Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin

State Stories

ALABAMA: Days suitable for fieldwork 3.3. Topsoil 4% very short, 10% short, 68% adequate, 18% surplus. Soybeans 92% harvested, 84% 1999, 80% avg. Planting winter annuals for forage, cover.


ARIZONA: State recorded below average temperatures with very light precipitation throughout the State during the week.

ARKANSAS: Days suitable for fieldwork 3.0. Soil moisture 1% very short, 10% short, 65% adequate, 24% surplus. Cotton 99% harvest, 100% 1999, 97% avg.; soybean 99% mature; 94% harvest, 95% 1999, 89% avg.; wheat 97% planted, 92% 1999, 86% avg.; 79% emerged, 72% 1999, 70% avg. Wheat 2% poor, 37% fair, 51% good, 10% excellent. Alfalfa hay 6% very poor, 23% poor, 66% fair, 5% good; other hay 11% very poor, 35% poor, 44% fair, 8% good, 2% excellent. Pasture, range 5% very poor, 17% poor, 50% fair, 27% good, 1% excellent. Temperatures below normal with rainfall near normal. Field crop: Soybean, cotton harvest, planting wheat were the main activities for the week. Farmers were draining wheat fields to ease flooding. Producers were maintaining, preparing farm equipment for the winter. Livestock, Pasture, Range: Livestock were in good condition. Cattle were being worked while calves were being weaned, vaccinated. Farmers were also shredding pastures. Supplemental feeding of hay continued in some counties despite recent rains, improvement of cool season forages.

CALIFORNIA: Most cotton has been harvested. Growers were shredding and discing picked fields to comply with plowdown requirements. About 80% of Fresno County’s cotton fields have been harvested; 70% of those fields have been shredded, 60% of the shredded fields have been disc. Sugarbeet harvesting continued. Alfalfa fields were cut and baled for hay. In some areas where drying conditions were not ideal, alfalfa fields were being green chopped. A few alfalfa fields were treated for weeds and insects. Land preparation for winter forage crops resumed once the soil was dry. Many fields of winter forage were planted; some early planted fields were showing good stands. Wheat, oats, barley planting and fertilizing activities continued. Soil moisture levels slowed planting in some areas, but benefitted the growth, development of emerging grains. Many harvested corn silage, cotton fields were being prepared for planting of winter grains. Rice straw was being baled, rice stubble burned in some fields. Dry bean harvest was nearly complete. Fruit and nut growers were pruning trees, vines. Picking of grapes for fresh consumption continued in the San Joaquin Valley. Crimson Seedless, Calmeria, Emperor were the primary varieties picked. Persimmon, kiwifruit harvest continued. Fuji, Granny Smith apple picking continued. Picking of grapefruit was active in the San Joaquin Valley. Harvest of new crop navel oranges continued. Kern County was concerned with Glassy Winged Sharpshooters transported out of county on harvested navel oranges. Valencia orange harvest slowed considerably in southern areas, in the San Joaquin Valley. Picking was near completion. Lemon picking was active in southern areas. Recent frosty mornings enhanced citrus color, toughened the rind. Almond, pistachio, walnut harvests were winding down. Pecan harvesting was active. Nut tree pruning was active, growers were removing old trees. Fresh market tomato harvest was winding down before arrival of freezing temperatures, cold weather abruptly ended the season. Lettuce harvest reached its peak this week, started to slow. Both quality and yield of this year’s lettuce crop have been good. Winter vegetables, such as, cauliflower, broccoli, Romaine lettuce, cabbage, cilantro, Daikon, parsley, mustard were thriving, as rain provided conditions favoring growth, development. Bell pepper harvesting was almost completed. Leafy vegetables were successfully treated for army worms in southern areas. Freezer broccoli, cauliflower harvest continued on the westside of Merced County. Additional vegetables harvested included: Carrots; radicchio; basil; bok choy; green beans; radishes; cilantro; cucumbers; eggplant; green onions; okra; chili peppers; Kabocha squash; spinach. After a good start to new grass growth in late October, early November, winter pastures were beginning to stress with cold nighttime temperatures, the lack of rain. Supplemental feeding of cattle continued, especially in central areas. Calving, lambing were winding down in many areas. Stock ewes, lambs were grazing alfalfa fields in central areas. Lambs were also grazing Imperial Valley alfalfa pastures. Turkeys were being shipped to market in large numbers in central areas.

COLORADO: Moisture in the form of snow, rain showers over the weekend limited final harvest activities during the week. Some limited progress was made in harvest of sunflowers, sugar beets. Winter wheat has benefitted from the additional moisture. Primary activities included feed and care of livestock.

DELWARE: Days suitable for fieldwork 6.1. Topsoil 32% very short, 19% short, 49% adequate. Subsoil moisture 30% very short, 15% short, 55% adequate. Corn 93% harvested for grain, 99% 1999, 96% avg. Soybeans harvested 76%, 75% 1999, 66% avg. Sorghum 80% harvested, 85% 1999, 76% avg. Barley 3% fair, 90% good, and 7% excellent. Winter wheat 3% fair, 90% good, 7% excellent; 72% planted, 87% 1999, 85% avg. Rye 3% fair, 90% good, 7% excellent; 89% planted, 94% 1999, 89% avg. Pasture feed 3% poor, 74% fair, 50% good, 4% excellent. Hay supplies 7% short, 93% adequate. Percent of cutting hay crop harvest; Alfalfa 5° cutting 65% cut, 60% 1999, 64% avg. Activities: Still some corn and plenty of soybeans to harvest. Showers on 14th, 16th slowed harvest, allowing elevators to move more grain. Rain will also help small grain growth. Other activities: seeding wheat, chopping/disking corn stalks, winterizing equipment.

FLORIDA: Moisture in State very short to short with scattered areas of adequate moisture. Cotton harvest winding down. Sugarcane harvest active. Dry weather delayed planting of winter forages. Producers harvesting vegetables to meet holiday demand. Vegetables available: Snap beans, cucumbers, pickles, eggplant, endive, escarole, lettuce, okra, peppers, squash, strawberries, sweet corn, radishes, tomatoes, watermelons. Dry this week, rain needed all citrus areas, irrigation continues. Little new growth, good on-tree fruit coloring, fruit sizes generally small. Processors taking more grove-run fruit as maturity increases. Fresh fruit shipments very active for Thanksgiving. Caretakers cutting cover crops, spraying and removing dead trees. Pasture feed 5% very poor, 15% poor, 80% fair. Cattle 5% poor, 65% fair, 30% good.

GEORGIA: Days suitable for fieldwork 4.4. Soil moisture 12% very short, 28% short, 55% adequate, 5% surplus. Rye 75% planted, 82% 1999, 86% avg. Sorghum 84% harvested for grain, 92% 1999, 89% avg. Soybeans 68% harvested, 69% 1999, 63% avg. Other small grains 64% planted, 73% 1999, 73% avg. Onions 41% fair, 59% good; 15%
transplanted. 17% 1999, 24% avg. Pecans 8% very poor, 15% poor, 43% fair, 31% good, 3% excellent; 57% harvested, 62% 1999, 58% avg. State experienced cooler temperatures, showers last week. Soil moisture levels have improved but more rain is needed in most areas before drought conditions are alleviated. Cooler temperatures across the State have proved beneficial to cool season grasses. Scattered frost was reported. Northern areas reported frost and even snow in some areas which has ended warm season grass growth. Cotton harvest continued but rain has slowed progress. Cotton deteriorated in central areas due to excessive rains. Late season cotton defoliated in southern State. Small grain planting was active in most areas, rain delayed wheat planting in northern area. Pastures were sprayed for wild onions, other weeds. Soybean, sorghum harvest continued. Pecan harvest very active with more than half of the crop harvested. Onion transplanting was active. Outdoor nursery, landscape crops have benefitted from rains. Cattlemen continue to feed hay.

HAWAII: Generally fair weather for crop production occurred throughout the State. Days were generally sunny, dry, but becoming overcast with increased showers towards the week's end. Wind velocity also increased towards the latter part of the week. Big Island weather was overcast with some heavy rains. Flood watch and advisories were in effect for the entire week. East areas banana orchards were saturated by heavy rains and disease infection is increasing. East areas papaya orchards were in mostly fair to poor condition due to excessive heavy rains. Phytophthora, PRV infections are increasing. Heads cabbage fields were in mostly fair to good condition. Harvesting was light to moderate. Ginger plantings were in fair to good condition. Semi-mature ginger was harvested out of fields that suffered soil erosion.

IDAHO: Days suitable for fieldwork 2.5. Topsoil 12% short, 69% adequate, 19% surplus. Cold temperatures have kept farmers from harvesting sugar beets. Minimal field activity throughout the State. Corn harvested 59% for grain, 70% 1999, 70% avg. Sugar beets 93% harvested, 100% 1999, 99% avg. Winter wheat 90% emerged, 88% 1999, 91% avg. Activities: Marketing yearling cattle, machinery maintenance, harvesting sugar beets, corn for grain.

ILLINOIS: Days suitable for fieldwork 3.6. Topsoil 1% very short, 16% short, 68% adequate, 15% surplus. Combination of cold temperatures, light precipitation last week kept many unworked fields from drying out enough for farmers to finish up fall tillage, fertilizing. Weather also hindered progress on the few scattered corn, soybean fields that are left to be harvested. Many areas saw temperatures that were 8 to 11° below normal. Farmers continue to haul grain to market, clean machinery to be stored for the winter. Other activities last week included livestock care, end-of-the-year tax preparation.

INDIANA: Days suitable for fieldwork 4.2. Topsoil 1% very short, 6% short, 77% adequate, 16% surplus. Subsoil 7% very short, 16% short, 67% adequate, 10% surplus. Rain halted harvesting activities. Precipitation 0 to 0.61 in. Temperatures 6 to 9° below normal. Isolated corn, double crop soybean fields still standing. Tillage of soils continued, some areas. Winter wheat seeding is complete. Winter wheat continues to improve, aided by favorable weather. Tobacco stripping, chopping stalks, applying fertilizer and nitrogen continued. Pastures look good, most areas. Major activities: Hauling grain, chisel plowing, spreading fertilizer, lime, equipment cleaning, repair, tilling fields, feeding hay, hauling manure and caring for livestock.

IOWA: Days suitable for fieldwork 3.6. Topsoil 5% very short, 23% short, 69% adequate, 3% surplus. Subsoil 24% very short, 45% short, 30% adequate, 1% surplus. Cold temperatures, snow halted fieldwork for the year in many areas. Despite less than ideal conditions, some southern areas still working on fall tillage, fertilizer, anhydrous applications. Winter wheat 99% planted, 96% 1999, 98% avg. Fertilizer 42% whirlcast, 52% 1999, 41% avg. Fall 52% tillage, 63% 1999, 48% avg. On-farm grain storage availability: 24% short, 72% adequate, 4% surplus. Off-farm grain storage availability: 23% short, 74% adequate, 3% surplus. Grain movement slowed slightly: 27% none, 45% light, 26% moderate, 2% heavy. Use of stubble fields for grazing: 28% none, 28% limited, 36% moderate, 8% extensive. Hay, roughage availability: 6% short, 85% adequate, 9% surplus. Hay, roughage quality: 6% poor, 47% fair, 47% good.

KANSAS: Days suitable for fieldwork 3.5. Topsoil 2% very short, 12% short, 79% adequate, 7% surplus. Subsoil 15% very short, 34% short, 48% adequate, 3% surplus. Sorghum 99% harvested, soybeans 97% harvested. Stock on crop residue.

KENTUCKY: Field activities were slowed last week by cold temperatures, low windchills. Rainfall the first part of the week slowed harvesting of corn, soybeans but benefited tobacco stripping. Corn harvest continued with virtually complete with soybeans nearing completion. Moisture continues to be needed for burley stripping and germination, development of seeded winter wheat. Topsoil, subsoil moisture continues to be mostly adequate to short. For the week high temperatures were 10 to 15° below normal, lows below freezing for most areas. Temperature averaged 37° across the state which was 9° below normal. Rainfall at 0.19 in. was 0.73 in. below normal. Burley tobacco auction sales start today and auction floors will have an ample supply of good quality tobacco available for sale. This year for the first time Phillip Morris is contracting directly with farmers for their burley tobacco.

LOUISIANA: Days suitable for fieldwork 2.4. Soil moisture 1% very short, 3% short, 52% adequate, 44% surplus. Pecans 40% harvested, 58% 1999, 59% avg. Sugarcane 1% very poor, 19% poor, 38% fair, 34% good, 8% excellent; 56% harvested, 51% 1999, 50% avg. Heavy rains during the week made sugarcane harvest more difficult due to lodged cane and muddy field conditions. Sweet potatoes 96% harvested, 99% 1999, 95% avg. Wheat 46% fair, 54% good; 70% planted, 90% 1999, 83% avg.; 67% emerged, 69% 1999, 64% avg. Rains prevented farmers from planting wheat. Wheat that had been planted prior to the rain was doing good though some emerging wheat was stressed due to rains that compacted the soil, left standing water. Livestock 4% very poor, 19% poor, 44% fair, 28% good, 5% excellent. Vegetables 11% very poor, 26% poor, 40% fair, 17% good, 6% excellent. Pasture feed 17% very poor, 27% poor, 39% fair, 14% good, 3% excellent. Ryegrass pastures were growing well, but were not ready to be grazed. Some ryegrass was being top-dressed.

MARYLAND: Days suitable for fieldwork 5.7. Topsoil 4% very short, 32% short, 64% adequate. Subsoil 5% very short, 21% short, 74% adequate. Soybeans 79% harvested, 82% 1999, 80% avg. Sorghum 80% harvested, 94% 1999, 84% avg. Field corn harvested for grain 91%, 96% 1999, 94% avg. Tobacco 34% stripped, 23% 1999, 26% avg. Pasture feed 2% very poor, 6% poor, 31% fair, 59% good, 2% excellent. Barley 5% poor, 26% fair, 68% good, 1% excellent. Winter wheat 5% poor, 25% fair, 69% good, 1% excellent; 93% planted, 90% 1999, 91% avg. Rye 2% poor, 21% fair, 74% good, 4% excellent; 88% planted, 91% 1999, 94% avg. All hay 4% short, 81% adequate, 15% surplus. Percent of cutting hay crop harvest: Alfalfa 3% cutting 7% cut, 85% 1999, 77% avg. Comments: Corn, soybean harvest continues. Small grain emergence, growth hindered due to the dry weather experienced this fall. Rain during week helped, but more is needed for these conditions to improve.

MICHIGAN: Days suitable for fieldwork 3.0. Topsoil 2% short, 64% adequate, 34% surplus; subsoil 1% very short, 14% short, 76% adequate, 9% surplus. Corn 2% very poor, 6% poor, 19% fair, 64% good, 9% excellent; 80% harvested, 97% 1999, 86% avg. Soybeans 96% harvested, 100% 1999, 98% avg. Temperatures dropped below normal, rain, slow slowed harvest progress. District precipitation totals for week ranged from 0.28 in. Southeast Lower Peninsula to 1.80 in. Western Upper Peninsula. Temperatures 3 to 8° below normal statewide. Rain, snow delayed completion of harvest. Corn 80% harvested with some progress made southern part of State where precipitation amounts less. Farmers will have to wait for ground to freeze before harvesting can proceed. Grain moisture content continued 20%. Soybean harvest virtually finished for season at 96% complete. Winter wheat crop reported good condition in most areas; some emerging wheat fields may not survive. Fall tillage halted by rain, snow except southern part of Lower Peninsula. Harvesting of all vegetables completed. Harvest of fruit crops completed.

MINNESOTA: Temperatures 6° below normal. High temperature 40°; low temperature 3°. South central district had the greatest average
amount of precipitation, 0.75 in. Rain, snow have helped to recharge the soil for next year’s growing season.

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MISSOURI: Weather was cold, cloudy with 0.06 in. of rain. Some late soybean harvested occurring toward end of week. Rain of week ago improved topsoil moisture, were of benefit to pastures and new wheat seedings. Most stock ponds in southwest, south-central counties are still low on water.

MONTANA: Days suitable for fieldwork 3. Topsoil 8% very short, 48% short, 44% adequate. Subsoil 32% very short, 52% short, 16% adequate. Cattle, calves moved from summer ranges 97%, 91% 1999, 93% avg. Sheep, lambs moved from summer ranges 99%, 94% 1999, 95% avg. Producers are getting equipment ready for winter. Cold temperatures, snow have ranchers feeding more hay then usual for this time of year.

NEBRASKA: Days suitable for fieldwork 0.9. Topsoil 9% very short, 23% short, 64% adequate. 4% surplus. Subsoil 37% very short, 38% short, 24% adequate, 1% surplus. Temperatures 9 to 25° below normals. Precipitation widespread; snow accumulations greatest in central third. Wheat 4% poor, 30% fair, 56% good and 10% excellent. Corn 98% harvested, 99% 1999, 95% avg. Snow cover limited use of harvested stalk fields for forage, supplemental feeding necessary in some locations.

NEVADA: DATA NOT AVAILABLE.

OKLAHOMA: Days suitable for fieldwork 3.8. Subsoil 1% very short, 7% short, 83% adequate, 9% surplus. Topsoil 2% short, 74% adequate, 24% surplus. Oats 10% very poor, 8% poor, 42% fair, 35% good, 5% excellent; 93% seedbed prepared, 90% last week, 100% 1999, 100% avg.; 47% planted, 42% last week, 82% 1999, 84% avg.; 44% emerged, 39% last week, 49% 1999, 62% avg. Rye 4% very poor, 9% poor, 39% fair, 45% good, 3% excellent; 98% seedbed prepared, 94% last week, 100% 1999, 100% avg.; 84% planted, 70% last week, 100% 1999, 95% avg.; 77% emerged, 65% last week, 93% avg. avg. Sorghum 85% harvested, 83% last week, 94% 1999, 86% avg. Soybeans 92% harvested, 88% last week, 91% 1999, 83% avg. Peanuts 69% combined, 66% last week, 94% 1999, 88% avg. Alfalfa hay 8% very poor, 18% poor, 45% fair, 25% good, 4% excellent; 97% 4th cutting, 96% last week, 91% 1999, 96% avg.; 58% 5th cutting, 56% last week, 43% 1999, 65% avg. Other hay 15% very poor, 28% poor, 34% fair, 20% good, 3% excellent; 87% 2nd cutting, 86% last week, 97% 1999, 93% avg. Livestock 1% very poor, 6% poor, 35% fair, 55% good, 3% excellent; Cattle auctions reported average marketings for the week. The price for feeder steers less than 800 pounds decreased from last week and averaged $93.00 per cwt. The price for feeder heifers less than 800 pounds increased from last week and averaged $86.50 per cwt.

OREGON: Activities: Winter wheat planted. Fall digging, shipping of baled, burlapped plants ongoing. Bareroot digging of plants by nurseries starting to wind down. Fall planted pastures improved. Livestock reported in good condition throughout State. Fall calving underway. Cattle & sheep moved to winter pastures. Cattle continue to be fed. Preparing for winter activities such as cleaning out the barns, mending fences.

PENNSYLVANIA: Days suitable for fieldwork 4.4. Soil moisture 8% very short, 18% short, 70% adequate, 4% surplus. Fall plowing 87% complete, 90% 1999, 88% avg. Corn harvested 73% complete, 87% 1999, 82% avg. Winter wheat 94% emerged complete, 91% 1999. Soybeans 91% harvested complete, 90% 1999, 83% avg. Activities include: Harvesting corn, soybeans; machinery maintenance; filling silos; making firewood; storing equipment; spreading lime and fertilizers; hauling, spreading manure; caring for livestock; fixing fences; cleaning; cutting hay; fall plowing; seeding fall crops; attending annual meetings.

SOUTH CAROLINA: Days suitable for fieldwork 5.5. Soil moisture 24% very short, 35% short, 37% adequate, 4% surplus. Barley 90% planted, 84% 1999, 87% avg.; 80% emerged, 67% 1999, 76% avg.; 4% poor, 50% fair, 46% good. Cotton 85% harvested, 81% 1999, 81% avg. Livestock 4% poor, 26% fair, 59% good, 11% excellent. Oats 71% planted, 86%
1999, 86% avg.; 56% emerged, 67% 1999, 72% avg.; 20% poor, 58% fair, 22% good. Peanuts 99% harvested, 96% 1999, 97% avg. Pecans 58% harvested, 43% 1999, 51% avg.; 30% poor, 54% fair, 16% good. Rye 73% planted, 86% 1999, 84% avg.; 57% emerged, 76% 1999, 70% avg.; 1% very poor, 13% poor, 73% fair, 13% good. Sorghum 95% harvested, 91% 1999, 93% avg. Soybeans 99% dropped, 94% 1999, 96% avg.; 92% matured, 85% 1999, 87% avg.; 52% harvested, 51% 1999, 43% avg.; 5% very poor, 13% poor, 43% fair, 37% good, 2% excellent. Sweet potatoes 99% harvested, 97% 1999, 89% avg. Winter grazing 85% planted, 92% 1999, 90% avg.; 72% emerged, 85% 1999, 80% avg.; 9% very poor, 20% poor, 50% fair, 21% good. Winter wheat 40% planted, 42% 1999, 44% avg.; 25% emerged, 25% 1999, 30% avg.; 13% poor, 45% fair, 42% good.

SOUTH DAKOTA: Unseasonably cold air, strong winds, blowing snow covered the State. Zero days suitable for fieldwork, as snow cover blanketed the State, additional snow fall was recorded during the week. Harvest season is finished unless good weather conditions are received to melt of the snow, freeze the ground.

TENNESSEE: DATA NOT AVAILABLE.

TEXAS: Daytime temperatures remained below normal across the State and hard freezes occurred in several areas which ended any remaining summer growth of crops or forages. Open conditions across areas of the Plains allowed some producers to resume harvest of remaining summer crops. Cloudy conditions, rain showers covered southern and eastern portions of the State. Run off continued in areas where rains fell, however some areas are still in need of adequate moisture. Emergence of earlier planted small grains continued, but drying out will be required before planting can continue in most areas. Some wheat was seeded by air where conditions remained extremely wet. The rainfall continued to aid the growth of cool season forages, but supplemental feeding continued in most areas across the State.

Field Crops: Small Grains: Planting of wheat, oats progressed slowly across the Plains, but remained stalled in most other locations. Emergence and growth in earlier planted fields continued to be enhanced by the increased soil moisture, however sunny days are needed to promote rapid growth. Some newly emerged fields were damaged by the colder temperatures and some wheat growers began air seeding as the soil would not support ground equipment. Wheat 68% of normal compared with 46% 1999. Oats 83%, 76% 1999, 84% avg. Cotton: Harvest on the Plains continued as weather conditions permitted. Yield and grade reduction was noticed in some of the wetter areas, some zeroing out by the insurance companies continued. A few gins remained temporarily closed. Rice: Harvest of the remaining ratoon crop continued to be stalled by wet conditions where rain fell, but finished in others areas as conditions allowed. Sorghum: Harvest of remaining sorghum moved ahead slowly on the Plains as weather conditions permitted. Some remaining sorghum was further damaged by the prolonged wet conditions. Sorghum 95% harvested, 37% 1999, 99% avg. Peanut harvest resumed in areas of the Plains. Grade, yield have been effected. Much concern remained as to the condition of peanuts that have not been dug at this point. Soybeans: Harvest of remaining beans was mostly completed across the Plains.

Commercial Vegetables, Fruit and Pecans: Rio Grande Valley, Onions continued to make good progress along with spinach and carrots. Harvest of turnips, cucumbers continued in varied locations, harvest began for beets, tomatoes and peppers. San Antonio-Winter Garden, planting of onions, cabbage continued, cauliflower continued to make good progress. Harvest moved forward for turnips and cucumbers. East Texas, fall planting, land preparation remained slowed as conditions were generally wet across the region. High Plains, harvest of summer vegetables was completed, land preparation was generally slow. Trans Pecos, harvest continued for chili peppers in some locations, onion planting began. Land preparation remained slow. Pecans: Harvest activities continued to be slowed across most areas of Texas as conditions continued to be generally wet. High winds in some locations have caused pecans to fall and sprouting remained a problem. Range and Livestock: General livestock conditions have improved across the state with aid from the recent rains. Growth of cool season forages have improved winter pastures in most areas, however supplemental feeding continued in some areas. Hay supplies were becoming short for some producers. Wheat pasture became available for a limited number of producers across the State. Herd replacement continued where winter forage was available. The cold and windy conditions across the Plains added stress to livestock. Armyworms continued to be a problem in pastures, grain fields.

UTAH: DATA NOT AVAILABLE.

VIRGINIA: Days suitable for fieldwork 6.0. Topsoil 23% very short, 50% short, 27% adequate. Subsoil 24% very short, 48% short, 28% adequate. Pastures feed 10% very poor, 17% poor, 45% fair, 27% good, 1% excellent. Beef Cattle Forage obtained from Pastures 75%, Milk Cow Forage obtained from Pastures 10%. Sheep Forage Obtained from Pastures 87%. Livestock 2% poor, 16% fair, 64% good, 18% excellent. Small Grain and Winter Grazing Crops 6% very poor, 19% poor, 51% fair, 23% good, 1% excellent. Corn for Grain 91% harvested, 96% 1999, 94% avg. Soybeans 1% very poor, 5% poor, 16% fair, 45% good, 33% excellent. Soybeans 74% harvested, 64% 1999, 59% avg. Winter wheat 76% seeded, 74% 1999, 72% avg. Barley 95% seeded, 96% 1999, 97% avg. Cotton 79% harvested, 65% 1999, 76% avg. Cooler temperatures and light showers marked this week’s weather across the Commonwealth. Topsoil moisture conditions improved slightly over last week however dry conditions are still a concern. Many farmers are switching back and forth between soybean, corn harvest depending on what the elevators in their area will take. Rapid pasture depletions reported with dry, cold weather. Burley and fire tobacco producers are preparing for Christmas tree growers.

WISCONSIN: Limited storage, last week’s snowfall were reported as reasons for corn to still be in fields. Corn grain harvest reached 91% complete, compared to 100% 1999, 89% avg. With fall harvest reaching completion, farmers spent time on other activities. Reports of manure hauling, lime spreading, stalk chopping, fall tillage were received. Fall tillage progressed to 69% complete last week. Throughout the State, winter wheat and rye were “greening up and looking good”. Forage supplies are adequate to surplus, Rain, snow, colder temperatures last week resulted in 3.6 days suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture 11% short, 80% adequate, and 9% surplus.

WYOMING: DATA NOT AVAILABLE.