



Crop Progress and Condition

Week Ending October 26, 2008

Agricultural Summary

Another cool, rainy week with 3.7 **days suitable for fieldwork** limited row crop harvesting over most of the State as the growing season nears its end. Drier weather is needed to make progress with corn and soybean harvesting as both continue to fall further behind. State-wide, **topsoil moisture** rates 1 percent very short, 10 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 16 percent surplus. **Fall tillage** is 30 percent complete, about normal for this time of year.

Field Crops Report

Ninety-six percent of the **corn** crop is mature, when normally 100 percent is mature. Harvest is 51 percent complete, over a month behind last year and normal. Overall, condition is rated 4 percent very poor, 12 percent poor, 35 percent fair, 39 percent good, and 10 percent excellent. Ninety percent of the **soybean** acreage is dropping leaves, and seventy-six percent is mature, 13 days behind last year and normal. Harvest increased 11 points from last week to 38 percent complete, 15 days behind normal. Soybean condition is rated 4 percent very poor, 12 percent poor, 38 percent fair, 36 percent good, and 10 percent excellent. **Rice** harvest is 94 percent complete, two weeks behind last year and 5 days behind normal. **Cotton** harvest is 77 percent complete, almost two weeks behind last year but 9 days ahead of normal. Eighty-four percent of the **sorghum** crop is mature, 22 days behind normal. Sorghum harvest is 45 percent complete, almost three weeks behind last year and 25 days behind normal. Sorghum condition is rated 1 percent very poor, 5 percent poor, 39 percent fair, 47 percent good, and 8 percent excellent. **Winter wheat** is 43 percent planted, 11 days behind last year and 10 days behind normal. Emergence is at 23 percent, 8 days behind normal. Winter wheat condition is rated 2 percent poor, 45 percent fair, 51 percent good, and 2 percent excellent.

Pasture & Livestock

Pasture condition is rated 1 percent very poor, 6 percent poor, 31 percent fair, 54 percent good and 8 percent excellent.

Weather Summary

Temperatures ranged from 1 to 3 degrees below average across the State. **Rainfall** averaged 1.16 inches, ranging from 0.55 inches in the east-central district to 2.15 inches in the northwest. Several counties in the northwest and west-central districts received over 2 inches of rain.

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

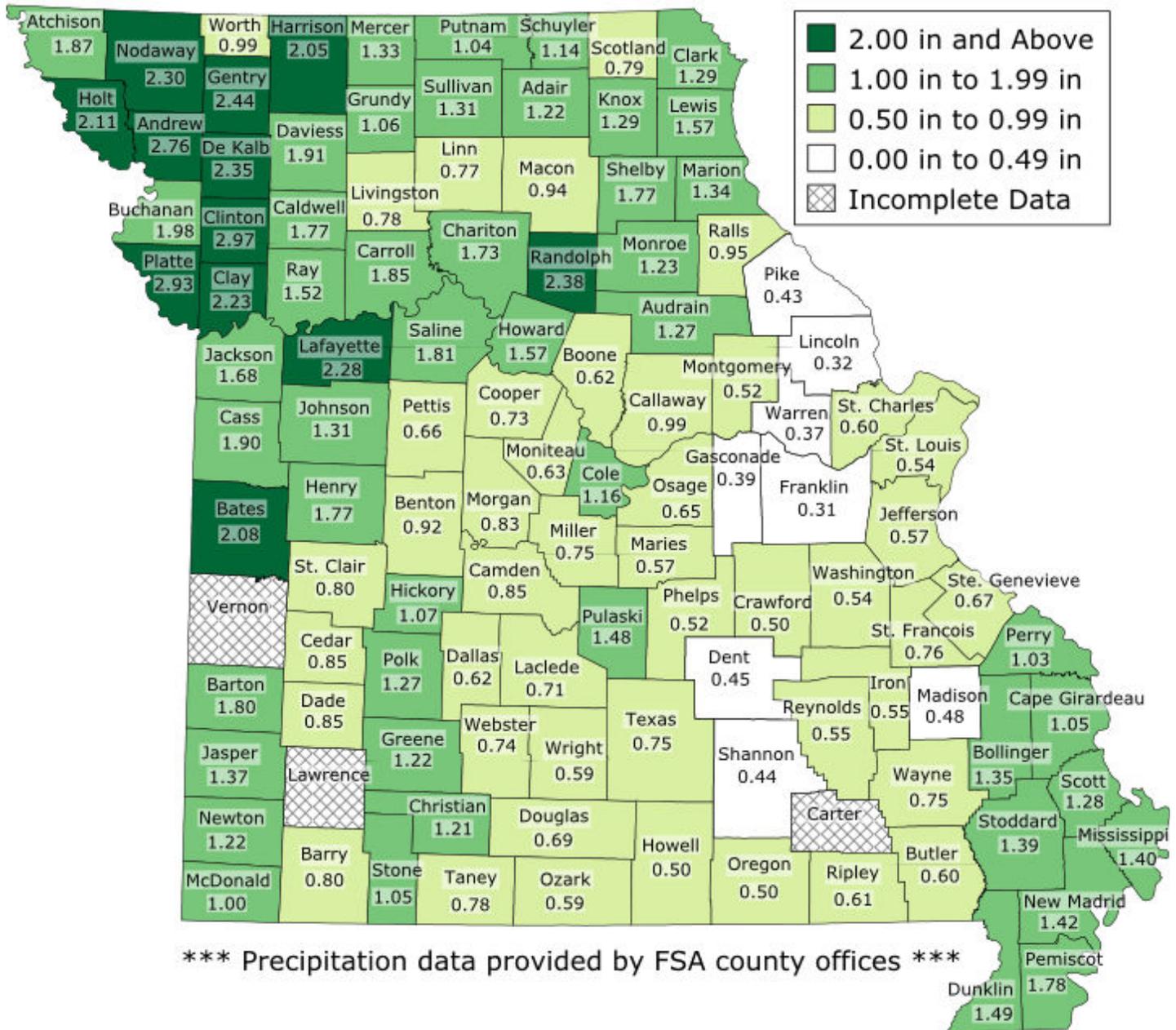
Hourly and daily weather data from stations throughout the state is available at:

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

District Summaries As Of October 26, 2008

	Missouri	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE
Days Suitable For Fieldwork										
This Year	3.7	2.4	3.2	2.9	3.3	4.2	4.5	4.9	5.7	4.0
Last Year	4.7	5.0	5.2	5.6	5.3	5.4	4.4	5.7	4.6	0.4
Topsoil Moisture Supply										
Very Short	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	7	0
Short	10	0	1	2	0	9	21	17	30	11
Adequate	73	73	72	62	71	80	76	80	63	83
Surplus	16	27	27	36	29	11	0	3	0	6
Ground Worked Fall Tillage, Percent										
This Year	30	15	15	10	25	36	44	37	81	39
Last Year	36	16	28	31	41	44	56	54	78	35
Normal	29									
Corn Harvested, Percent										
This Year	51	29	48	23	61	70	46	80	77	97
Last Year	87	69	88	85	98	99	99	98	100	100
Normal	88									
Soybeans Mature, Percent										
This Year	76	85	75	74	59	77	67	62	72	82
Last Year	93	96	93	97	87	98	97	72	89	94
Normal	94									
Soybeans Harvested, Percent										
This Year	38	31	39	29	23	56	36	8	33	54
Last Year	66	49	71	79	62	83	86	24	51	69
Normal	65									
Sorghum Harvested, Percent										
This Year	45	54	26	17	36	18	19	43	80	97
Last Year	75	79	73	78	75	70	84	54	88	99
Normal	76									
Winter Wheat Planted, Percent										
This Year	43	40	37	28	37	28	48	34	60	64
Last Year	62	53	73	81	58	50	72	55	68	63
Normal	63									
Winter Wheat Emerged, Percent										
This Year	23	23	21	17	11	9	30	14	42	41
Last Year	41	33	47	64	35	31	54	27	56	50
Normal	40									
Corn Condition										
Very Poor	4	3	5	7	2	4	7	0	1	0
Poor	12	13	11	24	5	15	8	0	4	8
Fair	35	45	38	37	36	29	24	34	15	22
Good	39	31	33	25	49	42	52	61	43	55
Excellent	10	8	13	7	8	10	9	5	37	15
Soybean Condition										
Very Poor	4	7	6	4	1	4	3	0	0	2
Poor	12	13	12	24	5	13	12	1	4	9
Fair	38	44	41	43	39	33	28	43	6	26
Good	36	27	31	24	43	40	48	55	30	47
Excellent	10	9	10	5	12	10	9	1	60	16
Sorghum Condition										
Very Poor	1	0	3	1	0	0	3	0	0	0
Poor	5	5	11	6	3	6	5	1	0	0
Fair	39	68	35	42	66	41	35	20	17	38
Good	47	21	46	38	29	46	49	75	83	51
Excellent	8	6	5	13	2	7	8	4	0	11
Winter Wheat Condition										
Very Poor	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Poor	2	1	3	5	7	1	0	0	0	0
Fair	45	32	63	40	47	57	44	23	4	51
Good	51	57	30	49	46	42	55	77	17	49
Excellent	2	10	3	6	0	0	1	0	79	0
Pasture Condition										
Very Poor	1	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Poor	6	8	7	11	3	2	0	3	10	12
Fair	31	31	36	42	46	18	23	29	35	41
Good	54	55	46	32	39	70	66	60	53	27
Excellent	8	5	8	13	12	10	11	8	2	20
Average Precipitation	1.16	2.15	1.30	1.19	1.62	0.92	0.55	1.15	0.61	1.30

Precipitation for Week Ending October 26, 2008



Precipitation for Four Weeks Ending October 26, 2008

