



Oklahoma Crop Weather

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Weekly Summary for Oct 31-Nov 6

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Row Crop Harvesting Gained Momentum

Additional rainfall last week kept crop progress for wheat, rye, oats and canola on track. Although the state continued experiencing severe drought conditions, the recent rains have reduced the percent of the state under exceptional drought conditions. The November 1 U.S. Drought Monitor reported 42 percent of the state remaining under exceptional drought conditions, down from 55 percent reported on October 25th and 64 percent on August 2nd. Eight of the nine districts were above 50 percent of normal precipitation since September 1st, while the Southeast district was at 41 percent of normal. Topsoil moisture conditions showed 34 percent rated adequate, compared to 38 percent the previous week. Subsoil moisture conditions improved slightly with 64 percent very short, down from 70 percent the previous week. There were 6.1 days suitable for field work.

Small Grains: With most of the fall crops planted and emerged, temperatures and precipitation are in control for the 2011-2012 season.

Conditions for wheat, rye, and canola continued to be rated mostly good to fair. **Wheat** planting reached 95 percent complete, up five points from the previous week, with 81 percent emerged. **Canola** emerged reached 92 percent, up six points from last year. Ninety-three percent of the **rye** had emerged by Sunday, three points behind the five-year average. Seedbed preparation for **oat** ground was 76 percent complete, unchanged from the week prior. Oat planting reached 49 percent complete by the end of the week and 38 percent had emerged, both behind normal.

Row Crops: Harvest activity increased for all crops from the week before. Sorghum, soybeans, and peanuts remained behind the five-year average and cotton harvest was on track with the five-year average. **Sorghum** coloring was 96 percent complete by the end of the week. Eighty-eight percent of sorghum had matured, and 52 percent was harvested by Sunday, five points behind normal. **Soybeans** mature reached 85 percent complete by Sunday, and 56 percent of soybeans had been harvested, four points behind normal. Ninety-five percent of **peanuts** had matured by week's end, and 80 percent were dug, nine points behind the five-year average. Sixty-two percent of the peanuts had been combined by week's end, 11 points behind the average. **Cotton** plants opening bolls reached 95 percent complete and 44 percent of cotton had been harvested by week's end.

Hay: With this year's hay season coming to an end, hay continued to be in short supply. Third cuttings of **alfalfa** were 72 percent complete, and 18 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 58 percent complete by Sunday, 30 points behind normal.

Pasture and Livestock: Pasture and range conditions continued to be rated poor to very poor. Winter pasture conditions continued to show improvement providing much needed relief to producers. Livestock conditions rated 46 percent in fair condition, up two points from the previous week. Prices for feeder steers less than 800 pounds averaged \$141 per cwt. Prices for heifers less than 800 pounds averaged \$128 per cwt.

Soil Moisture Conditions by Percent

Week Ending Sunday, November 6, 2011

Moisture Rating	Current Week	Previous Week	One Year Ago
Topsoil			
Very Short	33	30	16
Short	31	31	41
Adequate	34	38	43
Surplus	2	1	0
Subsoil			
Very Short	64	70	21
Short	27	22	39
Adequate	9	8	40
Surplus	0	0	0

Conditions by Percent

For Week Ending Sunday, November 6, 2011

Commodity	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	6	10	42	36	6
Canola	1	6	45	42	6
Rye	2	6	35	54	3
Sorghum	44	38	17	1	0
Soybeans	40	36	19	5	0
Cotton	75	19	5	1	0
Alfalfa	44	28	23	5	0
Other Hay	61	24	13	2	0
Livestock	9	23	46	22	0
Pasture and Range	57	29	12	2	0

Crop Progress by Percent

For Week Ending Sunday, November 6, 2011

Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	One Year Ago	Five Year Average
Wheat	Planted	95	90	96	92
	Emerged	81	68	81	79
Canola	Emerged	92	87	86	N/A
Rye	Emerged	93	83	95	96
Oats	Seedbed Prepared	76	76	84	87
	Planted	49	41	56	58
	Emerged	38	34	49	46
Sorghum	Coloring	96	93	100	100
	Mature	88	77	100	89
	Harvested	52	37	82	57
Soybeans	Mature	85	70	91	88
	Harvested	56	37	74	60
Peanuts	Mature	95	89	100	100
	Dug	80	68	96	89
	Combined	62	49	89	73
Cotton	Bolls Opening	95	92	100	100
	Harvested	44	27	58	43
Alfalfa Hay	3rd Cutting	72	71	100	100
	4th Cutting	18	17	100	100
Other Hay	2nd Cutting	58	57	95	88

Mesonet Temperature and Precipitation Data

Week Ending Sunday, November 6, 2011

District	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	Current Week	Sep 1, 2011 to Nov 6, 2011		
					Total	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
	Degrees	Degrees	Degrees	Inches	Inches	Inches	Percent
Panhandle	65	32	48	0.08	1.92	-1.67	54
West Central	65	38	51	0.00	3.67	-2.26	62
Southwest	67	39	53	0.00	4.90	-1.81	73
North Central	66	37	51	0.04	4.11	-2.10	66
Central	66	40	53	0.21	5.99	-2.34	72
South Central	67	42	55	0.73	6.46	-2.75	70
Northeast	67	40	54	0.41	4.86	-4.28	53
East Central	67	42	55	0.37	6.51	-3.58	65
Southeast	69	42	56	0.27	4.33	-6.22	41

Weather for Week Ending November 6, 2011:

Temperatures ranged from 17 degrees at Kenton on Thursday, November 3rd and Camargo on Friday, November 4th, to 80 degrees at Arnett, Freedom, and Hollis on Tuesday, November 1st. Precipitation ranged from zero in the West Central and Southwest districts to 0.73 of an inch in the South Central district. Soil temperature averages ranged from 45 degrees at Boise City on Thursday, November 3rd, to 63 degrees at Sulphur on Tuesday, November 1st and Hugo on Wednesday, November 2nd.

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