

AGRICULTURE

Skies were partly cloudy for most of the week, with temperatures warming into the low 80's by Thursday. However, weather conditions changed dramatically by Saturday morning as showers and cooler temperatures swept into the region. Rains were heavy at times, with some areas reporting well over an inch of precipitation by Saturday evening. Temperatures dropped as much as ten degrees below normal in some areas, with daytime readings in the mid to upper fifties Saturday and Sunday. Producers reported that erratic temperatures and wet conditions have delayed field preparation and planting in some areas. Days suitable for field work averaged 5.1. Top soil moisture was rated 89% adequate and 11% surplus. Range and pasture condition was rated 73% good and 27% excellent. Corn planted 49%. Corn emerged 27%. Soybeans planted 27%. Soybeans emerged 8%. Small grains were rated in mostly good condition. Producers began cutting mixed hay in some localities. Vegetable producers planted carrots, tomatoes, peppers, and squash as weather permitted. Some producers reported wind damage to sweet corn and carrot stands from recent storms. Harvest of asparagus, lettuce, spinach, cilantro, green onions, and parsley continued with some delays due to wet field conditions. Orchard producers were concerned over freeze damage to apples, peaches, and apricots in some areas due to the recent frost. Crop condition was rated as mostly fair. Strawberry harvest was underway with crop condition rated as mostly fair.

SOIL MOISTURE TABLE

| | THIS WEEK | LAST WEEK | PREVIOUS YEAR |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|
| VERY SHORT | 0% | 0% | 32% |
| SHORT | 0% | 0% | 68% |
| ADEQUATE | 89% | 91% | 0% |
| SURPLUS | 11% | 9% | 0% |

RANGE AND PASTURE

| | THIS WEEK | LAST WEEK | PREVIOUS YEAR |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|
| VERY POOR | 0% | 0% | 12% |
| POOR | 0% | 0% | 18% |
| FAIR | 0% | 40% | 70% |
| GOOD | 73% | 24% | 0% |
| EXCELLENT | 27% | 36% | 0% |