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Sunny Weather Shines on Crops

May 9 - Warm, dry weather helped move crops along this week. The combination of wind, no rain, and sun have led to a decrease in soil moisture across the state. Topsoil moisture was at 2 percent surplus, 59 percent adequate, 33 percent short and 6 percent very short. Subsoil moisture was at 3 percent surplus, 62 percent adequate, 27 percent short and 8 percent very short. There were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	6	33	59	2
Last Week	3	15	72	10
Last Year	18	42	39	1

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	8	27	62	3
Last Week	8	21	65	6
Last Year	18	37	45	0

Small Grains: Wheat development continues ahead of schedule due to the windy and warmer weather. Ninety-seven percent of the wheat has headed. Small grain harvest is expected to be earlier than normal especially in the central and southwest districts. Moisture is needed immediately to maintain yields. Thirty-three percent of the wheat was in the soft dough stage compared to the 5-year average of 23 percent. Wheat condition was at 9 percent excellent, 45 percent good, 32 percent fair, 10 percent poor, and 4 percent very poor. Rye condition went down slightly from last week at 11 percent excellent, 25 percent good, 22 percent fair, 9 percent poor and 3 percent very poor. Soft dough stage in rye jumped 20 points to 46 percent. Oat conditions were at 1 percent excellent, 43 percent good, 43 percent fair, 10 percent poor, and 3 percent very poor. Oats jointing was up 9 points from last week to 92 percent. Oats heading and soft dough were also both ahead of last year at 53 and 16 respectively.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending May 9, 2004

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Wheat					
This Week	4	10	32	45	9
Last Week	4	9	28	48	11
Last Year	4	10	29	43	14
Rye					
This Week	3	9	22	55	11
Oats					
This Week	3	10	43	43	1

Row Crops: Rain is needed to aid in the germination and growth of newly planted crops. Sorghum seedbed preparation increased 7 points from 45 to 52. Twenty-one percent of the crop was reported planted, increasing 8 points from previous week. Sorghum also had 7 percent of the crop emerged. Corn planting was at 75 percent, up 21 points from last week but down from the 5-year average.

Corn emergence increased 18 points from the previous week to 55. Soybean seedbed preparation reached 77 percent and planting increased 11 points to 30 percent from the previous week. Ten percent of soybeans had emerged. Peanuts had 39 percent planted, 3 points above last year, and 14 points above the 5-year average. Ninety-five percent of the cotton seedbeds had been prepared, slightly higher than normal. Thirty-four percent of the cotton was planted compared to the historic average of 23 percent and 7 percent was emerged.

Hay: With open weather, harvesting of alfalfa and other hay was very active this week. The first cutting of alfalfa was at 74 percent, up 33 points from last week and 20 points above the 5-year average. Alfalfa conditions were at 17 percent excellent, 58 percent good, 20 percent fair, and 5 percent poor. Other hay was slightly above the historic trend with 30 percent with first cutting complete. Last year other hay first cutting was at 22 percent and 23 percent is the 5-year average. Conditions for other hay were at 11 percent excellent, 50 percent good, 34 percent fair, 4 percent poor, and 1 percent very poor.

HAY CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending May 9, 2004

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	0	5	20	58	17
Other Hay	1	4	34	50	11

Miscellaneous Commodities: Watermelons were 53% planted Statewide, below the 5-year average of 66 percent.

Pasture: Pastures in the northwest are recovering from earlier freeze damage, however, rain is needed. Pasture conditions were rated as mostly good to fair. Conditions were at 12 percent excellent, 47 percent good, 30 percent fair, 9 percent poor and 2 percent very poor.

Livestock: Livestock conditions stayed consistent with last week. Livestock insect activity was 82 percent light to moderate. Four percent reported heavy activity and 16 percent reported no insect activity. The price for feeder steers less than 800 pounds averaged \$105.88 per cwt., up \$3.37 from last week. The price for feeder heifers less than 800 pounds was \$98.86 cwt., an increase of \$3.08 from last week. This is the highest prices have been since December 2003.

LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending May 9, 2004

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	0	3	22	57	18
Pasture & Range	2	9	30	47	12

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS

Week Ending May 9, 2004

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.	Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.
Wheat -					Soybeans -				
Headed	97	91	96	90	Seedbed Prepared	77	70	67	75
Soft Dough	33	13	27	23	Planted	30	19	27	32
Oats -					Emerged	10	n/a	11	15
Jointing	92	83	85	88	Peanuts -				
Headed	53	39	49	54	Seedbed Prepared	95	87	87	84
Soft Dough	16	n/a	11	14	Planted	39	15	36	25
Rye -					Emerged	10	n/a	11	6
Soft Dough	46	26	n/a	n/a	Cotton -				
Corn -					Seedbed Prepared	95	86	92	91
Planted	75	54	64	86	Planted	34	8	34	23
Emerged	55	37	38	46	Emerged	7	n/a	6	6
Sorghum -					Alfalfa -				
Seedbed Prepared	52	45	50	60	1 st Cutting	74	41	62	54
Planted	21	13	15	15	Other Hay -				
Emerged	7	n/a	5	7	1 st Cutting	30	20	22	23
					Watermelons -				
					Planted	53	38	72	66

Weather for Week Ending May 9, 2004 - Temperatures ranged from 32 degrees at Cookson and Jay on Monday, May 3rd, to 98 degrees at Beaver on Thursday, May 6th. Precipitation averaged 0.00 inches in all districts. Soil temperatures averaged 57 degrees at Foraker on Monday, May 3rd, to 79 degrees at Buffalo and Erick districts on Sunday, May 9th and at Cherokee on Saturday, May 8th.

MESONET TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA

Week Ending May 9, 2004

Districts	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	This Week	March 1, 2004 to May 9, 2004		
					Total	Departure from Normal	Percent of Normal
Degrees			Inches				
Panhandle	89	53	72	0.0	4.94	+0.48	111
West Central	84	55	70	0.0	6.85	+0.43	107
Southwest	84	55	70	0.0	6.37	- 0.00	100
North Central	84	54	70	0.0	8.07	+1.06	115
Central	81	56	69	0.0	7.07	- 1.33	84
South Central	80	57	69	0.0	5.96	- 2.98	67
Northeast	80	55	68	0.0	10.77	+1.51	116
East Central	80	56	68	0.0	9.56	- 0.57	94
Southeast	80	55	68	0.0	8.07	- 2.74	75