



# Oklahoma Crop Weather

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## Drought Continued to Hamper Small Grains

Small grains and canola were rated in fair to poor condition with no significant moisture to aid development. Reports of fields not yet emerged or in declining condition were common. Wheat emergence was behind normal progress and only 14 percent of the crop was rated good to excellent. The continuing drought reduced the potential for small grain grazing. Livestock operators were also faced with dried up ponds, poor grasses and continued supplementation of feed. A few showers fell across Oklahoma over the past week, with a quarter inch in Broken Bow the highest total. The Drought Monitor continued to show all of Oklahoma in a moderate to exceptional drought (D1- D4) and almost 72 percent of the state was in an extreme to exceptional drought (D3-D4), as of November 20th. Both topsoil and subsoil moisture conditions continued to be rated short to very short, declining further over the past week. There were 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork.

### Soil Moisture Conditions by Percent

Week Ending Sunday, November 25, 2012

Moisture Rating	Current Week	Previous Week	One Year Ago
<b>Topsoil</b>			
Very Short	64	54	18
Short	31	38	27
Adequate	5	8	53
Surplus	0	0	2
<b>Subsoil</b>			
Very Short	72	70	50
Short	25	26	33
Adequate	3	4	17
Surplus	0	0	0

**Small Grains:** Conditions for wheat and rye and canola were rated mostly fair to poor, and oats were rated mostly fair. Eighty-nine percent of the **wheat** crop had emerged by the end of the week, four points behind the five year average. **Oat** seedbed preparation was 87 percent complete and 47 percent had been planted. Forty-two percent of oats had emerged by Sunday, 16 points behind normal.

**Row Crops:** The fall harvest was winding down ahead of normal. **Soybeans** harvested was 96 percent complete by Sunday, eight points ahead of normal. **Peanuts** combined was 96 percent complete by the end of the week, even with the five-year average. Harvest of **cotton** was 86 percent complete by week's end, 21 points ahead of normal.

**Hay:** The fourth cutting of **alfalfa** was 83 percent complete by the end of the week, 60 points ahead of one year ago. The second cutting of **other hay** was 78 percent complete, ten points behind normal, but 17 points ahead of last year's progress.

**Pasture and Livestock:** Conditions of pasture and range continued to be rated mostly poor to very poor. Livestock conditions were still rated mostly good to fair as operators continued to supplement and feed hay to herds. Stock pond levels continued to decline without significant rainfall.

### Conditions by Percent

For Week Ending Sunday, November 25, 2012

Commodity	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Wheat	12	32	42	13	1
Canola	11	27	48	14	0
Oats	20	12	52	16	0
Rye	17	36	37	9	1
Livestock	3	13	49	30	5
Pasture and Range	41	39	17	3	0

**THIS IS THE FINAL WEEKLY CROP WEATHER REPORT FOR THE 2012 SEASON.**

**MONTHLY CROP WEATHER WILL BEGIN DECEMBER 31, 2012.**

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<b>Crop Progress by Percent</b>					
<i>For Week Ending Sunday, November 25, 2012</i>					
Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	One Year Ago	Five Year Average
Wheat	Emerged	89	86	96	93
Oats	Seedbed Prepared	87	86	85	89
	Planted	47	47	64	64
	Emerged	42	41	60	58
Soybeans	Harvested	96	89	81	88
Peanuts	Combined	96	90	93	96
Cotton	Harvested	86	79	74	65
Alfalfa Hay	4th Cutting	83	82	23	85
Other Hay	2nd Cutting	78	77	61	88

**Weather for Week Ending November 25, 2012:**

Temperatures ranged from 18 degrees at Lake Carl Blackwell and Nowata on Saturday, November 24th, to 82 degrees at Mangum on Thursday, November 22nd. Precipitation ranged from less than one hundredth of an inch in the Panhandle, Southwest and West Central districts to 0.08 of an inch in the Southeast district. Soil temperature averages ranged from 43 degrees at Nowata and Webbers Falls on Saturday, November 24th, to 64 degrees at Medicine Park and Waurika on Thursday, November 22nd.

<b>Mesonet Temperature and Precipitation Data</b>							
<i>Week Ending Sunday, November 25, 2012</i>							
District	Temperature			Current Week	Precipitation		
	High	Low	Average		September 1, 2012 to November 25, 2012		
	<i>Degrees</i>	<i>Degrees</i>	<i>Degrees</i>	<i>Inches</i>	Total	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Panhandle	68	33	50	0.00	2.60	-1.66	61
West Central	68	39	53	0.00	4.02	-3.02	57
Southwest	70	40	55	0.00	3.81	-4.00	49
North Central	67	36	52	0.02	2.98	-4.55	40
Central	69	40	54	0.02	5.26	-4.85	52
South Central	71	42	56	0.01	5.16	-6.02	46
Northeast	67	38	52	0.06	6.07	-5.35	53
East Central	68	39	53	0.07	6.27	-6.54	49
Southeast	69	38	54	0.08	4.99	-8.77	36

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