



Crop Progress and Condition

Week Ending September 28, 2008

Agricultural Summary

Sunny, warm, and drier weather was welcomed across Missouri, as producers enjoyed 6.4 **days suitable for fieldwork**. A few producers in the northeast district tried harvesting corn and soybeans, but moisture levels were too high. Reporters in the south-central district indicate the need for rain to replenish soil moisture. State-wide, **topsoil moisture** rates 2 percent very short, 11 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus. Surplus topsoil moisture supply decreased 14 points from last week.

Field Crops Report

Ninety-five percent of the **corn** crop is dented, three weeks behind normal. Fifty-eight percent is mature, while harvest is 17 percent complete, all three weeks behind last year and normal. Overall, condition is rated 5 percent very poor, 16 percent poor, 36 percent fair, 36 percent good, and 7 percent excellent. Sixty percent of the **soybean** crop is turning color, almost two weeks behind normal. Twenty-eight percent is dropping leaves, and nine percent is mature, 11 days behind last year and 10 days behind normal. Harvest is 2 percent complete, compared with 12 percent last year and 10 percent as the 5-year average. Soybean condition is rated 6 percent very poor, 18 percent poor, 35 percent fair, 33 percent good, and 8 percent excellent. **Rice** harvest is 29 percent complete, three weeks behind last year and over a week behind normal. Condition is rated 2 percent very poor, 3 percent poor, 10 percent fair, 46 percent good, and 39 percent excellent. **Cotton** boll opening is at 84 percent, nearly three weeks behind last year, but on par with normal. Harvest is 6 percent complete, over three weeks behind last year and 11 days behind normal. Cotton condition is rated 3 percent very poor, 8 percent poor, 25 percent fair, 55 percent good, and 9 percent excellent. **Sorghum** turning color is 84 percent, with 51 percent mature, 12 days last year and 17 days behind normal. Sorghum harvest is 16 percent complete, 10 days behind last year and 13 days behind normal. Sorghum condition is rated 2 percent very poor, 9 percent poor, 38 percent fair, 44 percent good, and 7 percent excellent. **Winter wheat** is 3 percent planted and has begun to emerge. Third cutting **alfalfa** is 96 percent harvested, 8 days behind normal.

Pasture & Livestock

Pasture conditions continue to be well ahead of normal and are rated 1 percent very poor, 6 percent poor, 28 percent fair, 56 percent good and 9 percent excellent.

Weather Summary

Temperatures averaged 1 to 8 degrees above normal during the week. **Rainfall** for the week averaged 0.17 inches for the State. The northwest received the most at 0.76 inches while the southern third of the State received no rainfall.

Audio Commentary

Weekly Crop Progress and Condition Audio Commentary by State Director Gene Danekas is available at:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Missouri/Publications/Audio/

Weather Data

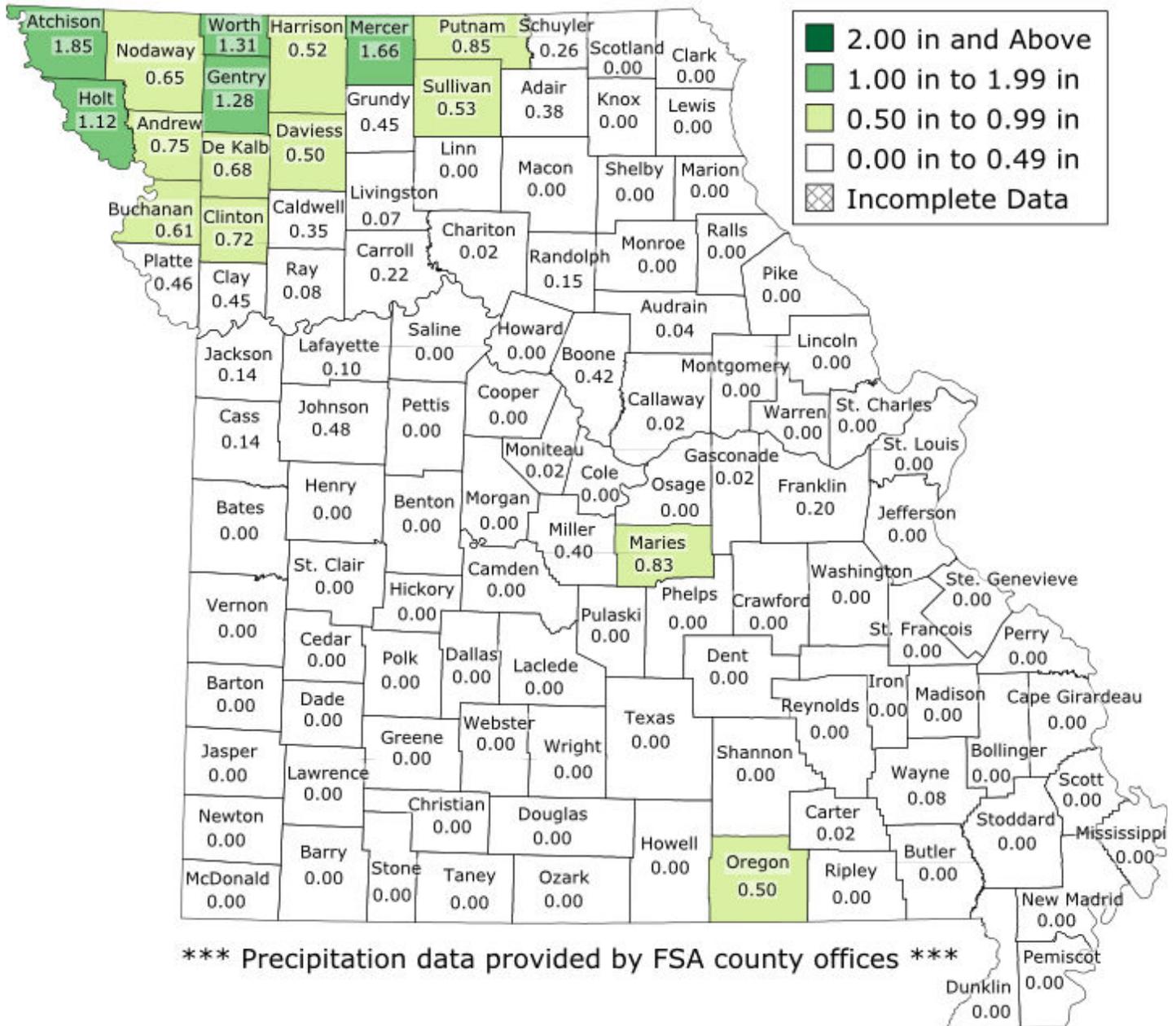
Hourly and daily weather data from stations throughout the state is available at:

<http://agebb.missouri.edu/weather/history/>

District Summaries As Of September 28, 2008

	Missouri	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE
Days Suitable For Fieldwork										
This Year	6.4	5.5	6.4	6.3	6.6	6.5	6.3	7.0	6.7	6.8
Last Year	5.8	5.7	5.6	6.1	6.2	6.0	6.7	6.6	6.0	4.3
Topsoil Moisture Supply										
Very Short	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	19
Short	11	14	3	4	3	6	10	9	39	15
Adequate	75	79	78	64	88	73	87	85	59	66
Surplus	12	7	19	31	9	21	3	6	2	0
Corn Mature, Percent										
This Year	58	37	47	28	77	79	39	76	58	96
Last Year	96	92	94	93	99	100	99	98	100	100
Normal	96									
Corn Harvested, Percent										
This Year	17	4	4	2	10	15	9	28	25	66
Last Year	66	32	61	58	79	89	90	71	83	96
Normal	60									
Soybeans Dropping Leaves and Beyond, Percent										
This Year	28	37	19	25	23	27	21	11	25	38
Last Year	63	63	65	81	45	62	75	8	43	65
Normal	64									
Soybeans Harvested, Percent										
This Year	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	0	1	6
Last Year	12	7	11	13	5	16	21	0	8	21
Normal	10									
Sorghum Harvested, Percent										
This Year	16	12	1	0	7	0	0	23	4	51
Last Year	30	25	15	25	26	14	34	15	47	93
Normal	39									
Winter Wheat Planted, Percent										
This Year	3	4	0	1	3	2	6	5	8	3
Last Year	8	10	7	14	10	11	11	7	23	4
Normal	8									
Corn Condition										
Very Poor	5	2	15	9	2	4	4	0	1	0
Poor	16	15	22	25	5	19	15	0	8	15
Fair	36	46	41	38	35	34	32	11	16	26
Good	36	34	17	23	52	34	43	88	47	42
Excellent	7	3	5	5	6	9	6	1	28	17
Soybean Condition										
Very Poor	6	6	15	5	2	3	0	0	1	8
Poor	18	12	28	23	7	21	15	2	11	20
Fair	35	44	34	46	35	31	33	17	24	24
Good	33	31	19	23	44	34	47	79	21	36
Excellent	8	7	4	3	12	11	5	2	43	12
Sorghum Condition										
Very Poor	2	0	4	2	1	1	3	0	0	3
Poor	9	0	13	6	1	8	2	4	6	17
Fair	38	60	36	42	44	40	39	25	18	35
Good	44	39	43	38	49	44	52	71	76	37
Excellent	7	1	4	12	5	7	4	0	0	8
Pasture Condition										
Very Poor	1	6	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
Poor	6	14	10	10	3	2	0	2	12	21
Fair	28	35	26	33	30	16	17	32	38	32
Good	56	44	50	47	49	73	67	59	48	27
Excellent	9	1	11	8	18	9	16	6	2	20
Average Precipitation	0.17	0.76	0.38	0.00	0.10	0.08	0.02	0.00	0.04	0.00

Precipitation for Week Ending September 28, 2008



Precipitation for Four Weeks Ending September 28, 2008

