



Oklahoma Crop Progress and Condition

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Weekly Summary for March 20 – March 26

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Most areas throughout the state received scattered showers but not enough to improve soil moisture conditions. Rainfall totals in Oklahoma averaged 1.13 of an inch. According to the March 21st US Drought Monitor Report, drought conditions were rated 66 percent abnormally dry to exceptional drought, down 21 points from last year. Additionally, 59 percent of the state was in the moderate drought to exceptional drought categories, down 18 points from the previous year. Statewide, temperatures averaged in the 50's. Topsoil moisture conditions were rated adequate to short. Subsoil moisture conditions were rated very short to adequate. There were 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork.

Small Grains: Winter wheat jointing reached 26 percent, up 11 points from the previous year but down 7 points from normal. Rye jointing reached 9 percent, up 1 point from the previous year but down 13 points from normal. Oats jointing reached 26 percent, up 19 points from the previous year and up 16 points from normal.

Pasture and Livestock: Pasture and range condition was rated at 61 percent very poor to fair. Livestock condition was rated at 81 percent fair to good.

Soil Moisture Conditions by Percent

For Week Ending March 26, 2023

Moisture Rating	Current Week	Previous Week	One Year Ago
Topsoil			
Very Short	25	25	28
Short	31	27	30
Adequate	37	42	40
Surplus	7	6	2
Subsoil			
Very Short	46	42	33
Short	17	21	36
Adequate	32	33	30
Surplus	5	4	1

Crop and Livestock Conditions by Percent

For Week Ending March 26, 2023

Commodity	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Wheat	17	15	34	32	2
Rye	3	19	66	12	0
Oats	4	31	28	36	1
Livestock	3	14	44	37	2
Pasture and Range	33	25	28	14	0

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Crop Progress by Percent
For Week Ending March 26, 2023

Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	One Year Ago	Five Year Average
Wheat	Jointing	26	22	15	33
Rye	Jointing	9	8	8	22
Oats	Jointing	26	21	7	10

Weather for Week Ending: Temperatures ranged from 18 degrees at Wister on Monday, March 20th to 86 degrees at Hollis on Wednesday, March 22nd. Precipitation ranged from .05 in the Panhandle district to 2.62 inches in the Southeast district. Soil temperature averages ranged from 41 degrees at Vinita on Monday, March 20th, to 67 degrees at Burneyville on Thursday, March 23rd.

Mesonet Temperature and Precipitation Data
For Week Ending March 26, 2023

Districts	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	Current Week	September 1, 2022 to March 26, 2023		
					Total	Departure from Normal	Percent of Normal
	<i>degrees</i>			<i>inches</i>	<i>inches</i>	<i>inches</i>	<i>percent</i>
Panhandle	64	36	50	0.05	0.13	-1.06	11
North Central	66	39	52	0.09	0.16	-2.00	7
Northeast	63	41	52	2.03	3.61	0.66	122
West Central	69	40	53	0.02	0.31	-1.59	16
Central	65	42	53	0.99	2.27	-0.33	87
East Central	65	43	55	2.52	5.85	2.59	179
Southwest	70	43	56	0.15	0.84	-1.11	43
South Central	69	47	57	1.70	4.97	2.10	173
Southeast	71	46	58	2.62	8.72	4.99	234