



Oklahoma Crop Weather

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Weekly Summary for Sep 17-Sep 23

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One Fifth of Wheat and Canola Planted

Little to no rain fell across Oklahoma over the past week. Most of the Mesonet stations received no measurable rainfall, with a few showers in the northeast. Moisture from September 1st through the 23rd was below normal across the state, averaging 41 percent of normal precipitation during the crucial start to fall planting. Although the past week was very dry, moisture from showers the week before gave some producers the opportunity to plant wheat and canola. Some dusted in wheat while others are waiting for additional moisture before making planting decisions. The continuing drought meant no significant improvements to row crop conditions. Livestock producers were still in need of moisture for stock ponds and to increase the potential for small grain grazing this winter. Topsoil moisture conditions declined from the week prior, with 11 percent rated adequate. Subsoil moisture conditions declined slightly, with 96 percent of the state rated short to very short. There were 6.4 days suitable for field work.

Soil Moisture Conditions by Percent

Week Ending Sunday, September 23, 2012

Moisture Rating	Current Week	Previous Week	One Year Ago
Topsoil			
Very Short	48	42	69
Short	41	41	24
Adequate	11	17	7
Surplus	0	0	0
Subsoil			
Very Short	69	65	84
Short	27	29	15
Adequate	4	6	1
Surplus	0	0	0

Small Grains: Planting continued, taking advantage of moisture from the week prior, where available. **Wheat** seedbed preparation was 77 percent complete by the end of the week, and 21 percent was planted, on track with the five-year average. **Rye** seedbed preparation was 83 percent complete, and 36 percent was planted by Sunday. **Oat** seedbed preparation was 66 percent complete by week's end.

Seedbed preparation was complete on 85 percent of **canola** fields by Sunday, and 20 percent of planting was reported as complete, 10 points ahead of last year's progress.

Row Crops: Conditions showed only minor improvements after a few showers early in September. Some failed cotton acres were being destroyed last week. Ninety-five percent of the **corn** was mature by Sunday, 11 points ahead of normal. The corn harvest was 67 complete by the end of the week, 10 points ahead of the five-year average. **Sorghum** headed reached 94 percent complete and 82 percent of the crop was coloring. Sorghum mature reached 52 percent complete by week's end, and 35 percent of the sorghum crop was harvested, 21 points ahead of normal. Eighty-eight percent of **soybeans** were setting pods by Sunday. Soybean plants reported as mature reached 21 percent by the end of the week and a small portion was reported as harvested. The **peanut** crop was 54 percent mature by the end of the week. Ninety-four percent of **cotton** plants were setting bolls by the end of the week and 59 percent had bolls opening.

Hay: Conditions continued to be rated mostly poor to very poor. The third cutting of **alfalfa** was 94 percent complete and a fourth cutting of alfalfa was 51 percent complete by Sunday, 21 points behind normal. The second cutting of **other hay** reached 63 percent complete, five points behind the five-year average.

Pasture and Livestock: Conditions of pasture and range continued to be rated mostly poor to very poor. Livestock conditions were rated mostly good to fair. Problems with flies were reported in some areas. Prices for feeder steers less than 800 pounds averaged \$145 per cwt. Prices for heifers less than 800 pounds averaged \$135 per cwt.

Conditions by Percent

For Week Ending Sunday, September 23, 2012

Commodity	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Sorghum	28	32	32	8	0
Soybeans	25	39	25	10	1
Peanuts	3	4	24	64	5
Cotton	29	46	16	9	0
Alfalfa Hay	34	36	21	8	1
Other Hay	33	39	22	5	1
Livestock	2	15	43	34	6
Pasture and Range	40	35	20	5	0

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Crop Progress by Percent					
For Week Ending Sunday, September 23, 2012					
Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	One Year Ago	Five Year Average
Wheat	Seedbed Prepared	77	63	69	79
	Planted	21	8	9	21
Canola	Seedbed Prepared	85	63	76	N/A
	Planted	20	N/A	10	N/A
Rye	Seedbed Prepared	83	61	59	81
	Planted	36	11	6	38
	Emerged	7	N/A	N/A	N/A
Oats	Seedbed Prepared	66	49	49	62
Corn	Mature	95	90	93	84
	Harvested	67	62	68	57
Sorghum	Headed	94	91	95	97
	Coloring	82	75	65	77
	Mature	52	48	38	36
	Harvested	35	31	19	14
Soybeans	Setting Pods	88	84	82	92
	Mature	21	14	12	23
Peanuts	Mature	54	41	21	47
Cotton	Setting Bolls	94	86	94	99
	Bolls Opening	59	50	36	56
Alfalfa Hay	3rd Cutting	94	93	49	90
	4th Cutting	51	50	N/A	72
Other Hay	2nd Cutting	63	62	50	68

Weather for Week Ending September 23, 2012:

Temperatures ranged from 40 degrees at Boise City on Tuesday, September 18th, to 99 degrees at Chickasha on Friday, September 21st and at Burneyville and Mangum on Saturday, September 22nd. Precipitation ranged from less than one hundredth of an inch in the Central, North Central, Panhandle, South Central, Southwest, and West Central districts to 0.09 of an inch in the Northeast district. Soil temperature averages ranged from 64 degrees at Miami on Sunday, September 23rd, to 83 degrees at Durant on Sunday, September 23rd.

Mesonet Temperature and Precipitation Data							
Week Ending Sunday, September 23, 2012							
District	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	Current Week	September 1, 2012 to September 23, 2012		
					Total	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
	Degrees	Degrees	Degrees	Inches	Inches	Inches	Percent
Panhandle	85	51	68	0.00	0.76	-0.68	53
West Central	88	56	72	0.00	1.69	-0.64	73
Southwest	91	57	73	0.00	0.88	-1.72	34
North Central	85	55	70	0.00	1.13	-1.27	47
Central	87	57	72	0.00	0.87	-2.28	28
South Central	89	58	73	0.00	0.81	-2.51	24
Northeast	82	55	68	0.09	2.17	-1.49	59
East Central	84	58	70	0.04	1.70	-2.10	45
Southeast	86	56	71	0.07	0.93	-2.58	26

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