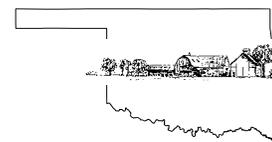


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Additional Showers Pass Through the State

November 16 - Another round of late week thunderstorms Statewide caused a delay to sorghum, soybeans, and cotton harvest. Despite the slowdown from the wet conditions, peanut harvest continued to run significantly ahead of normal. These rain showers should help moisture shortages that have persisted throughout the State and reduce stress to small grain crops and pasture. However, more moisture is greatly needed to bring soil moisture to an adequate level across the State. Soil moisture supplies continued to be rated as mostly short to adequate. The Panhandle district received the most precipitation with 0.56 inches while the Southeast district received the least with 0.14 inches. The greatest weekly rainfall total for an individual Mesonet station was 0.81 inches at Okmulgee. Farmers had 4.9 days suitable for fieldwork during the week.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

| | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|-----------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| This Week | 19 | 40 | 39 | 2 |
| Last Week | 21 | 45 | 32 | 2 |
| Last Year | 1 | 3 | 90 | 6 |

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

| | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|-----------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| This Week | 25 | 37 | 37 | 1 |
| Last Week | 25 | 38 | 35 | 2 |
| Last Year | 1 | 16 | 76 | 7 |

Small Grains: Wheat conditions improved slightly from last week, but remained mostly fair to good. Emergence of fall small grains progressed where soil moisture supplies were favorable. Ninety-three percent of the intended State's wheat acreage had emerged, ahead of the normal average of 83 percent. Oats planted improved during the week and reached 61 percent complete while 58 percent of the crop had emerged.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending November 16, 2003

| | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-----------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Wheat | | | | | |
| This Week | 7 | 11 | 29 | 43 | 10 |
| Last Week | 8 | 12 | 27 | 44 | 9 |
| Last Year | 0 | 2 | 25 | 52 | 21 |
| Rye | | | | | |
| This Week | 4 | 9 | 29 | 47 | 11 |
| Oats | | | | | |
| This Week | 8 | 20 | 30 | 38 | 4 |

Row Crops: Continued wet ground conditions slowed row crop harvest. Sorghum harvest took place in scattered areas, primarily in Panhandle district. Eighty-four percent of the crop was harvested Statewide by week's end. Soybean growers harvested an additional 8 percent of the crop last

week, bringing the total to 81 percent complete. Digging of peanuts was wrapping up and totaled 99 percent complete. Peanuts combined jumped 14 percentage points from last week to 95 percent complete. Cotton harvest made limited progress due to the wet and cloudy conditions. At week's end, cotton harvest totaled 61 percent complete.

ROW CROPS CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending November 16, 2003

| | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|--------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Cotton | 8 | 14 | 36 | 32 | 10 |

Hay: Cutting and baling of hay continued where possible. The fifth cutting of alfalfa increased an additional 2 percentage points to end the week with 83 percent being cut. The second cutting of other hay was winding down with 98 percent cut. Both alfalfa and other hay were rated in mostly fair to good condition.

HAY CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending November 16, 2003

| | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-----------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Alfalfa | 3 | 13 | 42 | 38 | 4 |
| Other Hay | 7 | 23 | 39 | 28 | 3 |

Pasture: Range and pasture conditions ranged from mostly poor to good. Pasture in the areas where rains were adequate will benefit from the moisture and growth of winter forage will be boosted. Cattle being placed on wheat pasture increased in some areas but was limited Statewide.

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 \$.71 cents per cwt. from last week and averaged \$104.46 per cwt. The average price for feeder heifers less than 800 pounds increased an average of \$.62 cents per cwt. from last week and averaged \$97.29 per cwt.

LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending November 16, 2003

| | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-----------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Livestock | 1 | 6 | 25 | 51 | 17 |
| Pasture & Range | 8 | 22 | 40 | 26 | 4 |

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OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS

Week Ending November 16, 2003

| Item | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5 - Yr. Avg. | Item | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5 - Yr. Avg. |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| Wheat - Emerged | 93 | 90 | 93 | 83 | Peanuts - Dug | 99 | 94 | 89 | 91 |
| Oats - Seedbed Prepared | 93 | 91 | 95 | 96 | Combined | 95 | 81 | 70 | 78 |
| Planted | 61 | 59 | 64 | 69 | Cotton - Harvested | 61 | 56 | 53 | 71 |
| Emerged | 58 | 55 | 61 | 56 | Alfalfa - 5 th Cutting | 83 | 81 | 75 | 53 |
| Sorghum - Mature | 96 | 94 | 96 | 99 | Other Hay - 2 nd Cutting | 98 | 96 | 98 | 89 |
| Harvested | 84 | 79 | 84 | 88 | | | | | |
| Soybeans - Mature | 98 | 91 | 99 | 99 | | | | | |
| Harvested | 81 | 73 | 86 | 87 | | | | | |

WEATHER FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 16, 2003 - Temperatures ranged from 24 degrees at Kenton on Sunday, November 16th to 81 degrees at Camargo on Tuesday, November 11th. Precipitation averaged 0.14 in. Southeast district to 0.56 in. Panhandle district. Soil temperatures averaged 40 degrees at Woodward on Friday, November 14th to 66 degrees at Idabel on Wednesday, November 12th.

MESONET TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA

Week Ending November 16, 2003

| Districts | Temperature | | | Precipitation | | | Percent of Normal |
|---------------|-------------|-----|---------|---------------|--|-----------------------|-------------------|
| | High | Low | Average | This Week | September 1, 2003 to November 16, 2003 | | |
| | | | | | Total | Departure from Normal | |
| Degrees | | | Inches | | | | |
| Panhandle | 64 | 38 | 50 | 0.56 | 3.24 | -0.71 | 82 |
| West Central | 61 | 43 | 52 | 0.33 | 3.30 | -3.21 | 51 |
| Southwest | 63 | 46 | 54 | 0.20 | 2.22 | -5.07 | 30 |
| North Central | 61 | 42 | 51 | 0.37 | 4.45 | -2.45 | 65 |
| Central | 61 | 45 | 53 | 0.49 | 5.96 | -3.31 | 64 |
| South Central | 67 | 48 | 57 | 0.23 | 6.84 | -3.40 | 67 |
| Northeast | 59 | 44 | 52 | 0.23 | 6.92 | -3.42 | 67 |
| East Central | 62 | 47 | 55 | 0.50 | 7.93 | -3.60 | 69 |
| Southeast | 67 | 51 | 58 | 0.14 | 8.75 | -3.48 | 72 |