



Oklahoma Crop Weather

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Spring Weather Brings Mixed Results

Overall, warmer temperatures and less rainfall were welcomed by producers to help dry up wet fields. Conditions varied across Oklahoma with heavy winds drying out the soil in the west while wet conditions persisted with additional precipitation in the east, hampering field work. All except the Panhandle district received measurable rainfall with a total of 0.39 inches for the State. Topsoil and subsoil moisture conditions continued to be rated mostly in the surplus to adequate range. Temperatures rose throughout the State this week with a high of 97 on Wednesday. The sunshine and drier fields allowed for 4.8 days suitable for field work.

Soil Moisture Conditions by Percent

Week Ending Sunday, April 4, 2010

Moisture Rating	Topsoil			Subsoil		
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
Very Short	3	1	23	5	4	33
Short	14	7	23	14	12	35
Adequate	68	71	47	69	68	29
Surplus	15	21	7	12	16	3

Small Grains: Small grain conditions continued to improve due to the warmer temperatures. Conditions rated mostly in the good to fair range, with 9 percent of wheat and 13 percent of rye rated excellent. **Wheat** jointing reached 62 percent, up 14 points from the week earlier but 19 points behind last year and 12 points behind normal. **Rye** jointing progressed substantially with 80 percent completed, up 26 points from the previous week. This was 8 points behind progress last year but 4 points ahead of the five-year average. With **Oat** seedlings virtually completed statewide, oats jointing has reached 19 percent completion, up 8 points from the week before and only 5 points behind normal.

Row Crops: Improved field conditions allowed for progress in seedbed preparation. **Corn** seedbed preparations reached 52 percent completion, another 11 points up from the previous week but still 19 points behind last year's progress. **Sorghum** seedbeds prepared are now at 28 percent, one point ahead of normal, while **soybean** seedbed preparations are still running 10 points behind normal at 24 percent. **Peanut** seedbed preparations are well ahead of normal with 59 percent completed, compared to the five-year average of 39 percent. Seedbed preparations for **cotton** reached 50 percent complete, up 20 points from the week earlier, still 19 points behind last year but only 3 points behind the five-year average.

Pasture and Range: Pastures continue to green up across the State with the spring conditions. Pasture and range conditions were rated mostly in the good to fair range.

Livestock: Livestock conditions continue to rate mostly in the good to fair range. Warmer temperatures and the greening of pasture land are welcome events to producers whose hay supplies have been depleted. Prices for feeder steers less than 800 pounds averaged \$114 per cwt. Prices for heifers less than 800 pounds averaged \$104 per cwt.

Conditions by Percent
Week Ending Sunday, April 4, 2010

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Small Grains -					
Wheat	1	4	26	60	9
Rye	3	4	28	52	13
Oats	3	6	42	46	3
Livestock, Pasture and Range -					
Livestock	3	10	35	45	7
Pasture and Range	5	17	40	35	3

Crop Progress by Percent
Week Ending Sunday, April 4, 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
Wheat -					Sorghum-				
Jointing	62	48	81	74	Seedbed Prepared	28	14	28	27
Rye-					Soybean-				
Jointing	80	54	88	76	Seedbed Prepared	24	12	35	34
Oats-					Peanuts-				
Jointing	19	11	20	24	Seedbed Prepared	59	42	45	39
Corn-					Cotton-				
Seedbed Prepared	52	41	71	68	Seedbed Prepared	50	30	69	53

Weather for Week Ending April 4, 2010: Temperatures ranged from 25 degrees at Beaver on Saturday, April 3rd, to 97 degrees at Seiling and Butler on Wednesday, March 31st. Precipitation ranged from 0 in the Panhandle district to 0.81 inches in the Northeast district. Soil temperature averages ranged from 45 degrees at Boise City on Monday, March 29th, to 69 degrees at Waurika on Thursday, April 1st.

Mesonet Temperature and Precipitation Data
Week Ending Sunday, April 4, 2010

District	Temperature			This Week	Precipitation		
	High	Low	Average		March 1, 2010 to April 4, 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	79	39	60	0.00	1.83	-0.04	98
West Central	80	46	64	0.04	0.70	-2.04	26
Southwest	81	45	64	0.26	1.10	-1.52	42
North Central	79	47	64	0.33	1.72	-1.36	56
Central	78	50	65	0.41	1.93	-1.78	52
South Central	78	49	65	0.36	2.71	-1.34	67
Northeast	77	50	64	0.81	3.73	-0.48	89
East Central	75	50	63	0.58	3.61	-1.06	77
Southeast	76	47	62	0.76	4.11	-0.97	81