



Oklahoma Crop Weather

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Weekly Summary for May 7-May 13

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Early Harvest on Hiatus

An early wheat harvest was progressing mid-week, but rain over the weekend stopped the combines in southwestern Oklahoma. An early canola harvest was also underway. Even more canola has been swathed and will be harvested soon. Overall, canola and small grains are rated in good condition. Wheat in the Panhandle is still in need of additional rain to maintain expected yields as drought conditions are still rated as severe to extreme in that area. Goodwell, in the Panhandle, received 0.86 of an inch of rain last week, although the average for the Panhandle was 0.21 of an inch. Most of the precipitation fell across the southern half of the state, and the Southeast, South Central and Southwest districts all averaged more than an inch of rain. Temperatures cooled down from the week prior, averaging in the low to mid sixties. Planting was ahead of normal for most crops, and peanuts, sorghum and soybeans began to emerge, along with corn. Topsoil and subsoil moisture conditions were rated mostly adequate. There were 5.8 days suitable for field work.

Soil Moisture Conditions by Percent

Week Ending Sunday, May 13, 2012

Moisture Rating	Current Week	Previous Week	One Year Ago
Topsoil			
Very Short	7	8	48
Short	27	28	23
Adequate	65	57	28
Surplus	1	7	1
Subsoil			
Very Short	12	12	56
Short	34	32	24
Adequate	53	54	18
Surplus	1	2	2

Small Grains: Conditions continued to be rated mostly good for all small grains. A small portion of wheat and rye had been harvested by the end of the week. Eighty percent of **wheat** heading was in soft dough stage of development, 44 points ahead of the five-year average. The **canola** crop was 84 percent mature by Sunday, and 12 percent was harvested by week's end. **Rye** in the soft dough stage was 91 percent by the end of the week, 32 points ahead of normal. **Oat** heading was 81 percent complete and 42 percent was in the soft dough stage by Sunday.

Row Crops: Corn conditions were rated mostly good. **Corn** planting was 93 percent complete by the end of the week, and 57 percent had emerged. **Sorghum** seedbed preparation was 84 percent complete by Sunday. Sorghum planting was 27 percent complete, and seven percent had emerged by the end of the week. **Soybean** seedbed preparation was 73 percent complete by week's end. Soybean planting was 31 percent complete, and six percent had emerged by Sunday. **Peanut** seedbed preparation was 91 percent complete, and 51 percent of the crop was planted by week's end, 15 points ahead of normal. One quarter of the peanut crop had emerged by Sunday. **Cotton** seedbed preparation was 86 percent complete, and 29 percent was planted by Sunday, 16 points ahead of the five-year average.

Watermelon planting was 74 percent complete by the end of the week and 35 percent of the crop was growing out vines.

Hay: Conditions for both alfalfa and other hay were rated mostly good. Rainfall in the south was beneficial and will improved warm season forage production, though it slowed cutting for a few days. A first cutting of **alfalfa** hay was 88 percent complete by the end of the week; a first cutting of **other hay** was 49 percent complete, both well ahead of normal.

Pasture and Livestock: Pasture and range conditions continued to be rated mostly good to fair. Drought-stressed pastures and grasses were reported in several areas, evidenced by weed pressure or bare spots. Livestock conditions continued to be rated mostly good. Prices for feeder steers less than 800 pounds averaged \$154 per cwt. Prices for heifers less than 800 pounds averaged \$141 per cwt.

Conditions by Percent

For Week Ending Sunday, May 13, 2012

Commodity	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	1	4	19	55	21
Canola	1	3	22	50	24
Rye	1	3	15	52	29
Oats	1	2	20	57	20
Corn	0	0	9	84	7
Alfalfa Hay	1	3	27	55	14
Other Hay	1	3	29	53	14
Livestock	0	4	26	55	15
Pasture and Range	3	8	32	48	9

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Crop Progress by Percent

For Week Ending Sunday, May 13, 2012

Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	One Year Ago	Five Year Average
Wheat	Soft Dough	80	60	47	36
Canola	Mature	84	59	62	N/A
	Harvested	12	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rye	Soft Dough	91	71	72	59
Oats	Headed	81	65	49	44
	Soft Dough	42	16	N/A	N/A
Corn	Planted	93	92	91	89
	Emerged	57	53	44	65
Sorghum	Seedbed Prepared	84	77	83	72
	Planted	27	20	23	23
	Emerged	7	N/A	N/A	N/A
Soybeans	Seedbed Prepared	73	68	65	64
	Planted	31	22	18	22
	Emerged	6	N/A	N/A	N/A
Peanuts	Seedbed Prepared	91	85	93	91
	Planted	51	34	44	36
	Emerged	25	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cotton	Seedbed Prepared	86	84	89	89
	Planted	29	12	13	13
Alfalfa Hay	1st Cutting	88	80	52	50
Other Hay	1st Cutting	49	41	21	21
Watermelon	Planted	74	73	92	66
	Running	35	21	N/A	N/A

Mesonet Temperature and Precipitation Data

Week Ending Sunday, May 13, 2012

District	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	Current Week	March 1, 2012 to May 13, 2012		
					Total	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
	Degrees	Degrees	Degrees	Inches	Inches	Inches	Percent
Panhandle	72	48	60	0.21	4.78	-0.12	98
West Central	73	53	63	0.72	6.27	-0.79	89
Southwest	75	54	65	1.17	8.45	1.44	120
North Central	75	52	63	0.02	9.17	1.55	120
Central	74	54	64	0.67	9.59	0.46	105
South Central	75	56	66	1.23	9.78	0.12	101
Northeast	75	54	65	0.16	12.71	2.74	127
East Central	76	55	66	0.65	9.99	-0.90	92
Southeast	78	56	66	1.60	11.88	0.25	102

Weather for Week Ending May 13, 2012:

Temperatures ranged from 38 degrees at Beaver on Wednesday, May 9th, to 90 degrees at Idabel on Monday, May 7th. Precipitation ranged from 0.02 of an inch in the North Central district to 1.6 inches in the Southeast district. Soil temperature averages ranged from 61 degrees at Boise City on Saturday, May 12th, to 84 degrees at Hugo on Monday, May 7th.

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