



Oklahoma Crop Weather

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Weekly Summary for Oct 1-Oct 7

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Peanut and Cotton Harvest Getting Underway

Fall temperatures and widespread precipitation were received across Oklahoma last week. This did little to improve crop conditions though and many reports from around the State mentioned persistently low pond water levels. The October 4 Mesonet report showed some easing of drought conditions with the area of the State classified in extreme or exceptional drought shrinking from 95% to 80%. Conditions were favorable for producers seeding wheat last week with the number of planted acres jumping 24 points. Some operators were reported shredding to destroy extremely poor cotton fields in order to prepare them for wheat planting. Cotton and peanut harvest were beginning to get underway, while corn and sorghum harvest both continued well ahead of the average pace. Topsoil moisture supplies barely moved from the previous week with 28 percent rated very short, 33 percent short, and 39 percent adequate this week as compared to 25 percent very short, 31 percent short, 42 percent adequate, and two percent surplus the previous week. Subsoil moisture supply ratings were unchanged from the previous week with 58 percent rated very short, 31 percent short and 11 percent adequate. There were 5.6 days considered suitable for fieldwork last week.

Soil Moisture Conditions by Percent

Week Ending Sunday, October 7, 2012

Moisture Rating	Current Week	Previous Week	One Year Ago
Topsoil			
Very Short	28	25	59
Short	33	31	24
Adequate	39	42	17
Surplus	0	2	1
Subsoil			
Very Short	58	58	81
Short	31	31	13
Adequate	11	11	6
Surplus	0	0	0

Small Grains: Wheat, rye, and canola planting progress gained momentum last week. **Wheat** planting hit 59 percent complete compared with 35 percent the previous week. Twenty-nine percent of the wheat planted was reported emerging compared with 14 percent the previous week. **Rye** planting reached 79 percent last week, gaining 23 percentage points from the previous week, but was on track with the average pace of 75 percent. Rye emerging passed the halfway mark at 52 percent complete. **Oats** planting continued to progress near the average pace with 26 percent of the crop in the ground.

Canola planting gained 23 percentage points last week to reach 73 percent of the crop. Canola emerging progressed rapidly to 30 percent of the crop, compared with eight percent the previous week, and six percent last year.

Row Crops: Conditions of cotton, sorghum, and soybeans continued to be rated in mostly poor to very poor condition. The **corn** harvest increased eight percentage points during the week to 87 percent of the crop. By week's end the **sorghum** harvested was nearing the halfway mark at 49 percent, and well ahead of the five-year average pace of 29 percent complete. **Soybeans** were developing on about the normal schedule with 39 percent of the crop rated mature by week's end. Soybeans harvested reached 14 percent last week compared with the five-year average of 15 percent. **Peanuts** dug reached 25 percent last week, a 20 point gain from the previous week, but near the five-year average pace of 24 percent. Peanut combining was beginning to gain traction with 13 percent of the crop completed by week's end. **Cotton** with bolls opening reached 79 percent compared with 68 percent the previous week, and 84 percent normally by this time of year. Cotton harvest was just getting under way with seven percent completed by week's end.

Hay: Alfalfa hay conditions continued to be rated mostly poor to very poor. The fourth cutting of **alfalfa** was 63 percent complete by Sunday, 15 points behind normal. The second cutting of **other hay** reached 65 percent complete, a one percentage point increase from the previous week, and ten points off the five-year average pace.

Pasture and Livestock: Conditions of pasture and range continued to be rated mostly poor to very poor. Producers continued supplement livestock due to the limited forage in pastures. Livestock conditions were rated mostly good to fair. Prices for feeder steers less than 800 pounds averaged \$145 per cwt. Prices for heifers less than 800 pounds averaged \$134 per cwt.

Conditions by Percent

For Week Ending Sunday, October 7, 2012

Commodity	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Sorghum	33	26	31	10	0
Soybeans	30	39	23	8	0
Peanuts	3	4	25	64	4
Cotton	30	45	16	9	0
Alfalfa Hay	31	32	25	11	1
Livestock	3	16	45	32	4
Pasture and Range	36	38	21	5	0

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Crop Progress by Percent
For Week Ending Sunday, October 7, 2012

Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	One Year Ago	Five Year Average
Wheat	Seedbed Prepared	93	85	85	92
	Planted	59	35	42	55
	Emerged	29	14	11	27
Canola	Seedbed Prepared	97	90	93	N/A
	Planted	73	50	62	N/A
	Emerged	30	8	6	N/A
Rye	Seedbed Prepared	96	91	83	95
	Planted	79	56	44	75
	Emerged	52	26	17	47
Oats	Seedbed Prepared	72	67	65	73
	Planted	26	13	16	25
Corn	Harvested	87	79	80	77
Sorghum	Coloring	91	86	77	87
	Mature	69	59	50	54
	Harvested	49	42	30	29
Soybeans	Setting Pods	96	93	88	97
	Mature	39	30	30	43
	Harvested	14	8	7	15
Peanuts	Mature	75	64	52	70
	Dug	25	5	N/A	24
	Combined	13	N/A	N/A	12
Cotton	Bolls Opening	79	68	63	84
	Harvested	7	N/A	N/A	5
Alfalfa Hay	4th Cutting	63	52	N/A	78

Mesonet Temperature and Precipitation Data

Week Ending Sunday, October 7, 2012

District	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	Current Week	September 1, 2012 to October 7, 2012		
					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	64	43	53	0.02	2.00	-0.22	90
West Central	65	46	55	0.02	3.57	-0.04	99
Southwest	67	49	58	0.01	2.98	-1.09	73
North Central	67	44	55	0.02	1.84	-1.89	49
Central	67	46	57	0.04	3.25	-1.68	66
South Central	70	51	60	0.02	3.49	-1.81	66
Northeast	68	45	56	0.05	2.91	-2.69	52
East Central	69	49	59	0.15	3.92	-2.01	66
Southeast	72	52	61	0.04	2.89	-2.80	51

Other Hay	2nd Cutting	65	64	52	75
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Weather for Week Ending October 7, 2012:

Temperatures ranged from 26 degrees at Seiling on Sunday, October 7th, to 88 degrees at Kenton on Wednesday, October 3rd. Precipitation ranged from 0.01 of an inch in the Southwest district to 0.15 of an inch in the East Central district. Soil temperature averages ranged from 48 degrees at Weatherford on Sunday, October 7th, to 73 degrees at Idabel on Friday, October 5th.

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