



Oklahoma Crop Weather

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Wheat Planting Continues Despite Weather

Temperatures cooled off as a cold front moved through the State near the beginning of last week. Spotty showers continued across Oklahoma slowing small grain planting in some areas over the weekend. Other locations were forced to halt planting activities due to lack of moisture. Average rainfall was 0.36 inches, with the Southeast averaging the highest at 1.18 inches. Overall soil moisture conditions continue to be rated in the surplus to adequate range. There were 5.5 days suitable for field work.

Soil Moisture Conditions by Percent

Week Ending Sunday, October 4, 2009

Moisture Rating	Topsoil			Subsoil		
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
Very Short	9	8	11	8	9	10
Short	22	12	38	21	18	29
Adequate	64	72	49	67	69	59
Surplus	5	8	2	4	4	2

Small Grains: Small grain planting continued last week and seedbed preparations are nearing completion. Armyworm infestations have been reported, particularly in emerging wheat fields with some fields experiencing significant damage. **Wheat** seedbed preparation at 93 percent was running slightly behind the five-year average. Winter wheat seedings increased 23 points from the previous week to reach 56 percent complete, but were still two points behind normal. **Rye** seedbed preparations increased two points to 97 percent complete while plantings increased to 85 percent complete, well ahead of the five-year average. Seedbed preparation for **oats** jumped four points to reach 77 percent, while 22 percent of the oats were planted by week's end, three points behind normal.

Row Crops: Harvest was underway for most of the State's row crops. Conditions for all row crops continue to rate mostly in the good to fair range. Ninety two percent of **corn** was mature by week's end, an increase of nine points from the previous week, but five points behind normal. Corn harvest was in full swing last week, increasing 17 points from the previous week to reach 54 percent, but was still 23 points behind the five-year average. Ninety three percent of **sorghum** was coloring by the end of the week, an increase of three points from the last week and ahead of normal. Thirty nine percent of sorghum was mature, six points ahead of last week's but 13 points behind the five-year average. Fourteen percent of the State's sorghum was harvested but still 14 points behind normal. **Soybeans** mature reached 40 percent, an increase of 11 points from the previous week, but 13 points behind the five-year average. Thirteen percent of the crop was harvested by week's end, but still 14 points behind normal. Sixty percent of **peanuts** were mature, up three points from last week but twelve points behind the five-year average. Seventeen percent of peanuts were dug, one point behind normal while a small portion was combined. **Cotton** bolls were opening on 84 percent of the crop, 27 points ahead of the previous week and three points ahead of normal. In addition, a small portion of cotton was harvested.

Hay: **Alfalfa** conditions ranged mostly from good to fair. The fourth cutting of alfalfa reached 92 percent complete, up one point from last week but five points behind normal. Fifth cuttings were 47 percent complete, up nine points from the prior week but 18 percent behind normal. By week's end, 74 percent of other hay received a second cutting, three points up from last week but six points behind the five-year average.

Pasture and Range: Overall, cooler temperatures have provided a positive influence on pasture conditions, which are mostly ranging from good to fair.

Livestock: Prices for feeder steers less than 800 pounds averaged \$96 per cwt. Prices for heifers less than 800 pounds averaged \$91 per cwt. Livestock conditions rated mostly in the good to fair range. Average livestock marketings were reported last week.

Conditions by Percent

Week Ending Sunday, October 4, 2009

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Hay -					
Alfalfa	1	8	38	46	7
Other Hay	3	14	43	38	2
Livestock, Pasture and Range -					
Livestock	1	4	29	55	11
Pasture and Range	1	10	33	50	6
Row Crops -					
Corn	7	14	22	27	30
Sorghum	1	4	33	55	7
Soybeans	2	5	33	38	22
Peanuts	1	1	15	78	5
Cotton	0	7	27	62	4

Crop Progress by Percent

Week Ending Sunday, October 4, 2009

Crop and Event	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average	Crop and Event	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Average
Wheat -					Soybeans -				
Seedbed Prepared	93	89	92	95	Mature	40	29	37	53
Planted	56	33	57	58	Harvested	13	6	12	27
Emerged	28	10	26	29	Peanuts -				
Rye -					Mature	60	57	70	72
Seedbed Prepared	97	95	97	97	Dug	17	N/A	21	18
Planted	85	63	84	80	Combined	6	N/A	14	N/A
Emerged	52	N/A	57	52	Cotton -				
Oats -					Bolls Opening	84	57	87	81
Seedbed Prepared	77	73	69	75	Alfalfa -				
Planted	22	14	25	25	4th Cutting	92	91	99	97
Emerged	9	N/A	N/A	N/A	5th Cutting	47	38	66	65
Corn -					Other Hay -				
Mature	92	83	87	97	2nd Cutting	74	71	78	80
Harvested	54	37	55	77					
Sorghum -									
Coloring	93	90	75	87					
Mature	39	32	36	52					
Harvested	14	N/A	23	28					

Weather for Week Ending October 4, 2009: Temperatures ranged from 28 degrees at Boise City on Friday, October 2, to 100 degrees at Beaver on Wednesday, September 30. Precipitation ranged from 0.01 in the Panhandle district to 1.18 inches in the Southeast district. Soil temperatures averaged 58 degrees at Miami on Saturday, October 3, to 77 degrees at Waurika on Thursday, October 1.

Mesonet Temperature and Precipitation Data

Week Ending Sunday, October 4, 2009

District	Temperature			This Week	Precipitation		
	High	Low	Average		September 1, 2009 to October 4, 2009		
				Total	Departure from Normal	Percent of Normal	
	Degrees	Degrees	Degrees	Inches	Inches	Inches	Percent
Panhandle	74	43	59	0.01	1.04	-1.04	50
West Central	73	48	62	0.09	2.38	-0.98	71
Southwest	75	50	64	0.11	3.90	0.13	103
North Central	74	45	61	0.04	1.46	-2.01	42
Central	74	47	62	0.63	4.66	0.08	102
South Central	76	49	63	0.70	6.64	1.75	136
Northeast	73	45	60	0.12	6.14	0.89	117
East Central	73	47	61	0.32	7.58	2.07	138
Southeast	75	48	62	1.18	9.73	4.52	187