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Additional Rainfall Needed

Parts of Oklahoma received scattered showers this past week but the majority of the State remained well behind normal in rainfall totals. The Panhandle received no precipitation last week while the Southeast district had the highest total for the State at only 0.20 inches. There was a sizable increase in topsoil moisture from the previous week with over 60 percent in the adequate to surplus range. Temperatures were sporadic for the week ranging from 24 to 90 degrees. There were 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork.

Topsoil Moisture by Percent

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	9	30	59	2
Last Week	13	38	47	2
Last Year	58	16	24	2

Subsoil Moisture by Percent

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	25	38	36	1
Last Week	24	37	37	2
Last Year	2	5	88	5

Small Grains: While temperatures have been ideal for small grains, more precipitation is greatly needed to aid development. Ninety-four percent of oats had been planted, 10 points ahead of the five-year average. Winter wheat jointing was 10 percentage points ahead of normal at 41 percent. Rye was 48 percent jointed, an increase of 18 points from the previous week.

Small Grain Conditions by Percent

Week Ending March 18, 2007

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Wheat -					
This Week	4	9	25	44	18
Last Week	3	10	28	44	15
Last Year	37	33	24	6	0
Rye					
This Week	4	10	34	44	8
Oats					
This Week	1	5	41	51	2

Row Crops: Corn planting made good progress during the week and had reached 18 percent by week's end, 15 points ahead of normal. Seedbed preparations remained well ahead of normal for corn, peanuts, sorghum, and soybeans. However, cotton seedbed preparations were running well behind normal at 16 percent.

Pasture and Range: Fertilizer demand remained high this past week as producers applied top dressing to pastures. Pasture conditions showed some improvement from the previous week but a little over two-third's was rated in the fair to poor range. Warm season pastures had started to show signs of growth but are in dire need of moisture.

Livestock: Livestock conditions remained in the mostly good to fair range. Prices for feeder steers less than 800 pounds averaged \$108 per cwt. Prices for heifers less than 800 pounds averaged \$100 per cwt. Livestock marketings were average last week. Hay supplies were reported to be below normal, and many producers continued to ration their remaining stocks.

Livestock Conditions by Percent

Week Ending March 18, 2007

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	1	3	26	68	2
Pasture & Range	20	34	34	11	1

Oklahoma Crop Progress

Week Ending March 18, 2007

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average.	Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average.
Wheat -					Sorghum -				
Jointing	41	23	25	31	Seedbed Prepared	23	17	10	14
Rye -					Soybeans -				
Jointing	48	30	18	27	Seedbed Prepared	26	21	12	15
Oats -					Peanuts -				
Planted	94	80	75	84	Seedbed Prepared	24	18	6	14
Jointed	1	0	1	2	Cotton -				
Corn -					Seedbed Prepared	16	N/A	25	31
Seedbed Prepared	48	35	25	31					
Planted	18	7	N/A	3					

Weather for Week Ending March 18, 2007: Temperatures ranged from 24 degrees at Beaver on Friday, March 16th to 90 degrees at Slapout on Sunday, March 18th. Precipitation averaged 0.0 inches in the Panhandle district to 0.2 inches in the Southeast district. Soil temperatures averaged 48 degrees at Boise City on Monday, March 12th to 64 degrees at Burneyville on Monday, March 12th, Stigler on Tuesday, March 13 and Idabel on Thursday, March 15th.

Mesonet Temperature and Precipitation Data

Week Ending March 18, 2007

District	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	This Week	March 1, 2007 to March 18, 2007		
					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>Percent</i>	
Panhandle	71	37	53	0.00	0.02	-0.93	2
West Central	68	45	56	0.06	0.94	-0.46	67
Southwest	69	46	57	0.08	1.29	-0.02	99
North Central	70	43	55	0.02	0.40	-1.15	26
Central	71	46	57	0.03	0.89	-0.99	47
South Central	70	48	58	0.16	0.68	-1.38	33
Northeast	71	44	57	0.02	0.47	-1.67	22
East Central	71	47	59	0.01	0.48	-1.89	20
Southeast	72	45	59	0.20	0.50	-2.10	19

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