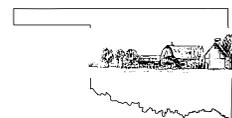




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## Scattered Rains Not Enough for Crop Improvement

Parts of Oklahoma received a few storms late last week bringing temporary relief to the rain deprived small grains. The West Central district recorded the largest amount of rainfall last week at 0.80 inches, however the North Central and Northeast district received only 0.08 and 0.11 inches, respectively. Topsoil moisture reported as very short, at 28 percent, is 22 points higher than this time last year. Subsoil moisture continued to decline. Subsoil moisture rated as adequate, at 45 percent, dropped 7 points from last week. Farmers had 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

### TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	28	44	28	0
Last Week	30	41	29	0
Last Year	6	33	59	2

### SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	11	44	45	0
Last Week	12	36	52	0
Last Year	8	27	62	3

**Small Grains:** The amount of wheat in the good to excellent category has fallen another 5 points since last week as the wheat crop continues to struggle under the current dry conditions. With 31 percent of the wheat crop in the soft dough stage, some respondents expressed concerns that last week's rainfall was too late to boost yields. Rye condition was rated mostly good to fair. Rye in the soft dough stage, at 51 percent, is 8 points above this time last year. Oats headed, at 42 percent, is 9 points behind last year and 7 points behind the five-year average.

### SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending May 8, 2005

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Wheat					
This Week	3	15	39	37	6
Last Week	3	13	36	40	8
Last Year	4	10	32	45	9
Rye					
This Week	5	14	42	35	4
Oats					
This Week	5	26	43	26	0

**Row Crops:** Row crop planting continued to progress last week. Corn, at 75 percent planted, is 3 points above last year, but 5 points behind the five-year average. Corn emerged increased 13 points to 48 percent. Sorghum planted, at 21 percent, was above last year and the five-year average. Soybeans and peanuts planted increased 9 and 11 points, respectively, from last week. Soybeans emerged, at 13 percent, was 4 points above last year and 1 point below the five-year average. Peanuts emerged, at 6 percent, was below last year and the five-year average. Cotton planted, at 3 percent, is well below normal for this time of year. The dry weather has prevented planting for some producers, but many respondents reported that cotton planting should be in full swing in the next few weeks.

**Hay:** Harvesting of alfalfa and other hay continued. Alfalfa conditions shifted downward slightly, due to the low amount of rainfall received. The first cutting of alfalfa was at 63 percent, 5 points above the five-year average. Other hay conditions remained mostly good to fair. Twenty-seven percent of the first cutting of other hay was completed, 4 points above the five-year average.

### HAY CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending May 8, 2005

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	1	9	43	40	7
Other Hay	4	14	41	36	5

**Pasture and Range:** Pasture and range conditions continued to be mostly good to fair. The Panhandle reported 35 percent of all pasture to be in excellent condition. Overall, pastures were still in need of rain and some warmer temperatures as grasses were developing slower than normal.

**Livestock:** Livestock continued to be in good to excellent condition. Death loss of cattle was rated as mostly light. Livestock marketings were rated as average. Feeder steers under 800 pounds averaged \$116.08 per cwt and feeder heifers less than 800 pounds averaged \$107.76 per cwt.

### LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending May 8, 2005

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	0	3	23	64	10
Pasture & Range	3	17	38	35	7

**OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS**

Week Ending May 8, 2005

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.	Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.
Wheat -					Soybeans -				
Headed	92	80	96	91	Seedbed Prepared	70	63	76	74
Soft Dough	31	16	30	22	Planted	28	19	28	33
Oats -					Emerged	13	N/A	9	14
Jointing	81	75	91	86	Peanuts -				
Headed	42	24	51	49	Seedbed Prepared	92	85	94	87
Soft Dough	12	N/A	14	12	Planted	27	16	36	27
Rye -					Emerged	6	N/A	9	7
Headed	97	93	97	N/A	Cotton -				
Soft Dough	51	23	43	N/A	Seedbed Prepared	86	81	94	91
Corn -					Planted	3	1	30	24
Planted	75	62	72	80	Alfalfa -				
Emerged	48	35	52	52	1 <sup>st</sup> Cutting	63	45	69	58
Sorghum -					Other Hay -				
Seedbed Prepared	59	55	51	59	1 <sup>st</sup> Cutting	27	21	29	23
Planted	21	12	20	18	Watermelons -				
Emerged	8	N/A	6	7	Planted	54	33	51	59

**Weather for Week Ending May 8, 2005** - Temperatures ranged from 30 degrees at Nowata and Tahlequah on Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, to 91 degrees at Altus on Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. Precipitation averaged 0.08 inches in North Central district to 0.80 inches in West Central district. Soil temperatures averaged 46 degrees at Kenton on Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, to 73 degrees at Hugo on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, and at Buffalo on Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>.

**MESONET TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA**

Week Ending May 8, 2005

Districts	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	This Week	March 1, 2005 to May 8, 2005		
					Total	Departure from Normal	Percent of Normal
Degrees			Inches				
Panhandle	68	46	56	0.30	2.61	-1.74	60
West Central	66	50	57	0.80	2.49	-3.77	40
Southwest	66	51	58	0.68	1.88	-4.34	30
North Central	70	48	59	0.08	1.83	-5.03	27
Central	68	50	59	0.34	1.65	-6.58	20
South Central	68	52	60	0.64	2.15	-6.61	25
Northeast	70	48	60	0.11	3.59	-5.49	40
East Central	69	48	59	0.45	4.87	-5.07	49
Southeast	70	49	60	0.70	5.77	-4.85	54

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