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Harvest Picks Up Momentum

October 19 - Unseasonably warm weather during the latter part of the week allowed producers to pick up momentum with fieldwork activities. Rainfall was virtually nonexistent across the State this past week except for a few isolated areas which experienced only limited moisture. Most southern counties of Oklahoma remain dry and more rain is needed for proper plant development before the winter weather arrives. Harvesting of row crops continued to move forward as there were virtually no weather related setbacks. Soil moisture supplies continued to be adequate in many areas and were rated as mostly short to adequate. Farmers had 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork during the week.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	10	27	57	6
Last Week	6	21	65	8
Last Year	2	15	75	8

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	15	32	49	4
Last Week	12	34	50	4
Last Year	8	23	68	1

Small Grains: Wheat and oats were rated in mostly fair to good condition, while rye was rated in mostly fair to excellent condition. Some producers in the near future will begin moving cattle to wheat pasture for grazing. Wheat planted increased 9 percentage points from last week to 87 percent of the intended acres. Seventy-three percent of the intended State's wheat acreage had emerged, well ahead of the normal average of 50 percent. Rye and oats emergence were at 81 and 38 percent complete, respectively.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending October 19, 2003

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Wheat	3	6	25	56	10
Rye	7	4	17	57	15
Oats	9	2	31	56	2

Row Crops: Row crop harvest began gaining momentum after the previous slowdowns due to the wet conditions. At week's end, all row crops continued to be rated in mostly fair to good condition. Corn harvest managed to increase 5 percentage points to 84 percent harvested. Sorghum producers harvested an additional 10 percent of the crop, bringing the total to 54 percent. Soybean harvest continued during the week and 51 percent had been harvested by week's end. Peanut harvest made impressive progress during the week. An additional 23 percent of peanuts were dug for a total of 48 percent complete, while 28 percent had been combined. Cotton harvest lagged behind normal with 22 percent complete compared with 29 percent last year and the normal average of 43 percent.

ROW CROPS CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending October 19, 2003

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	0	2	16	33	49
Sorghum	4	29	37	29	1
Soybeans	8	11	34	41	6
Peanuts	0	11	39	44	6
Cotton	7	17	45	24	7

Hay: The fourth cutting of alfalfa was nearing completion with 94 percent cut, while the fifth cutting of alfalfa passed the halfway mark. The second cutting of other hay was steadily moving ahead with 89 percent cut compared with 93 percent last year and the five-year average of 76 percent.

HAY CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending October 19, 2003

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	2	11	38	43	6
Other Hay	4	22	38	32	4

Pasture: Range and pasture conditions ranged from mostly poor to good, Statewide.

Livestock: Livestock remained in mostly fair to excellent condition. Some producers are hauling water due to low water levels in the southern parts of the State. 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 \$3.50 per cwt. from last week and averaged \$106.50 per cwt. The average price for feeder heifers less than 800 pounds increased \$1.55 per cwt. and averaged \$99.08 per cwt.

LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending October 19, 2003

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	0	3	26	52	19
Pasture & Range	6	18	35	33	8



ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

TIME DATED MATERIAL

OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS

Week Ending October 19, 2003

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr. Avg.	Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr. Avg.
Wheat -					Soybeans -				
Planted	87	78	87	77	Mature	83	77	88	88
Emerged	73	62	72	50	Harvested	51	45	59	60
Rye -					Peanuts -				
Planted	96	93	96	84	Mature	95	92	93	89
Emerged	81	67	92	62	Dug	48	25	58	57
Oats -					Combined	28	11	45	37
Seedbed Prepared	87	81	88	90	Cotton -				
Planted	51	48	52	54	Bolls Opening	97	95	97	96
Emerged	38	30	41	29	Harvested	22	17	29	43
Corn -					Alfalfa -				
Harvested	84	79	87	97	4 th Cutting	94	91	100	89
Sorghum -					5 th Cutting	53	48	64	42
Coloring	97	95	93	98	Other Hay -				
Mature	86	80	88	90	2 nd Cutting	89	85	93	76
Harvested	54	44	74	58					

WEATHER FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 19, 2003 - Temperatures ranged from 31 degrees at Boise City on Tuesday, October 14th to 94 degrees at Freedom on Saturday, October 18th and at Beaver on Sunday, October 19th. Precipitation averaged 0.00 in. Panhandle, West Central, and Southwest districts to 0.43 in. Northeast district. Soil temperatures averaged 54 degrees at Woodward on Wednesday, October 15th to 75 degrees at Waurika on Monday, October 13th.

MESONET TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA

Week Ending October 19, 2003

Districts	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	This Week	September 1, 2003 to October 19, 2003		
					Total	Departure from Normal	Percent of Normal
Degrees			Inches				
Panhandle	81	42	61	0.00	2.68	- 0.13	95
West Central	79	48	62	0.00	2.89	- 1.71	63
Southwest	82	49	64	0.00	1.36	- 3.85	26
North Central	77	46	61	0.02	4.04	- 0.72	85
Central	78	48	62	0.10	5.31	- 1.04	84
South Central	79	48	64	0.04	4.89	- 2.06	70
Northeast	75	46	60	0.43	6.34	- 0.66	91
East Central	76	46	61	0.31	6.04	- 1.53	80
Southeast	77	47	62	0.21	5.91	- 1.70	78