



Oklahoma Crop Weather

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Wheat Harvest Resumes as Conditions Allow

Wheat harvest resumed at an accelerated pace across much of the State last week as dry weather returned. However, the North Central and Northeast districts are still behind the harvest pace of the rest of the State due to steady rainfall. Double cropping in some areas may be hindered due to wet weather. The Panhandle district remains in a severe drought with parched pastures impacting cattle. Precipitation ranged from 2.35 inches in the Northeast district to .64 inches in the Panhandle district. Statewide, topsoil moisture was rated 72 percent surplus to adequate, up one percentage point from the previous week. Subsoil moisture was rated 70 percent surplus to adequate, also up one point from the previous week. There were 4.0 days suitable for fieldwork.

Soil Moisture Conditions by Percent

Week Ending Sunday, June 22, 2008

Moisture Rating	Topsoil			Subsoil		
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
Very Short	14	14	0	15	12	1
Short	14	15	4	15	19	5
Adequate	57	56	55	57	58	79
Surplus	15	15	41	13	11	15

Small Grains: Wheat harvest was in full swing but remained behind normal as the North Central and Northeast districts experienced more delays due to scattered storms. **Winter wheat** harvest reached 74 percent last week, up 15 percentage points from the previous week but three points behind the five-year average. Thirteen percent of the State's winter wheat acreage had been plowed by week's end. Nearly half of **rye** has been harvested, an increase of seven percentage points from last week but eight points behind normal. Two-third's of **oats** have been harvested, an increase of 25 points from last week and five points ahead of normal.

Row Crops: Row crop conditions remained mostly in the good to fair range. **Corn** silking is at 21 percent, 10 points behind last year, and 11 points behind the five-year average. **Sorghum** seedbed prepared increased only three percentage points from the previous week to reach 92 percent complete, three points behind the five-year average. Sorghum planted is over halfway complete but 20 points behind normal. Sorghum emerged reached 42 percent, up six points from the previous week, but 17 points behind normal. **Soybeans** seedbed preparation reached 90 percent complete, an increase of two percentage points. Soybeans planted were at 58 percent, 17 points behind normal but 10 points ahead of last year. Just over half of the soybeans were emerged by week's end, 13 points behind normal. Nearly one-third of the **peanuts** in the State were pegging, an increase of 13 points from the previous week and two points ahead of normal. Nearly all of the State's **cotton** had emerged by week's end, an increase of nine points. A small percentage of cotton had reached the squaring stage.

Hay: Hay cutting progressed slowly due to recent moisture. Alfalfa hay second cutting increased 12 points from the previous week to reach 76 percent complete. Alfalfa conditions remained mostly in the good to fair range. Other hay first cutting only increased one percentage point from the previous week to reach 56 percent, 14 points behind normal.

Miscellaneous Crops: Eighty-one percent of watermelons were running by week's end, an increase of 28 percentage points from the previous week but 11 points behind normal. Twenty-eight percent of watermelons were setting fruit. Peaches were rated in the mostly good to fair range with an average fruit set. Pecans were also rated mostly in the good to fair range, and were reported having an average nut set.

Pasture and Range: Recent rainfall should improve future pasture growth. Pasture and range conditions were reported mostly in the good to fair range. Panhandle pasture conditions remain poor and many producers are being forced to reduce cattle herd size due to severe dry weather.

Livestock: Prices for feeder steers less than 800 pounds averaged \$108 per cwt. Prices for heifers less than 800 pounds averaged \$101 per cwt. Livestock conditions were rated mostly in the good to fair range. Mostly light to moderate insect activity was reported.

Conditions by Percent
Week Ending Sunday, June 22, 2008

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Small Grain -					
Wheat					
This Week	8	10	22	42	18
Last Week	6	8	24	47	15
Last Year	12	23	33	26	6
Rye	4	7	21	58	10
Oats	7	8	35	46	4
Hay -					
Alfalfa	4	5	31	46	14
Other Hay	3	8	29	51	9
Livestock, Pasture and Range -					
Livestock	1	5	24	59	11
Pasture and Range	4	6	22	56	12
Row Crops -					
Corn	0	3	16	59	22
Soybeans	0	4	31	60	5
Peanuts	0	0	16	78	6
Cotton	3	10	35	51	1
Sorghum	2	6	35	45	12

Crop Progress by Percent
Week Ending Sunday, June 22, 2008

Crop and Event	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average	Crop and Event	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average
Wheat -					Soybeans -				
Harvested	74	59	49	77	Seedbed Prepared	90	88	83	91
Plowed	13	6	NA	NA	Planted	58	55	48	75
Rye -					Peanuts -				
Harvested	48	41	43	56	Emerged	51	46	36	64
Oats -					Pegging				
Soft Dough	97	89	91	96		31	18	28	29
Harvested	66	41	30	61	Cotton -				
Plowed	12	7	NA	NA	Emerged				
Corn -					Watermelon -				
Silking	21	8	31	32	Running				
Sorghum -					Setting Fruit				
Seedbed Prepared	92	89	95	95		76	64	61	76
Planted	54	44	62	74	Alfalfa Hay -				
Emerged	42	36	49	59	2nd cutting				
						56	55	65	70
					Other Hay -				
					1st cutting				

Weather for Week Ending June 22, 2008: Temperatures ranged from 54 degrees at Goodwell on Friday, June 20, 2008 to 103 degrees at Grandfield on Monday, June 16, 2008. Precipitation ranged from 0.64 in the Panhandle district to 2.35 inches in the Northeast district. Soil temperatures averaged 71 degrees at Skiatook on Monday, June 16, 2008 and at Beaver, Seiling, Weatherford, Apache, and Wilburton on Tuesday, June 17, 2008 to 90 degrees at Burneyville on Monday, June 16, 2008.

Mesonet Temperature and Precipitation Data
Week Ending Sunday, June 22, 2008

District	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	This Week	March 1, 2008 to June 22, 2008		
					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	87	60	73	0.64	3.71	-5.29	41
West Central	87	64	75	0.96	12.71	-0.02	100
Southwest	91	66	78	0.88	11.44	-1.51	88
North Central	85	63	74	1.99	17.01	3.76	128
Central	86	65	75	1.65	19.74	3.98	125
South Central	87	67	77	0.88	17.39	1.07	107
Northeast	84	64	73	2.35	30.56	14.02	185
East Central	85	65	74	2.14	27.17	9.30	152
Southeast	86	65	75	0.84	27.61	8.84	147