

# Oklahoma Crop Weather



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## Warm and Windy Weather Brings No Relief

Unseasonably warm temperatures were felt across much of Oklahoma last week, with the highest temperature recorded in Freedom at 92 degrees. However, temperatures returned to normal fall levels near the end of the week. The State received only traces of rainfall last week, with all districts reporting less than one tenth of an inch. Both topsoil and subsoil moisture conditions improved this past week but still remain at short to very short levels. The strong winds experienced last week continued to deplete soil moisture. There were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork

### TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	35	30	35	0
Last Week	35	34	31	0
Last Year	32	45	23	0

### SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	49	34	17	0
Last Week	53	31	16	0
Last Year	23	40	37	0

**Small Grains:** Small grain conditions changed slightly from last week and remained mostly in the good to fair range. Producers had nearly all their winter wheat planted and 85 percent of the crop had emerged by week's end. Oat seeding was 13 points ahead of normal while emergence increased 10 points from last week to 65 percent. Some small grain producers halted seeding activities this past week due to a lack of rainfall. More precipitation is greatly needed to enable adequate emergence and sustain the crop that has already emerged.

### SMALL GRAINS CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending November 12, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Wheat					
This Week	11	15	31	32	11
Last Week	12	17	30	33	8
Last Year	3	9	38	45	5
Rye	5	11	50	31	3
Oats	4	14	48	32	2

**Row Crops:** Ninety-three percent of the sorghum crop had reached maturity by week's end. However, sorghum harvest continued to lag behind and was 25 percentage points behind normal at 51 percent. Seventy-seven percent of soybeans have been harvested, 5 percent behind normal. Peanut harvest increased 13 points this past week, 5 percentage points ahead of the five-year average. Nearly two-thirds of the cotton had been harvested, which was running 9 points ahead of normal.

### ROW CROPS CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending November 12, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Sorghum	9	21	29	29	12

**Hay:** Alfalfa and other hay harvest continued to wind down with cutting progress behind both last year and the five-year average. Many producers continue to bale anything they can to make up for the short crop due to the drought. The fifth cutting of alfalfa was 78 percent complete, while the sixth cutting was 18 percent. Eighty-two percent of the other hay was cut, 14 percentage points behind normal.

### HAY CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending November 12, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	18	29	39	12	2
Other Hay	28	36	26	8	2

**Pasture and Range:** Pasture and range conditions showed very little change with 61 percent of the pastures in poor to very poor condition. Ponds and creeks are at critically low levels in many areas and water is being hauled to livestock. Haying and other supplemental feeding was increasing with the lack of adequate pastures available for grazing. Some producers will need to market their cattle soon if the water situation does not improve.

**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 \$104.02 per cwt. and feeder heifers less than 800 pounds averaged \$95.47 per cwt.

### LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending November 12, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	8	10	42	36	4
Pasture & Range	25	36	35	4	0

**OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS**

Week Ending November 12, 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>Peanuts -</b>				
Planted	98	95	100	97	Dug	92	86	99	92
Emerged	85	80	95	91	Combined	82	69	91	77
<b>Oats -</b>					<b>Cotton -</b>				
Planted	74	69	62	61	Harvested	64	54	55	55
Emerged	65	55	55	56	<b>Alfalfa -</b>				
<b>Sorghum -</b>					5 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	78	76	100	81
Mature	93	84	100	95	6 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	18	15	63	21
Harvested	51	48	62	76	<b>Other Hay -</b>				
<b>Soybeans -</b>					2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting	82	80	100	96
Harvested	77	73	87	82					

**Weather for Week Ending November 12, 2006:** Temperatures ranged from 18 degrees at Beaver on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> to 92 degrees at Freedom on Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. Precipitation averaged 0.01 inches in the Panhandle, West Central, Southwest, North Central, and South Central districts to 0.06 inches in the Northeast and East Central districts. Soil temperatures averaged 44 degrees at Kenton on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> to 65 degrees at Idabel on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.

**MESONET TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA**

Week Ending November 12, 2006

Districts	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	This Week	September 1, 2006 to November 12, 2006		
					Total	Departure from Normal	Percent of Normal
	Degrees	Degrees	Degrees	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches
Panhandle	68	34	51	0.01	2.64	-1.17	69
West Central	69	41	54	0.01	4.38	-1.91	70
Southwest	69	42	55	0.01	8.04	0.97	114
North Central	70	39	54	0.01	1.69	-4.93	26
Central	69	42	55	0.02	5.29	-3.60	59
South Central	69	44	56	0.01	8.66	-1.17	88
Northeast	69	40	54	0.06	3.46	-6.40	35
East Central	67	44	55	0.06	8.68	-2.27	79
Southeast	68	44	56	0.05	11.52	-0.04	100

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