



## Additional Rains Continue to Slow Planting and Harvest Activities

**October 12** - Additional rainfall was received across the state last week with only 3 Mesonet stations not receiving any rainfall. The Central district received the most precipitation with 1.95 inches while the South Central district received the least with 0.24 inches. These recent weather conditions were another delay for the producers that were trying to get small grains planted and harvest their row crops. Emergence of earlier planted wheat fields continued, but fields need to dry out in many areas before significant planting can occur. Timely amounts of rainfall have helped some crops and pastures to recover from the summer stress. Soil moisture supplies were mostly short to adequate. Farmers had 4.4 days suitable for fieldwork during the week.

### TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	6	21	65	8
Last Week	7	28	62	3
Last Year	4	15	74	7

### SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	12	34	50	4
Last Week	15	35	49	1
Last Year	10	25	64	1

**Small Grains:** Fall small grain planting made limited progress in areas that were dry enough to plant. At week's end, 78 percent of the State's intended wheat acreage had been planted. Rye and oat seedings were at 93 and 48 percent complete, respectively. Emergence of earlier planted small grains continue to move in the development stages with timely rains. Sixty-two percent of the intended wheat acreage had emerged.

**Row Crops:** Row crop harvest was delayed or halted in most areas due to the wet conditions. A combination of hot, dry summer temperatures followed by recent rains have caused most row crops to fall behind normal in development. This in turn has caused harvest to lag behind normal. Corn harvest made limited progress and advanced to 79 percent complete, 13 percentage points behind the five-year average. Sorghum and soybeans were at 44 and 45 percent harvested, respectively. At week's end, 25 percent of peanut crop had been dug while 11 percent had been combined. This compares to normal where 39 percent would be dug and 26 percent combined. Cotton producers were also able to advance harvesting their crop with harvest at 17 percent complete. All row crops continued to be rated in mostly fair to good condition.

### ROW CROPS CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending October 12, 2003

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	0	2	18	30	50
Sorghum	4	29	38	28	1
Soybeans	9	12	36	37	6
Peanuts	0	7	41	47	5
Cotton	8	13	47	26	6

**Hay:** The fourth cutting of alfalfa made limited progress with 91 percent cut, while the fifth cutting of alfalfa was 48 percent cut. The second cutting of other hay was 85 percent cut. Alfalfa hay and other hay were rated in mostly good to fair condition.

### HAY CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending October 12, 2003

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	3	9	46	37	5
Other Hay	6	19	40	32	3

**Pasture:** Adequate moisture supplies have kept pastures and ranges in mostly fair to good condition Statewide. Beneficial rains have allowed cool season grass growth to progress.

**Livestock:** Livestock were rated in mostly good to excellent condition. Cattle auctions reported an increase in marketings of steers and heifers less than 800 pounds for the week. The price for feeder steers less than 800 pounds increased \$2.51 per cwt. from last week and averaged \$103.00 per cwt. The average price for feeder heifers less than 800 pounds increased \$3.40 per cwt. and averaged \$97.53 per cwt.

### LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending October 12, 2003

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	1	3	23	55	18
Pasture & Range	5	17	39	33	6

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**OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS**

Week Ending October 12, 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	98	95	96	95	Mature	77	68	83	82
Planted	78	70	77	65	Harvested	45	36	49	54
Emerged	62	47	59	36	Peanuts -				
Rye -					Mature	92	87	86	78
Seedbed Prepared	98	96	100	93	Dug	25	20	46	39
Planted	93	89	92	75	Combined	11	7	40	26
Emerged	67	53	81	48	Cotton -				
Oats -					Bolls Opening	95	90	93	94
Seedbed Prepared	81	77	82	85	Harvested	17	10	24	34
Planted	48	43	39	40	Alfalfa -				
Emerged	30	23	30	17	4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	91	89	97	86
Corn -					5 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	48	42	61	38
Harvested	79	74	77	92	Other Hay -				
Sorghum -					2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting	85	83	92	72
Coloring	95	93	90	96					
Mature	80	73	84	82					
Harvested	44	36	65	47					

**WEATHER FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 12, 2003** - Temperatures ranged from 35 degrees at Beaver on Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> to 86 degrees at Kenton on Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup> and at Walters on Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. Precipitation averaged 0.24 in. South Central district to 1.95 in. Central district. Soil temperatures averaged 53 degrees at Woodward on Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> to 77 degrees at Waurika on Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>.

**MESONET TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA**

Week Ending October 12, 2003

Districts	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	This Week	September 1, 2003 to October 12, 2003		
					Total	Departure from Normal	Percent of Normal
Degrees			Inches				
Panhandle	76	52	64	0.48	2.68	+ 0.21	109
West Central	76	57	66	0.86	2.89	- 1.13	72
Southwest	80	60	69	0.41	1.36	- 3.18	30
North Central	75	53	64	1.26	4.02	- 0.14	97
Central	78	56	66	1.95	5.21	- 0.32	94
South Central	80	60	69	0.24	4.84	- 1.15	81
Northeast	75	53	63	1.83	5.91	- 0.28	95
East Central	77	57	66	1.76	5.74	- 0.87	87
Southeast	79	60	68	0.94	5.71	- 0.78	88