ALABAMA: Days suitable for fieldwork 6.4. Topsoil 45% very short, 40% short, 14% adequate, 1% surplus. Corn 98% dough, 98% 2005, 98% avg.; 92% dent, 86% 2005, 87% avg.; 40% mature; 34% 2005, 53% avg.; condition 58% very poor, 21% poor, 16% fair, 5% good, 0% excellent. Soybeans 93% blooming, 90% 2005, 90% avg.; 80% setting pods, 74% 2005, 65% avg.; 12% dropping leaves, 7% 2005, 7% avg.; condition 41% very poor, 39% poor, 16% fair, 4% good, 0% excellent. Pasture condition 39% very poor, 38% poor, 18% fair, 4% good, 1% excellent. Livestock condition 14% very poor, 26% poor, 39% fair, 17% good, 4% excellent. With the exception of areas in northern Alabama, most of the state received rainfall during the past week. Temperatures for the state were cooler over the past week, but still remain above normal.

ALASKA: Days suitable for fieldwork 1.5. Topsoil 90% adequate, 10% surplus. Subsoil 95% adequate, 5% surplus. Flooding was reported in the Mat-Su Valley as the result of prolonged, heavy rains. Barley 5% ripe, Condition 20% poor, 20% fair, 40% good, 20% excellent. Mostly in the Fairbanks area. Oats were reported as 30% turning color. Condition 15% poor, 35% fair, 40% good, 10% excellent. Potatoes 65% in bloom, Condition 25% fair, 60% good, 15% excellent. Hay 1st cutting harvest was complete 99%; 2nd cutting was held up by all the rain. Condition of the hay crop was reported as 15% poor, 20% fair, 35% good, 30% excellent. Wind and rain damage to crops was reported as 85% none, 10% light, 5% moderate. Activities: Waiting for the rain to stop, weed control, fence maintenance, equipment repair and preparing for grain harvest.

ARIZONA: Temperatures for the State were mostly normal for the week ending August 20. Precipitation was reported at 13 of the 22 reporting stations. Grand Canyon and Tucson received the most precipitation at 1.17 inches. Maricopa received the lowest precipitation at 0.03 inches. There are 4 of 22 reporting stations above normal precipitation for the year to date. Virtually all cotton acreage has set bolls and thirty-four percent of the acreage have bolls opening. Cotton harvest is still underway in the Yuma area. Cotton condition is mostly fair to good. Alfalfa condition is mostly good. Range and pasture conditions remain mostly very poor to poor.

ARKANSAS: Days suitable for field work 7.0. Soil 29% very short, 45% short, 25% adequate, 1% surplus. Corn 99% dent, 93% prev week, 92% prev year, 93% 5-yr avg.; 81% mature, 53% prev week, 51% prev year, 67% 5-yr avg.; 22% harvested, 11% prev week, 12% 5-yr avg. Rice 96% headed, 87% prev week, 92% prev year, 93% 5-yr avg.; 1% harvested, 0% prev week, 1% prev year, 2% 5-year average. Soybean100% bloomed, 99% prev week, 99% prev year, 97% 5-yr avg.; 95% Pods Set, 90% prev week, 92% prev year, 87% 5-yr avg.; 26% yellowed, 18% prev week, 22% prev year, 13% 5-yr avg.; 15% shedding, 11% prev week, 13% prev year, 6% 5-yr avg.; 8% mature, 4% prev week, 8% prev year, 3% 5-yr avg.; 5% harvested, 3% prev week, 2% prev year, 1% 5-year average. Sorghum 96% coloring, 86% prev week, 92% prev year, 91% 5-yr avg.; 64% mature, 36% prev week, 34% prev year, 30% 5-yr avg.; 8% harvested, na prev week, 3% prev year, 9% 5-year average. Cotton 17% Bolls open, 4% prev week, 16% prev year, 11% 5-year average. Corn 4% very poor, 13% poor, 27% fair, 41% good, 15% excellent. Cotton 1% very poor, 6% poor, 28% fair, 47% good, 18% excellent. Rice 1% very poor, 5% poor, 27% fair, 51% good, 16% excellent. Sorghum 2% very poor, 11% poor, 41% fair, 37% good, 9% excellent. Soybeans 9% very poor, 18% poor, 33% fair, 32% good, 8% excellent. Hay-Alfalfa 15% very poor, 56% poor, 16% fair, 13% good, 0% excellent. Hay-Other 25% very poor, 36% poor, 23% fair, 16% good, 0% excellent. Pasture, Range 25% very poor, 38% poor, 27% fair, 10% good, 0% excellent. Corn in the mature stage, at 81%, was ahead of the five year average. The cotton and cotton crop were in fair to mostly good condition. Cotton bolts open at 17% were 13% ahead of last week. Rice farmers began harvesting; rice was in good condition. Sorghum mature was 34% ahead of the five average. Sorghum harvest began last week; sorghum was in fair to good condition. Soybeans completed the bloomed stage last week. The soybean crop was in mostly fair to good condition. Livestock remained in good condition. Pasture and hay crop conditions decline slightly. Poor quality pastures caused cattlemen to continue feeding hay.

CALIFORNIA: Cotton, corn, and beans progressed well with the moderate temperatures. Corn for silage continued to be chopped and late fields cultivated. Alfalfa growers continued to cut, windrow, bale, irrigate, and treat for insects and perform weed control in their fields. Some alfalfa growers completed their fifth cutting with good drying conditions. Cotton plantings were at full bloom and were setting bolls. Cooler night temperatures were helping to alleviate heat stress during cotton bloom. In Fresno County, safflower harvest was completed. Stone fruit growers continued with picking, packing, cultivation and the applications of fungicides. Varieties being picked and packed in some districts included Snow Beauty, White Lady, Snow Princess, O’Henry, August Flame, September Flame, and Snow King peaches; Red Pearl, Summer Fire, Arctic Pride, Fire Pearl, and August Fire nectarines; Flavor Grenade, Dinosaur Egg, Yummy Giant, and Sierra Rose plutos; and Grand Rosa, Joanna Red, Sierra Sweet, Flavor Rich, and Yummy plums. Pear harvest was still underway in some areas. Pomegranates continued to size and show color. The fig harvest continued. Red Globe, Black Seedless, Black Corinth, Zante Currents, and Thompson Seedless table grapes continued with harvest in San Joaquin Valley districts. Some raisins were being harvested and Thompson Seedless grapes were being harvested for juice in Fresno County. Cultural operations for table grapes continued with thinning, training canes to trellises, cultivation, and the applications of fungicides and herbicides. Dried-on-the-vine raisin harvest continued. Strawberries continued with various stages of pre-plant fumigation, irrigation, and fertilization in Tulare County. The Valencia orange harvest continued at a slow pace. Some orchards were being irrigated and treated to control weeds and insects. Navel orange orchards were showing good growth. Almond harvest began in some orchards this week. Some almond orchards were being treated for insects, irrigated, mowed, and prepared for harvest. Earlier varieties of walnuts have experienced some limb damage due to the large crop set. Vegetable crops are developing well and have pretty much recovered from any hindered growth caused by the extensive heat in mid July. Concerns were for reduced set size but the recent prevailing weather temperatures have been ideal for vegetable production, with growers hoping for more set. Younger fields of garlic and onion as well as fields of beans, tomatoes, melons and asparagus were being treated with herbicides, insecticides and sprays to control army worms and stink bugs. Melon fields were also being treated for the control of cabbage looper and cucumber beetles. Fields for fall crop broccoli and
lettuce were in various stages of pre plant fumigation. Late fresh market
tomato planting was complete. Cantaloupe, honeydew, watermelons, and
sweet corn continued to be harvested. Other crops being harvested were
various hot and sweet peppers, wax beans, cucumbers, summer
squashes, green onions and many types of Asian vegetables. Higher
elavation summer pastures were still in good condition. Heavy spring rain
and snow has kept some non-irrigated high desert pastures greener than
for most of this year. There was ample water for irrigated pastures. Fall
calving of beef continued in Northern and Foothills. Some alfalfa and fall
foothill pastures. Cows on the foothills were receiving protein and other
supplements. Cool night temperatures and high 80 to mid 90 degree
daytime temperatures much more favorable to fall calving. Milk
production was also being aided by the improved weather. Stock ewes
were grazing in small grain hay fields, returing farmland, with a few in
alfalfa fields. Bees pollinated melon and seed alfalfa fields in the central
area and seed crops in the northern area.

COLORADO: Days suitable for fieldwork 5.4. Topsoil 22% very short, 30%
short, 43% adequate, 5% surplus. Subsoil 37% very short, 42%
short, 21% adequate, 0% surplus. Colorado experienced some much
needed rainfall last week with temperatures reported at or slightly below
average throughout the state. Overcast days and cooler temperatures
have slowed the harvesting of several crops. Spring wheat 100% turning
color, 97% 2005, 98% avg.; 35% harvested, 38% 2005, 50% avg.;
condition 6% very poor, 13% poor, 30% fair, 40% good, 11% excellent.
Spring barley 37% harvested, 39% 2005, 54% avg.; condition 8% very
poor, 17% poor, 28% fair, 36% good, 11% excellent. Corn silage 6%
harvested, 0% 2005, 3% avg. Alfalfa hay 85% 2nd cutting, 94% 2005,
89% avg.; 20% 3rd cutting, 21% 2005, 24% avg.; condition 13% very poor,
19% poor, 30% fair, 32% good, 6% excellent. Dry onions 19% harvested,
12% 2005, 23% avg.; condition 3% very poor, 5% poor, 22% fair, 50%
good, 20% excellent. Sugarbeets condition 7% very poor, 13% poor,
25% fair, 46% good, 9% excellent. Summer potatoes 20% harvested, 18%
2005, 23% avg.; condition 1% very poor, 1% poor, 10% fair, 40% good,
39% excellent. Fall potatoes condition 1% very poor, 8% poor, 32% fair,
45% good, 14% excellent. Dry beans 96% flowered, 78% 2005, 87%
avg.; 1% cut, 2% 2005, 2% avg; condition 13% very poor, 7% poor, 22%
fair, 52% good, 6% excellent.

GEORGIA: Days suitable for field work 6.1. Soil 25% very short, 43%
short, 30% adequate, 2% surplus. Corn 30% harvested, 13% 2005, 28%
avg. Soybeans 88% blooming, 91% 2005, 94% avg. Sorghum 12% very
poor, 21% poor, 29% fair, 25% good, 15% excellent. Alfalfa grass 6%
harvested, 6% 2005, 8% avg. Apples 9% very poor, 20% poor, 42% fair, 20% good, 9%
excellent; 14% harvested, 7% 2005, 13% avg. Hay 19% very poor, 38%
poor, 32% fair, 10% good, 1% excellent. Peaches 97% harvested, 93%
2005, 99% avg. Pecans 17% very poor, 38% poor, 32% fair, 13% good.
Tobacco 72% harvested, 81% 2005, 80% avg. The State experience
slightly cooler temperatures and more scattered rain this week. Rainfall
totals varied, ranging from none to over two inches. Stations
reported the highest rainfall totals on Sunday. Weeklong highs stayed
near 90 with nighttime lows near 70. Crop conditions varied with rainfall
totals, but overall conditions remained dry. Farmers who did not see rain
reported little or no improvement in crop, pasture, and hayfield conditions.
Pond and stream levels remained below normal. Hayfields were still
reported in mostly poor condition. Dry conditions have led to high nitrate
concentrations in hay and grain being cut for silage. Cattle owners fed
hay that they normally would feed during the winter months. This has
raised concerns about winter feeding supplies. Steady rain will be critical
in order to replenish hay reserves. Heavy armyworms were reported in
pastures and hay fields. Irrigated corn and peaches were reportedly in
good condition. Early soybeans look good, but need rain to maintain
current condition. Stinkbugs were reported in cotton but not soybeans.
Weather conditions also presented problems for potato producers. Actions
included: Harvesting tobacco and corn, planting cucumbers, preparing onion beds,
and preparing fields for fall crops.

HAWAII: Weather conditions for the week ending August 20,2006 were
mostly sunny skies interspersed with light showers in leeward and
mountain areas. Light trade winds prevailed for most of the week. Warm
temperatures and high humidity also prevailed for most of the week.
Generally, fruits and vegetables were in fair to good condition. Pastures
were drying most areas.

ILLINOIS: Days suitable for fieldwork 6.8. Topsoil 7% very short, 36%
short, 57% adequate, 0% surplus. Winter Wheat 86% Harvested, 74%
2005, 80% average. Spring Wheat Condition 0% very poor, 2% poor,
19% fair, 70% good, 9% excellent. Barley Condition 0% very poor, 3%
poor, 13% fair, 72% good, 12% excellent. Potato Condition 0% very poor,
0% poor, 8% fair, 76% good, 16% excellent. Potato Vines Dying/Killed
21%, 17% 2005, 20% avg.; 2% Harvested, 0% 2005, 1% average. Oats
52% harvested for grain, 35% 2005, 33% average. Alfalfa Hay 2nd cutting
94% harvested, 93% 2005, 90% avg.; 3rd cutting harvested 53%, 35%
2005, 37% average. Dry Beans 6% Harvested, 3% 2005, 3% average.
Dry Peas 6% Harvested, 64%, 60% 2005, 58% average. Mint: 82%
harvested, 61% 2005, 75% average. Lentils 55% harvested, 50% 2005,
52% average. Irrigation Water Supply: 0% very poor, 2% poor, 3% fair,
63% good, 32% excellent.

IDaho: Days suitable for fieldwork 5.4. Topsoil 12% very short, 20%
short, 66% adequate, and 2% surplus. Soybeans 2% turning yellow, 5%
Louisiana: Days suitable for fieldwork 6.6. Soil 30% very short, 33% short, 34% adequate, 3% surplus. Corn 3% very poor, 9% poor, 42% fair, 43% good, 3% excellent; 71% harvested, 43% last week, 34% in 2005, 44% avg. Soybeans 100% blooming, 99% last week, 100% in 2005, 99% avg. Harvesting color, 51% in 2005, 3% avg. Early housed 50% harvested, 31% last week, 31% in 2005, 35% avg. Rice 89% ripe, 78% last week, 77% in 2005, 81% avg. Sweet Potatoes 3% harvested, 0% last week, 1% in 2005, 4% avg. Hay 2nd cutting 85%, 79% last week, 79% in 2005, 83% avg. Sugarcane 3% very poor, 14% poor, 40% fair, 41% good, 2% excellent; 14% planted, 8% last week, 21% in 2005, 21% avg. Livestock 1% very poor, 11% poor, 47% fair, 35% good, 6% excellent. Vegetable 17% very poor, 20% poor, 42% fair, 16% good, 5% excellent. Range and pasture 12% very poor, 29% poor, 32% fair, 22% good, 5% excellent.

Maryland: Days suitable for fieldwork 7.0. Topsoil 31% very short, 39% short, 30% adequate. Subsoil 21% very short, 33% short, 46% adequate. Corn condition 5% very poor, 8% poor, 20% fair, 40% good, 27% excellent; 85% dough, 65% 2005, 70% avg.; 50% dent; 20% 2005, 34% avg.; 8% mature, 5% 2005, 11% avg.; 50% harvested for Silage, 2% 2005, 9% avg. Soybean condition 7% very poor, 12% poor, 32% fair, 41% good, 8% excellent; 84% blooming, 79% 2005, 75% avg.; 75% setting pods, 53% 2005, 53% avg. Pasture condition 10% very poor, 18% poor, 46% fair, 25% good, 1% excellent. Other hay 3rd cutting 36%, 38% 2005, 42% avg. Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting 82%, 87% 2005, 75% avg.; 4th cutting 17%, 23% 2005, 15% avg. Apple condition 4% fair, 95% good 1% excellent; 38% harvested, 38% 2005, 21% avg. Peaches 87% harvested, 74% 2005, 74% avg. Watermelons 67% harvested, 64% 2005, 57% avg. Cucumbers 74% harvested, 86% 2005, 87% avg. Lima beans (Processed) harvested, 79% 2005, 86% avg. Grapes 56% harvested, 91% 2005, 97% avg. Sweet corn 81% harvested, 81% 2005, 78% avg. Potatoes 76% harvested, 65% 2005, 71% avg. Tomatoes 69% harvested, 61% 2005, 60% avg. Cantaloupes 77% harvested, 71% 2005, 69% avg. Hay supplies 6% very short, 13% short, 78% adequate, 3% surplus. Extremely dry conditions persisted Soybeans continued to deteriorate which nearly eliminates the ability to fill pods. Corn growth slowed.

Michigan: Days suitable for fieldwork 6. Subsoil 10% very short, 35% short, 53% adequate, 2% surplus. Soybeans turning 4%, 3% 2005, 2% avg. Potatoes harvested 17%, 15% 2005. All hay 3% very poor, 9% poor, 36% fair, 29% good, 14% excellent. Sheep and goats 91% 2005, 88% avg. Third cutting hay 51%, 49% 2005, 33% avg. Dry beans 1% very poor, 11% poor, 21% fair, 56% good, 11% excellent. Dry beans turning 41%, 15% 2005, 9% avg. Blueberries harvested 61%, 88% 2005. Precipitation amounts ranged from 0.02 inches west central Lower Peninsula to 1.46 inches eastern Upper Peninsula. Average temperatures ranged from normal southwestern and south central Lower Peninsula to 3 degrees above normal eastern Upper Peninsula. Across State, temperatures moderated and soils continued to dry out. Corn continued to grow and more fields dent stage. Most fields showing good progress. Soybean fields good condition. Second cuttings of hay nearing completion and third cuttings continued. Oat harvest wrapping up. Dry beans leaves turning. Sugarbeet growth continued. Fruit growers across State relieved to see insect pressure winding down last week. Coddling moth and oriental fruit moth numbers low. There was some continued flight of oblique banded leafroller and apple maggot. Red Delicious apples southeast around 2.75 inches while other varieties closer to 3 inches. Paula Red harvest and spot picking of Ginger Megawidget began southeast. Peach harvest continued. Red Haven harvest southeast over half finished. Plum harvest of some Japanese varieties continued. Most plums southeast 1.5 inches diameter. Tart cherry harvest complete northwest with cherry fruit fly present included. Attending field days and outdoor events. Nightingale red tart highbush and tart highbush leaf drop continued southeast due to a Japanese beetle infestation and cherry leaf spot disease. Pear growth southeast progressed past 2.5 inches diameter, and rust mites commonly found on fruit. Blueberry harvest nearing end southwest and southeast. Blueberry megabugs and birds continued to be a problem. Demand for pick-your-own and ready picked blueberries strong throughout season. Grapes starting to color for some of seedless varieties.
southeast. Grape berry moth numbers still on rise southwest. Vegetable crop production progressed well, but dry conditions still prevalent some areas. Dry weather contributed to ripening of winter squash and pumpkin plants west central and southwestern areas. Celery harvest southwest. Onion harvest began and carrot harvest continued. Pepper harvest progressed well. Sweet corn harvest continued with good quality. Snap bean harvest continued. Harvest of zucchini crops continued with increased viral activity found on yellow processing zucchini west central area. Maturing of early planted potatoes enabled harvest to continue at a rapid pace southeast. Tomatoes for processing harvest began.

MINNESOTA: Days suitable for fieldwork 6.4. Topsoil 21% very short, 31% short, 47% adequate, 1% surplus. Corn 97% milk, 98% 2005, 90% avg.; 1% silage cut, 0% 2005, 1% average. Soybeans 8% turning yellow, 3% 2005, 2% average. Canola 59% harvested, 45% 2005, 23% avg. Potatoes 27% harvested, 14% 2005, 11% average. Sweet Corn 52% harvested, 42% 2005, 40% average. Pasture feed 25% very poor, 22% poor, 34% fair, 17% good, 2% excellent. Alfalfa 18% very poor, 21% poor, 31% fair, 27% good, 3% excellent. Sugarbeets 2% very poor, 10% poor, 30% fair, 44% good, 14% excellent. Dry Beans 11% very poor, 20% poor, 38% fair, 22% good, 9% excellent. Potatoes 2% very poor, 10% poor, 23% fair, 30% good, 35% excellent. Sunflowers 2% very poor, 6% poor, 28% fair, 60% good, 4% excellent. Canola 0% very poor, 7% poor, 37% fair, 43% good, 13% excellent. Oat, Barley, and Spring Wheat harvests nearing completion this past week, nearly three weeks earlier than the five-year average. Corn, soybean, and sunflower conditions improved as cooler temperatures and scattered showers increased topsoil moisture supplies. Topsoil moisture supplies rose to 47% adequate, an increase of 10 percentage points from the previous week. Pasture condition rating improved slightly from the previous week. The average temperature for the week was 67.1°, 0.8° below normal.

MISSISSIPPI: Days suitable for fieldwork 6.3. Soil 47% very short, 36% short, 17% adequate. Corn 100% dough, 99% 2005, 100% avg.; 99% dent, 91% 2005, 95% avg.; 94% mature, 59% 2005, 70% avg.; 44% harvested, 14% 2005, 19% avg.; 23% very poor, 21% poor, 23% fair, 30% good, 3% excellent. Cotton 100% setting bolls, 100% 2005, 99% avg.; 37% open bolls, 16% 2005, 18% avg.; 15% very poor, 21% poor, 25% fair, 34% good, 5% excellent. Rice 98% heading, 97% 2005, 98% avg.; 27% mature, 10% 2005, 26% avg.; 1% very poor, 9% poor, 22% fair, 60% good, 8% excellent. Sorghum 99% turning color, 98% 2005, 96% avg.; 91% mature, 70% 2005, 63% avg.; 68% harvested, 10% 2005, 12% avg.; 1% very poor, 14% poor, 31% fair, 53% good, 1% excellent. Soybeans 100% setting pods, 100% 2005, 98% avg.; 77% turning color, 53% 2005, 49% avg.; 60% shedding leaves, 31% 2005, 31% avg., 40% harvested, 7% 2005, 9% avg.; 15% very poor, 24% poor, 30% fair, 27% good, 4% excellent. Hay 80% (Harvested Warm), 86% 2005, 81% avg.; 27% very poor, 30% poor, 26% fair, 17% good. Peanuts 3% very poor, 14% poor, 27% fair, 53% good, 3% excellent. Sweetpotatoes 2% very poor, 23% poor, 35% fair, 33% good, 7% excellent. Watermelons 100% harvested, 100% 2005, 98% avg.; 1% very poor, 21% poor, 22% fair, 56% good. Cattle 15% very poor, 15% poor, 34% fair, 31% good, 5% excellent. Pasture 24% very poor, 31% poor, 29% fair, 16% good. An early harvest has started for many corn and soybean operators across the state. There have also been a few reports of cotton beginning to be defoliated because the crop has shut down earlier than normal due to the extreme heat. Some operators are getting a chance to bale hay to store for the winter and are hoping that there will be enough growth for another cutting this season. There have been no reports of extreme insect pressure from county agents for this report.

MISSOURI: Days suitable for fieldwork 5.6. Topsoil 40% very short, 34% short, 25% adequate, 1% surplus. The major crop-producing districts experienced moderate temperatures, good rainfall totals during the week, whereas heat and dryness continued to plague central and southwestern areas. The rain was accompanied by high winds in isolated northern areas that downed corn, while central and southern locations that missed the rain saw continued stress on soybeans and pastures. Alfalfa 3rd cutting of is 87%, 75% 2005, 74% average. Pasture condition 40% very poor, 33% poor, 19% fair, 8% good. There is increasing concern about hay supplies for this winter, especially in central and southern counties, where there is little chance of a significant recovery in pastures to provide adequate feedstock. Temperatures were normal to slightly above average throughout most of the State, although a few central counties were 5 to 6 degrees above average. Rainfall averaged 1.05 inches for the week. For the second consecutive week, the three northern districts received the most, with the northwest at 2.50 inches, north-central at 2.18 inches, and northeast at 1.53. The southwest, central, and south-central districts received the least amounts, each at about one-third inch or less.

NEVADA: Days suitable for fieldwork 7.0. Moderate, dry weather continued. Only Elko recorded a trace of precipitation. There was one cool day at midweek and temperatures were rising at week's end. Weekly average temperatures were at or above normal. Lightning ignited several rangeland fires in northern Elko county and nearly 200,000 acres burned. Livestock, grazing allotments, and structures were threatened. Irrigation season continued with adequate supplies of water. The third cutting of alfalfa hay continued, as did some late meadow hay cutting in the north. Alfalfa seed fields were in good condition with pollinating bees. Garlic harvest advanced. Onion and potato fields were in good to excellent condition. Some livestock movement was forced by range fires. Range and pasture conditions were declining seasonally. Mormon cricket populations continued to seasonally decline. Activities: Moving cattle & sheep, hay harvest, garlic harvest, irrigation, weed and pest control.

NEW ENGLAND: Days suitable for field work: 5.9. Topsoil 4% short, 84% adequate, 12% surplus. Subsoil 2% short, 86% adequate, 12% surplus. Pasture conditions: 1% poor, 23% fair, 59% good, 17% excellent. Maine Potatoes: condition good/excellent. Rhode Island Potatoes 15% harvested, 10% 2005, 25% average; condition good/excellent. Massachusetts Potatoes 5% harvested, 15% 2005, 20% average; condition good. Maine Oats 25% harvested, 0% 2005, 5% average; condition good/excellent. Maine Barley 25% harvested, 0% 2005, 10% average; condition good/excellent. Field Corn: condition poor/fair in Vermont; condition fair/very good/fair elsewhere. Sweet Corn 55% harvested, 55% 2005, 50% average; condition good/fair in Connecticut, good in New Hampshire and Vermont, and good/excellent elsewhere. Shade Tobacco 70% harvested, 65% 2005, 65% average; condition fair/good in Connecticut and good in Massachusetts. Broadleaf Tobacco 60% harvested, 65% 2005, 60% average; condition good/fair in Connecticut and good in Massachusetts. First Crop Hay: 95% harvested, 95% 2005, 95% average; condition poor/fair. Second Crop Hay: 65% harvested, 70% 2005, 70% average; condition good/excellent in Maine and Rhode Island, and good/excellent elsewhere.
good/fair elsewhere. Third Crop Hay: 10% harvested, 20% 2005, 20% average; condition good. Apples 5% harvested, 5% 2005, 5% average; Fruit size average; condition good/excellent in Rhode Island, and good to fair elsewhere. Peaches: 40% harvested, 45% 2005, 50% average; Fruit size average; condition good/fair in Connecticut, and good elsewhere. Massachusetts Cranberries: Fruit Size average; condition good. Highbush Blueberries: 85% harvested, 75% 2005, 80% average; Fruit size average; condition good/fair in Connecticut and good/excellent elsewhere. Maine Wild Blueberries: 90% harvested, 75% 2005, 65% average; Fruit size above average/average; condition good. Morning showers early in the week gave way to drier, moderate weather through Friday. Farmers took full advantage of the week’s dry conditions to harvest summer vegetable crops and make hay. Overcast and humid conditions continued throughout the week, which interrupted feed management and increased livestock stress. Moisture conditions and weight gains have improved rapidly as the pastures and range have improved.

**NEW YORK:** Days suitable for fieldwork 5.9. Soil 17% short, 77% adequate, 6% surplus. Pasture conditions 9% poor, 30% fair, 44% good, 17% excellent. Alfalfa third cutting complete 60%, compared to 53% last year. Winter wheat 96% harvested compared to 86% a year ago. Oats were 79% harvested compared to last years 91%. Potatoes harvested, ahead of last years 32%. A great, dry week for fieldwork. Corn continues to look good, but some fields show stress from lack of water. Producers continued to make hay, completing 1st cutting, but several weeks late due to wet conditions this spring. Barley was nearly done and oats were complete. Corn in harvest was 7% poor, 21% fair, 45% good, 27% excellent. Grapes were 4% poor, 25% fair, 33% good, 38% excellent. In the Lake Ontario fruit region, peach harvest was underway and peaches looked great. In the Long Island fruit region, hedging and bird netting were in full swing. Vegetable harvesting continued. Tomatoes were 30% harvest compared with 45% last year. Onion harvest reached 35% finished, sweet corn 45%, snap beans 51% and 25% cabbage.

**NORTH CAROLINA:** Days suitable for field work 6.2. Soil 9% very short, 29% short, 54% adequate, 8% surplus. Activities Included: Cutting hay, harvesting apples, corn silage, peaches, sorghum, tobacco and scouting for pest, disease problems. Sporadic showers were experienced in some areas of the State, while other areas have only received limited rainfall in several weeks. The corn and soybean crops are progressing slightly ahead of the 5-year average.

**NORTH DAKOTA:** Days suitable for fieldwork 5.3. Topsoil 34% very short, 35% short, 30% adequate, 1% surplus. Subsoil 39% very short, 36% short, 24% adequate, 1% surplus. Spring wheat harvest moved past seventy-five percent complete, despite scattered thunderstorms and hail that interrupted progress. Precipitation last week aided late season crop development and pasture growth, but more rainfall is needed. Durum wheat 98% turning, 89% 2005, 84% avg.; 54% harvested 30% 2005, 23% average. Canola 98% turning, 97% 2005, 92% avg.; 85% swathed, 84% 2005, 73% avg.; 37% harvested, 25% 2005, 23% average. Corn for Silage 13% chopped, 1% 2005, 2% average. Dry Edible Beans 90% fully podded, 68% 2005, 56% average; 66% lower leaves yellowing, 24% 2005, 22% average; 28% dropping leaves, 0% 2005, 6% avg.; 5% cut, 0% 2005, 0% avg.; 1% harvested, 0% 2005, 0% average. Dry edible peas 97% harvested, 8% 2005, 8% average; 77% lower leaves yellowing, 5% 2005, 6% average. Sunflower 65% ray flowers dried/dropped, 27% 2005, 19% avg.; 11% bracts turned yellow, 2% 2005, 2% average. Emerged crop conditions ratings: Durum Wheat 5% very poor, 28% poor, 49% fair, 18% good, 0% excellent; Canola 7% very poor, 16% poor, 43% fair, 31% good, 3% excellent. Dry Edible Beans 7% very poor, 22% poor, 44% fair, 26% good, 1% excellent. Flaxseed 8% very poor, 20% poor, 50% fair, 21% good, 1% excellent. Peaches 6% very poor, 20% poor, 34% fair, 38% good, 2% excellent. Sugarbeets 1% very poor, 7% poor, 26% fair, 62% good, 4% excellent. Sunflower 6% very poor, 16% poor, 41% fair, 34% good, 3% excellent. Stockwater supplies 26% very short, 36% short, 38% adequate, 0% surplus. The second cutting of alfalfa 92% complete.

**OHIO:** Days suitable for field work 6.4. Topsoil 7% very short, 36% short, 55% adequate, 2% surplus. Corn in dough 78%, 75% 2005, 69% avg.; 23% denting, 18% 2005, 18% avg. Soybeans setting pods 96%, 100% 2005, 88% avg.; 1% dropping leaves, 4% 2005, 2% avg. Summer apples 69% harvested, 71% 2005, 75% avg. Peaches 77% harvested, 65% 2005, 70% avg. Potatoes 17% harvested, 17% 2005, 30% avg. Cucumbers 51% harvested, 42% 2005, 54% avg. Processsing tomatoes 11% harvested, 70% 2005, 5% avg. Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting 74%, 61% 2005, 4% avg.; 4th cutting, 4% 2005, 3% avg. Other hay 2nd cutting 92%, 86% 2005, 83% avg.; 3rd cutting 22%, 28% 2005, 25% avg. Corn condition 1% very poor, 7% poor, 20% fair, 49% good, 23% excellent. Hay condition 1% very poor, 6% poor, 25% fair, 53% good, 15% excellent. Pasture condition 3% very poor, 6% poor, 26% fair, 52% good, 13% excellent. Soybean condition 3% very poor, 8% poor, 22% fair, 50% good, 17% excellent. Farmers took advantage of six days suitable for fieldwork last week to make straw and hay, scout fields, plow and till fields, apply herbicide, and spread manure. Watermelons, cantaloupes,
and sweet corn are being harvested in the Southeast. Reporters observed spider mites and grasshoppers in the Northeast district and in the West Central District Japanese beetles and corn root beetles have been observed.

**OKLAHOMA:** Days suitable for fieldwork 6.0. Topsoil 63% very short, 25% short, 12% adequate. Subsoil 79% very short, 20% short, 1% adequate. Wheat plowed 96% this week, 91% last week, 96% last year, 97% average; seederbed prepared 40% this week, 23% last week, 31% last year, 37% average. Rye seederbed prepared 42% this week, 38% last week, 36% last year, 51% average. Oats seederbed prepared 40% this week, 27% last week, 30% last year, 30% average. Corn 11% very poor, 18% poor, 22% fair, 11% good, 38% excellent; rough 98% this week, 92% last week, 94% last year, 86% average; mature 45% this week, 44% last week, 38% last year, 40% average; 27% harvested, 20% last week, 9% last year, 10% average. Soybeans 25% very poor, 31% poor, 31% fair, 11% good, 2% excellent; blooming 86% this week, 84% last week, 85% last year, 85% average; setting pods 63% this week, 61% last week, 71% last year, 70% average; mature 12% this week, 11% last week, 13% last year, 11% average. Peanuts setting pods 97% this week, 89% last week, 91% last year, 92% average; mature 10% this week, 8% last week, 11% last year, 10% average. Alfalfa 34% very poor, 31% poor, 26% fair, 6% good, 3% excellent; 3rd cutting 91% this week, 90% last week, 100% last year, 97% average; 4th cutting 45% this week, 31% last week, 70% last year, 51% average. Other Hay 56% very poor, 26% poor, 15% fair, 3% good; 2nd cutting 48% this week, 21% last week, 57% last year, 64% average. Watermelon harvested 93% this week, 91% last week, 80% last year, 93% average. Livestock 36% very poor, 32% poor, 19% fair, 10% good, 3% excellent. Pasture & Range 48% very poor, 37% poor, 13% fair, 2% good. Livestock: Livestock conditions dropped slightly from last week remaining in mostly poor to very poor condition. Livestock市场营销 were high with light insect activity. Livestock producers continued to search for hay as hay supplies continued to be scarce. Feeder steers under 800 pounds averaged $118.00 per cwt. and feeder heifers less than 800 pounds averaged $110.85 per cwt.

**OREGON:** Days suitable for fieldwork 7.0. Topsoil 35% very short, 35% short, 30% adequate. Subsoil 25% very short, 42% short, 33% adequate. Spring wheat conditions 5% poor, 19% fair, 69% good, 7% excellent. Winter wheat harvested 90% current week, 94% 2005, 93% average. Spring wheat harvested 70% current, 80% 2005, 84% average. Barley harvested 71% current, 85% 2005, 78% average. Alfalfa second cutting 98% this week, 96% previous week. Weather: It was a warm, dry week across the State. High temperatures ranged from only 62 degrees in Portland. Moisture was minimal, with only eight stations cutting 98% this week, 96% previous week. Many areas continued to be very dry, some pastures were starting to quickly become over-grazed. Watering ponds, springs were also reported drying up in some areas of the State. Irrigation continued in full swing on pastures with facilities available. Even with marginal pasture conditions, livestock remained in good condition throughout the State.

**PENNSYLVANIA:** Days suitable for fieldwork 6. Soil 19% very short, 51% short, 29% adequate, 1% surplus. Fall plowing 16% complete, 11% 2005, 8% avg. Corn 78% dough, 63% 2005, 59% avg.; 42% dent, 19% 2005, 22% avg.; 14% mature, 2% 2005, 3% avg.; 20% silage harvested, 4% 2005, 6% avg.; crop condition 1% very poor, 3% poor, 24% fair, 49% good, 23% excellent. Oats 96% harvested, 93% 2005, 78% avg. Soybean crop condition 1% very poor, 3% poor, 24% fair, 49% good, 23% excellent. Tobacco 20% harvested, 19% 2005, 19% avg. Alfalfa 3rd cutting complete 84%, 80% 2005, 61% avg.; 4th cutting complete 8%, 5% 2005, 11% avg. Timothy clover 2nd cutting complete 82%, 69% 2005, 61% avg. Peaches 64% harvested, 58% 2005, 65% avg. Apple crop condition 15% fair, 64% good, 21% excellent; 32% harvested, 23% 2005, 20% avg. Quality of hay made 1% very poor, 2% poor, 16% fair, 55% good, 26% excellent. Pasture conditions 6% very poor, 20% poor, 42% fair, 25% good, 7% excellent. Activities Included: Baling hay, straw; repairing equipment; spreading manure; plowing; harvesting oats, peaches, apples, sweet corn, silage, potatoes and tobacco.

**SOUTH CAROLINA:** Days suitable for field work 6.4. Soil 11% very short, 39% short, 50% adequate. As crops and livestock depleted sparse moisture supplies across the State, their respective conditions began to decline at week’s end. Reporters indicated that farmers were carefully monitoring for larvae pests, stink bugs, and other unwanted infestations. Surplus moisture was non-existent as the average statewide moisture was 0.3”, which was helped largely by showers late Sunday in the Midlands. Corn 99% doughed, 100% 2005, 99% avg.; 87% matured, 84% 2005, 87% avg.; 23% harvested, 19% 2005, 25% avg.; 7% very poor, 10% poor, 45% fair, 31% good, 7% excellent. Cotton 99% squared, 99% 2005, 99% avg.; 87% bolls set, 83% 2005, 87% avg.; 5% bolls open, 9% 2005, 10% avg.; 1% very poor, 12% poor, 45% fair, 38% good, 4% excellent. Other Hay 95% harvested, 93% 2005, 91% avg. Peanuts 2% poor, 39% fair, 54% good, 5% excellent. Sorghum 99% headed, 99% 2005, 95% avg.; 73% turned color, 72% 2005, 74% avg.; 42% matured, 40% 2005, 36% avg.; 15% harvested, 8% 2005, 10% avg; 48% fair, 50% good, 2% excellent. Soybeans 91% bloomed, 90% 2005, 86% avg.; 53% pods set, 55% 2005, 52% avg.; 5% leaves turning color, 5% 2005, 6% avg.; 1% leaves dropped, 0% 2005, 0% avg.; 5% very poor, 17% poor, 40% fair, 35% good, 3% excellent. Sweet Potato 28% fair, 72% good. Tobacco 73% harvested, 76% 2005, 74% avg.; 17% stalks destroyed, 16% 2005, 19% avg.; 1% poor, 35% fair, 55% good, 9% excellent. Apples 5% harvested, 6% 2005, 8% avg.; 50% fair, 50% good. Peaches 87% harvested, 83% 2005, 85% avg. Watermelons 98% harvested, 97% 2005, 99% avg. Livestock 3% poor, 38% fair, 56% good, 3% excellent. Pastures 7% very poor, 17% poor, 39% fair, 36% good, 1% excellent.

**SOUTH DAKOTA:** Days suitable for fieldwork 5.4. Topsoil 29% very short, 33% short, 37% adequate, 1% surplus. Subsoil 46% very short, 30% short, 24% adequate. Feed supplies 17% very short, 35% short, 47% adequate, 1% surplus. Stock water supplies 34% very short, 31% short, 35% adequate. Winter wheat 2% seeded, 0% 2005, 0% avg. Sunflower 27% very poor, 35% poor, 32% fair, 6% good; blooming 91%, 88% 2005, 88% avg.; ray flowers dry 26%, 17% 2005, 25% avg.; bracts yellow 10%, 4% 2005, 10% avg. Cabbage condition 1% very poor, 7% poor, 23% fair, 56% good, 13% excellent. Sheep condition 3% poor, 18% fair, 57% good, 22% excellent. Range, pasture 33% very poor, 33% poor, 26% fair, 8% good. Corn silage 22% harvested, 6% 2005, 7% avg..
Sorghum silage 28% harvested, 11% 2005, 10% avg. Alfalfa hay 29% very poor, 30% poor, 29% fair, 11% good, 1% excellent. Alfalfa hay 2nd cutting harvested 96%, 92% 2005, 93% avg. Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting harvested 40%, 28% 2005, 35% avg. Rainfall around most of the state helped improve topsoil and subsoil conditions, but only maintaining the row crop (corn, soybean, sorghum and sunflower) conditions. Corn and sorghum continue to be cut early for silage due to dry conditions and feed sources getting low.

TENNESSEE: Days suitable for field work 6. Topsoil 17% very short, 29% short, 53% adequate, 1% surplus. Subsoil 19% very short, 33% short, 48% adequate. Corn harvest for silage 60%, 42% 2005, 47% average. Pastures 14% very poor, 21% poor, 35% fair, 28% good, 2% excellent. Tobacco topped 80%, 80% 2005, 82% avg.; 2% very poor, 8% poor, 26% fair, 49% good, 15% excellent. Burley tobacco harvested 27%, 23% 2005, 25% average. Air-cured tobacco harvested 22%, 30% 2005, 29% average. Fire-cured tobacco harvested 28%, 33% 2005, 30% average. The State experienced thunderstorms throughout the first and latter part of the week, but they did not hamper activities. Farmers welcomed the rain which brought much needed relief to their crops and pastures. Some hay fields were sprayed last week for fall armyworms. Other activities last week included tobacco topping and harvest. Temperatures averaged above normal across the State last week, while precipitation was above normal across eastern portions of the State and near or slightly below average elsewhere.

TEXAS: Agricultural Summary: The western third of Texas, from the Trans-Pecos and western Edwards Plateau through the Panhandle, received at least 0.25 inches of rain. Wide areas of the Northern High Plains recorded up to two inches of precipitation, and isolated showers in that region added another two inches to the week’s total. Up to two inches also fell in several counties in the Low Plains and Trans-Pecos. Spotty showers in coastal areas totaled 0.1 inches, and a small area near Galveston received two inches of precipitation. The remainder of the state was dry. The rainy conditions in the Panhandle and Trans-Pecos brought some relief from the heat, but much of the rest of Texas reported temperatures at or over 100 degrees during the week. Growers in the Northern High Plains were expected to accelerate planting of winter wheat in the wake of the welcomed moisture there. Some hay grazer was planted in the Southern High Plains to help control blowing sand. Army worms and grasshoppers in the East further reduced forage. Cotton: The remaining dryland acres in the Southern High Plains were helped by the week’s rains. Growers in the Northern High Plains were winding down irrigation in preparation for harvest. Farmers harvested in the Blacklands, South Texas, Upper Coast, Coastal Bend and the Lower Valley. Some boll rot was reported in the Upper Coast due to wet conditions late in the growing season. Statewide, cotton condition was mostly rated fair to very poor. Corn: Fields had dried down and growers were ending irrigation in anticipation of harvest in the Northern High Plains, where harvest for silage continued. Producers baled failed corn for hay in the Blacklands and North East. Harvest for grain nearing completion in the Blacklands and South Coast. Tobacco harvest in the Texas Panhandle was ongoing, providing for the anticipated requirement for the National Christmas Tree in Portland, Oregon. Raspberry and cranberry producers were busy with weed control activities. Range and Pasture conditions declined to 16% very poor, 6% poor, 22% fair and 56% good. Sheep Condition 0% very poor, 0% poor, 14% fair, 77% good, 9% excellent. Stock Water Supplies 1% very short, 27% short, 71% adequate, 1% surplus. Peaches harvested 39%, 26% 2005, 27% avg. Pears harvested 9%, 0% 2005, 2% avg. Work activity around the state was consistent with last week’s activities. The days suitable for work was 6.8 days, up 0.4 days from last week’s mark. Livestock conditions throughout the state are healthy for the most part, but some areas are having trouble. Temperatures around the state this week were a little higher than normal. Harvest for grain continued, while farmers are getting their fields prepared for seeding the upcoming fall grain. There has been much concern due to the dry weather around the state. Dry land farmers are waiting for the much needed moisture before they will plant the fall grain. Corn continues to grow steadily; condition reports indicate that this year’s crop is good. Second crop alfalfa is complete, while third cutting is in full swing. Irrigation continues to be a major part of this year’s production layout around the state. Livestock reports out of Cache County indicate that the beef and dairy producers have been fighting pneumonia in their cattle because of the variations in the temperatures from high to low; a 40 degree swing over the past week was not. Some producers are preparing to bring their livestock home from the summer ranges due to the hot temperatures and dry weather.

UTAH: Days suitable for field work 7. Subsoil 3% very short, 37% short, 60% adequate, 0% surplus. Irrigation Water Supplies 7% very short, 19% short, 68% adequate, 6% surplus. Winter Wheat harvested 88%, 82% 2005, 85% avg. Spring Wheat harvested 76%, 62% 2005, 68% avg. Barley harvested (grain) 67%, (silage) avg. 59%, 60% 2005, 57% avg. Oats harvested for Hay or Silage 96%, 91% 2005, 97% avg. Corn silked (tasseled) 96%, 92% 2005, 94% avg. Corn dough 48%, 26% 2005, 33% avg. Corn dent 3%, 3% 2005, 3% avg. Corn silage, harvested (silage) 2%, 0% 2005, 0% avg. Corn condition 0% very poor, 2% poor, 14% fair, 62% good, 22% excellent. Corn height 93 inches, 89 inches 2005, 87 inches avg. Alfalfa Hay 2nd Cutting 99%, 93% 2005, 98% avg. Alfalfa Hay 3rd Cutting 59%, 31% 2005, 37% avg. Other Hay Cut 94%, 97% 2005, 99% avg. Alfalfa Seed Harvested 1%, 5% 2005, 4% avg. Onions harvested 18%, 12% 2005, 17% avg. Cattle and calves moved From Summer Range 35%, 0% 2005, 13% avg. Cattle and calves condition 0% very poor, 0% poor, 13% fair, 72% good, 15% excellent. Sheep and lambs moved From Summer Range 20%, 0% 2005, 10% avg. Sheep Condition 0% very poor, 0% poor, 14% fair, 77% good, 9% excellent. Stock Water Supplies 1% very short, 27% short, 71% adequate, 1% surplus. Peaches harvested 39%, 26% 2005, 27% avg. Pears harvested 9%, 0% 2005, 2% avg. Work activity around the state was consistent with last week’s activities. The days suitable for work was 6.8 days, up 0.4 days from last week’s mark. Livestock conditions throughout the state are healthy for the most part, but some areas are having trouble. Temperatures around the state this week were a little higher than normal. Harvest for grain continued, while farmers are getting their fields prepared for seeding the upcoming fall grain. There has been much concern due to the dry weather around the state. Dry land farmers are waiting for the much needed moisture before they will plant the fall grain. Corn continues to grow steadily; condition reports indicate that this year’s crop is good. Second crop alfalfa is complete, while third cutting is in full swing. Irrigation continues to be a major part of this year’s production layout around the state. Livestock reports out of Cache County indicate that the beef and dairy producers have been fighting pneumonia in their cattle because of the variations in the temperatures from high to low; a 40 degree swing over the past week was not. Some producers are preparing to bring their livestock home from the summer ranges due to the hot temperatures and dry weather.

VIRGINIA: Days suitable for field work 6.4. Topsoil 21% very short, 35% short, 43% adequate, 1% surplus. Subsoil 18% very short, 42% short, 39% adequate, 1% surplus. The Commonwealth experienced another warm, dry week. Precipitation levels remained below normal for most areas with a state average of .51 inches. Temperatures were above normal this week. The average high for the state was 89 degrees. The heat, as well as dry conditions, have begun to take a toll on many crops and livestock. Soil moisture levels are deteriorating along with pasture conditions. Adequate water for livestock has become a concern for many farmers. Overall, the corn crop looks good, but is beginning to suffer from the lack of soil moisture. Corn planted for silage is drying quickly, requiring farmers to speed up harvesting efforts. In some areas, corn continues to thrive, while double-cropped beans are showing signs of stress. A few areas have reported corn earworm damage in soybeans, and producers will continue to monitor for insect problems in the days to come. The quality of the tomato and bell pepper crops appear to be good at this time. Fall tomato harvest is expected to begin in the next few weeks. Tobacco harvest is underway and most of the crop is reported to be in fair to good condition. Other farm activities this week included spraying herbicides, scouting for insect damage, preparing for fall harvest, repairing equipment, and attending commodity meetings and field days.

WASHINGTON: Days suitable for field work 7.0. Topsoil 26% very short, 40% short, 34% adequate. The weather was hot and dry causing increased fire danger. Fires were reported in Thurston County and Mason County where 510 acres have been burned near Lake Cushman. Harvesting continued for sweet corn, green beans, wheat, potatoes, peas, lentils and alfalfa. Christmas tree growers were busy attending the NACO Christmas Tree Event in Oregan, and the Puyallup Christmas Tree Festival in Washington. Peaches, squash, tomatoes, cucumbers, carrots, pears, apples, blueberries and a variety of other fruits and vegetables kept producers and processors busy. Raspberry and cranberry producers were busy with weed control activities. Range and Pasture conditions declined to 16% very poor, 6% poor, 22% fair and 56% good. Pastures were drying up due to the heat and lack of rain. Cattle producers were moving cattle to new pastures and
continued to supplement feed. Shellfish growers were transplanting oysters to nurseries.

WEST VIRGINIA: Days suitable for field work 6.0. Topsoil 21% very short, 38% short, 40% adequate, 1% surplus compared with 11% very short, 36% short, 53% adequate last year. Corn conditions 2% very poor, 9% poor, 38% fair, 45% good; 6% excellent; 89% silked, 2005, 5-yr avg not available. Corn 58% doughing, 67% 2005, 52% 5-yr avg.; 35% dented, 24% 2005, 15% 5-yr avg. Soybean conditions 13% poor 52% fair, 34% good; 1% excellent; 94% blooming, 95% 2005, 93% 5-yr avg.; 65% setting pods, 90% 2005, 78% 5-yr avg.; 1% dropping leaves, 4% 2005, 4% 5-yr avg. Oat conditions 2% very poor, 5% poor, 47% fair, 37% good; 9% excellent; 74% harvested for grain, 93% 2005, 88% 5-yr avg. Hay 2% very poor, 14% poor, 31% fair, 48% good; 5% excellent; 2nd cutting complete 73%, 68% 2005, 65% the 5-yr avg. Apple conditions 8% poor, 49% fair, 35% good; 8% excellent. Peach conditions 7% poor, 28% fair, 58% good; 7% excellent; 65% harvested, 52% 2005, 5-yr avg not available. Cattle and calves 1% very poor, 3% poor, 21% fair, 69% good; 6% excellent. Sheep, lambs 3% poor, 18% fair, 75% good; 4% excellent. Activities Included: Clipping pastures, spraying brush, making hay, checking water supplies, and harvesting peaches, oats and vegetables.

WISCONSIN: Days suitable for fieldwork 5.8. Soil 7% very short, 28% short, 64% adequate, 1% surplus. Topsoil 7% very short, 28% short, 64% adequate, 1% surplus. Much-needed rain came to northern, western areas of the state last week, which aided struggling crops. Rainfall totals ranged from 0.17 inches in Madison to 1.51 inches in La Crosse. Temperatures remained around average this week, ranging from 1 degree below to 1 degree above normal. Average high temperatures were in the high 70s to low 80s in most areas. Lows averaged in the high 50s to low 60s for the week. Last week there was an average of 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork in Wisconsin. Corn in the dough stage 62%, ahead of last year’s 55 percent and well beyond the 5-year average of 40 percent. Corn dent 18% complete, double last year’s 9 percent, ahead of the 5-year average of 5 percent. Corn conditions 7% very poor, 8% poor, 20% fair, 43% good, 22% excellent. Some corn in the northern parts of the state is starting to be cut for silage. Soybeans setting pods 87%, lower than last year’s 91%, but higher than the 5-year average of 78 percent. Soybeans turning leaves was at 4 percent, behind last year’s 5 percent, but ahead of the 5-year average of 1 percent. Rains improved soybean conditions, as most were rated good to excellent. White mold was reported by some farmers in the southern part of the state. Third cutting alfalfa was at 64 percent complete, ahead of last year’s 54 percent and the 5-year average of 45 percent. Quantity looks to be higher in southern parts of the state, but quality looks good across the entire state. Winter wheat harvested was at 98 percent complete, behind last year’s 100 percent, but ahead of the 5-year average of 95 percent. Oats harvested for grain was reported at 95 percent, below last year’s 97 percent, but above the 5-year average of 83 percent. Apples and pears have started to ripen, and the cranberry crop looks good. Vegetables, including potatoes and sweet corn, are being harvested with quality looking good.

WYOMING: Days suitable for fieldwork 6.9. Topsoil 49% very short, 42% short, and 9% adequate. Subsoil 44% very short, 46% short, 10% adequate. Temperatures during the week ending Friday, August 18th averaged above normal across the entire State except for some areas mostly in the Northwest. Averages ranged from 2.8 degrees below normal in Cody to 4.1 degrees above normal in Torrington. The high temperature was 98 in Sheridan, Sundance, and Torrington while the low was 30 in Jackson. Precipitation was widely scattered across the State and many stations received only a trace. All amounts remained below normal except for Rock Springs and Kaycee. The most precipitation was reported in Kaycee with 0.28 inches, Rock Springs with 0.24 inches, and Jackson with 0.22 inches. Stock water supply 34% very short, 34% short, and 32% adequate. Barley mature 94%, 2005 84%, 5-year average 88%. Barley 77% harvested, 70% 2005, 68% 5-year average. Oats 88% mature, 74% 2005, 73% 5-yr avg.; 68% harvested, 61% 2005, 52% 5-year average. Spring wheat 95% mature, 97% 2005, 84% 5-yr avg.; 63% harvested, 81% 2005, 64% 5-year average. Winter wheat 2% planted, 6% 2005, 3% 5-year average. Corn 79% silked, 92% 2005, 90% 5-yr avg.; 61% in milk, 70% 2005, 67% 5-yr avg.; 16% in dough 16%, 40% 2005, 33% 5-yr avg.; 1% silage harvested, 0% 2005, 2% 5-year average. Dry beans 91% setting pods, 95% 2005, 88% 5-yr avg.; 36% turning color, 16% 2005, 33% 5-yr avg.; 11% winnowed, 0% 2005, 2% 5-year average. Alfalfa 2nd cutting harvested 83%, 60% 2005, 66% 5-yr avg.; 3rd cutting harvested 2%, 1% 2005, 4% 5-year average. Other hay 88% harvested, 86% 2005, 87% 5-year average. Sugarbeets condition 2% very poor, 5% poor, 23% fair, 70% good. Dry bean condition 5% poor, 40% fair, 53% good, and 2% excellent. Corn condition 1% very poor, 11% poor, 34% fair, 51% good, and 3% excellent. Range and pasture conditions 46% very poor, 29% poor, 21% fair, and 4% good. Unusually hot and mostly dry weather continued.