



CROP WEATHER

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Agricultural Summary: Warm, dry conditions last week allowed soybean and sorghum harvest to make good progress. Windy conditions left much of the State in need of rain. Days suitable for fieldwork averaged 6.6 last week. Statewide, topsoil moisture is rated 16 percent very short, 28 percent short, 53 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture is rated 28 percent very short, 26 percent short, and 46 percent adequate.

Field Crop Report: Fall wheat seeding is 92 percent complete, compared to 94 percent for both last year and the 5-year average. Emergence is rated 71 percent, compared to 79 percent last year and 76 percent for the 5-year average. Wheat condition is rated 2 percent very poor, 14 percent poor, 25 percent fair, 48 percent good, and 11 percent excellent. Ninety-three percent of the corn for grain has been harvested, compared to 91 percent last year and 93 percent for the 5-year average. Fifty-five percent of the soybean acres have been harvested, compared to 77 percent last year and 82 percent for the 5-year average. Soybean condition is rated 11 percent very poor, 30 percent poor, 39 percent fair, 19 percent good, and 1 percent excellent. Eighty-four percent of the sorghum is mature, compared to 90 percent last year and 97 percent for the 5-year average. Fifty-one percent of the grain sorghum has been harvested, compared to 55 percent last year and 79 percent for the 5-year average. Sorghum condition is rated 22 percent very poor, 35 percent poor, 29 percent fair, 12 percent good, and 2 percent excellent. Ninety-eight percent of the sunflowers have reached maturity, compared to 93 percent last year and 98 percent for the 5-year average. Sixty-five percent of the sunflower crop is harvested, compared to 59 percent last year and 78 percent for the 5-year average. Sunflower condition is rated 13 percent very poor, 20 percent poor, 40 percent fair, 23 percent good, and 4 percent excellent. Eighty-three percent of the alfalfa has been cut for the fourth time, compared to 86 percent last year and 97 percent for the 5-year average. Cotton condition is reported to be 7 percent poor, 41 percent fair, 45 percent good, and 7 percent excellent. Statewide, 85 percent of the cotton crop is in the bolls opening stage. Eight percent of the cotton crop has been harvested.

Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions are rated 20 percent very poor, 27 percent poor, 34 percent fair, 16 percent good and 3 percent excellent. Stock water supplies are 14 percent very short, 20 percent short, and 66 percent adequate. Feed grain supplies are rated 2 percent very short, 14 percent short, 81 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Hay and forage supplies are rated 5 percent very short, 15 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus.

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CROP CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING 10/26/03

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Wheat	2	14	25	48	11
Sorghum	22	35	29	12	2
Soybeans	11	30	39	19	1
Range & Pasture	20	27	34	16	3

CROP PROGRESS BY AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICT AS OF 10/26/03

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	5-YR AVG.
Wht Planted	100	99	99	96	92	87	91	66	69	92	85	94	94
Wht Emerged	60	82	91	85	76	55	77	44	46	71	63	79	76
Soyb Harvest	91	80	75	70	68	50	63	54	38	55	33	77	82
Corn Harvest	91	82	89	86	96	94	96	98	100	93	87	91	93
Sorg Mature	100	98	71	75	81	80	94	96	99	84	74	90	97
Sorg Harvest	86	71	30	42	47	41	65	61	84	51	37	55	79

DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING 10/26/03

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	7.0	7.0	6.9	6.6	6.6	6.8	6.3	6.4	6.3	6.6	5.8	3.0

Topsoil Moisture (Percent)

Very Short	66	54	34	17	2	4	0	0	0	16	15	5
Short	34	42	46	33	26	22	36	28	2	28	23	19
Adequate	0	4	20	50	72	73	64	72	80	53	56	67
Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	18	3	6	9

Subsoil Moisture (Percent)

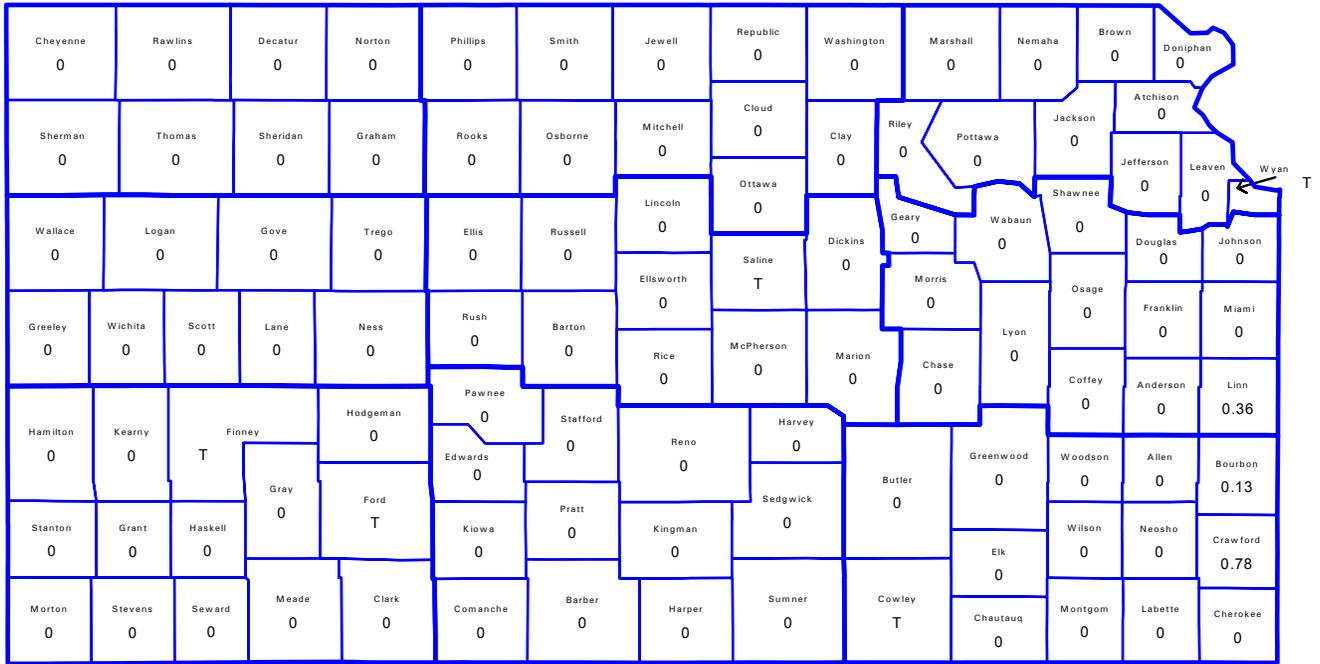
Very Short	66	57	54	42	19	5	32	14	0	28	27	26
Short	32	42	37	40	17	17	32	23	6	26	29	42
Adequate	2	1	9	18	64	77	36	63	94	46	43	31
Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1

TEMP. AND PRECIP. DATA, SELECTED SITES, FOR WEEK ENDING 10/26/03

Station		Air Temp		Soil Temp 4 inch		Precip	Station		Air Temp		Soil Temp 4 inch		Precip
Dist	City	Max	Min	Max	Min		Dist	City	Max	Min	Max	Min	
NW	Colby	101	20	71	48	0.00	SC	Hesston	89	29	76	50	0.00
WC	Tribune	90	16	64	46	0.00	NE	Powhatt	87	27	74	54	0.00
SW	Grdn Cty	92	22	72	55	0.00	NE	Manhat	90	29	75	51	0.00
NC	Scandia	88	23	72	46	0.00	EC	Ottawa	89	29	66	52	0.00
C	Hays	89	25	74	51	0.00	EC	Slvr Lk	90	26	65	55	0.00
SC	Hutch	90	27	78	51	0.00	EC	Rossvl	89	27	61	49	0.00
SC	St John	88	25	76	48	0.00	SE	Parsons	84	35	75	46	0.00

Data collected by Automated Stations and may differ from official stations as shown on the map 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 26, 2003



T -- Precipitation less than .005.