

Warm Conditions Advance Fieldwork Activities

April 6 - Warm temperatures, high winds, and lack of adequate moisture dwindled soil moisture supplies during much of the week. However, weekend rains and storms brought much needed moisture to most of the State. The Southwest and Panhandle Districts received the least amount of moisture with less than one-tenth of an inch of moisture. They continue to need additional moisture. Warm conditions last week allowed row crop field preparation to proceed in full swing and planting occurred on a wider scale. Statewide, topsoil and subsoil moisture supplies were rated short to adequate. Some of the reports for this week's crop weather arrived before the weekend rains and storms, therefore soil moisture supplies and crop conditions may understate actual conditions. Farmers had 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork during the week.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	10	24	65	1
Last Week	9	22	67	2
Last Year	33	23	39	5

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	8	28	63	1
Last Week	6	25	67	2
Last Year	42	24	29	5

Small Grains: The Winter wheat crop improved from the ideal growing conditions last week and was rated as mostly good to excellent. Seventy-eight percent of the wheat had jointed, ahead of the 5-year average of 69 percent. Thirty percent of the oats had jointed, slightly behind the 5-year average of 35 percent. Crop insect activities were rated as none to light; however, some producers were still reporting heavy crop damage due to aphids.

Row Crops: Drier conditions had producers making significant progress with row crop preparation and planting activities. Corn producers planted an additional 7 percent of the crop during the week and had 21 percent planted by week's end. As of Sunday, corn seedbeds were 66 percent prepared, while 65 percent of cotton seedbeds had been prepared. Sorghum and soybean seedbeds were at 35 and 34 percent prepared, respectively. Peanut seedbeds reached 36 percent prepared.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT Week Ending April 6, 2003

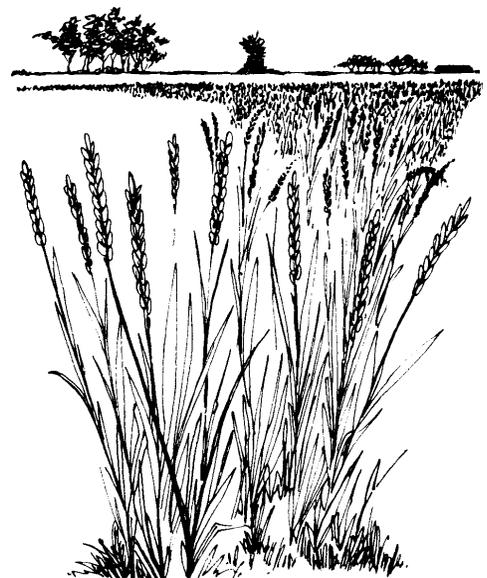
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Wheat					
This Week	0	5	25	52	18
Last Week	0	4	25	58	13
Last Year	26	24	31	17	2
Rye					
This Week	1	4	18	65	12
Oats					
This Week	2	7	33	55	3

Pasture: Range and pasture conditions were rated as fair to good. Warm conditions over much of the State have improved the growth of cool season grasses.

Livestock: Livestock conditions were rated in mostly fair to good. Cattle auctions reported marketings were average. The price for feeder steers less than 800 pounds increased from last week and averaged \$84.94 per cwt. The average price for feeder heifers less than 800 pounds also increased from last week and averaged \$77.31 per cwt.

LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT Week Ending April 6, 2003

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	1	4	30	57	8
Pasture & Range	4	12	39	40	5



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TIME DATED MATERIAL

OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS
 Week Ending April 6, 2003

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr. Avg.	Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr. Avg.
Wheat - Jointing	78	72	52	69	Sorghum - Seedbed Prepared	35	22	27	27
Oats - Planted	95	92	96	97	Soybeans - Seedbed Prepared	34	31	28	35
Jointing	30	15	19	35	Peanuts - Seedbed Prepared	36	21	45	38
Corn - Seedbed Prepared	66	58	59	63	Cotton - Seedbed Prepared	65	49	49	52
Planted	21	14	22	16					

WEATHER FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 6, 2003 - Temperatures ranged from 26 degrees at Antlers on Monday, March 31st to 92 degrees at Buffalo on Wednesday, April 2nd. Precipitation averaged 0.01 in. Panhandle district to 0.83 in. Northeast district. Soil temperatures averaged 44 degrees at Hooker on Monday, March 31st to 69 degrees at Bee on Friday, April 4th.

MESONET TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA
 Week Ending April 6, 2003

Districts	Temperature			This Week	Precipitation		
	High	Low	Average		March 1, 2003 to April 6, 2003		
					Total	Departure from Normal	Percent of Normal
Degrees			Inches				
Panhandle	74	40	58	0.01	1.26	-0.74	63
West Central	76	46	61	0.18	0.96	-1.96	33
Southwest	78	47	63	0.09	1.00	-1.80	36
North Central	73	47	60	0.27	2.68	-0.59	82
Central	74	49	61	0.67	2.90	-1.05	73
South Central	77	51	64	0.10	1.55	-2.75	36
Northeast	71	47	60	0.83	4.26	-0.21	95
East Central	73	49	62	0.21	2.86	-2.10	58
Southeast	76	49	63	0.49	2.73	-2.65	51