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Wheat Producers In Need of Additional Rainfall

Last week was a mixture of cool temperatures followed by above normal temperatures at the end of the week. High winds were often prevalent across the State. Limited rainfall was a growing concern for small grain producers. The Southeast district was the only district reporting over an inch of rain last week. Average temperatures for the week were in the mid to high 50's. Some wheat producers continued dusting-in wheat and hoping for more precipitation for seed germination and to wrap-up planting of the 2007 crop. Topsoil moisture conditions dropped from last week but over half of the moisture supplies were still rated as adequate or above. Subsoil moisture stayed relatively unchanged from a week ago. There were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	27	32	40	1
Last Week	29	18	51	2
Last Year	17	34	49	0

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	47	36	17	0
Last Week	43	36	21	0
Last Year	15	29	56	0

Small Grains: The small grain crop for the State remained mostly in good to fair condition. The lack of moisture combined with the high winds was causing wheat fields to show signs of stress and newly emerged plantings were struggling to grow under the current conditions. At 92 percent, wheat seeding was just slightly behind normal while emergence was nearly three-fourths complete. Rye emergence was winding down at 92 percent. Oat planting was 9 points ahead of normal and emergence jumped 20 points from last week to 47 percent.

SMALL GRAINS CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending October 29, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Wheat					
This Week	5	18	31	39	7
Last Week	8	19	33	34	6
Last Year	2	7	35	51	5
Rye	5	12	46	36	1
Oats	0	7	43	48	2

Row Crops: Nearly three-fourths of the sorghum crop had reached maturity by week's end. Sorghum harvest was 19 points behind normal at 45 percent. Most of the soybeans and peanuts across the State had reached maturity by week's end. Sixty-one percent of the soybeans had been harvested. Peanut harvest jumped 22 points to reach the

halfway mark by the end of the week. Forty-two percent of the cotton was harvested, 3 points behind normal.

ROW CROPS CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending October 29, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Peanuts	2	9	40	43	6
Cotton	21	32	34	13	0
Sorghum	13	20	25	30	12

Hay: Nearly three-fourths of the fifth cutting of alfalfa was complete while the sixth cutting was progressing at 12 percent. The second cutting of other hay was coming to an end at 77 percent.

HAY CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending October 29, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	16	31	35	16	2
Other Hay	25	36	27	10	2

Miscellaneous Commodities: Pecan conditions remained in mostly fair to poor condition with light pecan nut set.

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range conditions showed limited improvement from last week, but remained mostly in the fair to poor range. With dry conditions and cooler temperatures, cool season pastures were slowly developing. Producers were hoping for more precipitation to see some improvements in small grain pastures.

Livestock: Livestock remained in mostly good to fair condition. Livestock marketings were average with moderate to light insect activity. Feeder steers under 800 pounds averaged \$109.15 per cwt. and feeder heifers less than 800 pounds averaged \$101.31 per cwt.

LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending October 29, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	3	7	48	37	5
Pasture & Range	25	33	35	7	0

OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS

Week Ending October 29, 2006

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.	Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.
Wheat -					Peanuts -				
Planted	92	85	95	93	Mature	97	94	100	97
Emerged	74	64	81	81	Dug	73	55	88	77
Rye -					Combined	50	28	70	58
Emerged	92	80	98	94	Cotton -				
Oats -					Bolls Opening	97	94	99	98
Seedbed Prepared	95	89	88	89	Harvested	42	25	32	39
Planted	62	59	51	53	Alfalfa -				
Emerged	47	27	50	46	5 th Cutting	74	63	97	75
Sorghum -					6 th Cutting	12	8	57	19
Mature	80	73	92	88	Other Hay -				
Harvested	45	34	47	64	2 nd Cutting	77	75	95	92
Soybeans -									
Mature	92	85	94	91					
Harvested	61	55	75	69					

Weather for Week Ending October 29, 2006: : Temperatures ranged from 25 degrees at Kenton on Monday, October 23rd to 87 degrees at Buffalo and Alva on Sunday, October 29th. Precipitation averaged 0.00 inches in the West Central district to 1.11 inches in the Southeast district. Soil temperatures averaged 46 degrees at Wilburton on Monday, October 23rd to 68 degrees at Madill on Thursday, October 26th.

MESONET TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA

Week Ending October 29, 2006

Districts	Temperature			This Week	Precipitation		
	High	Low	Average		September 1, 2006 to October 29, 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	73	38	54	0.13	2.63	-0.67	80
West Central	74	45	59	0.00	3.49	-1.93	64
Southwest	75	45	59	0.02	7.42	1.24	120
North Central	74	43	58	0.18	1.63	-3.98	29
Central	73	45	59	0.03	4.74	-2.79	63
South Central	73	46	59	0.25	7.34	-0.97	88
Northeast	69	43	56	0.13	3.23	-4.94	40
East Central	69	44	56	0.27	6.92	-2.03	77
Southeast	69	43	56	1.11	8.95	-0.26	97

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