



# Oklahoma Crop Weather

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## Small Grain Seedbed Preparation Underway

Despite wet fields from last month, small grain seedbed preparation started as producers begin to move back into the fields as they begin to dry. There was little to no rainfall during the week as precipitation levels ranged from 0 inches to 0.12 inches across all nine districts. Temperatures ranged from as high as 73 degrees in Hooker to as low as 18 degrees in Cookson. Precipitation for most of the districts remained above normal during the reference period beginning September 1, 2009. Both topsoil moisture and subsoil moisture conditions ranked mostly in the adequate to surplus range. There were 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork.

### Soil Moisture Conditions by Percent

Week Ending Sunday, March 7, 2010

Moisture Rating	Topsoil			Subsoil		
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
Very Short	1	2	59	5	7	42
Short	9	9	29	13	9	39
Adequate	70	52	12	63	60	19
Surplus	20	37	0	19	24	0

**Small Grains:** Small grain conditions improved slightly from the previous week's conditions. **Wheat** increased by three points from the week prior to 49 percent grazed. Twenty three percent of **oats** were grazed, unchanged from the previous week. **Rye** grazed also remained unchanged from the week prior at 77 percent grazed.

**Row Crops:** **Corn** seedbed prepared reached 29 percent complete by week's end. **Sorghum** seedbed prepared reached ten percent complete. Seedbed prepared for **peanuts** reached 25 percent complete by week's end. **Cotton** seedbed prepared increased to 18 percent complete by Sunday.

**Pasture and Range:** Pasture and range conditions continued to rate mostly in the good to fair range. Supplemental feeding of livestock continues across the State.

**Livestock:** Prices for feeder steers less than 800 pounds averaged \$106 per cwt. Prices for heifers less than 800 pounds averaged \$98 per cwt. Livestock conditions rated mostly in the good to fair range.

### Conditions by Percent

Week Ending Sunday, March 7, 2010

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Small Grain -</b>					
Wheat	2	5	28	57	8
Rye	2	3	23	65	7
Oat	8	11	42	37	2
<b>Livestock, Pasture and Range -</b>					
Livestock	3	10	34	46	7
Pasture and Range	10	26	34	29	1

### Crop Progress by Percent

Week Ending Sunday, March 7, 2010

Crop and Event	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average	Crop and Event	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average
<b>Wheat -</b>					<b>Sorghum-</b>				
Grazed	49	46	33	N/A	Seedbed Prepared	10	N/A	15	13
<b>Rye-</b>					<b>Peanuts-</b>				
Grazed	77	77	58	N/A	Seedbed Prepared	25	N/A	17	N/A
<b>Oats-</b>					<b>Cotton-</b>				
Grazed	23	23	11	N/A	Seedbed Prepared	18	N/A	46	N/A
<b>Corn-</b>									
Seedbed Prepared	29	N/A	45	31					

**Weather for Week Ending March 7, 2010:** Temperatures ranged from 18 degrees at Cookson on Wednesday, March 3rd, to 73 degrees at Hooker on Friday, March 5th. Precipitation ranged from 0 in the North Central, Northeast, East Central Southeast districts to 0.12 inches in the Southwest district. Soil temperatures averaged 33 degrees at Boise City on Tuesday, March 2nd, to 55 degrees at Vanoss on Sunday, March 7th.

### Mesonet Temperature and Precipitation Data

Week Ending March 7, 2010

District	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	This Week	September 1, 2009 to March 7, 2010		
					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	61	31	45	0.02	6.17	-0.49	93
West Central	58	37	47	0.02	10.66	-0.36	97
Southwest	59	39	49	0.12	13.61	1.23	110
North Central	59	35	47	0.00	8.93	-2.99	75
Central	60	37	49	0.03	16.86	0.31	102
South Central	61	38	49	0.07	23.64	4.51	124
Northeast	61	34	47	0.00	20.13	1.44	108
East Central	60	35	47	0.00	25.37	3.37	115
Southeast	61	33	47	0.00	34.32	8.69	134