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Slow, Soaking Rains Received Over the Weekend

Oklahoma producers were elated to see rainfall and cooler temperatures arrive across the State over the weekend. The rains were the slow, beneficial, soaking type rains. The Southwest district reported over four inches of rain and the South Central district reported over three and a half inches. The Panhandle, North Central and Northeast districts received some rain but it was much smaller amounts in the half inch range. The rainfall received over the weekend will help with small grain crop emergence. The rains should provide producers the moisture needed to continue with small grain seeding. Topsoil and subsoil moisture conditions showed improvement from last week's rainfall, but remained mostly in the short to very short range. However, some of the weekly reports arrived before weekend rains which influenced the soil moisture categories in the tables below. There were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	40	32	25	3
Last Week	52	37	11	0
Last Year	11	16	65	8

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	54	37	9	0
Last Week	64	33	3	0
Last Year	13	22	63	2

Small Grains: Seedbed preparations for the 2007 wheat crop were virtually complete by week's end. Producers made good progress with small grain seeding as they anticipated the weekend rains. Small grain emergence continued behind normal due to the past few weeks of hot and dry weather. The rains received over the weekend should help wheat emergence in most areas. There is still some concern for the wheat that has already emerged in those areas of the State that received very little rainfall.

Row Crops: The rain was also beneficial to row crop producers although it was too late to make a difference for some of the crops. Corn harvest remained ahead of normal for this time of the year, while sorghum harvest was 21 points behind normal at 31 percent. Peanuts dug jumped 20 points from last week to 32 percent which was also behind normal. Peanut harvest was progressing at 14 percent. Nearly half of the soybeans were harvested which was about normal. The heavy rains in Southwest and West Central Oklahoma shut down cotton harvest over the weekend. Nineteen percent of the crop had been harvested.

ROW CROPS CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending October 15, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Peanuts	3	9	36	45	7
Cotton	26	31	27	16	0
Sorghum	11	18	28	30	13
Soybeans	35	29	27	8	1

Hay: Alfalfa conditions increased slightly but remained mostly in the fair to poor range. Other hay conditions remained steady from last week in the very poor to poor range. The cooler temperatures have slowed growth for all of the hay crops. Fourth cuttings of alfalfa were virtually complete, while fifth cuttings slowly progressed from last week to 56 percent. The sixth cutting of alfalfa was underway at 1 percent. Other hay second cutting also showed limited progress at 72 percent, 16 points behind normal.

HAY CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending October 15, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	24	30	31	12	3
Other Hay	35	34	20	10	1

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

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range conditions remained mostly in the poor to very poor range. The weekend rainfall should provide some help to cool season grasses. More rain is need for replenishment and runoff for stock ponds.

Livestock: Livestock conditions improved slightly from last week and were mostly in good to fair condition. Livestock marketings were average with moderate to light insect activity. Feeder steers under 800 pounds averaged \$112.90 per cwt. and feeder heifers less than 800 pounds averaged \$105.18 per cwt.

LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending October 15, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	8	11	58	19	4
Pasture & Range	33	35	26	6	0

OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS

Week Ending October 15, 2006

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.	Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.
Wheat -					Soybeans -				
Seedbed Prepared	96	94	99	99	Mature	79	70	78	80
Planted	76	64	80	82	Harvested	49	37	49	54
Emerged	47	34	62	64	Peanuts -				
Rye -					Mature	83	74	90	89
Planted	91	85	95	94	Dug	32	12	42	43
Emerged	65	54	87	83	Combined	14	3	26	27
Oats -					Cotton -				
Seedbed Prepared	85	82	81	83	Bolls Opening	88	81	95	93
Planted	48	40	39	44	Harvested	19	13	9	20
Emerged	15	N/A	29	32	Alfalfa -				
Corn -					4 th Cutting	95	93	100	95
Harvested	95	91	94	89	5 th Cutting	56	53	93	67
Sorghum -					6 th Cutting	1	N/A	38	13
Colored	92	91	100	95	Other Hay -				
Mature	62	54	82	72	2 nd Cutting	72	70	88	88
Harvested	31	25	38	52					

Weather for Week Ending October 15, 2006: Temperatures ranged from 28 degrees at Wister on Friday, October 13th to 84 degrees at Burneyville on Monday, October 9th. Precipitation averaged 0.49 inches in the North Central district to 4.34 inches in the Southwest district. Soil temperatures averaged 54 degrees at Goodwell on Tuesday, October 10th and Tipton on Friday, October 13th to 75 degrees at Sulphur on Monday, October 9th.

MESONET TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA

Week Ending October 15, 2006

Districts	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	This Week	September 1, 2006 to October 15, 2006		
					Total	Departure from Normal	Percent of Normal
	<i>Degrees</i>	<i>Degrees</i>	<i>Degrees</i>	<i>Inches</i>	<i>Inches</i>	<i>Inches</i>	<i>Inches</i>
Panhandle	63	42	52	0.76	2.48	-0.13	95
West Central	66	47	56	1.93	3.39	-0.88	79
Southwest	67	48	57	4.34	7.15	2.32	148
North Central	67	45	56	0.49	1.42	-3.00	32
Central	68	45	57	2.13	4.46	-1.42	76
South Central	72	47	60	3.64	6.69	0.29	105
Northeast	68	44	56	0.57	2.75	-3.79	42
East Central	69	44	57	2.20	6.17	-0.86	88
Southeast	72	45	59	2.61	5.78	-1.19	83

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