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Row Crop Harvest in Full Swing

Corn, sorghum and soybean harvest activities were in full swing. Soil moisture levels have dropped slightly and most respondents felt that their area still needed more rain. Temperatures averaged in the upper-seventies last week with very little measurable rainfall which allowed producers 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	6	23	69	2
Last Week	8	16	60	16
Last Year	7	23	69	1

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	12	25	62	1
Last Week	12	24	59	5
Last Year	8	26	65	1

Small Grains: The mild, dry weather last week allowed seedbed preparations for small grains to increase. Wheat seedbed prepared jumped 13 points to 64 percent complete. Many producers were busy applying anhydrous ammonia in preparation for wheat planting. Four percent of the wheat had been planted, with some early seeded wheat in the South Central district already showing signs of heat stress. Oats progress made the smallest gains of the week with only 53 percent of the seedbeds prepared, up 3 points. Rye seedbed preparations surpassed the halfway mark to 51 percent complete. Sixteen percent of the rye had been planted which was 7 points ahead of normal.

Row Crops: Most row crops were in good to excellent condition with the exception of soybeans which were in mostly good to fair condition. Over half of the corn crop had matured by weeks end and 28 percent of the crop had been harvested. Sorghum coloring also passed the halfway mark while sorghum reaching maturity and harvested were at 20 and 8 percent, respectively. Eighty-six percent of the soybeans were setting pods and just over a fourth of the crop was mature. Soybeans harvested were 3 points above last year at 8 percent, but slightly behind normal of 10 percent.

ROW CROPS CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending September 4, 2005

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	1	8	22	28	41
Soybeans	2	23	31	38	6
Peanuts	0	1	29	61	9
Cotton	8	9	25	53	5
Sorghum	0	4	28	44	24

Hay: Hay harvest continued as the fourth cutting of alfalfa jumped 13 points to 87 percent complete. Over one-third of the fifth cutting of alfalfa was complete. Other hay second cutting was 64 percent complete. The conditions of alfalfa and other hay were good to fair.

HAY CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending September 4, 2005

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	2	9	38	43	8
Other Hay	6	13	41	34	6

Miscellaneous Commodities: Watermelon harvest increased 11 points to 94 percent which was 5 points below normal.

Pasture and Range: Pastures and rangelands were still green following rains earlier in the month, but rain will soon be needed to maintain the pastures. Conditions were mostly fair to good.

Livestock: Livestock conditions were mostly good. Livestock marketings were rated as average. Death loss of cattle was mostly light to average. Livestock insect activity was light to moderate. Feeder steers less than 800 pounds were \$116.03 per cwt, and feeder heifers less than 800 pounds were \$108.61 per cwt.

LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending September 4, 2005

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	0	8	41	47	4
Pasture & Range	5	15	37	37	6

OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS
Week Ending September 4, 2005

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.	Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.
Wheat -					Soybeans -				
Seedbed Prepared	64	51	74	67	Blooming	95	90	92	93
Planted	4	2	6	6	Setting Pods	86	79	88	87
Oats -					Mature	28	16	23	30
Seedbed Prepared	53	50	54	53	Harvested	8	4	5	10
Rye -					Peanuts -				
Seedbed Prepared	51	42	100	70	Setting Pods	100	94	100	99
Planted	16	3	14	9	Mature	23	14	49	36
Corn -					Cotton -				
Dough	99	98	100	99	Bolls Opening	10	2	38	30
Mature	59	41	48	62	Alfalfa -				
Harvested	28	18	30	37	4 th Cutting	87	74	92	67
Sorghum -					5 th Cutting	35	19	32	12
Headed	88	81	85	87	Other Hay -				
Coloring	56	48	44	57	2 nd Cutting	64	60	79	71
Mature	20	12	27	32	Watermelons -				
Harvested	8	4	10	13	Harvested	94	83	97	99

Weather for Week Ending September 4, 2005 - Temperatures ranged from 49 degrees at Kenton on Monday, August 29th, to 101 degrees at Antlers on Thursday, September 1st. Precipitation averaged 0.00 inches in the North Central, Southwest and West Central districts to 0.34 inches in the Southeast district. Soil temperatures averaged 71 degrees at Hooker on Saturday, September 3rd to 89 degrees at Sulphur on Friday, September 2nd.

MESONET TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA
Week Ending September 4, 2005

Districts	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	This Week	March 1, 2005 to September 4, 2005		
					Total	Departure from Normal	Percent of Normal
Degrees			Inches				
Panhandle	89	59	74	0.11	13.72	-1.34	91
West Central	90	63	76	0.00	18.73	-0.29	98
Southwest	92	64	78	0.00	15.18	-4.20	78
North Central	91	65	77	0.00	17.89	-2.85	86
Central	90	65	78	0.02	19.29	-3.43	85
South Central	92	65	79	0.01	17.63	-5.58	76
Northeast	90	65	77	0.15	18.86	-5.89	76
East Central	92	65	78	0.20	18.38	-7.30	72
Southeast	96	66	80	0.34	14.20	-12.73	53

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