



## Wet Conditions Delay Row Crop Harvest

**October 5** - Beneficial moisture was received across most of the State last week. Temperatures were relatively cool throughout the week with all district high temperatures averaging 74 degrees or less. The North Central district received the most precipitation with 1.27 inches while the South Central district received the least with 0.12 inches. Field conditions were wet in some areas which has slowed harvesting progress. Most producers were hoping for dry weather this coming week to get back to harvesting and planting activities. Pastures continued to show improvements with the recent rainfall. Some of the weekly reports arrived before weekend rains which influenced the soil moisture categories in the table below. Farmers had 4.9 days suitable for fieldwork during the week

### TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	7	28	62	3
Last Week	6	32	61	1
Last Year	10	27	57	6

### SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	15	35	49	1
Last Week	15	38	47	0
Last Year	14	32	54	0

**Small Grains:** Despite the wet conditions, producers made progress in preparing and planting small grain crops. At week's end, 70 percent of the State's intended wheat acreage had been planted. Wheat emerging advanced 18 percentage points from last week to 47 percent complete. Emergence of earlier planted small grains continued to develop in areas with adequate soil moisture supplies. Reports of armyworms continued to concern producers. Producers were spraying to keep infestations under control.

**Row Crops:** Harvest activities were slowed by the recent wet conditions and progress was at a minimal even in areas that were dry enough to operate equipment. Corn harvest made limited advancements and was 74 percent complete. Sorghum and soybeans both stood at 36 percent harvested. At week's end, good progress was made on digging and combining peanuts and totaled 20 and 7 percent, respectively. The cotton crop was rated in mostly fair to good condition with 90 percent opening bolls. Cotton harvest gained an additional 5 percentage points from last week and totaled 10 percent harvested. All row crops continued to be rated in mostly fair to good condition.

### ROW CROPS CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending October 5, 2003

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	0	2	17	31	50
Sorghum	3	30	39	27	1
Soybeans	7	12	38	37	6
Peanuts	0	9	39	46	6
Cotton	7	14	46	27	6

**Hay:** Both alfalfa and other hay ranged from mostly fair to good condition. Alfalfa and other hay continued to grow in areas with adequate moisture although the unseasonably cool temperatures have slowed growth considerably. The fourth and fifth cuttings of alfalfa made minimal progress and totaled 89 and 42 percent cut, respectively. The second cutting of other hay was 83 percent cut.

### HAY CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending October 5, 2003

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	2	11	45	36	6
Other Hay	5	20	41	30	4

**Pasture:** Pasture and range conditions were rated mostly fair to good.

**Livestock:** Livestock conditions ranged from mostly fair to good. 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 dropped \$1.82 per cwt. from last week and averaged \$100.49 per cwt. The average price for feeder heifers less than 800 pounds was down \$2.68 per cwt. from last week and averaged \$94.13 per cwt.

### LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending October 5, 2003

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	1	3	26	55	15
Pasture & Range	5	18	38	32	7

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**OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS**

Week Ending October 5, 2003

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr. Avg.	Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr. Avg.
Wheat -					Soybeans -				
Seedbed Prepared	95	91	93	92	Mature	68	59	70	73
Planted	70	58	71	54	Harvested	36	27	39	45
Emerged	47	29	44	25	Peanuts -				
Rye -					Mature	87	80	70	64
Seedbed Prepared	96	94	98	89	Dug	20	7	29	21
Planted	89	71	86	63	Combined	7	4	18	10
Emerged	53	40	57	34	Cotton -				
Oats -					Bolls Opening	90	80	78	89
Seedbed Prepared	77	71	81	81	Harvested	10	5	19	17
Planted	43	32	35	28	Alfalfa -				
Emerged	23	10	22	10	4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	89	84	95	78
Corn -					5 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	42	31	58	34
Mature	99	93	100	99	Other Hay -				
Harvested	74	70	69	88	2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting	83	79	91	70
Sorghum -									
Coloring	93	89	87	94					
Mature	73	60	79	71					
Harvested	36	30	61	39					

**WEATHER FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 5, 2003** - Temperatures ranged from 35 degrees at Pryor on Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> to 85 degrees at Grandfield on Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Precipitation averaged 0.12 in. South Central district to 1.27 in. North Central district. Soil temperatures averaged 49 degrees at Woodward on Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> to 75 degrees at Waurika on Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>.

**MESONET TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA**

Week Ending October 5, 2003

Districts	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	This Week	September 1, 2003 to October 5, 2003		
					Total	Departure from Normal	Percent of Normal
Degrees			Inches				
Panhandle	66	48	56	0.44	2.20	+ 0.07	103
West Central	67	50	58	0.76	2.13	- 1.32	62
Southwest	73	52	62	0.29	0.92	- 2.95	24
North Central	64	49	56	1.27	2.76	- 0.80	78
Central	68	51	59	0.69	3.12	- 1.58	66
South Central	73	54	62	0.12	4.50	- 0.52	90
Northeast	68	46	57	0.95	4.08	- 1.29	76
East Central	70	50	60	0.23	3.98	- 1.67	70
Southeast	74	51	62	0.42	4.80	- 0.57	89