

# Oklahoma Crop Weather



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## Ag Producers Waiting for Rainfall

Oklahoma producers were again waiting for rainfall as last week's hot and windy weather pattern delayed many from planting their 2007 small grain crops. Even though very limited moisture was received last week, some producers were still able to plant their fields. Producers who were not able to plant last week had a good opportunity to prepare the fields and get the ground ready for the next rainfall. Some small grain producers were expecting to replant due to dry, wind-blown seedbeds. Temperature highs were mostly in the 80's for all districts. Little to no rainfall was reported in the State. There were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork.

### TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	41	38	21	0
Last Week	32	33	34	1
Last Year	19	42	37	2

### SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	55	38	7	0
Last Week	54	32	13	1
Last Year	15	32	52	1

**Small Grains:** Seedbed preparations for wheat were just slightly below normal at 92 percent. Wheat producers were eagerly awaiting more precipitation as they try to finish up wheat seeding. Wheat seeding was half-way complete. Wheat emergence was progressing at 22 percent but the dry winds and high temperatures were taking a toll on some already established fields. Some wheat producers had begun seeing army worms in seedling wheat. Seedbed preparations for rye were winding down while seeding was three-fourths complete. Rye emergence, at 37 percent, was 13 points behind normal. Oat seeding was slightly ahead of normal at 28 percent.

**Row Crops:** Major row crops in the State showed varying changes in condition last week. Peanut harvest had begun in a few isolated areas while two-thirds of the crop had reached maturity. Nearly all of the corn crop had reached maturity while harvest was progressing at 81 percent, a 21 point jump from last week. Sorghum development was still lagging and sorghum maturity and harvest were 34 and 19 percentage points behind normal, respectively. Soybeans at pod set was nearly complete by week's end. Over half of the soybean crop had matured with 30 percent of the crop already harvested, both behind normal. Nine percent of the peanuts were dug with combining underway at 3 percent. Cotton bolls were opening on 66 percent of the crop with harvest just beginning in limited areas.

### ROW CROPS CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending October 1, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Peanuts	1	9	38	47	5
Cotton	25	30	29	16	0
Sorghum	13	21	28	27	11
Soybeans	35	31	25	7	2

**Hay:** Alfalfa conditions remained mostly in the fair to poor range with other hay conditions in the poor to very poor range. Ninety-one percent of the alfalfa crop had completed a fourth cutting, while fifth cuttings were 14 points below normal at 40 percent cut. Other hay second cuttings showed little advancement, and were 29 points behind normal.

### HAY CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending October 1, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	22	30	32	13	3
Other Hay	32	34	22	10	2

**Miscellaneous Commodities:** Pecan conditions remained mostly in the fair to poor range. Pecan nut set was rated as light last week.

**Pasture and Range:** Pasture and range conditions changed only slightly and remained mostly in the poor to very poor range. Pastures were continuing to show signs of drought across the State and grass growth was limited. Ponds and creek levels were diminishing due to lack of moisture and windy weather. Producers were hoping for more rainfall to fill up ponds for livestock.

**Livestock:** Livestock conditions showed improvement from last week but remained mostly in the fair to poor range. Livestock marketings were average with light to moderate insect activity. Feeder steers under 800 pounds averaged \$118.21 per cwt. and feeder heifers less than 800 pounds averaged \$111.10 per cwt.

### LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending October 1, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	5	21	50	20	4
Pasture & Range	30	33	28	8	1

**OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS**

Week Ending October 1, 2006

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.	Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.
<b>Wheat -</b>					<b>Soybeans -</b>				
Seedbed Prepared	92	85	96	94	Setting Pods	96	93	100	100
Planted	51	33	57	61	Mature	54	43	65	64
Emerged	22	8	28	33	Harvested	30	25	31	37
<b>Rye -</b>					<b>Peanuts -</b>				
Seedbed Prepared	97	94	95	96	Mature	68	50	61	70
Planted	75	58	78	78	Dug	9	3	13	15
Emerged	37	24	56	50	Combined	3	N/A	4	6
<b>Oats -</b>					<b>Cotton -</b>				
Seedbed Prepared	74	71	75	75	Bolls Opening	66	51	82	77
Planted	28	12	18	24	Harvested	3	N/A	2	6
<b>Corn -</b>					<b>Alfalfa -</b>				
Mature	99	81	99	97	4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	91	85	100	91
Harvested	81	60	79	73	5 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	40	24	82	54
<b>Sorghum -</b>					<b>Other Hay -</b>				
Colored	89	78	92	88	2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting	68	66	81	83
Mature	39	34	60	63					
Harvested	19	17	26	38					

**Weather for Week Ending October 1, 2006:** Temperatures ranged from 35 degrees at Kenton on Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> to 97 degrees at Buffalo and Cherokee on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Precipitation averaged 0.00 inches in the Panhandle, West Central, Southwest, South Central and Northeast districts to 0.05 inches in the East Central district. Soil temperatures averaged 59 degrees at Jay on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> to 81 degrees at Burneyville on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**MESONET TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA**

Week Ending October 1, 2006

Districts	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	This Week	September 1, 2006 to October 1, 2006		
					Total	Departure from Normal	Percent of Normal
	Degrees	Degrees	Degrees	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches
Panhandle	84	46	64	0.00	1.39	-0.54	72
West Central	85	51	69	0.00	1.46	-1.65	47
Southwest	86	53	70	0.00	2.81	-0.68	81
North Central	86	51	69	0.01	0.93	-2.29	29
Central	84	52	69	0.01	2.40	-1.83	57
South Central	85	54	70	0.00	2.49	-1.99	56
Northeast	83	50	66	0.00	2.17	-2.73	44
East Central	82	52	67	0.05	3.95	-1.15	78
Southeast	83	50	67	0.01	3.25	-1.48	69

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