



## Wheat Harvest Comes To A Standstill

**June 8** - Just as wheat harvest was getting into full swing a week ago, rains beginning on Monday and continuing through Saturday morning shut it down last week. There were spots across the state that did harvest early or late in the week as conditions allowed. Harvest should pick back up quickly as fields are dry enough for the combines to enter. The scattered rains and thunderstorms did bring much needed moisture to many parts of the State. However, additional moisture is greatly needed to prevent stress to row crops and pastures. The Panhandle and West Central districts received the most precipitation with 1.85 inches while the Central district received the least with 1.13 inches. Even with recent rains, precipitation levels still remain below normal for the current growing season. Soil moisture supplies improved due to the recent rains and both topsoil and subsoil were rated as mostly adequate. Farmers had 3.3 days suitable for fieldwork during the week.

### TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	2	14	73	11
Last Week	6	29	64	1
Last Year	11	18	61	10

### SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	5	30	61	4
Last Week	11	33	53	3
Last Year	20	22	51	7

**Small Grains:** Winter wheat harvest advanced 7 percentage points from last week to 20 percent complete despite the wet conditions. Harvest ranged from 57 percent complete in the Southwest district to 2 percent harvested in the North Central district. The wheat crop continued to be rated in mostly fair to good condition. Wheat in the soft dough stage of development advanced 5 percentage points from last week to 98 percent. Oat and rye conditions were both rated as fair to good. Oat harvest was 9 percent complete, behind the normal pace. Crop insect activity was reported as none to light across the State.

### SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending June 8, 2003

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Wheat					
This Week	5	8	25	47	15
Last Week	4	8	28	46	14
Last Year	21	14	30	30	5
Rye					
This Week	4	8	27	53	8
Oats					
This Week	5	11	36	44	4

**Row Crops:** Crop conditions should improve in areas that received significant rains but moisture is needed across the State to ensure proper development of all row crops. Soybean and sorghum plantings were 62 and 43 percent planted, respectively while cotton planting advanced to 88 percent planted. Some cotton replanting was necessary in Jackson county due to the damage caused from last weeks' high winds and hail. Corn had begun silking and totaled 5 percent by week's end, slightly ahead of normal progress.

### ROW CROPS CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending June 8, 2003

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	0	1	5	41	53
Soybeans	0	1	25	58	16
Peanuts	0	5	28	54	13
Cotton	0	4	62	31	3

**Hay:** The second cutting of alfalfa made good progress despite the wet conditions with an additional 15 percent being cut. By week's end, 38 percent had been cut, ahead of the normal pace of 34 percent. Other hay first cutting was at 57 percent cut.

### HAY CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending June 8, 2003

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	1	5	21	58	15
Other Hay	2	10	31	49	8

**Pasture:** Pasture and range conditions were rated as mostly fair to good. Some producers reported an increasing appearance of grasshoppers.

**Livestock:** Livestock conditions were rated as fair to excellent. Livestock insect activities were rated as mostly none to light. Cattle auctions reported marketings were average for the week. The price for feeder steers less than 800 pounds decreased from last week and averaged \$87.48 per cwt. The average price for feeder heifers less than 800 pounds increased from last week and averaged \$83.85 per cwt.

### LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending June 8, 2003

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	0	2	18	62	18
Pasture & Range	1	11	32	47	9

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**TIME DATED MATERIAL**

**OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS**  
 Week Ending June 8, 2003

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr. Avg.	Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr. Avg.
Wheat -					Soybeans -				
Soft Dough	98	93	99	93	Seedbed Prepared	87	84	89	94
Harvested	20	13	16	26	Planted	62	59	69	67
Oats -					Emerged	55	52	59	53
Headed	96	94	92	97	Peanuts -				
Soft Dough	77	68	73	81	Emerged	95	89	84	82
Harvested	9	n/a	13	16	Pegging	3	n/a	n/a	1
Corn -					Cotton -				
Emerged	96	84	96	98	Planted	88	85	87	88
Silking	5	n/a	4	4	Emerged	79	70	78	73
Sorghum -					Alfalfa -				
Seedbed Prepared	79	74	85	91	2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting	38	23	27	34
Planted	43	32	50	50	Other Hay -				
Emerged	34	31	42	32	1 <sup>st</sup> Cutting	57	48	61	58
					Watermelons -				
					Running	72	61	59	59
					Setting Fruit	19	n/a	3	7

**WEATHER FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 8, 2003** - Temperatures ranged from 44 degrees at Boise City on Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> to 90 degrees at Idabel on Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Precipitation averaged 1.13 in. Central district to 1.85 in. Panhandle and North Central districts. Soil temperatures averaged 60 degrees at Woodward on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> to 85 degrees at Burneyville on Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**MESONET TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA**  
 Week Ending June 8, 2003

Districts	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	This Week	March 1, 2003 to June 8, 2003		
					Total	Departure from Normal	Percent of Normal
Degrees			Inches				
Panhandle	73	53	63	1.85	6.12	- 1.52	80
West Central	77	58	66	1.39	7.39	- 3.54	68
Southwest	82	60	70	1.82	7.61	- 3.40	69
North Central	75	57	65	1.85	10.58	- 0.83	93
Central	78	58	67	1.13	9.25	- 4.37	68
South Central	80	61	70	1.56	8.50	- 5.65	60
Northeast	75	56	66	1.52	12.51	- 1.88	87
East Central	77	58	67	1.15	10.90	- 4.71	70
Southeast	80	60	70	1.62	9.11	- 7.47	55