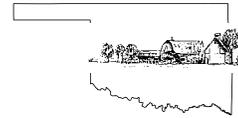




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Windy, Dry Weather Continues

The need for rain across the State was strengthened last week as some ponds were beginning to dry up. The heavy winds coupled with little precipitation caused a reduction in soil moisture supplies, particularly topsoil moisture. Statewide, both subsoil and topsoil moisture supplies were rated mostly adequate to short. Farmers had 5.2 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	10	38	48	4
Last Week	5	28	64	3
Last Year	2	21	75	2

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	6	18	74	2
Last Week	4	11	82	3
Last Year	7	28	63	2

Small Grains: Wheat in some areas of the State continued to show signs of drought and heat stress last week due to the lack of moisture. Wheat conditions were rated mostly good to fair. Eighty-five percent of the wheat was jointing compared to 91 percent jointing at this time last year. Some of the wheat crop had begun to head in isolated areas, especially in the Southwest district. Crop insect activities were rated mostly none to light. Oat planting was virtually complete by week's end.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending April 10, 2005

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Wheat					
This Week	1	5	31	50	13
Last Week	1	3	26	56	14
Last Year	3	9	26	51	11
Rye					
This Week	1	6	25	60	8
Oats					
This Week	1	7	45	46	1

Row Crops: Seedbed preparation for row crops made good progress last week despite the heavy winds and dry conditions. Peanuts and corn were ahead of the five-year average for seedbed preparation at 49 and 75 percent, respectively. By week's end, soybean seedbeds were 40 percent prepared, while 57 percent of the cotton seedbeds had been prepared. Sorghum producers began planting and, by week's end, had 2 percent of the crop planted. Corn planted increased an additional 6 points to 28 percent planted by the end of the week. This was slightly ahead of normal.

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range conditions were rated mostly good to fair as windy weather and lack of rainfall began to negatively affect the growth and development of pastures. Some producers began applying fertilizers but were selective as to what pastures received fertilizers.

Livestock: Livestock insect activities remained none to light. Livestock markets continue to be average. Feeder steers under 800 pounds averaged \$117.70 per cwt and feeder heifers less than 800 pounds averaged \$108.63 per cwt.

LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending April 10, 2005

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	1	3	21	65	10
Pasture & Range	2	9	36	47	6



OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS

Week Ending April 10, 2005

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.	Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.
Wheat -					Sorghum				
Jointing	85	73	91	75	Seedbed Prepared	26	24	29	31
Headed	3	N/A	5	5	Planted	2	N/A	2	1
Oats -					Soybeans				
Planted	99	96	98	97	Seedbed Prepared	40	29	44	42
Jointing	29	18	48	37	Peanuts				
Rye					Seedbed Prepared	49	35	39	46
Jointing	93	85	94	N/A	Cotton				
Corn -					Seedbed Prepared	57	51	67	62
Seedbed Prepared	75	67	74	69					
Planted	28	22	27	23					

Weather for Week Ending April 10, 2005 - Temperatures ranged from 27 degrees at Boise City on Saturday, April 9th to 91 degrees at Beaver on Monday, April 4th. Precipitation averaged 0.10 inches in Southwest district to 1.26 inches in East Central district. Soil temperatures averaged 47 degrees at Kenton on Wednesday, April 6th, to 70 degrees at Waurika on Sunday, April 10th.

MESONET TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA

Week Ending April 10, 2005

Districts	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	This Week	March 1, 2005 to April 10, 2005		
					Total	Departure from Normal	Percent of Normal
Degrees			Inches				
Panhandle	73	41	57	0.40	1.22	-1.03	54
West Central	73	48	61	0.22	1.10	-2.17	34
Southwest	75	50	63	0.10	0.55	-2.60	18
North Central	73	50	62	0.46	1.31	-2.36	36
Central	73	53	63	0.26	1.18	-3.24	27
South Central	74	54	64	0.28	1.05	-3.75	22
Northeast	72	54	63	1.05	2.84	-2.17	57
East Central	72	54	63	1.26	3.60	-1.93	65
Southeast	73	53	63	0.99	4.08	-1.90	68

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