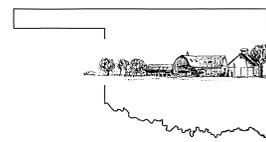


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Temperatures Drop; Rain Welcomed

November 9 - A cold front passed through the State last week bringing cooler temperatures and scattered showers over the weekend. The Southeast district received the most precipitation with 2.62 inches while the Panhandle, West Central, and North Central districts received no rain or less than one tenth of an inch. The average temperature for all districts dropped from last week and averaged a maximum temperature of 62 degrees or less, with the Panhandle district averaging 40 degrees for the week. Wheat fields should improve in areas that received moisture, yet widespread showers are greatly needed for further wheat growth and development. Harvesting of remaining row crops advanced before being slowed or halted by the showers. Some weekly reports arrived before the weekend rains which influenced the soil moisture tables below. Farmers had 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork during the week.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	21	45	32	2
Last Week	25	38	37	0
Last Year	0	1	79	20

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	25	38	35	2
Last Week	24	35	41	0
Last Year	1	10	75	14

Small Grains: Small grain planting made minimal progress from last week. Areas that received moisture over the weekend should soon experience some improvement in wheat condition. However, wheat fields in other areas of the State remain stressed from lack of rainfall. Some producers in the northern part of the State are grazing cattle on early planted wheat. Wheat planted gained 2 percentage points to 98 percent complete. Wheat emergence improved 4 percentage points from last week to 90 percent of the intended acres. Rye and oats emergence improved by 2 and 5 percentage points from last week and totaled 97 and 55 percent, respectively.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending November 9, 2003

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Wheat					
This Week	8	12	27	44	9
Last Week	9	12	21	48	10
Last Year	0	2	24	53	21
Rye					
This Week	8	7	28	47	10
Oats					
This Week	12	16	32	37	3

Row Crops: Harvest of the remaining crop acreage continued but progress was slowed or halted in some areas by the rains. Sorghum and soybean harvest gained momentum and were at 79 and 73 percent complete, respectively. Peanut producers made good progress this past week. Digging of peanuts was nearly complete and totaled 94 percent. An additional 9 percent of the peanut crop was combined during the week and reached 81 percent complete, compared with 54 percent last year and the five year average of 68 percent. Cotton harvest increased 6 percentage points to end the week at 56 percent complete.

ROW CROPS CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending November 9, 2003

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Cotton	8	14	38	31	9

Hay: Both alfalfa and other hay ranged from mostly fair to good condition. The fifth cutting of alfalfa gained an additional 7 percentage points to end the week with 81 percent being cut. The second cutting of other hay was virtually complete at 96 percent cut.

HAY CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending November 9, 2003

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	2	12	43	40	3
Other Hay	4	22	42	30	2

Pasture: Pasture and range remained in mostly poor to good condition across the State. However, the recent rains should help improve the grass forage production.

Livestock: Livestock continued to be rated in mostly fair to excellent condition. Cattle auctions reported an increase in marketings of steers under 800 pounds, but a decrease in marketings of heifers less than 800 pounds. The price for feeder steers less than 800 pounds increased an average of \$.72 cents per cwt. from last week and averaged \$103.75 per cwt. The average price for feeder heifers less than 800 pounds decreased an average of \$.29 cents per cwt. from last week and averaged \$96.67 per cwt.

LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending November 9, 2003

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	1	4	26	52	17
Pasture & Range	7	21	40	27	5

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

TIME DATED MATERIAL

OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS

Week Ending November 9, 2003

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr. Avg.	Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr. Avg.
Wheat -					Soybeans -				
Planted	98	96	94	89	Mature	91	88	98	97
Emerged	90	86	90	78	Harvested	73	62	80	81
Rye -					Peanuts -				
Emerged	97	95	99	87	Dug	94	88	78	85
Oats -					Combined	81	72	54	68
Seedbed Prepared	91	90	93	94	Cotton -				
Planted	59	58	60	66	Harvested	56	50	42	65
Emerged	55	50	56	50	Alfalfa -				
Sorghum -					5 th Cutting	81	74	74	51
Mature	94	90	93	97	Other Hay -				
Harvested	79	70	80	83	2 nd Cutting	96	94	97	86

WEATHER FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 9, 2003 - Temperatures ranged from 18 degrees at Beaver on Friday, November 7th to 86 degrees at Waurika on Tuesday, November 4th. Precipitation averaged 0.00 in. Panhandle district to 2.62 in. Southeast district. Soil temperatures averaged 38 degrees at Woodward on Friday, November 7th to 73 degrees at Durant and Hugo on Tuesday, November 4th.

MESONET TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA

Week Ending November 9, 2003

Districts	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	This Week	September 1, 2003 to November 9, 2003		
					Total	Departure from Normal	Percent of Normal
Degrees			Inches				
Panhandle	51	32	40	0.00	2.68	- 1.02	72
West Central	52	38	46	0.03	2.98	- 3.13	49
Southwest	55	43	49	0.67	2.04	- 4.85	30
North Central	53	37	45	0.01	4.07	- 2.34	63
Central	55	42	49	0.15	5.48	- 3.13	64
South Central	58	47	52	1.71	6.63	- 2.89	70
Northeast	56	41	49	0.17	6.69	- 2.81	70
East Central	57	45	52	1.31	7.43	- 3.09	71
Southeast	62	49	55	2.62	8.57	- 2.48	78