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Scattered Rainfall Aids Small Grain Development

Scattered showers across the State brought more than a tenth of an inch of rain to all nine districts. However, the Southwest district was the only district with above normal rainfall having received over 5 inches since September 1, 2005. Average temperatures across the State were more in line with normal for this time of year after dropping almost 6 degrees from the previous week. The rains and cooler temperatures slowed harvest slightly, but boosted small grain emergence. There were 4.4 days suitable for field work last week.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	12	18	58	12
Last Week	19	42	37	2
Last Year	5	20	62	13

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	12	26	61	1
Last Week	15	32	52	1
Last Year	11	25	60	4

Small Grains: Scattered rains boosted the germination of winter wheat and other fall-seeded small grain crops. Wheat seeding advanced to 71 percent which was 2 points above normal. Approximately one-half of the 2006 wheat crop has emerged. Armyworm outbreaks were reported to be heaviest in the Central, South Central and Northeast districts. However, many producers were beginning to spray insecticides to control the armyworms by week's end. Rye growers were running well ahead of average with 88 percent of their crop planted and 75 percent emerged. Oats, at 30 percent seeded, were up significantly from last week but still lagged behind the normal pace of 34 percent.

Row Crops: Over two-thirds of the cotton and peanuts were rated in good to excellent condition. Cotton harvest, which was mostly limited to the Southwest district, continued to be at least a week behind normal. Peanuts reaching maturity jumped 22 points to 83 percent. Peanuts dug and combined continued at a normal pace and were 28 and 14 percent completed, respectively. All other row crops were rated in mostly good to fair condition. The Panhandle was winding down corn harvest as the typical freeze date approaches. Corn harvest for the remainder of the State was basically complete. Sorghum harvest ranged from less than one percent complete in the Panhandle to three-fourths of the way complete in the Southwest district. For the State, 29 percent of the sorghum was harvested. Soybeans were 46 percent harvested.

ROW CROPS CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending October 9, 2005

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Soybeans	2	15	36	42	5
Peanuts	0	3	21	70	6
Cotton	0	8	22	59	11
Sorghum	0	4	31	45	20

Hay: Alfalfa conditions were rated as mostly good and other hay conditions remained mostly good to fair. Alfalfa hay remained well ahead of normal as the fifth cutting advanced an additional 5 points to 88 percent. The sixth cutting of alfalfa jumped 16 points to 35 percent complete. The second cutting of other hay was slowly beginning to wind down and was 87 percent complete.

HAY CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending October 9, 2005

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	3	9	31	52	5
Other	5	10	37	45	3
Hay					

Pasture and Range: Pastures were still rated in mostly good to fair condition. The scattered rains brought temporary relief to pastures in some areas, but most of the pastures in the State still need a good soaking rain to benefit pasture growth and replenish stock ponds.

Livestock: Livestock conditions were mostly good. Livestock marketings were rated as average. Death loss of cattle was mostly light. Livestock insect activity was mostly moderate due to high insect activity in the Panhandle and the Southwest districts. Feeder steers less than 800 pounds were \$118.03 per cwt., a \$0.64 decrease from last week. Feeder heifers less than 800 pounds were \$111.52 per cwt., a \$0.97 decrease from last week.

LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending October 9, 2005

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	0	0	35	61	4
Pasture & Range	9	13	31	42	5

OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS

Week Ending October 9, 2005

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.	Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.
Wheat -					Soybeans -				
Planted	71	60	76	69	Mature	72	67	68	75
Emerged	48	31	47	43	Harvested	46	32	46	50
Oats -					Peanuts -				
Seedbed Prepared	77	75	79	80	Mature	83	61	86	79
Planted	30	20	28	34	Dug	28	14	22	31
Emerged	17	7	20	19	Combined	14	4	10	17
Rye					Cotton -				
Planted	88	81	91	78	Bolls Opening	94	84	86	89
Emerged	75	59	68	55	Harvested	7	2	18	21
Corn -					Alfalfa -				
Harvested	91	81	83	85	5 th Cutting	88	83	77	55
Sorghum -					6 th Cutting	35	19	18	14
Coloring	97	93	91	93	Other Hay -				
Mature	74	62	59	75	2 nd Cutting	87	81	93	85
Harvested	29	27	42	50					

Weather for Week Ending October 9, 2005 - Temperatures ranged from 34 degrees at Miami on Saturday, October 8th, to 93 degrees at Durant and Webbers Falls on Monday, October 3rd. Precipitation averaged 0.13 inches in Panhandle district to 1.37 inches in the Southwest district. Soil temperatures averaged 56 degrees at Weatherford on Thursday, October 6th, to 83 degrees at Durant on Monday, October 3rd.

MESONET TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA

Week Ending October 9, 2005

Districts	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	This Week	September 1, 2005 to October 9, 2005		
					Total	Departure from Normal	Percent of Normal
Degrees				Inches			
Panhandle	73	51	61	0.13	0.97	-1.35	42
West Central	74	53	62	0.81	3.16	-0.61	84
Southwest	76	55	64	1.37	5.11	+0.86	120
North Central	73	53	63	0.38	2.86	-1.04	73
Central	75	53	63	0.57	3.84	-1.34	74
South Central	77	55	65	0.76	4.51	-1.07	81
Northeast	75	52	63	0.43	3.37	-2.46	58
East Central	77	54	65	0.63	2.88	-3.32	46
Southeast	79	56	66	0.19	3.62	-2.39	60

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