



## Severe Weather Hits OKC Metro and Surrounding Areas

**May 11** - Severe wind, hail and some rain swept through central and northern Oklahoma on Thursday and Friday. There is not enough information at the present time to know whether crops were damaged by the tornados and hail. The extra moisture that helped a few areas still left many counties in need of rain. Subsoil and topsoil moisture slipped slightly from last week. Rain is needed in many areas to help aid the development of the wheat crop as well as row crops. Farmers had 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork during the week.

### TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	18	42	39	1
Last Week	15	36	48	1
Last Year	18	24	55	3

### SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	18	37	45	0
Last Week	14	34	52	0
Last Year	27	27	45	1

**Small Grains:** Due to continued dry weather, the wheat condition declined slightly but was still rated as mostly good to fair. Many areas need additional rains to enable proper growth and maturity of the wheat crop. Wheat heading advanced slightly to 98 percent compared to the 95 percent last year and the 5-year average of 90 percent. Wheat in the soft dough stage of development reached 32 percent, ahead of the 5-year average of 23 percent. Wheat harvest is expected to begin in some fields next week in southern Oklahoma. Oats were rated in good to fair condition with 54 percent of the crop headed. Crop insect activity was reported as light to none across the State.

### SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending May 11, 2003

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Wheat					
This Week	4	10	29	43	14
Last Week	3	8	24	47	18
Last Year	20	14	28	33	5
Rye					
This Week	2	9	36	46	7
Oats					
This Week	2	10	42	42	4

**Row Crops:** Producers continued preparing row crop seedbeds and planting summer crops. Cotton seedbed preparation was 94 percent complete, slightly higher than the 5-year average of 92 percent. Seedbed preparation for corn was 96 percent complete with 67 percent of the corn planted. Fifty-one percent of the sorghum seedbeds had

been prepared with 16 percent planted. Peanuts progressed above average with 90 percent of the seedbed prepared and 40 percent planted. Soybean progress was below average with 68 percent seedbed prepared and 28 percent planted.

**Hay:** Alfalfa and other hay were rated in mostly good to fair condition. First cutting of both alfalfa and other hay continued to make progress for many farmers last week. The lack of rain was causing some farmers to wait before cutting. However, the first cutting of alfalfa was at 68 percent, while other hay was at 24 percent complete, both ahead of normal.

### HAY CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending May 11, 2003

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	0	4	30	55	11
Other Hay	0	11	39	45	5

**Minor Commodities:** Watermelons were 76 percent planted Statewide, ahead of the 5-year average of 70 percent.

**Pasture:** Pasture and range conditions were rated mostly fair to good. Additional rainfall is needed to promote good growth in native pastures. Weed control and fertilization was active at this time in many areas.

**Livestock:** Livestock were rated in mostly fair to good condition. Livestock insect activities were rated as light to moderate with ticks being the major problem reported. Cattle auctions reported a slight decrease in marketings from last week. The price for feeder steers less than 800 pounds increased an average of fifty cents per cwt. from last week with the average price being \$84.15 per cwt. The average price for feeder heifers less than 800 pounds increased from last week by \$2.20 averaging \$78.25 per cwt.

### LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending May 11, 2003

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	1	3	25	59	12
Pasture & Range	3	14	38	37	8

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**OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS**

Week Ending May 11, 2003

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr. Avg.	Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr. Avg.
Wheat -					Soybeans -				
Headed	98	91	95	90	Seedbed Prepared	68	65	74	78
Soft Dough	32	13	33	23	Planted	28	25	37	34
Oats -					Emerged	15	n/a	19	16
Jointing	86	82	88	91	Peanuts -				
Headed	54	38	48	60	Seedbed Prepared	90	79	91	89
Soft Dough	16	n/a	25	17	Planted	40	25	25	31
Corn -					Emerged	15	n/a	10	9
Seedbed Prepared	96	93	93	97	Cotton -				
Planted	67	58	90	94	Seedbed Prepared	94	88	94	92
Emerged	39	35	62	52	Planted	41	15	37	24
Sorghum -					Emerged	9	n/a	13	7
Seedbed Prepared	51	48	60	63	Alfalfa -				
Planted	16	14	20	15	1 <sup>st</sup> Cutting	68	46	47	57
Emerged	7	n/a	9	8	Other Hay -				
					1 <sup>st</sup> Cutting	24	16	20	23
					Watermelons -				
					Planted	76	61	60	70

**WEATHER FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 11, 2003** - Temperatures ranged from 32 degrees at Boise City on Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup> to 101 degrees at Grandfield on Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. Precipitation averaged 0.07 in. Panhandle district to 0.80 in. East Central district. Soil temperatures averaged 62 degrees at Kenton on Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> to 82 degrees at Antlers on Tuesday May 6<sup>th</sup> and Durant on Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.

**MESONET TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA**

Week Ending May 11, 2003

Districts	Temperature			This Week	Precipitation		
	High	Low	Average		March 1, 2003 to May 11, 2003		
					Total	Departure from Normal	Percent of Normal
Degrees			Inches				
Panhandle	78	43	62	0.07	2.42	-2.26	52
West Central	83	50	68	0.19	3.51	- 3.23	52
Southwest	88	53	72	0.39	3.18	- 3.52	47
North Central	79	49	66	0.10	5.27	- 2.04	72
Central	84	56	71	0.56	4.70	- 4.07	54
South Central	86	64	75	0.42	3.06	- 6.23	33
Northeast	81	57	71	0.47	6.50	- 3.12	68
East Central	82	63	73	0.80	5.67	- 4.84	54
Southeast	83	66	75	0.60	4.98	- 6.25	44