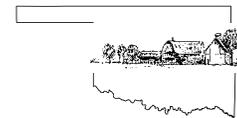




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Fall Temperatures Have Arrived

October 3 - The fall season is marked by football games, harvesting of row crops, planting of small grain crops and cooler temperatures. Temperatures started falling last week signifying the fall season. Temperatures averaged in the mid-60's last week with highs in the low 80's. There were reports of temperatures reaching as low as 32 degrees. There was a small amount of rainfall that covered all of Oklahoma, however, all districts were below normal precipitation. Many reports came in claiming the need for more rain. There was little change in soil moisture last week. Topsoil moisture was 2 percent surplus, 44 percent adequate, 39 percent short, and 15 percent very short. Subsoil moisture was 50 percent adequate, 34 percent short, and 16 percent very short. The cooler temperatures and the limited rainfall allowed producers 5.9 suitable days for field work.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	15	39	44	2
Last Week	13	39	47	1
Last Year	7	28	62	3

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	16	34	50	0
Last Week	16	34	50	0
Last Year	15	35	49	1

Small Grains: Small grain planting continued last week and producers were hoping for more rain. Wheat progress was ahead of the five-year average. Seedbed preparation was nearing completion and planting was over half-way complete at 66 percent. Wheat emerged doubled from last week to 36 percent complete. There were reports that the wheat pasture was emerging with good strands. Rye production made good progress last week. Rye seeding and emergence increased 20 points to 86 percent complete and 59 percent complete, respectively. Oat seedbed preparations caught up with last year with 77 percent complete. Planted and emerged for oats were making progress but still lagged behind last year and the five-year average.

Row Crops: Row crop conditions were good to fair last week. Corn matured was nearing completion. Harvesting was 71 percent complete with some fields still too wet to harvest. Sorghum development was still behind the five-year average. Coloring progressed 8 points to 86 percent, mature progressed 6 points to 50 percent, and harvested progressed to 38 percent complete. Soybeans mature and harvested both increased eight points last week to 62 percent and 40 percent complete, respectively. Peanut progress was close to the

five-year average last week. Peanuts mature was ahead of the five-year average as it rose 9 points to 84 percent. Fifteen percent of the peanuts were dug and 6 percent had been combined. Cotton made limited progress last week, however, harvesting has begun with 6 percent complete. Cotton yields have been reported as good to excellent.

ROW CROPS CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending October 3, 2004

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Soybeans	0	2	23	63	12
Peanuts	0	2	15	72	11
Cotton	2	1	42	42	13
Sorghum	0	10	23	52	15

Hay: Hay continues to be in good condition. Harvesting of hay has slowed down due to the cold temperatures with the fifth cutting of alfalfa at 70 percent and the 6th cutting at 15 percent. There were some delays to harvesting of hay last week due to rain. Other hay harvested for second cutting increased 1 point from last week.

HAY CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending October 3, 2004

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	4	6	28	46	16
Other Hay	4	7	25	51	13

Pasture: Pasture conditions were in good to fair condition. More moisture is needed to help pasture conditions. Producers are concerned about pond levels as they are getting low.

Livestock: Livestock was in mostly good to excellent condition. Producers were starting to purchase stockers for wheat pasture. One report mentioned some health concerns producers were having due to the dry weather. Livestock insect activity was mostly light to moderate. Feeder steers and heifer prices dropped slightly again last week. Prices for feeder steers and heifers less than 800 pounds were \$114.79 and \$109.95, respectively.

LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending October 3, 2004

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	0	2	15	57	26
Pasture & Range	3	11	33	43	10

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS

Week Ending October 3, 2004

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.	Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.
Wheat -					Soybeans -				
Seedbed Prepared	98	94	94	93	Mature	62	54	65	66
Planted	66	47	67	56	Harvested	40	32	33	41
Emerged	36	18	42	29	Peanuts -				
Oats -					Mature	84	75	85	63
Seedbed Prepared	77	67	75	80	Dug	15	5	16	18
Planted	17	11	40	29	Combined	6	4	6	7
Emerged	7	2	19	11	Cotton -				
Rye					Bolls Opening	80	76	77	85
Planted	86	66	84	67	Harvested	6	3	9	12
Emerged	59	39	49	39	Alfalfa -				
Corn -					5 th Cutting	70	64	39	37
Mature	98	81	97	98	6 th Cutting	15	13	N/A	N/A
Harvested	71	53	73	81	Other Hay -				
Sorghum -					2 nd Cutting	90	89	82	79
Coloring	86	78	92	92					
Mature	50	44	69	71					
Harvested	38	30	34	40					

Weather for Week Ending October 3, 2004 - Temperatures ranged from 32 degrees at Buffalo on Saturday, October 2nd, to 90 degrees at Walters and Waurika on Wednesday, September 27th. Precipitation averaged 0.01 inches in North Central district to 1.23 inches in South Central district. Soil temperatures averaged 58 degrees at Hooker on Saturday, October 2nd, and at Acme on Sunday, October 3rd, to 79 degrees at Ninnekah and Waurika on Wednesday, September 27th.

MESONET TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA

Week Ending October 3, 2004

Districts	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	This Week	September 1, 2004 to October 3, 2004		
					Total	Departure from Normal	Percent of Normal
Degrees			Inches				
Panhandle	74	49	61	0.06	1.93	-0.09	95
West Central	78	52	64	0.21	1.42	-1.86	43
Southwest	79	54	66	0.41	1.44	-2.24	39
North Central	80	50	65	0.01	1.17	-2.22	35
Central	81	51	65	0.26	1.10	-3.37	25
South Central	81	54	66	1.23	2.08	-2.68	44
Northeast	81	49	64	0.05	1.02	-4.11	20
East Central	81	53	66	0.54	1.76	-3.61	33
Southeast	83	54	68	0.72	1.97	-3.08	39