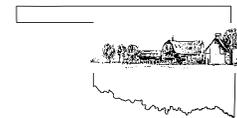




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Rainy Days Hindered Farm Activity

October 31 - - Rain fell throughout the State last week allowing producers only 3.7 days for field work. The Central and Eastern portions of the State received 2 to 3 inches of rainfall. The rainfall that has occurred since the middle of October has greatly improved soil moisture conditions. Topsoil moisture was 14 percent surplus, 76 percent adequate, 7 percent short, and 3 percent very short. Subsoil moisture was 4 percent surplus, 71 percent adequate, 17 percent short, and 8 percent very short.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	3	7	76	14
Last Week	4	10	84	2
Last Year	25	38	37	0

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	8	17	71	4
Last Week	9	19	71	1
Last Year	24	35	41	0

Small Grains: The weather slowed down wheat planting with only a 3 point increase from last week. Wheat planted was slightly behind last year with 92 percent planted compared to 95 percent in 2003. However, it was ahead of the normal of 87 percent. Wheat emergence progressed 6 points to 82 percent. The rain and moderate temperatures have supported rapid growth progress for wheat. The oat crop has made limited progress with a 4 point increase in seedbed preparations and planting. Oats that have emerged increased 2 points. The wheat and rye conditions increased slightly and were rated as mostly good to excellent. Oat condition changed slightly from last week and was rated as mostly good to fair.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending October 31, 2004

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Wheat					
This Week	0	3	17	55	25
Last Week	0	2	20	55	23
Last Year	8	12	27	44	9
Rye					
This Week	1	3	15	57	24
Oats					
This Week	0	3	26	65	6

Row Crops: Harvesting of row crops was limited last week due to wet field conditions. Corn harvest was almost complete at 97 percent. Sorghum progress continued to lag behind both last year and the five-year

average with 75 percent of the crop mature and 60 percent harvested. Last year at this time sorghum was at 90 percent mature and 68 percent harvested. The five-year average was 92 percent mature and 73 percent harvested. Soybeans reaching maturity gained one point to 86 percent matured. Soybean harvest advanced 3 points to 60 percent. Peanuts dug jumped 14 points to 76 percent complete at weeks end. Fifty-five percent of the peanuts were combined, slightly behind average. Cotton harvest has also been slowed by the rain. Forty-three percent of the cotton was harvested compared to normal of 52 percent. All the row crops were in good to fair condition.

ROW CROPS CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending October 31, 2004

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Peanuts	0	4	20	64	12
Cotton	2	1	35	52	10
Sorghum	0	1	40	49	10

Hay: The fifth cutting of alfalfa hay was 85 percent complete compared to 83 percent last week and 71 percent last year. The sixth cutting was at 40 percent complete compared to 33 percent last week. Other hay harvest was essentially complete.

HAY CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending October 31, 2004

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	3	2	27	54	14

Pasture and Range: Pasture conditions continue to be mostly good to fair. The slow soaking rains have greatly benefitted the pastures. Many stock ponds have been replenished by the rains received during October.

Livestock: Condition of livestock continues to be good to excellent, with a low to average death loss. Insect activity is light to moderate. Producers were beginning to bring in stocker cattle for grazing on small grain pastures. Prices for feeder steers less than 800 pounds dropped a few cents to \$115.44 per cwt. while prices for feeder heifers less than 800 pounds went down forty-eight cents to \$108.32 per cwt.

LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending October 31, 2004

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	0	1	16	64	19
Pasture & Range	1	6	28	55	10

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

TIME DATED MATERIAL

OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS

Week Ending October 31, 2004

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.	Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.
Wheat -					Soybeans -				
Planted	92	89	95	87	Mature	86	85	87	91
Emerged	82	76	85	73	Harvested	60	57	61	71
Oats -					Peanuts -				
Seedbed Prepared	89	85	89	90	Dug	76	62	83	79
Planted	46	44	57	57	Combined	55	40	66	60
Emerged	40	38	48	41	Cotton -				
Corn -					Bolls Opening	95	94	98	98
Harvested	97	92	96	98	Harvested	43	34	48	52
Sorghum -					Alfalfa -				
Mature	75	71	90	92	5 th Cutting	85	83	71	57
Harvested	60	54	68	73	6 th Cutting	40	33	N/A	N/A

Weather for Week Ending October 31, 2004 - Temperatures ranged from 25 degrees at Boise City on Saturday, October 30th, to 87 degrees at Grandfield on Friday, October 29th. Precipitation averaged 0.17 inches in Panhandle district to 3.96 inches in East Central district. Soil temperatures averaged 52 degrees at Kenton on Sunday, October 31st, to 74 degrees at Durant and Idabel on Thursday, October 28th.

MESONET TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA

Week Ending October 31, 2004

Districts	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	This Week	September 1, 2004 to October 31, 2004		
					Total	Departure from Normal	Percent of Normal
Degrees			Inches				
Panhandle	72	45	58	0.17	3.66	+0.27	108
West Central	73	54	63	0.57	4.83	- 0.76	86
Southwest	75	57	66	0.57	5.18	- 1.19	81
North Central	74	53	64	0.67	4.61	- 1.18	80
Central	75	59	67	1.91	6.55	- 1.22	84
South Central	79	62	70	2.32	8.97	+ 0.38	104
Northeast	75	58	67	2.66	7.23	- 1.18	86
East Central	77	61	69	3.96	9.10	- 0.13	99
Southeast	81	64	71	1.83	8.05	- 1.48	84