



Soil Moisture Supplies Dwindling

November 2 - Small amounts of rainfall passed through eastern portions of Oklahoma, but most of the remainder of the State failed to receive any rainfall. Planting of fall small grains advanced, but some replanting was necessary due to poor stands caused by the prolonged dry conditions. Soil moisture supplies continued to dwindle and small grain crops and pastures are showing signs of stress. These extreme conditions have led to an accelerated pace for peanut and cotton harvest. Farmers had 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork during the week.

| TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT | | | | |
|-----------------------------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
| This Week | 25 | 38 | 37 | 0 |
| Last Week | 19 | 31 | 49 | 1 |
| Last Year | 0 | 5 | 55 | 40 |

| SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT | | | | |
|-----------------------------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
| This Week | 24 | 35 | 41 | 0 |
| Last Week | 21 | 37 | 42 | 0 |
| Last Year | 1 | 18 | 65 | 16 |

Small Grains: Wheat fields in the southern parts of the State are turning brown due to lack of moisture. Rainfall is badly needed to improve existing stands and allow future development. Producers were concerned that fall small grains were stressed enough that a hard freeze might damage their crop. Wheat condition ranged from mostly fair to good. At week's end, wheat emergence improved 5 percentage points to 86 percent. Rye and oats emergence progressed during the week and were at 95 and 50 percent, respectively.

| SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Week Ending November 2, 2003 | | | | | |
| | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
| Wheat | | | | | |
| This Week | 9 | 12 | 21 | 48 | 10 |
| Last Week | 7 | 11 | 19 | 51 | 12 |
| Last Year | 0 | 3 | 31 | 48 | 18 |
| Rye | | | | | |
| This Week | 9 | 7 | 21 | 51 | 12 |
| Oats | | | | | |
| This Week | 16 | 11 | 25 | 45 | 3 |

Row Crops: Corn harvest was nearly complete with 98 percent of the crop harvested. Sorghum producers were able to harvest an additional 6 percent of the crop from last week, bringing the total to 70 percent complete. Harvest of soybeans advanced to 62 percent complete.

Some soybean producers are looking at the economic benefits of whether or not to harvest their crop. Peanut and cotton harvest progressed well during the week due to the ideal harvest weather conditions. Eighty-eight percent of the peanut crop had been dug, while 72 percent had been combined at week's end. Cotton harvested gained another 8 percentage points to end the week at the half-way mark.

ROW CROPS CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending November 2, 2003

| | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|---------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Peanuts | 1 | 10 | 39 | 44 | 6 |
| Cotton | 9 | 16 | 40 | 29 | 6 |

Hay: The fifth cutting of alfalfa continued to make progress with an additional 10 percent harvested to total 74 percent cut. The second cutting of other hay was nearing completion with 94 percent being cut at week's end.

HAY CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending November 2, 2003

| | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-----------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Alfalfa | 4 | 13 | 45 | 34 | 4 |
| Other Hay | 5 | 25 | 40 | 29 | 1 |

Pasture: Statewide, pasture and range conditions continued to deteriorate due to lack of rainfall. Conditions ranged from poor to good.

Livestock: Livestock ranged from mostly fair 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 an average of \$1.72 per cwt. from last week and averaged \$103.03 per cwt. The average price for feeder heifers less than 800 pounds also increased an average of \$2.00 per cwt. from last week and averaged \$96.96 per cwt.

LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending November 2, 2003

| | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-----------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Livestock | 1 | 5 | 27 | 53 | 14 |
| Pasture & Range | 8 | 21 | 38 | 31 | 2 |

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OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS

Week Ending November 2, 2003

| Item | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5 - Yr. Avg. | Item | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5 - Yr. Avg. |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| Wheat - | | | | | Soybeans - | | | | |
| Planted | 96 | 93 | 92 | 87 | Mature | 88 | 86 | 96 | 93 |
| Emerged | 86 | 81 | 85 | 71 | Harvested | 62 | 57 | 74 | 74 |
| Rye - | | | | | Peanuts - | | | | |
| Emerged | 95 | 93 | 97 | 80 | Dug | 88 | 71 | 73 | 78 |
| Oats - | | | | | Combined | 72 | 52 | 50 | 60 |
| Seedbed Prepared | 90 | 88 | 91 | 93 | Cotton - | | | | |
| Planted | 58 | 55 | 57 | 63 | Harvested | 50 | 42 | 38 | 59 |
| Emerged | 50 | 44 | 53 | 45 | Alfalfa - | | | | |
| Corn - | | | | | 5 th Cutting | 74 | 64 | 71 | 49 |
| Harvested | 98 | 92 | 96 | 99 | Other Hay - | | | | |
| Sorghum - | | | | | 2 nd Cutting | 94 | 92 | 95 | 83 |
| Mature | 90 | 89 | 90 | 94 | | | | | |
| Harvested | 70 | 64 | 77 | 74 | | | | | |

WEATHER FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 2, 2003 - Temperatures ranged from 27 degrees at Boise City on Friday, October 31st to 92 degrees at Kenton on Wednesday, October 29th. Precipitation averaged 0.00 in. Panhandle, West Central, and Southwest districts to 0.10 in. Northeast district. Soil temperatures averaged 47 degrees at Woodward on Saturday, November 1st to 74 degrees at Hugo on Saturday, November 1st.

MESONET TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA

Week Ending November 2, 2003

| Districts | Temperature | | | Precipitation | | | |
|---------------|-------------|-----|---------|---------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| | High | Low | Average | This Week | September 1, 2003 to November 2, 2003 | | |
| | | | | | Total | Departure from Normal | Percent of Normal |
| Degrees | | | Inches | | | | |
| Panhandle | 69 | 39 | 53 | 0.00 | 2.68 | - 0.78 | 77 |
| West Central | 69 | 45 | 58 | 0.00 | 2.89 | - 2.81 | 51 |
| Southwest | 74 | 48 | 61 | 0.00 | 1.37 | - 5.12 | 21 |
| North Central | 68 | 43 | 56 | 0.01 | 4.05 | - 1.88 | 68 |
| Central | 72 | 46 | 60 | 0.03 | 5.34 | - 2.62 | 67 |
| South Central | 79 | 51 | 65 | 0.01 | 4.90 | - 3.90 | 56 |
| Northeast | 70 | 46 | 59 | 0.10 | 6.51 | - 2.14 | 75 |
| East Central | 76 | 49 | 63 | 0.08 | 6.12 | - 3.40 | 64 |
| Southeast | 80 | 50 | 65 | 0.03 | 5.94 | - 3.92 | 60 |