



Crop Progress and Condition

Week Ending November 16, 2008

Agricultural Summary

As the harvest season winds down, wet field conditions continue to keep farmers out of many fields and hampers row crop harvesting. Drier weather is needed for producers to finish harvest. There were 3.9 **days suitable for fieldwork**. State-wide, **topsoil moisture** rates 1 percent very short, 12 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 13 percent surplus. **Fall tillage** is 56 percent complete, 7 days behind normal. **Grain movement** from farm to elevator rates 10 percent none, 36 percent light, 46 percent moderate, and 8 percent heavy. **OFF-Farm storage availability** rates 28 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 2 surplus. **ON-Farm storage availability** rates 30 percent short, 65 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus.

Field Crops Report

Corn harvest advanced to 80 percent complete, remaining a month behind last year and normal. **Corn moisture at harvest** averaged 16 percent. **Soybean** harvest is 83 percent complete, 13 days behind last year and 10 days behind normal. The southwest district continues to trail the rest of the State at 45 percent harvested, nearly 40 points behind last year. **Sorghum** harvest increased 13 points from last week to 82 percent complete, 15 days behind last year and normal. **Winter wheat** is 87 percent planted, 9 days behind last year and 4 days behind normal. The late row crop harvest coupled with wet field conditions may affect overall planted acreage. Emergence is at 64 percent, over a week behind last year and normal. Winter wheat condition is rated 3 percent poor, 47 percent fair, 47 percent good, and 3 percent excellent.

Pasture & Livestock

Pasture condition is rated 1 percent very poor, 8 percent poor, 35 percent fair, 52 percent good and 4 percent excellent. All areas of the State are experiencing better than normal conditions for this time of the year.

Weather Summary

Temperatures ranged from normal to 3 degrees below average across the State. **Rainfall** for the week averaged 0.69, ranging from 0.35 inches in the west-central district and 0.38 in the northeast district to 1.80 inches in the southeast district. Scott and Stoddard counties in the southeast district reported receiving over 2 inches.

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

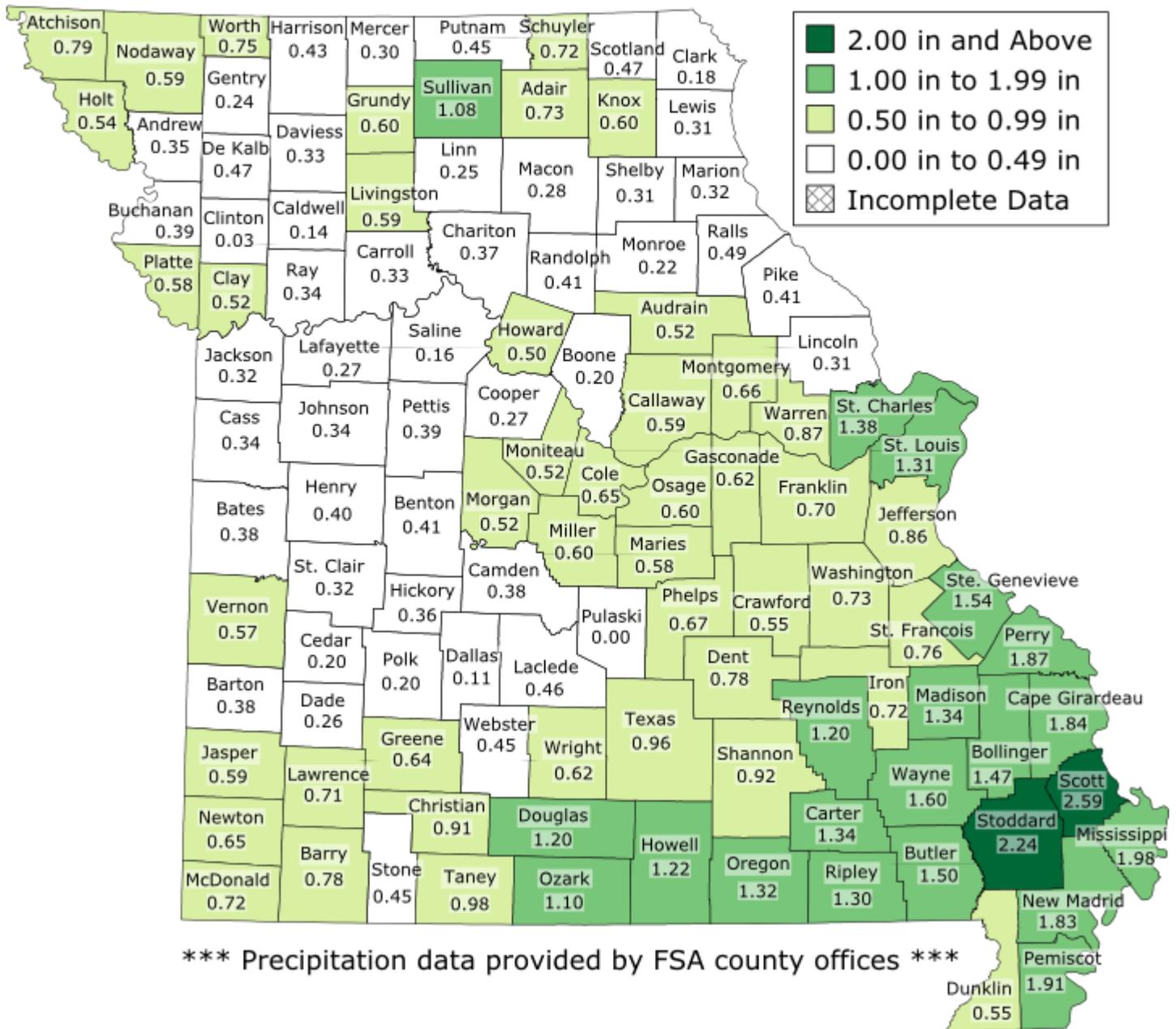
Hourly and daily weather data from stations throughout the state is available at:

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

District Summaries As Of November 16, 2008

	Missouri	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE
Days Suitable For Fieldwork										
This Year	3.9	3.0	3.3	4.1	3.5	4.8	4.8	6.0	5.5	2.7
Last Year	6.2	6.9	6.4	6.7	6.9	6.1	6.2	6.7	6.1	4.3
Topsoil Moisture Supply										
Very Short	1	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0
Short	12	1	1	3	12	18	24	15	30	7
Adequate	74	87	76	74	62	73	51	85	70	77
Surplus	13	12	23	23	26	9	14	0	0	16
Ground Worked Fall Tillage, Percent										
This Year	56	40	40	30	57	67	81	89	95	69
Last Year	71	52	63	70	76	79	85	74	93	72
Normal	59									
Corn Harvested, Percent										
This Year	80	67	81	65	86	92	84	95	100	100
Last Year	97	91	96	97	100	100	100	100	100	100
Normal	96									
Soybeans Harvested, Percent										
This Year	83	85	84	83	60	86	82	45	90	94
Last Year	96	95	95	98	94	98	100	83	97	95
Normal	92									
Sorghum Harvested, Percent										
This Year	82	93	81	66	91	65	70	75	100	100
Last Year	96	99	92	99	95	93	95	96	94	100
Normal	94									
Winter Wheat Planted, Percent										
This Year	87	96	89	94	75	70	91	89	93	92
Last Year	95	83	96	98	96	90	97	90	94	99
Normal	89									
Winter Wheat Condition										
Very Poor	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Poor	3	1	1	6	3	1	3	1	0	2
Fair	47	35	57	41	64	77	63	25	2	41
Good	47	61	39	47	27	21	33	74	30	56
Excellent	3	3	2	4	6	1	1	0	68	1
Pasture Condition										
Very Poor	1	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Poor	8	10	8	14	3	3	5	11	15	6
Fair	35	35	33	57	48	30	42	29	25	44
Good	52	51	47	18	39	66	49	60	58	34
Excellent	4	4	9	8	10	1	4	0	2	16
Grain Movement (Farm to Elevator)										
None	10	12	3	23	9	1	30	1	8	0
Light	36	23	28	30	37	39	41	6	0	70
Moderate	46	49	54	40	48	59	29	92	46	30
Heavy	8	16	15	7	6	1	0	1	46	0
OFF-Farm Storage Availability										
Short	28	23	23	22	32	22	19	20	46	49
Adequate	70	74	76	75	68	75	68	80	54	51
Surplus	2	3	1	3	0	3	13	0	0	0
ON-Farm Storage Availability										
Short	30	20	10	21	58	24	41	18	46	61
Adequate	65	72	76	76	42	75	59	76	54	39
Surplus	5	8	14	3	0	1	0	6	0	0
Average Precipitation										
	0.69	0.43	0.51	0.38	0.35	0.41	0.93	0.58	1.09	1.80

Precipitation for Week Ending November 16, 2008



*** Precipitation data provided by FSA county offices ***

Precipitation for Four Weeks Ending November 16, 2008

