



Oklahoma Crop Weather

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Weekly Summary for April 2 – 8

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Precipitation totals for this week were less than a half inch across the state with the exception of the East Central and Southeast districts, which recorded 1.40 and 1.49 inches, respectively. According to OCS Mesonet, the drought extended to nearly 6 months, spreading extreme to exceptional drought into Northwestern Oklahoma. As of April 3rd, drought conditions were rated 35 percent extreme to exceptional, up 35 points from the previous year, and 15 percent exceptional drought, up 15 points from the previous year. Statewide temperatures averaged in the mid 40's. Topsoil and subsoil moisture conditions were rated mostly very short to adequate. There were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork.

Small Grains: Winter wheat jointing reached 57 percent, down 24 points from the previous year and down 14 points from normal. Winter wheat headed reached 1 percent, down 1 point from normal. Canola blooming reached 23 percent, down 11 points from normal. Rye jointing reached 66 percent, down 2 points from normal. Oats jointing reached 24 percent, up 2 points from normal. Extremely cold temperatures at the end of the week had a negative impact on small grain conditions.

Row Crops: Corn planted reached 12 percent, down 3 points from the previous year and down 6 points from normal. Sorghum planted reached 1 percent, down 2 points from normal.

Pasture and Livestock: Conditions of pasture and range were rated at 77 percent fair to good. Livestock condition was rated at 85 percent fair to good.

Soil Moisture Conditions by Percent

For Week Ending April 8, 2018

Moisture Rating	Current Week	Previous Week	One Year Ago
Topsoil			
Very Short	45	37	8
Short	21	23	22
Adequate	33	37	66
Surplus	1	3	4
Subsoil			
Very Short	45	37	11
Short	23	27	29
Adequate	31	35	58
Surplus	1	1	2

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Crop Conditions by Percent
For Week Ending April 8, 2018

Commodity	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Wheat	30	27	33	9	1
Rye	36	38	19	6	1
Oats	24	30	35	11	0
Canola	31	32	32	5	0
Livestock	2	11	43	42	2
Pasture and Range	8	29	48	15	0

Crop Progress by Percent
For Week Ending April 8, 2018

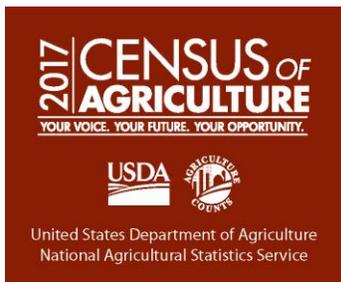
Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	One Year Ago	Five Year Average
Wheat	Jointing	57	46	81	71
	Headed	1	N/A	7	2
Canola	Blooming	23	16	58	34
Rye	Jointing	66	38	81	68
Oats	Jointing	24	18	51	22
Corn	Planted	12	4	15	18
Sorghum	Planted	1	0	6	3

(N/A) Not available.

Weather for Week Ending April 8, 2018: Temperatures ranged from 16 degrees at Buffalo on Wednesday, April 4th to 86 degrees at Beaver on Monday, April 2nd. Precipitation ranged from 0.01 of an inch in the North Central and the Southwest to 1.49 inches in the Southeast district. Soil temperature averages ranged from 42 degrees at Copan on Monday, April 2nd to 65 degrees at Waurika on Friday, April 6th.

Mesonet Temperature and Precipitation Data
For Week Ending April 8, 2018

Districts	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	Current Week	March 1, 2018 to April 8, 2018		
					Total	Departure from Normal	Percent of Normal
degrees			inches	inches	inches	percent	
Panhandle	63	27	46	0.03	0.24	-1.64	13
North Central	58	28	44	0.01	1.06	-2.23	32
Northeast	57	30	43	0.18	2.67	-1.80	60
West Central	60	29	45	0.02	0.46	-2.39	16
Central	59	31	46	0.23	1.51	-2.42	38
East Central	57	33	46	1.40	5.81	0.96	120
Southwest	62	32	47	0.01	0.75	-2.16	26
South Central	62	36	48	0.19	3.50	-0.74	83
Southeast	60	37	49	1.49	4.93	-0.58	89



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