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Wheat Harvest Ahead of Normal

May 30 - Wheat harvest progressed at a rapid pace last week with the Southwest district reaching the half-way point and the central area in full swing by week's end. Severe weather passed through parts of Oklahoma over the weekend leaving some areas without electricity. Hail, wind gusts, and a few tornados accompanied the storms, however, very little measurable rainfall was recorded. All districts except the Northeast are considerably below normal precipitation. Topsoil moisture conditions decreased from last week with no surplus, 20 percent adequate, 43 percent short, and 37 percent very short. Subsoil moisture also decreased from last week with 1 percent surplus, 35 percent adequate, 42 percent short and 22 percent very short. There were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	37	43	20	0
Last Week	29	45	24	2
Last Year	6	29	64	1

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	22	42	35	1
Last Week	14	44	41	1
Last Year	11	33	53	3

Small Grains: Wheat conditions increased slightly from last week. Seven percent of the wheat was in excellent condition, 43 percent was in good condition, 32 percent was in fair condition, and 18 percent was in poor to very poor condition. Ninety-five percent of the wheat was in the soft dough stage, 6 points above last year and 10 points above the five-year average of 85 percent. The hot, dry weather provided ideal conditions for wheat harvest. Wheat harvest continued to be ahead of normal with 27 percent of the crop harvested by week's end. Normally, wheat harvest would just be getting started good by this time. Reports were optimistic and test weights were reported to be good to excellent. Rye condition was 6 percent excellent, 54 percent good, 25 percent fair, 11 percent poor, and 4 percent very poor. Rye was 99 percent in the soft dough stage. Seven percent of rye has been harvested. Oat condition was 1 percent excellent, 42 percent good, 41 percent fair, 10 percent poor, and 6 percent very poor. Seventy-eight percent of the oats were in the soft dough stage which was 13 points ahead of the five-year average. Seven percent of the oats have been harvested.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending May 30, 2004

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Wheat					
This Week	5	13	32	43	7
Last Week	5	13	33	41	8
Last Year	4	8	28	46	14
Rye					
This Week	4	11	25	54	6
Oats					
This Week	6	10	41	42	1

Row Crops: The warm, dry weather was helping to advance the development of row crops. However, most areas of the state need additional rain to maintain the row crops. Sorghum progressed above the five-year average this week. Sorghum seedbed preparation increased 5 points from 82 to 87 percent. Forty-one percent of the crop was planted, increasing 10 points from the previous week and 31 percent of the crop had emerged. Nearly all of the corn has emerged with 3 percent silking. Corn conditions were 12 percent excellent, 69 percent good, 17 percent fair and 2

percent poor. Soybean seedbed preparation went up one point to 86 percent. Some reporters mentioned that producers were waiting for more moisture before continuing seedbed preparation. Sixty-one percent of the soybeans had been planted and 48 percent had emerged. Peanut progress was ahead of both last year and the five-year average. Ninety-six percent of the peanuts had been planted, a 13-point increase from last week, and 10 points above the five-year average. Ninety-four percent of the peanuts had emerged, 25 points above last week and 27 points above the five-year average. Peanut conditions were 6 percent excellent, 50 percent good, 37 percent fair, and 7 percent poor. Cotton planted jumped 16 points from last week to 84 percent. Sixty-nine percent of the crop was emerged.

ROW CROPS CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending May 30, 2004

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	0	2	17	69	12
Peanuts	0	7	37	50	6
Cotton	0	3	54	41	2

Hay: The first cutting of alfalfa was virtually complete. The second cutting of alfalfa was up 28 points from last week at 43 percent cut. This was 25 points higher than last year and 27 points higher than the five-year average. Alfalfa conditions were mostly good. The dry conditions also helped other hay progress and 56 percent had been cut by week's end.

HAY CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending May 30, 2004

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	1	9	27	50	13
Other Hay	2	9	36	46	7

Miscellaneous Commodities: Watermelon planting was nearly complete with 98 percent planted. Watermelon vines were 56 percent running, which was up from last year at 52 percent and the five-year average of 45 percent.

Pasture: Pasture conditions were rated as mostly good to fair. The light showers helped conditions slightly but pastures were still in bad need of rain. The lack of rain, wind, and above normal temperatures were causing conditions to deteriorate quickly. Conditions were at 9 percent excellent, 39 percent good, 36 percent fair, and 16 percent poor to very poor.

Livestock: Livestock conditions were 18 percent excellent, 59 percent good, 21 percent fair, and 2 percent poor. Livestock insect activity was mostly light to moderate. The price for feeder steers less than 800 pounds continued to go up this week. It averaged \$109.33 per cwt., up 1.30 from last week. The price for feeder heifers less than 800 pounds was \$103.17 cwt., an increase of ninety cents from last week.

LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending May 30, 2004

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	0	2	21	59	18
Pasture & Range	3	13	36	39	9

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS

Week Ending May 30, 2004

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.	Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.
Wheat -					Soybeans -				
Soft Dough	95	86	89	85	Seedbed Prepared	86	85	83	87
Harvested	27	1	10	6	Planted	61	50	58	59
Oats -					Emerged	48	33	49	48
Headed	99	93	92	91	Peanuts -				
Soft Dough	78	55	62	65	Planted	96	83	93	86
Harvested	7	n/a	n/a	n/a	Emerged	94	69	80	67
Rye -					Cotton -				
Soft Dough	99	95	n/a	n/a	Planted	84	68	82	77
Harvested	7	n/a	n/a	n/a	Emerged	69	51	63	61
Corn -					Alfalfa -				
Emerged	99	83	89	94	1 st Cutting	99	96	96	95
Silking	3	n/a	n/a	n/a	2 nd Cutting	43	15	18	16
Sorghum -					Other Hay -				
Seedbed Prepared	87	82	72	84	1 st Cutting	56	48	46	52
Planted	41	31	30	37	Watermelons -				
Emerged	31	21	27	28	Planted	98	81	98	96
					Running	56	26	52	45

Weather for Week Ending May 30, 2004 - Temperatures ranged from 47 degrees at Boise City on Monday, May 24th, to 102 degrees at Alva on Monday, May 24th. Precipitation averaged 0.00 inches Panhandle district to 1.29 inches Southeast district. Soil temperatures averaged 68 degrees at Foraker on Tuesday, May 25th, to 87 degrees at Tipton on Monday, May 24th.

MESONET TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA

Week Ending May 30, 2004

Districts	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	This Week	March 1, 2004 to May 30, 2004		
					Total	Departure from Normal	Percent of Normal
Degrees			Inches				
Panhandle	88	56	73	0.00	5.08	- 1.67	75
West Central	89	63	76	0.32	7.20	- 2.54	74
Southwest	91	64	78	0.26	6.79	- 2.95	70
North Central	89	63	75	0.23	8.73	- 1.48	86
Central	86	65	76	0.09	7.93	- 4.29	65
South Central	86	67	77	0.32	6.98	- 5.75	55
Northeast	83	65	75	0.19	13.01	+0.04	100
East Central	84	66	76	0.28	10.80	- 3.32	76
Southeast	84	67	76	1.29	9.83	- 5.29	65