



Crop Progress and Condition

Week Ending October 22, 2006

Agricultural Summary

Rainfall during the week allowed only 3.5 **days suitable for fieldwork** and hampered row crop harvesting, although the moisture proved beneficial to winter wheat stands. **Topsoil moisture** supply showed improvement in all districts, rated statewide at 23 percent very short, 24 percent short, 48 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. Despite the improvement, the west-central, central, east-central, and southwest districts remain mostly short to very short in topsoil moisture, with the west-central and southwest about 90 percent short to very short. Subsoil moisture and hay supplies are concerns across much of the State heading into winter.

Field Crops Report

The **corn** harvest is 89 percent complete, showing progress of only 1 point over last week, although it is still 2 days ahead of last year and nearly 1 week ahead of normal. The northwest district is 68 percent harvested, the north-central 87, and the northeast 92, with all other districts almost completely finished. The **soybean** crop is 93 percent mature with 64 percent harvested, slightly behind last year but 4 days ahead of the usual harvest pace of 57 percent complete. Harvest is most advanced at 72 to 73 percent done in the central, northeast, and east-central districts, while the three southern districts are all lagging last year's progress. Seventy-seven percent of the **sorghum** crop has been harvested, 3 days behind last year but 3 days ahead of normal. Ninety-three percent of the **rice** crop has been harvested, 4 days behind last year but 5 days ahead of normal. **Cotton** harvest, at 49 percent complete, is 10 days behind last year and 6 days behind the 5-year average. Condition of the crop is reported as 1 percent very poor, 8 percent poor, 25 percent fair, 63 percent good, and 3 percent excellent. **Winter wheat** seeding is 61 percent complete, 2 days behind last year but 3 days ahead of average. Wheat emergence of 31 percent is slightly behind last year and the 5-year average. Condition of the crop is rated 6 percent poor, 47 percent fair, 46 percent good, and 1 percent excellent.

Pasture & Livestock

Pasture condition rates 36 percent very poor, 21 percent poor, 26 percent fair, 15 percent good, and 2 percent excellent. Rainfall during the week helped improve general pasture condition, but was too late in most areas to help cool season grass growth. Many cattle producers in central and southern areas are requesting drought assistance while being forced to trim herd numbers due to lack of stock water and hay supplies.

Weather Summary

Temperatures averaged 4 to 6 degrees below normal in most areas, with a few counties in the southeast at 1 to 3 degrees below average. **Rainfall** averaged 1.72 inches for the week. All districts averaged over 1 inch except the southwest at 0.72 inches. The south-central and southeast received the most, both averaging more than 3 inches.

District Summaries As Of October 22, 2006

	Missouri	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE
Days Suitable For Fieldwork										
This Year	3.5	3.3	2.9	2.8	3.7	4.1	4.3	6.3	4.6	1.5
Last Year	4.7	3.5	4.1	4.4	4.4	3.9	4.2	6.8	6.7	6.6
Topsoil Moisture Supply										
Very Short	23	5	4	14	58	43	21	68	9	0
Short	24	16	13	43	31	37	48	22	11	0
Adequate	48	73	79	43	11	20	31	9	77	68
Surplus	5	6	4	0	0	0	0	1	3	32
Corn Harvested, Percent										
This Year	89	68	87	92	100	99	99	100	99	100
Last Year	87	72	87	85	97	96	95	99	99	100
Normal	85									
Soybeans Mature, Percent										
This Year	93	98	98	94	95	97	95	80	91	84
Last Year	94	98	94	90	97	91	89	88	92	92
Normal	89									
Soybeans Harvested, Percent										
This Year	64	61	67	73	60	72	73	39	40	56
Last Year	65	59	67	65	67	62	61	54	55	71
Normal	57									
Sorghum Harvested, Percent										
This Year	77	79	55	62	98	75	77	96	95	89
Last Year	80	67	79	69	92	69	66	93	94	98
Normal	74									
Winter Wheat Planted, Percent										
This Year	61	47	66	62	56	58	81	73	81	52
Last Year	65	57	55	68	55	53	65	76	53	71
Normal	55									
Winter Wheat Emerged, Percent										
This Year	31	25	39	29	26	29	52	18	54	32
Last Year	36	32	31	39	29	22	38	32	33	44
Normal	33									
Winter Wheat Condition										
Very Poor	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
Poor	6	2	3	8	36	3	3	0	0	7
Fair	47	63	24	36	54	47	48	49	0	50
Good	46	31	70	55	10	49	48	51	100	41
Excellent	1	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Pasture Condition										
Very Poor	36	3	8	20	69	57	28	80	17	0
Poor	21	7	14	41	24	21	41	14	28	21
Fair	26	49	43	31	7	20	29	5	25	38
Good	15	38	33	7	0	2	2	1	26	39
Excellent	2	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	4	2
Average Precipitation										
	1.72	1.14	1.64	1.27	1.05	1.13	2.10	0.72	3.26	3.14

Precipitation for Previous Four Weeks Ending October 22, 2006

