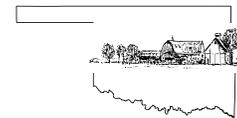




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Rain Slows Activity

November 14 - Just as producers were trying to finish planting small grains and finish up harvest of their row crops, the rain begins. All districts received rain last week with most of them averaging half an inch. This was on top of the rains received the previous week that averaged over an inch in most districts. One respondent reported receiving close to 2 inches of rain in 48 hours while the Panhandle received some measurable snow last week. While rain was beneficial to the soil moisture supplies, it brought farm activity to a halt. Producers had 3.0 days available for field work. Temperatures around the state averaged in the low 50's. The rain received over the weekend may not be fully represented in the soil moisture supplies. Topsoil moisture was 28 percent surplus, 70 percent adequate, and 2 percent short. Subsoil moisture was 11 percent surplus, 75 percent adequate, 8 percent short, and 6 percent very short.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	0	2	70	28
Last Week	2	4	69	25
Last Year	19	40	39	2

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	6	8	75	11
Last Week	7	10	73	10
Last Year	25	37	37	1

Small Grains: Small grain crops were all in good to excellent condition. Planting of wheat and oats was slowed last week with wheat planted progressing one point and oats progressing five points. Wheat emergence increased three points to 92 percent, consistent with last year but above the five year average. The cool weather along with the rain may have slowed down wheat growth but it will have a beneficial affect in the long run. There were reports of wheat diseases starting to show up in a few fields. Oat progress continued to lag behind last year and the five year average.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending November 14, 2004

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Wheat					
This Week	0	1	18	58	23
Last Week	1	2	13	55	29
Last Year	7	11	29	43	10
Rye					
This Week	0	2	9	62	27
Oats					
This Week	0	3	20	68	9

Row Crops: Row crop activities continued to be slow due to rain and muddy fields. Many respondents reported that harvest was slowed and in some places stopped due to the rain. Yields for most crops continued to be very good despite the slow down of harvest activities. Sorghum maturity and harvest continued to lag behind normal. Sorghum harvest increased only five points last week. Peanuts made the most progress last week but were still behind last year and the five year average. Peanuts dug and combined increased 10 points last week to 80 and 70 percent, respectively. Cotton harvest was also behind normal but hit the halfway mark last week.

Hay: Alfalfa hay cutting made limited progress due to the weather conditions. Hay continued to be in good to fair condition. The fifth cutting of hay was at 89 percent and the sixth cutting was at 44 percent. There were above average hay supplies for the season.

HAY CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending November 14, 2004

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	2	3	26	56	13

Pasture and Range: Pasture conditions were good to fair. The rain aided pasture and range growth. Small grain pastures were doing very well.

Livestock: Livestock were in good to excellent condition. Producers were beginning to turn more cattle out onto small grain fields. Areas of wheat were being fenced to allow for cattle in some areas. Prices for feeder steers less than 800 pounds decreased thirty-three cents to \$114.14 per cwt. while prices for feeder heifers less than 800 pounds dropped two dollars and seventy-nine cents to \$105.52 per cwt.

LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending November 14, 2004

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	0	1	15	63	21
Pasture & Range	1	5	26	54	14

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS
Week Ending November 14, 2004

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.	Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.
Wheat -					Peanuts -				
Planted	94	93	99	92	Dug	90	80	98	92
Emerged	92	89	92	83	Combined	70	60	91	80
Oats -					Cotton -				
Seedbed Prepared	91	90	92	94	Harvested	54	45	60	65
Planted	57	52	60	63	Alfalfa -				
Emerged	56	49	57	52	5 th Cutting	89	88	82	62
Sorghum -					6 th Cutting	44	42	NA	NA
Mature	88	81	95	98					
Harvested	63	62	83	86					
Soybeans -									
Mature	97	94	96	99					
Harvested	75	64	79	86					

Weather for Week Ending November 14, 2004 - Temperatures ranged from 23 degrees at Beaver on Friday, November 12th to 75 degrees at Acme on Monday, November 8th. Precipitation averaged 0.16 inches in South Central district to 0.98 inches in Northeast district. Soil temperatures averaged 39 degrees at Boise City on Sunday, November 14th, to 61 degrees at Altus on Wednesday, November 10th.

MESONET TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA
Week Ending November 14, 2004

Districts	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	This Week	September 1, 2004 to November 14, 2004		
					Total	Departure from Normal	Percent of Normal
Degrees			Inches				
Panhandle	51	35	43	0.84	4.84	1.00	126
West Central	55	41	47	0.63	6.32	-0.02	100
Southwest	58	45	50	0.53	6.68	-0.44	94
North Central	55	39	47	0.95	6.47	-0.22	97
Central	59	42	50	0.35	8.24	-0.75	92
South Central	60	45	51	0.16	10.64	0.70	107
Northeast	60	41	50	0.98	9.46	-0.52	95
East Central	61	43	51	0.50	11.86	0.77	107
Southeast	62	44	53	0.47	10.13	-1.60	86