



Oklahoma Crop Weather

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Weekly Summary for Sep 19-Sep 25

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Fall Crop Planting Has Begun

It's official, the wheat and canola planting season has begun for the 2011 - 2012 season. The rains last week, ranging from 0.08 of an inch in the South Central district to 0.99 of an inch in the Northeast district, gave producers some moisture to start planting. Planting across much of the state was triggered by the needed precipitation as Mesonet data over the last two weeks totaled 0.75 of an inch in the Panhandle district to 2.23 inches received in the Northeast district. Wheat planting progress was 20 points behind the five-year average and canola planting was 19 points behind last year. The rain has also helped livestock producers by bringing needed relief to pastures and hay fields across the state. While these rains were well received, livestock producers continued to cull herds as shortages of hay and pasture continued. The past week's precipitation brought little relief to topsoil moisture conditions with 66 percent of the state rated very short and 82 percent of subsoil rated very short. There were 5.5 days suitable for field work.

Soil Moisture Conditions by Percent

Week Ending Sunday, September 25, 2011

Moisture Rating	Current Week	Previous Week	One Year Ago
Topsoil			
Very Short	66	77	12
Short	25	20	31
Adequate	9	3	55
Surplus	0	0	2
Subsoil			
Very Short	82	87	16
Short	16	13	40
Adequate	2	0	42
Surplus	0	0	2

Small Grains: With the recent rains seedbed preparation made good progress for both wheat and canola, and planting had begun. Seedbed preparation for **wheat** ground was 71 percent complete by week's end, 14 points behind normal. Wheat planting reached 11 percent, 20 points behind normal. **Canola** seedbed preparation reached 77 percent complete by the end of the week, up two points from the previous week, while planting reached 13 percent, 19 points behind last year. Seedbed preparation for **rye** was 61 percent and planting reached nine percent by Sunday, 45 points behind normal. Seedbed preparation for **oat** ground was 52 percent complete.

Row Crops: Peanuts continued to be the only crop rated mostly fair to good with all remaining crops rated poor to very poor. Ninety-five percent of **corn** had reached maturity and 70 percent had been harvested by week's end. **Sorghum** heading reached 96 percent complete and coloring was 67 percent complete, 14 points behind normal. Forty-two percent of sorghum was mature, and 22 percent was harvested by Sunday, 7 points ahead of the five-year average. **Soybean** blooming was 95 percent complete, 83 percent was setting pods, and 13 percent was mature by week's end, all behind the five-year average. **Peanuts** setting pods reached 93 percent complete, and 24 percent were mature by Sunday, 31 points behind normal. **Cotton** reached 95 percent setting bolls, and 41 percent of plants had bolls opening by week's end, 22 points behind normal.

Hay: Production continued to be very limited. Third cuttings of **alfalfa** were 50 percent complete, 50 points behind normal. A second cutting of **other hay** reached 50 percent complete by Sunday, 22 points behind the five-year average.

Pasture and Livestock: Conditions for pasture and range conditions remained mostly very poor. Livestock conditions were rated mostly fair to poor. Shortages of hay and water supplies resulted in continued culling of herds. Prices for feeder steers less than 800 pounds averaged \$132 per cwt. Prices for heifers less than 800 pounds averaged \$124 per cwt.

Conditions by Percent

For Week Ending Sunday, September 25, 2011

Commodity	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Sorghum	54	34	11	1	0
Soybeans	46	39	13	2	0
Peanuts	8	16	51	25	0
Cotton	73	23	3	1	0
Alfalfa	65	22	10	3	0
Other Hay	69	23	7	1	0
Livestock	15	22	45	18	0
Pasture and Range	66	24	8	2	0

Crop Progress by Percent

For Week Ending Sunday, September 25, 2011

Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	One Year Ago	Five Year Average
Wheat	Seedbed Prepared	71	63	80	85
	Planted	11	N/A	28	31
Canola	Seedbed Prepared	77	75	N/A	N/A
	Planted	13	N/A	32	N/A
Rye	Seedbed Prepared	61	55	90	90
	Planted	9	N/A	47	54
Oats	Seedbed Prepared	52	43	66	68
Corn	Mature	95	89	97	85
	Harvested	70	62	74	58
Sorghum	Headed	96	92	100	98
	Coloring	67	61	89	81
	Mature	42	28	53	38
	Harvested	22	10	23	15
Soybeans	Blooming	95	93	100	99
	Setting Pods	83	80	100	95
	Mature	13	10	35	31
Peanuts	Setting Pods	93	92	100	100
	Mature	24	15	61	55
Cotton	Setting Bolls	95	93	100	100
	Bolls Opening	41	24	86	63
Alfalfa Hay	3rd Cutting	50	48	100	100
Other Hay	2nd Cutting	50	49	80	72

Mesonet Temperature and Precipitation Data

Week Ending Sunday, September 25, 2011

District	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	Current Week	Sep 1, 2011 to Sep 25, 2011		
					Total	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
	Degrees	Degrees	Degrees	Inches	Inches	Inches	Percent
Panhandle	83	51	67	0.40	0.81	-0.75	52
West Central	84	55	68	0.49	0.98	-1.54	39
Southwest	85	55	70	0.21	1.08	-1.74	38
North Central	81	54	67	0.53	1.83	-0.78	70
Central	81	54	67	0.82	1.96	-1.46	57
South Central	84	55	70	0.08	1.13	-2.49	31
Northeast	78	52	65	0.99	2.76	-1.22	69
East Central	79	53	66	0.80	2.74	-1.39	66
Southeast	84	55	70	0.27	1.31	-2.50	34

Weather for Week Ending September 25, 2011:

Temperatures ranged from 41 degrees at Acme on Friday, September 23rd, to 98 degrees at Beaver on Saturday, September 24th. Precipitation ranged from 0.08 of an inch in the South Central district to 0.99 of an inch in the Northeast district. Soil temperature averages ranged from 62 degrees at Butler on Thursday, September 22nd, to 82 degrees at Durant and Hugo on Wednesday, September 21st.

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