

AGRICULTURAL NEWS: The week started off favorably for harvesting with relatively warm temperatures, but ended cold after mid-week rain. Temperatures for the period averaged 53 degrees across the State which was 3 degrees above normal. Precipitation averaged 0.83 inches for the week which was 0.08 inches below normal. Major farm activities for the week were tobacco stripping, fall tillage work, winter wheat planting, and completing corn and soybean harvest. **Topsoil moisture** as of Friday, November 7, was rated 6 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 19 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** was rated 1 percent very short, 5 percent short, 85 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus. Days suitable for fieldwork averaged 4.3 out of a possible seven.

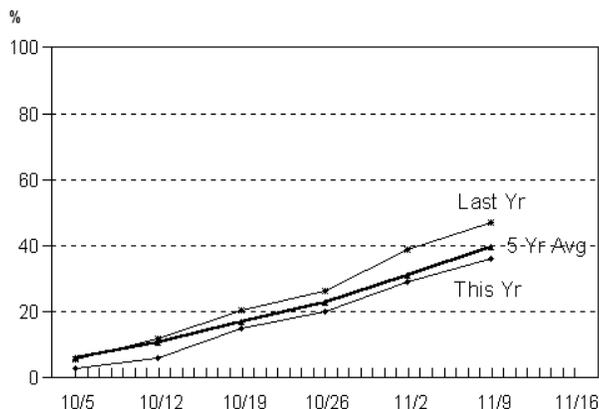
TOBACCO: As of Sunday, November 9, **burley tobacco** was 36 percent stripped. This compared with 47 percent last year and a five-year average of 40 percent. Moist conditions enabled tobacco stripping to continue throughout the week with producers reporting good to excellent quality and weight. Most producers feel that they will make their quota. As of Friday, November 7, the quality of stripped tobacco condition was reported as 5 percent poor, 32 percent fair, 47 percent good, and 16 percent excellent.

CORN: Corn harvest was virtually complete throughout the State as of Sunday, November 9. Overall, 97 percent of the corn crop had been harvested, compared to 99 percent the previous year, and 95 percent for the five-year average. Many producers have reported excellent yields ranging from 130 to 150 bushels.

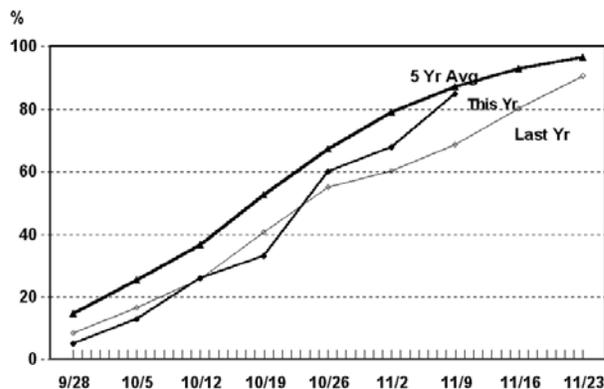
SOYBEANS: As of Sunday, November 9, soybean harvest had reached 85 percent complete. This compared to 69 percent last season, and the five-year average of 87 percent. Farmers are reporting good to excellent yields ranging from 30 to 60 bushels. Double crop beans have also been reported in good condition.

OTHER CROPS: **Winter wheat** seeding was 91 percent complete as of Sunday, November 9. This compared to 67 percent for 2002 and the five-year average of 86 percent. Farmers are reporting excellent germination and growth due to the warm temperatures and adequate soil moisture. Fall seeded wheat condition was rated at 2 percent poor, 13 percent fair, 59 percent good, and 26 percent excellent. **Pasture** condition was rated as 1 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 22 percent fair, 57 percent good, and 16 percent excellent. Farmers have reported adequate hay and water supplies for the winter. Kentucky farmers also report the State's livestock were in good to excellent condition.

BURLEY TOBACCO PERCENT STRIPPED



SOYBEANS HARVESTED PROGRESS



KENTUCKY CROP PROGRESS
WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 9, 2003
WITH COMPARISONS

Crop Stage	This Week	Previous Year	5-Yr. Avg.	Previous Week	
				KY	U.S.
Percentage					
Soybeans Harvested	85	69	87	68	91
Corn Harvested	97	99	99	95	85
Burley Tobacco Stripped	36	47	40	29	NA
Wheat Seeded	91	67	86	80	92

(NA) Data Not Available.

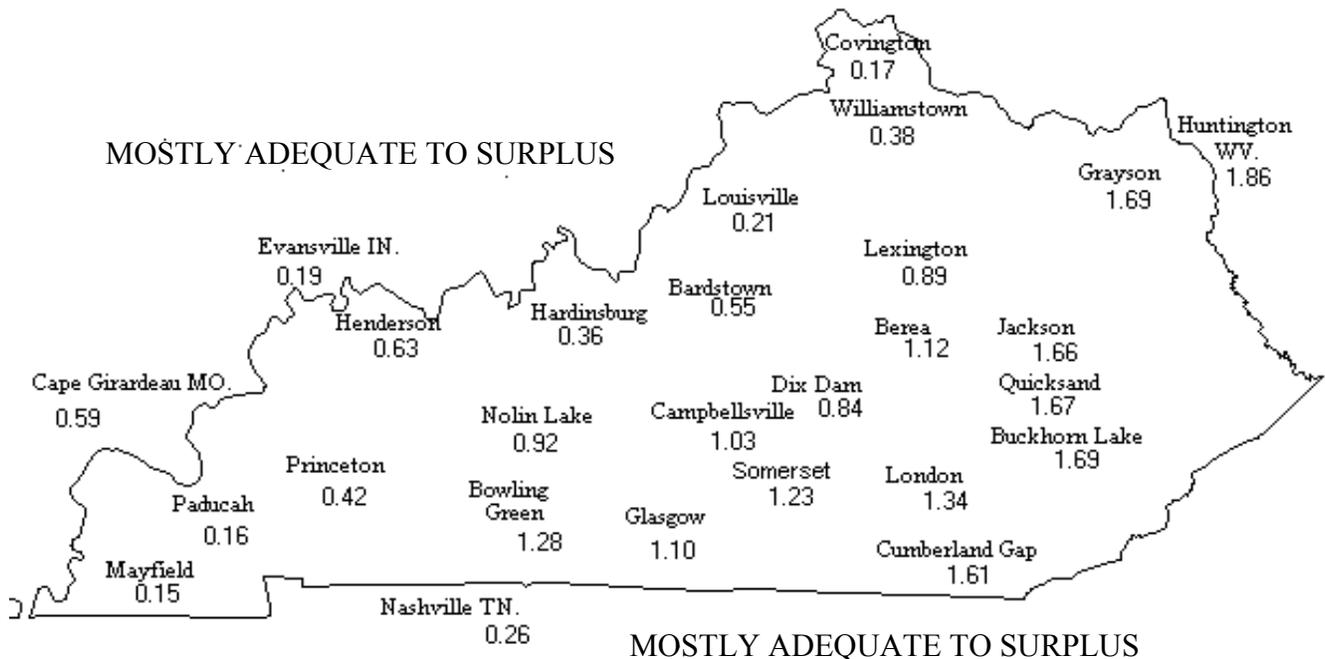
SOIL MOISTURE
WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 7, 2003
WITH COMPARISONS

	This Week	Previous Week
TOPSOIL		
Very Short	0	1
Short	6	8
Adequate	75	80
Surplus	19	11
SUBSOIL		
Very Short	1	1
Short	5	8
Adequate	85	85
Surplus	9	6

KENTUCKY CROP CONDITIONS (Percent)

CROP	WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 7, 2003					WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2003				
	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Winter Wheat	0	2	13	59	26	0	1	20	58	21
Pasture	1	4	22	57	16	1	4	22	61	12
Stripped Tobacco	0	5	32	47	16	1	4	28	54	14

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 7:00 P.M.
TOPSOIL MOISTURE DELINEATION FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2003



KENTUCKY WEATHER SUMMARY, NOVEMBER 3 - 9, 2003:
ABOVE NORMAL TEMPERATURES AND NEAR NORMAL PRECIPITATION:

The past week opened with early summer like weather as highs were in the upper 70's and lower 80's on Monday and Tuesday. Record highs were set across the state. A cold front moved across the state on Wednesday and Thursday bringing rain and much colder temperatures. High pressure dominated Kentucky by the end of the week, where highs and lows were about 10 degrees below normal. Lows on Friday and Saturday night were near or below 32 degrees allowing for a freeze and widespread frost.

Temperatures for the period averaged 53 degrees across the state which was 3 degrees above normal. High temperatures averaged from 60 in the West to 64 in the East. Departure from normal high temperatures ranged from 3 degrees below normal in the West to 5 degrees above normal in the East. Low temperatures averaged from 43 degrees in the West to 47 degrees in the East. Departure from normal low temperature ranged from 1 degree above normal in the West to 9 degrees above normal in the East. Extreme highs were in the lower 80's, and extreme lows were in the upper 20's.

Rainfall for the period totaled 0.83 inches statewide which was 0.08 inches below normal. Rainfall totals by climate division, West 0.33 inches, Central 0.74 inches, Bluegrass 0.67 inches and East 1.59 inches, which was -0.67, -0.23, -0.16 and +0.71 inches respectively from normal. By station, rainfall totals ranged from a low of 0.15 inches at Mayfield to a high of 1.69 inches at Grayson and Buckhorn Lake.

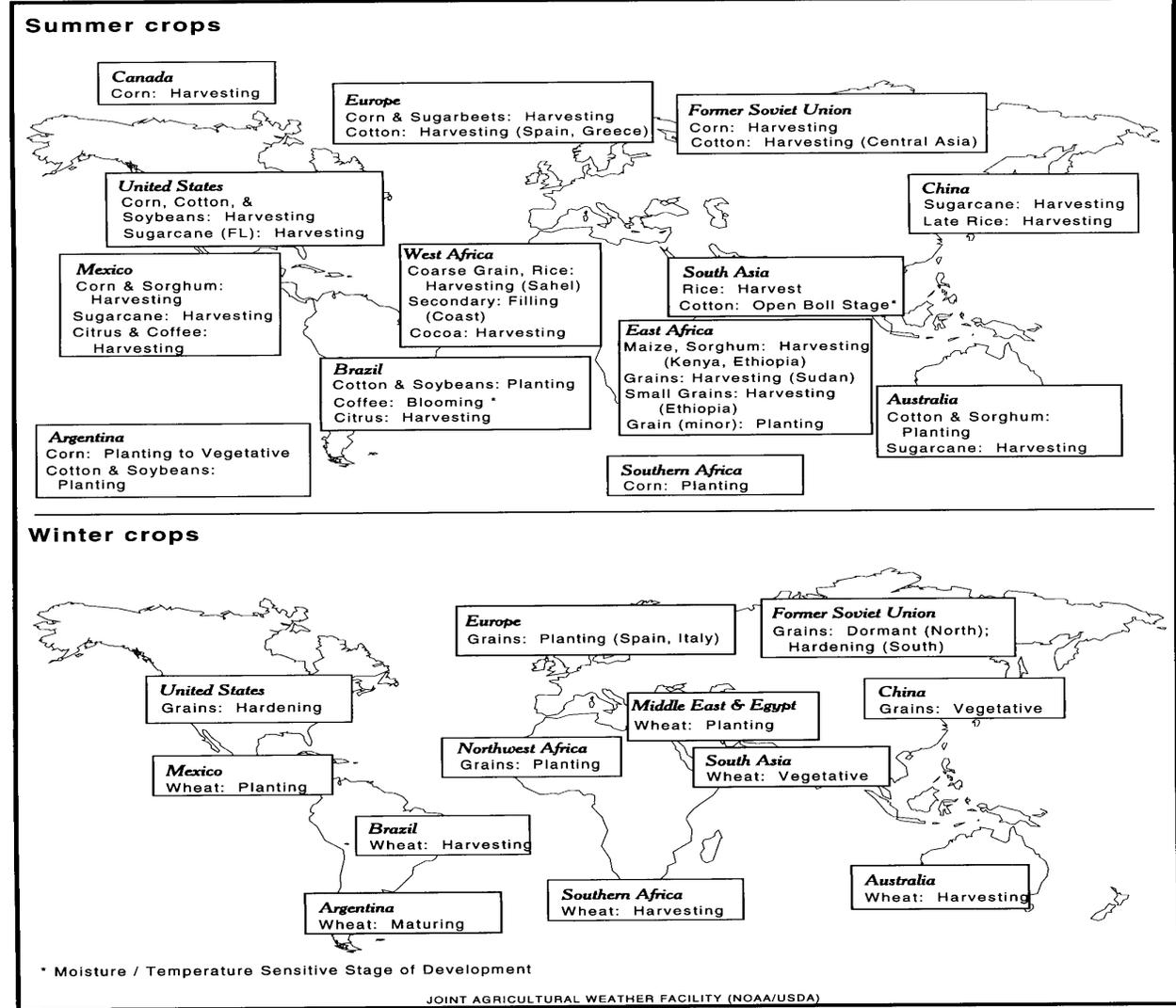
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KENTUCKY TEMPERATURES AND RAINFALL
FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 7:00 P.M.

Weather Station	Rainfall			Deviation From		Air Temperature				Relative Humidity			
	Last Week	Since April 1	Last Four Wks	Norm Since Apr. 1	Norm Last 4 Wks	High	Low	Wkly Avg.	Dev. From Norm	Average			
	(Inches)			(Degrees Fahrenheit)								High	Low
Bardstown	0.55	38.35	2.27	+10.62	-0.32	80	28	52.6	+3	96	56		
Berea	1.12	37.23	3.30	+7.85	+0.43	79	30	55.1	+7	93	57		
Bowling Green	1.28	36.66	2.50	+6.91	-0.68	80	30	53.2	+3	--	--		
Bristol	2.32	46.10	3.80	+21.14	+1.33	81	32	58.6	+10	--	--		
Buckhorn Lake	1.69	39.33	4.08	+11.26	+1.26	81	31	56.4	+8	--	--		
Cape Girardeau	0.59	37.57	1.81	+9.69	-1.22	81	32	50.5	-2	--	--		
Campbellsville	1.03	39.61	2.89	+6.59	-0.24	81	31	55.4	+5	97	60		
Covington	0.17	28.92	2.26	+2.68	-0.53	79	28	49.9	+1	--	--		
Cumberland Gap	1.61	43.68	3.29	+13.26	-0.02	81	33	57.1	+9	96	59		
Dix Dam	0.84	37.78	2.73	+8.92	-0.12	79	28	53.2	+5	--	--		
Evansville	0.19	23.42	1.62	-2.95	-1.26	80	28	49.6	-3	--	--		
Glasgow	1.10	42.23	2.88	+10.41	-0.33	82	32	55.7	+6	99	62		
Grayson	1.69	37.90	3.44	+10.87	+0.66	81	30	54.4	+6	96	59		
Hardinsburg	0.36	37.02	2.63	+7.55	-0.48	80	30	53.6	+4	95	58		
Henderson	0.63	36.40	2.15	+9.07	-0.78	80	29	50.3	-2	96	59		
Huntington	1.86	38.30	3.58	+11.10	+0.75	82	30	54.6	+6	--	--		
Jackson	1.66	34.95	3.68	+5.70	+0.73	82	31	56.1	+8	--	--		
Lexington	0.89	35.87	2.65	+8.14	+0.06	77	27	51.7	+3	--	--		
London	1.34	44.03	3.58	+16.76	+0.73	80	32	54.7	+6	--	--		
Louisville	0.21	36.94	2.21	+9.60	-0.56	82	29	51.9	+2	--	--		
Mayfield	0.15	23.41	0.70	-7.39	-2.98	80	29	53.6	+1	96	59		
Nashville	0.26	35.47	1.73	+7.95	-1.11	82	35	56.7	+7	--	--		
Nolin Lake	0.92	37.54	2.74	+6.07	-0.56	81	31	54.2	+4	--	--		
Paducah	0.16	31.28	2.07	+1.76	-1.06	80	30	51.3	-1	94	54		
Princeton	0.42	33.38	2.83	+3.70	-0.43	81	29	52.6	+0	98	66		
Quicksand	1.67	41.41	4.22	+12.16	+1.27	82	30	56.1	+8	96	59		
Somerset	1.23	45.52	3.31	+14.52	+0.05	80	32	55.2	+7	96	59		
Spindletop	0.61	29.17	2.32	+1.44	-0.27	77	27	51.2	+3	91	56		
Williamstown	0.38	34.64	1.52	+6.80	-1.38	79	25	52.8	+4	96	59		

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November normal crop calendar



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