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Weekend Rainfall Greatly Welcomed

Temperatures cooled considerably this past week and rain fell across the lower two-thirds of the State over the weekend. The Southeast district received over 2.5 inches of precipitation this past week, while the South Central and East Central both received more than an inch. However, the northern third of the Oklahoma received little to no rainfall. This precipitation was a welcome sight for small grain producers, particularly those who had recently dusted-in their crop. Topsoil and subsoil moisture conditions showed decreases from last week. 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	35	34	31	0
Last Week	27	32	40	1
Last Year	22	41	36	1

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	53	31	16	0
Last Week	47	36	17	0
Last Year	19	34	47	0

Small Grains: Small grain conditions changed only slightly from last week and remained mostly in good to fair condition. Producers had nearly all their winter wheat planted and over three-fourth's of the crop had emerged by week's end. Rye emergence had reached 95 percent. Oat seeding was 12 points ahead of normal and emergence increased 8 points from last week to 55 percent. The weekend rains should greatly aid small grain emergence and development but more Statewide rainfall is greatly needed, particularly in the major wheat producing North Central district where precipitation since September 1 was only 27 percent of normal.

SMALL GRAINS CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending November 5, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Wheat					
This Week	12	17	30	33	8
Last Week	5	18	31	39	7
Last Year	1	7	36	51	5
Rye	3	9	54	33	1
Oats	0	12	57	30	1

Row Crops: Eighty-four percent of the sorghum crop had reached maturity by week's end. Sorghum harvest was 20 percentage points behind normal at 48 percent. Ninety-six percent of the soybeans have matured, while nearly three-fourths of the soybeans have been harvested. Peanut harvest increased 19 points this past week, slightly ahead of the five-year average. Fifty-four percent of the cotton had been harvested, 10 points ahead of normal.

ROW CROPS CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending November 5, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Cotton	22	30	34	13	1
Sorghum	9	19	28	31	13

Hay: Alfalfa and other hay harvest continued to wind down with cutting progress behind last year and the five-year averages. The fifth cutting of alfalfa was at 76 percent, while the sixth cutting was at 15 percent. Eighty percent of the other hay was cut, 15 percentage points behind normal.

HAY CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending November 5, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	20	28	34	16	2
Other Hay	28	37	24	9	2

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

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range conditions remained mostly in the fair to poor range. The recent rains should benefit cool season grasses and small grains pastures. Pond and creek water levels remained a concern for livestock producers.

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 \$108.08 per cwt. and feeder heifers less than 800 pounds averaged \$100.42 per cwt.

LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending November 5, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	1	6	48	40	5
Pasture & Range	28	33	31	8	0

OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS

Week Ending November 5, 2006

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.	Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.
Wheat -					Peanuts -				
Planted	95	92	98	95	Dug	86	73	96	85
Emerged	80	74	91	87	Combined	69	50	82	67
Rye -					Cotton -				
Emerged	95	92	99	95	Harvested	54	42	42	44
Oats -					Alfalfa -				
Planted	69	62	59	57	5 th Cutting	76	74	100	78
Emerged	55	47	53	51	6 th Cutting	15	12	59	20
Sorghum -					Other Hay -				
Mature	84	80	96	91	2 nd Cutting	80	77	99	95
Harvested	48	45	51	68					
Soybeans -									
Mature	96	92	97	94					
Harvested	73	61	79	74					

Weather for Week Ending November 5, 2006: Temperatures ranged from 17 degrees at Buffalo on Thursday, November 2nd to 86 degrees at Erick and Fairview on Monday, October 30th. Precipitation averaged 0.00 inches in the Panhandle district to 2.52 inches in the Southeast district. Soil temperatures averaged 44 degrees at Wilburton on Friday, November 3rd to 65 degrees at Bessie and Fairview on Monday, October 30th.

MESONET TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA

Week Ending November 5, 2006

Districts	Temperature			This Week	Precipitation		
	High	Low	Average		September 1, 2006 to November 5, 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	60	31	45	0.00	2.63	-0.94	74
West Central	60	37	48	0.88	4.37	-1.51	74
Southwest	63	40	51	0.61	8.03	1.37	121
North Central	61	35	48	0.05	1.68	-4.45	27
Central	61	40	50	0.52	5.27	-2.97	64
South Central	63	42	52	1.06	8.64	-0.47	95
Northeast	60	38	49	0.19	3.40	-5.61	38
East Central	61	41	50	1.70	8.62	-1.33	87
Southeast	63	41	52	2.52	11.46	1.08	110

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