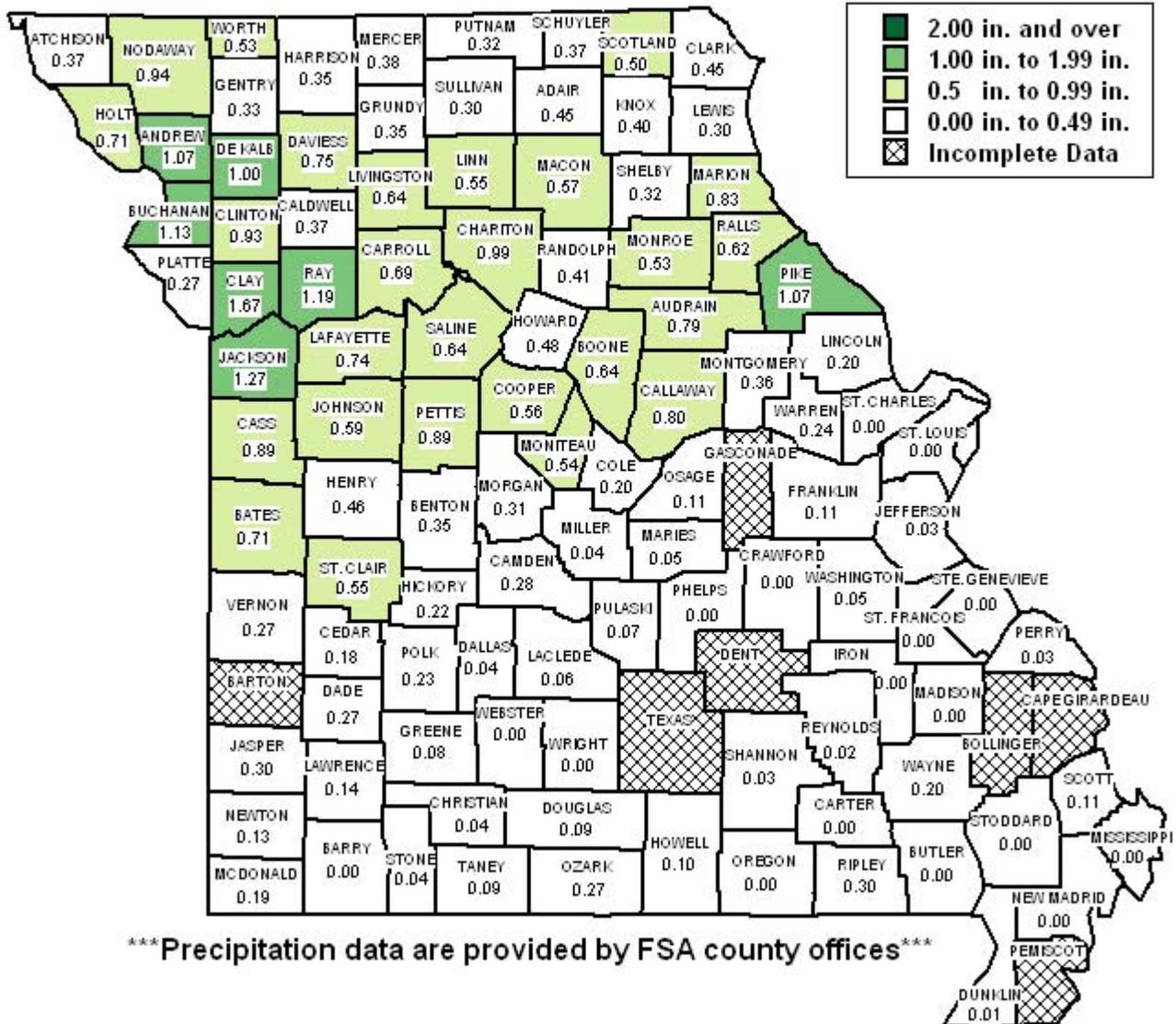
Weather Summary

Temperatures averaged below normal by 6 to 8 degrees in most areas, with a few scattered counties mostly in the southeast 2 to 4 degrees below average. **Rainfall** was light, averaging 0.35 inches. Some rain moved in late in the week to give the northwest, north-central, northeast, and west-central districts better than one-half inch, but all other districts received very little rainfall.

District Summaries As Of October 15, 2006

	Missouri	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE
Days Suitable For Fieldwork										
This Year	6.1	5.2	5.6	5.9	5.7	6.1	6.5	6.7	6.8	6.7
Last Year	6.7	6.2	6.6	6.7	6.9	6.9	6.9	7.0	7.0	7.0
Topsoil Moisture Supply										
Very Short	35	7	11	50	62	50	44	71	21	1
Short	35	27	54	38	36	34	41	21	44	10
Adequate	29	65	35	12	2	16	15	8	34	83
Surplus	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6
Corn Harvested, Percent										
This Year	88	64	82	87	99	97	95	100	98	99
Last Week	84	57	76	79	99	96	91	99	90	97
Last Year	83	61	83	79	94	94	94	98	93	100
Normal	79									
Soybeans Mature, Percent										
This Year	85	97	89	90	74	89	88	58	71	72
Last Week	71	86	73	80	62	83	75	25	30	56
Last Year	84	94	87	77	89	84	76	76	79	79
Normal	78									
Soybeans Harvested, Percent										
This Year	56	53	57	72	42	65	59	18	25	51
Last Week	37	30	40	53	29	52	32	4	10	31
Last Year	49	46	50	50	45	49	46	40	37	52
Normal	42									
Sorghum Mature, Percent										
This Year	97	99	86	98	99	96	97	98	100	100
Last Week	95	98	72	97	98	93	91	98	94	100
Last Year	98	94	98	97	100	97	98	98	93	100
Normal	94									
Sorghum Harvested, Percent										
This Year	71	57	50	58	92	64	67	94	81	86
Last Week	63	56	35	52	87	53	56	93	50	74
Last Year	72	55	68	61	73	63	56	90	77	96
Normal	67									
Winter Wheat Planted, Percent										
This Year	48	35	53	59	34	39	67	46	77	45
Last Week	28	25	29	38	20	31	50	21	55	24
Last Year	46	45	40	47	41	38	41	52	43	50
Normal	40									
Winter Wheat Emerged, Percent										
This Year	16	12	17	21	13	13	32	8	44	16
Last Week	7	6	6	7	5	9	16	4	17	6
Last Year	17	21	15	23	13	12	12	14	21	21
Normal	18									
Soybean Condition										
Very Poor	6	1	10	2	9	5	1	40	1	6
Poor	15	9	16	10	29	18	7	45	8	11
Fair	33	36	26	30	46	35	45	13	18	30
Good	40	46	39	54	16	42	42	2	60	42
Excellent	6	8	9	4	0	0	5	0	13	11
Pasture Condition										
Very Poor	36	4	9	35	65	51	33	75	20	1
Poor	27	10	14	37	29	25	38	17	48	29
Fair	25	59	50	23	6	20	28	7	14	46
Good	11	25	25	5	0	4	1	1	17	22
Excellent	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Average Precipitation	0.35	0.77	0.50	0.58	0.63	0.33	0.08	0.15	0.08	0.07

Precipitation for Week Ending October 15, 2006



Precipitation data are provided by FSA county offices

Precipitation for Previous Four Weeks Ending October 15, 2006

