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Above Normal Temperatures Prevail

Last week Oklahoma temperatures soared while rainfall remained scarce. Seven of the nine districts reported average high temperatures that reached 90 degrees or more by weeks' end and five of these reached 95 degrees or more. High temperatures this time last year were averaging in the high 80's. The Northeast district was the only district that received over a half-inch of rain last week. The dry weather that was persistent throughout most of the State enabled wheat producers to continue to harvest aggressively with few delays. On the reverse side, the high temperatures and lack of rain caused producers to continue to be concerned about their summer crops not receiving the adequate moisture that is needed for this time of the year. Topsoil moisture and subsoil moisture declined from last week with 84 and 85 percent in the short to very short range, respectively. There were 6.6 days suitable for field work.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	48	36	16	0
Last Week	33	28	37	2
Last Year	13	25	57	5

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	54	31	15	0
Last Week	40	36	22	2
Last Year	17	31	50	2

Small Grains: There will be very little change in small grain conditions at this point and they were mostly in the poor to very poor range. Most of the oats have reached the soft dough stage of development. Last week small grain harvesting jumped over 25 points for all crops as dry conditions continued throughout the state. Wheat harvest jumped 33 points from last week. This was 47 points ahead of last year and 41 points ahead of the five-year average. Plowing for small grains crops was underway.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending June 11, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Wheat -					
This Week	35	32	25	8	0
Last Week	35	31	25	9	0
Last Year	4	16	37	35	8
Rye -					
This Week	33	47	19	1	0
Oats -					
This Week	58	27	13	2	0

Row Crops: Conditions for the major crops were mostly good to fair, with corn rated in excellent to good condition. The higher than normal temperatures combined with spotty rains caused conditions to drop. Rain will be needed soon to prevent failure of the non-irrigated crops. As dry conditions persist, producers were irrigating corn and cotton. Seedbed preparations for sorghum and soybeans were near complete at 94 and 87 percent, respectively. Soybean plantings were near three-fourths complete, while peanut and cotton plantings were winding down. Soybean

emergence, at 58 percent, was 4 points ahead of last year, but 5 points behind normal. Peanut pegging was underway at 5 percent.

ROW CROPS CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending June 11, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	1	7	23	28	41
Peanuts	0	3	31	61	5
Cotton	2	35	30	32	1
Sorghum	1	11	52	32	4
Soybeans	1	4	54	36	5

Hay: Sixty-one percent of the alfalfa was in mostly fair to poor condition. Producers were irrigating alfalfa in some areas due to the lack of moisture. Hay was becoming scarce in many areas. Alfalfa second cuttings increased 23 points from last week to 55 percent complete, slightly ahead of the five-year average. Sixty percent of other hay was in the poor to very poor range. Other hay first cuttings were slightly behind normal at 58 percent complete. Other hay second cuttings were just getting underway.

HAY CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending June 11, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	12	25	36	24	3
Other Hay	29	31	31	8	1

Miscellaneous Commodities: Watermelons running neared the three quarters mark at 68 percent complete. Fruit set for watermelons was slightly above normal at 26 percent. Peaches were mostly in good condition.

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range conditions were mostly in the fair to poor range. Pastures continued to diminish due to a combination of above normal temperatures and the lack of precipitation. In some areas, pastures were beginning to turn brown. Producers were concerned as creeks and ponds continued to dry out.

Livestock: Livestock conditions continued to decline with the hot, dry weather. Livestock insect activity was light to moderate. Death loss of cattle was mostly average. Water levels in ponds continued to decrease. Marketings were up last week as producers were selling cattle due to the impact of the drought conditions on pastures and hay supplies. Feeder steers under 800 pounds averaged \$112.59 per cwt. and feeder heifers less than 800 pounds averaged \$106.86 per cwt.

LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending June 11, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	15	28	35	21	1
Pasture & Range	19	29	36	14	2

OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS

Week Ending June 11, 2006

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.	Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.
Wheat -					Peanuts -				
Harvested	81	48	34	40	Planted	99	90	93	96
Plowed	22	N/A	0	1	Emerged	84	64	85	91
Rye -					Pegging	5	N/A	4	6
Harvested	62	32	15	16	Cotton -				
Plowed	15	N/A	N/A	N/A	Planted	93	86	79	90
Oats -					Emerged	79	72	63	80
Soft Dough	89	78	89	87	Squaring	7	5	1	3
Harvested	59	33	14	22	Alfalfa -				
Plowed	21	N/A	N/A	N/A	2 nd Cutting	55	32	55	53
Corn -					Other Hay -				
Silking	11	3	9	9	1 st Cutting	58	53	59	63
Sorghum -					2 nd Cutting	1	N/A	1	1
Seedbed Prepared	94	91	94	89	Watermelon -				
Planted	65	62	50	55	Running	68	59	68	73
Emerged	46	38	32	42	Setting Fruit	26	N/A	20	25
Soybeans -									
Seedbed Prepared	87	83	86	90					
Planted	74	67	65	72					
Emerged	58	56	54	63					

Weather for Week Ending June 11, 2006: Temperatures ranged from 54 degrees at El Reno on Thursday, June 8th, to 105 degrees at Hooker and Tipton on Monday, June 5th, and Lahoma on Saturday, June 10th. Precipitation averaged 0.00 inches in the Panhandle, West Central and Southwest districts to .53 inches in the Northeast district. Soil temperatures averaged 70 degrees at Westville on Tuesday, June 6th, to 99 degrees at Bessie on Sunday, June 11th.

MESONET TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA

Week Ending June 11, 2006

Districts	Temperature			This Week	Precipitation		
	High	Low	Average		March 1, 2006 to June 11, 2006		
					Total	Departure from Normal	Percent of Normal
<i>Degrees</i>			<i>Inches</i>				
Panhandle	97	65	82	0.00	3.26	-4.66	41
West Central	97	68	83	0.00	7.18	-4.13	63
Southwest	99	69	84	0.00	6.89	-4.53	60
North Central	96	68	83	0.08	7.41	-4.39	63
Central	95	68	81	0.12	8.76	-5.31	62
South Central	94	68	81	0.08	12.00	-2.61	82
Northeast	89	66	78	0.53	12.70	-2.14	86
East Central	89	66	78	0.37	12.83	-3.26	80
Southeast	90	64	77	0.43	15.87	-1.18	93

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