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Wheat Harvest Virtually Complete

Last week many areas in the State welcomed a second week of spotty rains and cooler temperatures. Five of the nine districts reported over an inch of rain. Wheat producers were winding down harvest, while row crop producers continued to hope for more rain to help replenish soil moisture and relieve the stress on the crops due to the dry conditions. Topsoil and subsoil moisture showed slight improvement from the rainfall received last week, but were still ranked mostly in the short to very short range. There were 5.4 days suitable for field work.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	34	34	29	3
Last Week	45	30	25	0
Last Year	6	22	67	5

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	48	31	18	3
Last Week	51	34	15	0
Last Year	10	26	62	2

Small Grains: Wheat and rye harvest were coming to an end while oat harvest was at 87 percent. Wheat plowing surpassed the half way mark at 57 percent, 22 points ahead of the five-year average. Working of the rye and oat ground after harvest was even further ahead of normal at 64 and 60 percent, respectively.

Row Crops: Corn conditions were rated as mostly excellent to good, while other major row crops were in mostly good to fair condition. Oklahoma producers in the State continued to irrigate their crops as necessary. The rains, even though spotty, helped revive some of the dry land row crops that were beginning to show signs of stress. Seedbed preparations for soybeans were virtually complete with 90 percent of the crop planted. Sorghum planted was 10 points ahead of normal and also winding down at 91 percent. Peanuts pegging jumped 20 points from last week to 36 percent. Most of the cotton had emerged by week's end and squaring was slightly above the five-year average.

ROW CROPS CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending June 25, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	1	11	21	33	34
Peanuts	0	4	24	60	12
Cotton	6	37	39	18	0
Sorghum	1	11	40	36	12
Soybeans	2	3	46	37	12

Hay: Alfalfa hay conditions remained mostly in the good to fair range. As dry conditions continued for most of the State, alfalfa producers were still irrigating their crop. Alfalfa second cuttings were 6 points below last year at 82 percent. The third cutting of alfalfa increased slightly to 11 percent, 19 points behind this time last year. Other hay conditions continued to rate mostly in the poor to very poor range. Other hay first cuttings lagged behind normal at 71 percent, while the second cuttings got underway at 3 percent.

HAY CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending June 25, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	15	22	31	27	5
Other Hay	31	33	24	10	2

Miscellaneous Commodities: Watermelons running were at 85 percent. Fruit set for watermelons was slightly behind normal at 65 percent with harvest just getting underway. Peaches were in mostly fair condition with light fruit set.

Pasture and Range: Pasture conditions continued to remain in the fair to poor range. The rains received last week were welcome, but have done very little for pasture improvement. Additional rainfall will be needed to help chances of pasture recovery.

Livestock: Livestock conditions dropped slightly last week, but still continued in mostly fair to poor condition. Livestock insect activity was mostly moderate. Producers continued to sell their cattle as they were still facing poor pasture conditions, hot weather and a lack of water in many of the ponds. Feeder steers under 800 pounds averaged \$115.95 per cwt. and feeder heifers less than 800 pounds averaged \$107.81 per cwt.

LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending June 25, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	17	29	35	19	0
Pasture & Range	23	31	30	13	3

OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS

Week Ending June 25, 2006

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.	Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.
Wheat -					Peanuts -				
Harvested	97	94	86	88	Pegging	36	16	36	33
Plowed	57	44	30	35	Setting Pods	2	1	8	2
Rye -					Cotton -				
Harvested	96	90	65	56	Emerged	91	87	92	96
Plowed	64	54	22	11	Squaring	22	11	11	21
Oats -					Alfalfa -				
Harvested	87	82	75	72	2 nd cutting	82	76	88	83
Plowed	60	45	28	31	3 rd cutting	11	9	30	14
Corn -					Other Hay -				
Silking	39	24	39	33	1 st cutting	71	66	75	77
Dough	13	7	7	8	2nd cutting	3	2	7	5
Sorghum -					Watermelon -				
Planted	91	85	79	81	Running	85	75	89	94
Emerged	73	66	58	69	Setting Fruit	65	54	63	67
Soybeans -					Harvested	1	N/A	N/A	4
Seedbed Prepared	97	92	93	95					
Planted	90	81	85	86					
Emerged	67	61	73	79					
Blooming	6	4	6	6					

Weather for Week Ending June 25, 2006: Temperatures ranged from 56 degrees at Goodwell on Friday, June 23rd, to 105 degrees at Hooker on Tuesday, June 20th. Precipitation averaged 0.26 inches in the South Central district to 1.40 inches in the North Central district. Soil temperatures averaged 73 degrees at Cheyenne on Friday, June 23rd, to 94 degrees at Burneyville on Monday, June 19th.

MESONET TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA

Week Ending June 25, 2006

Districts	Temperature			This Week	Precipitation		
	High	Low	Average		March 1, 2006 to June 25, 2006		
					Total	Departure from Normal	Percent of Normal
<i>Degrees</i>			<i>Inches</i>				
Panhandle	92	64	78	1.27	4.93	-4.36	53
West Central	89	66	77	1.27	10.28	-2.84	78
Southwest	91	68	80	0.89	8.43	-4.94	63
North Central	90	66	78	1.40	9.92	-3.73	73
Central	89	68	78	0.70	11.22	-4.98	69
South Central	92	69	80	0.26	12.68	-4.10	76
Northeast	89	66	78	0.33	14.14	-2.86	83
East Central	89	67	78	1.11	14.74	-3.62	80
Southeast	89	67	78	1.27	18.46	-0.79	96

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