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## Wheat Harvest Accelerates Past the Halfway Point

**June 6** - Wheat harvest continued at an accelerated pace across many areas of the State last week and was 62 percent harvested by week's end. Spotty storms hit across the State but did not slow down harvest very much. Hail and wind gusts accompanied some of the storms that hit Oklahoma during the week and most districts received a half inch to close to an inch and a half of rain. However, all districts except the Northeast are still considerably below normal precipitation. Topsoil moisture increased slightly this week from the rainfall with one percent rated surplus, 24 percent adequate, 37 percent short, and 38 percent very short. Subsoil moisture deteriorated from last week with 1 percent surplus, 28 percent adequate, 45 percent short and 26 percent very short. There were 5.4 days suitable for fieldwork.

### TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

|           | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|-----------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| This Week | 38         | 37    | 24       | 1       |
| Last Week | 37         | 43    | 20       | 0       |
| Last Year | 2          | 14    | 73       | 11      |

### SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

|           | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|-----------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| This Week | 26         | 45    | 28       | 1       |
| Last Week | 22         | 42    | 35       | 1       |
| Last Year | 5          | 30    | 61       | 4       |

**Small Grains:** All small grain crops were ahead of normal. Harvesting of wheat, oats, and rye more than doubled over the last week. Wheat conditions increased slightly from last week. Eight percent of the wheat was in excellent condition, 45 percent was in good condition, 30 percent was in fair condition, and 17 percent was in poor to very poor condition. Except for the occasional thunderstorms, ideal weather conditions persisted for the wheat harvest. Wheat harvest was 44 points ahead of normal with 62 percent of the crop harvested by week's end. More than two thirds of the wheat was harvested in the Central, West Central and Southwest districts. Rye condition was 5 percent excellent, 58 percent good, 25 percent fair, 9 percent poor, and 3 percent very poor. Forty-three percent of rye has been harvested. Oat condition was 1 percent excellent, 38 percent good, 42 percent fair, 13 percent poor, and 6 percent very poor. Ninety-three percent of the oats were in the soft dough stage which is 13 points ahead of the five-year average. Thirty percent of the oats have been harvested.

### SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending June 6, 2004

|           | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-----------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Wheat     |           |      |      |      |           |
| This Week | 4         | 13   | 30   | 45   | 8         |
| Last Week | 5         | 13   | 32   | 43   | 7         |
| Last Year | 5         | 8    | 25   | 47   | 15        |
| Rye       |           |      |      |      |           |
| This Week | 3         | 9    | 25   | 58   | 5         |
| Oats      |           |      |      |      |           |
| This Week | 6         | 13   | 42   | 38   | 1         |

**Row Crops:** Row crop seedbed preparation was nearing completion. Planting of row crops has been slowed due to lack of moisture. Sorghum seedbed preparation increased to 89 percent. Forty-two percent of the crop was planted. Corn emergence was complete and silking was at 9 percent. Corn conditions were 5 percent excellent, 82 percent good, 12 percent fair and 1 percent poor. Soybean seedbed preparation went up three points to 89 percent. Sixty-six percent of the soybeans had been planted and 57 percent had

emerged. Peanut planting was virtually complete and 97 percent of the peanuts had emerged. Peanut conditions were 6 percent excellent, 61 percent good, 30 percent fair, and 3 percent poor. Cotton planted went up 7 points from last week to 91 percent. Eighty-eight percent of the crop was emerged. Cotton conditions were 64 percent good, 34 percent fair, and 2 percent poor to very poor.

### ROW CROPS CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending June 6, 2004

|          | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|----------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Corn     | 0         | 1    | 12   | 82   | 5         |
| Soybeans | 0         | 1    | 52   | 45   | 2         |
| Peanuts  | 0         | 3    | 30   | 61   | 6         |
| Cotton   | 1         | 1    | 34   | 64   | 0         |

**Hay:** Hay cutting continues to progress. Rain is needed to allow producers to get a second or third cutting. The second cutting of alfalfa was up 18 points from last week to 61 percent cut. This was 24 points higher than last year and 30 points higher than the five-year average. Alfalfa conditions were mostly good. Other hay progress continued with 62 percent cut by week's end. Other hay was in mostly fair to good condition.

### HAY CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending June 6, 2004

|           | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-----------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Alfalfa   | 2         | 13   | 33   | 39   | 13        |
| Other Hay | 2         | 11   | 44   | 36   | 7         |

**Miscellaneous Commodities:** The warm weather has helped watermelons progress rapidly. Planting was complete. Watermelon vines were 81 percent running, which was up from last year at 69 percent and the five-year average of 56 percent. Twenty-eight percent of the fruit had been set.

**Pasture:** Pasture conditions were rated as mostly fair to good. The light showers were beneficial but some reporters are concerned that pastures were showing signs of stress. Conditions were at 9 percent excellent, 30 percent good, 37 percent fair, 19 percent poor, and five percent very poor.

**Livestock:** Livestock conditions were 17 percent excellent, 52 percent good, 28 percent fair, and 3 percent poor. Livestock insect activity was mostly light to moderate. Some producers were beginning to provide supplemental feed to livestock due to dry weather. The price for feeder steers less than 800 pounds continued to climb this week. It averaged \$110.40 per cwt., up 1.07 from last week. The price for feeder heifers less than 800 pounds was \$103.86 cwt., an increase of sixty-nine cents from last week.

### LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending June 6, 2004

|                 | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-----------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Livestock       | 0         | 3    | 28   | 52   | 17        |
| Pasture & Range | 5         | 19   | 37   | 30   | 9         |

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**TIME DATED MATERIAL**

**OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS**

Week Ending June 6, 2004

| Item             | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5 - Yr Avg. | Item                    | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5 - Yr Avg. |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Wheat -          |           |           |           |             | Peanuts -               |           |           |           |             |
| Harvested        | 62        | 27        | 18        | 18          | Planted                 | 98        | 96        | 98        | 94          |
| Oats -           |           |           |           |             | Emerg'd                 | 97        | 94        | 93        | 83          |
| Soft Dough       | 93        | 78        | 74        | 80          | Cotton -                |           |           |           |             |
| Harvested        | 30        | 7         | 6         | 10          | Planted                 | 91        | 84        | 87        | 85          |
| Rye -            |           |           |           |             | Emerg'd                 | 88        | 69        | 76        | 73          |
| Harvested        | 43        | 7         | n/a       | n/a         | Alfalfa -               |           |           |           |             |
| Corn -           |           |           |           |             | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting | 61        | 43        | 37        | 31          |
| Silking          | 9         | 3         | 4         | 3           | Other Hay -             |           |           |           |             |
| Sorghum -        |           |           |           |             | 1 <sup>st</sup> Cutting | 62        | 56        | 54        | 58          |
| Seedbed Prepared | 89        | 87        | 78        | 88          | Watermelons -           |           |           |           |             |
| Planted          | 42        | 41        | 40        | 47          | Running                 | 81        | 56        | 69        | 56          |
| Emerg'd          | 34        | 31        | 33        | 33          | Setting Fruit           | 28        | n/a       | 14        | 5           |
| Soybeans -       |           |           |           |             |                         |           |           |           |             |
| Seedbed Prepared | 89        | 86        | 86        | 91          |                         |           |           |           |             |
| Planted          | 66        | 61        | 61        | 65          |                         |           |           |           |             |
| Emerg'd          | 57        | 48        | 54        | 55          |                         |           |           |           |             |

**Weather for Week Ending June 6, 2004** - Temperatures ranged from 36 degrees at Boise City on Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, to 99 degrees at Grandfield on Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Precipitation averaged 0.21 inches West Central district to 1.46 inches Southeast district. Soil temperatures averaged 65 degrees at Perkins on Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, to 87 degrees at Chickasha, Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.

**MESONET TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA**

Week Ending June 6, 2004

| Districts     | Temperature |     |         | This Week | Precipitation                 |                       |                   |
|---------------|-------------|-----|---------|-----------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
|               | High        | Low | Average |           | March 1, 2004 to June 6, 2004 |                       |                   |
|               |             |     |         |           | Total                         | Departure from Normal | Percent of Normal |
| Degrees       |             |     | Inches  |           |                               |                       |                   |
| Panhandle     | 88          | 55  | 72      | 0.50      | 5.58                          | - 1.86                | 75                |
| West Central  | 88          | 59  | 73      | 0.21      | 7.49                          | - 3.18                | 70                |
| Southwest     | 89          | 61  | 74      | 0.98      | 7.77                          | - 2.96                | 72                |
| North Central | 86          | 58  | 72      | 0.66      | 9.43                          | - 1.72                | 85                |
| Central       | 85          | 59  | 72      | 1.15      | 8.97                          | - 4.35                | 67                |
| South Central | 86          | 61  | 73      | 1.42      | 8.33                          | - 5.51                | 60                |
| Northeast     | 81          | 57  | 69      | 0.92      | 14.07                         | - 0.01                | 100               |
| East Central  | 83          | 59  | 71      | 1.37      | 12.14                         | - 3.14                | 79                |
| Southeast     | 85          | 60  | 72      | 1.46      | 11.55                         | - 4.72                | 71                |