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Topsoil Moisture at Lowest Level Since August

The need for rainfall all around the State has been stressed for more than four weeks now. The State recorded its lowest topsoil moisture levels since the report released on August 8, 2005. Seventy-seven percent of topsoil moisture was rated as short to very short and 63 percent of subsoil moisture was in the same two categories. The warmer than normal temperatures coupled with high winds have only worsened the moisture problem within the State. There were 6.6 days suitable for field work last week.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	32	45	23	0
Last Week	22	41	36	1
Last Year	0	2	70	28

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	23	40	37	0
Last Week	19	34	47	0
Last Year	6	8	75	11

Small Grains: Despite the severely dry conditions across the State wheat condition remained mostly good to fair; rye condition was mostly good; and oats condition was mostly fair. Wheat emergence was nearly complete at 95 percent. Many producers around the State were waiting for rainfall before releasing stockers on wheat. Oats continued to progress as oats planted reached 62 percent and oat emergence was 55 percent complete.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending November 13, 2005

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Wheat					
This Week	3	9	38	45	5
Last Week	1	7	36	51	5
Last Year	0	1	18	58	23
Rye	4	13	30	51	2
Oats	0	12	60	28	0

Row Crops: The dry conditions have helped cotton and peanut harvest. Cotton harvest jumped 11 points over the

week, and was finally in line with normal at week's end. Cotton condition was mostly good to excellent. Peanuts dug were virtually complete and peanuts combined jumped 8 points to 92 percent. Sorghum and soybean harvest both made significant strides over the week. Sorghum harvested, at 64 percent, was a 12 point increase over last week and only two points below this time last year. Soybeans harvested, on the other hand, remained ahead of normal.

ROW CROPS CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending November 13, 2005

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Cotton	0	8	22	47	23

Hay: Alfalfa conditions were rated as mostly good to fair. The sixth cutting of alfalfa reached 64 percent, with progress slowed due to the extremely dry conditions.

HAY CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending November 13, 2005

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	3	8	39	44	6

Pasture and Range: Pastures conditions were still rated as mostly fair to good. Statewide, hay supplies for the rest of the season were mostly average. The East Central and Southeast districts reported hay supplies as 72 and 80 percent below average, respectively.

Livestock: Livestock conditions were mostly good. Livestock marketings were rated as average. Death loss of cattle and livestock insect activity was mostly light. Feeder steers less than 800 pounds were \$118.70 per cwt., a \$0.32 decrease from last week. Feeder heifers less than 800 pounds were \$109.77 per cwt., a \$0.27 decrease from last week.

LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending November 13, 2005

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	0	0	20	76	4
Pasture & Range	12	17	39	30	2

OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS

Week Ending November 13, 2005

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.	Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.
Wheat - Emerged	95	92	92	84	Soybeans - Harvested	88	79	73	83
Oats - Seedbed Prepared	92	90	91	92	Peanuts - Combined	92	84	69	74
Planted	62	60	56	57	Cotton - Harvested	57	46	53	58
Emerged	55	53	55	53	Alfalfa - 6 th Cutting	64	59	44	9
Sorghum - Harvested	64	52	66	80					

Weather for Week Ending November 13, 2005 - Temperatures ranged from 25 degrees at Kenton on Sunday, November 13th, to 90 degrees at Woodward on Monday, November 7th. Precipitation averaged 0.00 inches in five of the nine districts to 0.29 inches in the Southeast district. Soil temperatures averaged 51 degrees at Beaver on Thursday, November 10th, to 72 degrees at Burneyville on Tuesday, November 8th.

MESONET TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA

Week Ending November 13, 2005

Districts	Temperature			This Week	Precipitation		
	High	Low	Average		September 1, 2005 to November 13, 2005		
					Total	Departure from Normal	Percent of Normal
	Degrees			Inches			
Panhandle	72	41	55	0.00	2.29	-1.55	60
West Central	74	44	59	0.00	3.91	-2.43	62
Southwest	76	45	61	0.00	5.78	-1.34	81
North Central	73	44	59	0.00	4.23	-2.47	63
Central	76	47	62	0.01	4.50	-4.49	50
South Central	78	52	65	0.06	5.34	-4.60	54
Northeast	75	46	61	0.00	4.23	-5.75	42
East Central	76	51	64	0.03	3.66	-7.44	33
Southeast	77	54	66	0.29	5.06	-6.66	43

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