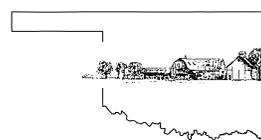


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## Rains Coupled With Warm Conditions Benefit Small Grains

**November 23** - Most areas of the State received rainfall last week but the major rain was in the eastern half of Oklahoma. The major wheat producing areas are still behind normal rainfall. In addition to some rain, temperatures were above average throughout the latter part of the week. Thursday was particularly warm with five Mesonet stations reaching 80 degrees or more. Beneficial showers and warm weather during the week improved small grain crops emergence and growth. Producers took advantage of the good conditions and made progress with the remaining planting of small grains and harvesting their row crops. Continued dry weather is essential in order to wrap up the remaining planting and harvesting activities. Supplemental feeding occurred in most areas across the State. Farmers had 5.1 days suitable for fieldwork during the week.

### TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	16	40	41	3
Last Week	19	40	39	2
Last Year	0	10	87	3

### SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	22	36	40	2
Last Week	25	37	37	1
Last Year	2	17	80	1

**Small Grains:** Wheat, rye, and oat conditions were rated as mostly fair to good. Emergence of the earlier planted wheat fields continued to advance and was at 96 percent at week's end. Oats planted increased 4 percentage points to 65 percent complete. Oats emergence gained 2 percentage points from last week to 60 percent of the intended acres.

### SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending November 23, 2003

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Wheat					
This Week	5	9	26	48	12
Last Week	7	11	29	43	10
Last Year	1	4	26	51	18
Rye					
This Week	4	7	28	49	12
Oats					
This Week	8	17	27	44	4

**Row Crops:** Harvest of the remaining row crops progressed throughout the State. Sorghum harvest gained 3 percentage points during the week and was 87 percent complete. Soybean harvest was 84 percent complete compared with 92 percent last year and the normal average of 92 percent. An

additional 2 percent of the State's peanuts were combined during the week to reach 97 percent complete at week's end. Cotton harvest totaled 69 percent, ranging from 13 percent in the West Central district to 69 percent in the major-producing Southwest district.

### ROW CROPS CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending November 23, 2003

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Cotton	7	12	37	33	11

**Hay:** Alfalfa and other hay were rated in mostly fair to good condition across the State. Harvest activities continued where possible in a few isolated areas. The fifth cutting of alfalfa made minimal movement from last week and totaled 85 percent cut.

### HAY CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending November 23, 2003

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	4	12	40	40	4
Other Hay	6	21	41	29	3

**Pasture:** Pasture conditions made some improvement in most areas, but particularly in those areas that received measurable rainfall. The recent unusual warm weather also helped maintain some of the pastures. However, pasture and range conditions varied greatly from mostly poor to good.

**Livestock:** Livestock ranged from mostly fair to excellent condition. Cattle auctions reported a decrease in marketings of steers and heifers less than 800 pounds for the week. The price for feeder steers less than 800 pounds decreased an average of \$ 1.53 cents per cwt. from last week and averaged \$102.93 per cwt. The average price for feeder heifers less than 800 pounds decreased an average of \$.75 cents per cwt. from last week and averaged \$96.54 per cwt.

### LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending November 23, 2003

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	2	5	27	50	16
Pasture & Range	8	23	39	25	5

**FINAL WEEKLY CROP WEATHER REPORT OF THE SEASON. MONTHLY CROP WEATHER WILL START JANUARY 5, 2004.**

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**OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS**

Week Ending November 23, 2003

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr. Avg.	Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr. Avg.
Wheat - Emerged	96	93	94	96	Peanuts - Combined	97	95	83	86
Oats - Seedbed Prepared	94	93	98	97	Cotton - Harvested	69	61	66	78
Planted	65	61	68	72	Alfalfa - 5 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	85	83	81	60
Emerged	60	58	65	61	Other Hay - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting	99	98	99	91
Sorghum - Mature	99	96	99	100					
Harvested	87	84	88	91					
Soybeans - Harvested	84	81	92	92					

**WEATHER FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 23, 2003** - Temperatures ranged from 8 degrees at Kenton on Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> to 83 degrees at Arnett on Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Precipitation averaged 0.01 in. Panhandle district to 1.94 in. Northeast district. Soil temperatures averaged 34 degrees at Woodward on Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> to 65 degrees at Idabel on Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.

**MESONET TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA**

Week Ending November 23, 2003

Districts	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	This Week	September 1, 2003 to November 23, 2003		
					Total	Departure from Normal	Percent of Normal
	Degrees			Inches			
Panhandle	58	31	43	0.01	3.25	-0.94	78
West Central	62	37	50	0.05	3.35	-3.57	48
Southwest	67	39	53	0.18	2.40	-5.29	31
North Central	61	37	49	0.16	4.61	-2.77	62
Central	67	41	54	0.62	6.60	-3.33	66
South Central	72	46	58	0.73	7.62	-3.35	69
Northeast	68	40	54	1.94	8.73	-2.45	78
East Central	71	44	57	1.68	9.55	-2.97	76
Southeast	73	46	59	1.87	10.61	-2.81	79