



# Oklahoma Crop Progress and Condition

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**Weekly Summary for March 18 – March 24**

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Rainfall totals in Oklahoma averaged 0.71 inches. According to the March 19<sup>th</sup> US Drought Monitor Report, drought conditions were rated 44 percent abnormally dry to exceptional drought, down 22 points from last year. Additionally, 4 percent of the state was in the moderate drought to exceptional drought categories, down 55 points from the previous year. Statewide, temperatures averaged in the lower to mid 50's. Topsoil and subsoil moisture conditions were rated adequate to short. There were 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork.

**Small Grains:** In Central Oklahoma rainfall helped with winter wheat growth. Winter wheat jointing reached 36 percent, up 11 points from the previous year and up 8 points from normal. Rye jointing reached 15 percent, up 6 points from the previous year but unchanged from normal. Oats jointing reached 13 percent, down 12 points from the previous year but up 2 points from normal.

**Pasture and Livestock:** Pasture and range condition was rated at 80 percent fair to good. Livestock condition was rated at 90 percent good to fair.

## Soil Moisture Conditions by Percent

*For Week Ending March 24, 2024*

Moisture Rating	Current Week	Previous Week	One Year Ago
Topsoil			
Very Short	2	2	25
Short	25	26	31
Adequate	69	68	37
Surplus	4	4	7
Subsoil			
Very Short	3	3	46
Short	22	27	17
Adequate	73	68	32
Surplus	2	2	5

## Crop and Livestock Conditions by Percent

*For Week Ending March 24, 2024*

Commodity	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Wheat	1	5	24	61	9
Rye	2	3	34	58	3
Oats	5	8	44	42	1
Livestock	1	5	33	57	4
Pasture and Range	2	16	41	39	2

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**Crop Progress by Percent***For Week Ending March 24, 2024*

Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	One Year Ago	Five Year Average
<b>Wheat</b>	Jointing	36	14	25	28
<b>Rye</b>	Jointing	15	7	9	15
<b>Oats</b>	Jointing	13	9	25	11

**Weather for Week Ending:** Temperatures ranged from 23 degrees at Goodwell on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, to 80 degrees at Lake Carl Blac on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Precipitation ranged from 0.02 inches in the Panhandle District to 1.49 inches in the Southeast District. Soil temperature averages ranged from 45 degrees at Vinita on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, to 62 degrees at Oklahoma City on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Mesonet Temperature and Precipitation Data***For Week Ending March 24, 2024*

Districts	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	Current Week	September 1, 2023 to March 24, 2024		
					Total	Departure from Normal	Percent of Normal
	degrees			inches	inches	inches	percent
Panhandle	68	34	51	0.02	0.09	-0.97	8
North Central	65	38	52	0.46	0.77	-1.14	40
Northeast	65	39	52	0.40	1.55	-1.06	59
West Central	66	39	52	0.40	0.70	-0.98	42
Central	65	42	53	0.91	1.86	-0.43	81
East Central	65	41	53	0.74	2.66	-0.22	92
Southwest	66	41	54	0.69	1.41	-0.33	81
South Central	66	43	55	1.33	2.72	0.18	107
Southeast	65	41	53	1.49	3.95	0.65	120