



Oklahoma Crop Weather

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Weekly Summary for Oct 24-Oct 30

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Wheat and Canola in Fair Condition

Several rains during the past month have benefitted the wheat, rye and canola planted, although emergence has been behind normal due to the late planting. The condition of wheat and rye was rated mostly good to fair and canola was rated mostly fair. Additional rainfall is needed to replenish the huge deficit of subsoil moisture, as the state was still in a severe to exceptional drought as of the October 25th Drought Monitor. Another precipitation event on Thursday averaged just over half an inch across the state. The northern third of the state missed most of the rainfall last week while the Southwest district received the most with 1.07 inches on average. In the Panhandle district the precipitation came in the form of snow, with an inch reported in multiple locations. The snow was preceded by only a few days with a high of 88 degrees for the district recorded in Buffalo on Monday. The cool down the second half of the week occurred statewide and temperatures for the week averaged in the mid-50s. Topsoil moisture conditions improved from the previous week with 38 percent rated adequate, compared to 29 percent the previous week. Subsoil moisture conditions showed only a slight improvement; eight percent was rated adequate, up from six percent the week before. There were 5.3 days suitable for field work.

Soil Moisture Conditions by Percent

Week Ending Sunday, October 30, 2011

Moisture Rating	Current Week	Previous Week	One Year Ago
Topsoil			
Very Short	30	31	13
Short	31	40	33
Adequate	38	29	51
Surplus	1	0	3
Subsoil			
Very Short	70	70	19
Short	22	24	36
Adequate	8	6	44
Surplus	0	0	1

Small Grains: Planting of most small grains and canola were winding down this past week. The condition of wheat, rye and canola already emerged was rated mostly good to fair. **Wheat** planting reached 90 percent complete, up 8 points from the previous week and 68 percent was emerged. **Canola** planting was virtually complete by Sunday and 87 percent of canola had emerged. **Rye** planting reached 95 percent complete by week's end, and 83 percent of rye had emerged, 10 points behind the five-year average. Seedbed preparation for **oat** ground was 76 percent complete. Oat planting reached 41 percent complete by the end of the week and 34 percent had emerged, seven points behind normal.

Row Crops: The harvest of row crops continued, with most crops behind the five-year average. **Corn** harvest was virtually complete by Sunday. **Sorghum** coloring was 93 percent complete by the end of the week. Seventy-seven percent of sorghum had matured, and 37 percent was harvested by Sunday, 11 points behind normal. **Soybeans** mature reached 70 percent complete by week's end, and 37 percent of soybeans had been harvested, 10 points behind normal. Eighty-nine percent of **peanuts** had matured by Sunday and 68 percent were dug. Almost half of the peanuts had been combined by week's end, nine points behind the five-year average. **Cotton** plants opening bolls reached 92 percent complete and 27 percent of cotton had been harvested by week's end.

Hay: Short hay supplies continued to be a major concern for producers while little hay was cut this past week. Third cuttings of **alfalfa** were 71 percent complete, and 17 percent of the state had completed a fourth cutting, compared to a five-year average of 100 percent. A second cutting of **other hay** was 57 percent complete by Sunday, 29 points behind normal.

Pasture and Livestock: The cooler temperatures meant limited further growth for pasture and range, which were rated poor to very poor. Livestock conditions continued to be rated mostly fair to poor. Prices for feeder steers less than 800 pounds averaged \$141 per cwt. Prices for heifers less than 800 pounds averaged \$129 per cwt.

Conditions by Percent

For Week Ending Sunday, October 30, 2011

Commodity	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	6	9	48	33	4
Canola	1	9	53	32	5
Rye	2	6	44	45	3
Sorghum	51	33	14	2	0
Soybeans	42	29	26	3	0
Peanuts	8	17	42	32	1
Cotton	77	18	4	1	0
Alfalfa	51	27	18	4	0
Other Hay	65	24	10	1	0
Livestock	13	24	44	18	1
Pasture and Range	60	26	12	2	0

Crop Progress by Percent

For Week Ending Sunday, October 30, 2011

Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	One Year Ago	Five Year Average
Wheat	Planted	90	82	92	88
	Emerged	68	50	74	72
Canola	Planted	97	93	93	N/A
	Emerged	87	66	80	N/A
Rye	Planted	95	87	100	99
	Emerged	83	64	92	93
Oats	Seedbed Prepared	76	75	83	85
	Planted	41	39	52	53
	Emerged	34	21	45	41
Corn	Harvested	98	94	100	95
Sorghum	Coloring	93	92	100	99
	Mature	77	69	99	82
	Harvested	37	35	75	48
Soybeans	Mature	70	51	88	79
	Harvested	37	22	61	47
Peanuts	Mature	89	82	100	97
	Dug	68	47	90	78
	Combined	49	16	78	58
Cotton	Bolls Opening	92	87	100	99
	Harvested	27	8	47	33
Alfalfa Hay	3rd Cutting	71	63	100	100
	4th Cutting	17	14	100	100
Other Hay	2nd Cutting	57	56	93	86

Mesonet Temperature and Precipitation Data

Week Ending Sunday, October 30, 2011

Weather for Week Ending October 30, 2011: Temperatures ranged from 26 degrees at Beaver on Friday, October 28th, to 92 degrees at Hollis on Tuesday, October 25th. Precipitation ranged from 0.05 of an inch in the North Central district to 1.07 inches in the Southwest district. Soil temperature averages ranged from 48 degrees at Boise City on Friday, October 28th and at Hinton on Saturday, October 29th, to 71 degrees at Medicine Park on Tuesday, October 25th.

District	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	Current Week	Sep 1, 2011 to Oct 30, 2011		
					Total	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
	Degrees	Degrees	Degrees	Inches	Inches	Inches	Percent
Panhandle	66	37	51	0.11	1.85	-1.50	55
West Central	67	43	55	0.63	3.67	-1.83	67
Southwest	69	45	56	1.07	4.90	-1.37	78
North Central	69	42	55	0.05	4.06	-1.64	71
Central	68	45	56	0.63	5.76	-1.89	75
South Central	69	46	57	0.79	5.64	-2.81	67
Northeast	69	44	56	0.16	4.37	-3.92	53
East Central	69	46	57	0.94	6.03	-3.06	66
Southeast	71	44	57	0.50	4.00	-5.37	43

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