



# Oklahoma Crop Weather

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## Wet Fields Delay Seedbed Preparation

Tornado season has arrived, as the first twister of the season touched down in Roger Mills County on Monday evening, destroying several homes. It was a wet and stormy Monday for most of the State, while the remainder of the week was fairly mild. All nine districts received measurable rainfall this week. Although the moisture this winter has benefitted the small grain crops, row crop producers are looking for a break in the wet weather to allow spring field work and planting to begin. Both topsoil and subsoil moisture conditions continue to be favorable, with the majority rated in the surplus to adequate range, improving slightly from the previous week. Wet weather and drenched fields are hampering progress, as there were only 2.9 days suitable for field work this week.

### Soil Moisture Conditions by Percent

Week Ending Sunday, March 14, 2010

Moisture Rating	Topsoil			Subsoil		
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
Very Short	1	1	52	4	5	41
Short	4	9	32	12	13	39
Adequate	76	70	15	66	63	20
Surplus	19	20	1	18	19	0

**Small Grains:** Small grain conditions continue to rate mostly in the good to fair range, with 12 percent of wheat and 13 percent of rye rated excellent. Warmer temperatures and sunshine are needed to accelerate growth. **Wheat** jointing reached 17 percent complete, six points ahead of last year, but one point behind normal. Nearly one-third of the **rye** was jointing by week's end, three points behind the five-year average. **Oat** seedings continue as 74 percent of the oats were planted by Sunday, three points ahead of last year.

**Row Crops:** Wet conditions have hindered seedbed preparations in most areas of the State. **Corn** seedbed preparations have reached 30 percent complete, 16 points behind last year and five points behind normal. **Sorghum** seedbed preparation was at 11 percent while **soybean** seedbed preparation reached five percent complete, both running behind last year and the five-year average. **Peanuts** were the only row crop running ahead of normal, with just over a quarter of the seedbed preparation completed by week's end. **Cotton** seedbed preparations increased slightly from last week to reach 19 percent complete, 28 points behind last year and four points behind the five-year average.

**Pasture and Range:** Pasture and range conditions are rated mostly in the good to fair range. Cool season grasses are greening up pastures.

**Livestock:** Livestock conditions are rated mostly in the good to fair range. Producers continue to pull stock off of small grain pasture. Prices for feeder steers less than 800 pounds averaged \$107 per cwt. Prices for heifers less than 800 pounds averaged \$99 per cwt.

### Conditions by Percent

Week Ending Sunday, March 14, 2010

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Small Grain -</b>					
Wheat	2	4	26	56	12
Rye	3	5	25	54	13
Oat	8	13	44	33	2
<b>Livestock, Pasture and Range -</b>					
Livestock	4	11	32	47	6
Pasture and Range	9	26	34	30	1

### Crop Progress by Percent

Week Ending Sunday, March 14, 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>				
Jointing	17	N/A	11	18	Seedbed Prepared	11	10	18	15
<b>Rye-</b>					<b>Soybean-</b>				
Jointing	30	N/A	21	33	Seedbed Prepared	5	N/A	13	15
<b>Oats-</b>					<b>Peanuts-</b>				
Planted	74	N/A	71	N/A	Seedbed Prepared	26	25	20	14
<b>Corn-</b>					<b>Cotton-</b>				
Seedbed Prepared	30	29	46	35	Seedbed Prepared	19	18	47	23

**Weather for Week Ending March 14, 2010:** Temperatures ranged from 24 degrees at Boise City on Saturday, March 13th, to 75 degrees at Waurika and Hollis on Tuesday, March 9th. Precipitation ranged from 0.42 in the Southwest district to 1.02 inches in the North Central district. Soil temperatures averaged 38 degrees at Boise City on Friday, March 12th, to 57 degrees at Idabel on Tuesday, March 9th.

### Mesonet Temperature and Precipitation Data

Week Ending Sunday, Ending March 14, 2010

District	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	This Week	September 1, 2009 to March 14, 2010		
					Total	Departure from Normal	Percent of Normal
	Degrees	Degrees	Degrees	Inches	Inches	Inches	Percent
Panhandle	54	33	42	0.93	7.10	0.07	101
West Central	58	36	46	0.43	11.07	-0.50	96
Southwest	62	38	49	0.42	14.03	1.14	109
North Central	55	37	45	1.02	9.93	-2.60	79
Central	58	39	48	0.79	17.64	0.36	102
South Central	63	40	51	0.99	24.77	4.84	124
Northeast	56	40	48	0.90	21.02	1.51	108
East Central	59	41	50	0.73	26.22	3.30	114
Southeast	62	40	52	0.76	35.13	8.48	132