ALASKA: Days suitable for fieldwork 6.8. Topsoil 43% very short, 37% short, 19% adequate, 1% surplus. Corn mature 94%, 92% 2005, 91% avg.; 64% harvested, 35% 2005, 43% avg.; condition 53% very poor, 28% poor, 15% fair, 4% good, 0% excellent. Soybeans 96% setting pods, 95% 2005, 95% avg.; 47% dropping leaves, 46% 2005, 34% avg.; condition 42% very poor, 40% poor, 15% fair, 3% good, 0% excellent. Pasture condition 34% very poor, 31% poor, 25% fair, 8% good, 2% excellent. Livestock condition: 10% very poor, 36% poor, 40% fair, 14% good, 0% excellent. Rainfall slackened off during the past week. Temperatures throughout the majority of the state remained slightly above average, though much cooler. Cotton harvest has begun in north-western and south-eastern parts of the state. Producers have begun to dig peanuts in Districts 40, 50 and 60. Small grain seed bed preparations have begun in areas of the state.

ARIZONA: Temperatures for the State were mostly below normal for the week ending September 10. Precipitation was reported at 21 of the 22 reporting stations. Payson received the most precipitation at 1.76 inches. Maricopa received the lowest precipitation at 0.02 inches. There are 5 of 22 reporting stations with above normal precipitation for the year to date. Cotton harvesting slowed due to rain in the Yuma area. Seventy-five percent of the acreage have bolls opening. Cotton condition is mostly fair to good. Alfalfa condition is mostly poor. Range and pasture conditions remain mostly very poor to poor.

ARKANSAS: Days suitable for field work 7.0. Soil 274% very short, 51% short, 25% adequate. Corn 85% harvested, 65% prev week, 62% prev year, 68% 5-year avg. Rice 30% harvested, 14% prev week, 21% prev year, 26% 5 Year Avg. Soybean: 58% yellowed, 46% prev week, 54% prev year, 35% 5-year avg.; 41% shedding, 29% prev week, 40% prev year, 29% 5-year avg.; 29% mature, 21% prev week, 26% prev year,15% 5-year avg.; 20% harvested, 14% prev week, 19% prev year, 9% 5-year avg. Sorghum 95% mature, 90% prev week, 85% prev year, 89% 5-year avg.; 76% harvested, 59% prev week, 50% prev year, 57% 5-year avg. Cotton 66% Bolls open, 47% prev week, 81% prev year, 61% 5-year avg.; 3% harvested, 0% prev week, 1% prev year, 0% 5-year average. Cotton 1% very poor, 7% poor, 27% fair, 47% good, 18% excellent. Rice 1% very poor, 5% poor, 27% fair, 51% good, 16% excellent. Soybeans 9% very poor, 16% poor, 33% fair, 33% good, 9% excellent. Hay-Alfalfa 16% very poor, 32% poor, 42% fair, 10% good, 0% excellent. Hay-Other 19% very poor, 27% poor, 34% fair, 18% good, 2% excellent. Pasture, Range19% very poor, 34% poor, 34% fair, 12% good, 1% excellent. Corn harvest was 85% complete, while 30% of the state’s rice had been harvested. Rice and cotton were both in good condition. In respect to cotton acres in Arkansas, more than half of the cotton bolls had opened, defoliant was being applied in many areas and harvest had begun. Last week, 58% of soybeans had yellowed and 41% had shed. Soybeans fields were sprayed for insects. Soybeans were still able to remain in fair to good condition. Sorghum harvest was 76% complete, a full 19 points ahead of the five year average. Ground preparations were still underway for winter wheat planting. Livestock were in fair condition. Many producers continued to feed their animals hay due to continued dry conditions. In addition to lack of water, armyworms also lowered the quality of pastures throughout the state.

CALIFORNIA: Most rice fields continued to head, while harvest began in some areas. Cotton bolls were opening. Alfalfa hay and Sudan grass were cut, windrowed, and baled. Alfalfa hay yields have been lower than usual due to the wet spring and the heat wave in July. Worm spraying continued on alfalfa fields. Sorghum was being chopped for silage. Early blooming bean fields were being prepared for harvest. Early harvest of corn for silage was about half done. Vineyard harvest continued. Early sugar beet fields were harvested in Fresno County, while other fields were treated for worms. Potatoes were harvested in Kern County. Stone fruit varieties being picked and packed included Prima 23, O’Henry, Snow Princess, Snow Gem, September Flame and Autumn Flame peaches; Arctic Blaze, Arctic Snow, August Red, September Red, September Bright and Summer Fire nectarines; Dinosaur Egg plums; and Howard Sun, Joanna Red, October Sun, Emerald Beauty and Flavor Treat plums. Growers continued their cultural practices of irrigation, cultivation, and treatments for weeds and insects. Grape growers were working in their vineyards performing similar activities. Table grape harvest continued. Varieties being picked and packed included Red Globe, Black Seedless, Flame Seedless, Sweet Scarlet, Crimson Seedless and Thompson Seedless table grapes. Dried-on-the-vine raisin growers were cutting canes. In Fresno County harvest continued for Gala apples, prunes and Brown Turkey figs. Pomegranates continued to show good size and color. Valencia orange harvest continued slowly with some reports of small fruit size. Citrus orchard maintenance was still in progress with irrigation and treatments to control weeds and insects. Navel orange orchards were still being planted and existing orchards were showing good growth. Almond harvest continued with shaking trees, windrowing nuts, and sweeping orchards. Other almond growers continued irrigating, mowing, treating to control insects and preparing for harvest. Walnut growers continued to prepare ground for harvest. Pistachios were a couple of weeks from harvest in Tulare County. Fall crops were in various stages of planting, irrigation and fertilization. Cantaloupe, honeydew and watermelon fields were being treated for worms and lygus. Tomato fields were treated for mold and insects. Fields of garlic and onions were in the final stages of harvest. Sweet corn harvest continued. Basil, bittersweet, carrots, cilantro, cucumber, eggplant, fresh market tomatoes, processing tomatoes and summer squash harvest continued. Other crops harvested were various hot and sweet peppers, wax beans, green onions and many types of Asian vegetables. Fall calving remained underway with cows receiving feed supplements. Moderate temperatures were beneficial to milk cows and thus production. Sheep were grazing on hay fields, harvested safflower and cantaloupe fields and retired farmland. Bees were active in vineyard and melon fields. Range and pasture condition continued its seasonal decline. Fire hazard remained high.

COLORADO: Days suitable for fieldwork 5.7. Topsoil 14% very short, 29% short, 56% adequate, 2% surplus. Subsoil 26% very short, 41% short, 32% adequate, 1% surplus. Widespread thunderstorms were again reported across Eastern Colorado last week with temperatures reported at or slightly below average for the state. Spring wheat 86% harvested, 80% 2005, 88% avg. Spring barley 92% harvested, 85% 2005, 95% avg. Corn silage 40% harvested, 26% 2005, 34% avg. Alfalfa hay 2nd cutting 99%, 100% 2005, 100% avg.; 3rd cutting 57%, 55% 2005, 56% avg.; condition 9% very poor, 15% poor, 30% fair, 39% good, 7% excellent. Dry onions 48% harvested, 52% 2005, 54% avg.; condition
1% very poor, 2% poor, 16% fair, 58% good, 23% excellent. Sugarbeets condition 4% very poor, 9% poor, 23% fair, 49% good, 15% excellent. Summer potatoes 50% harvested, 55% 2005, 61% avg.; condition 1% very poor, 8% poor, 8% fair, 43% good, 40% excellent. Fall potatoes 7% harvested, 11% 2005, 11% avg.; condition 0% very poor, 5% poor, 34% fair, 42% good, 19% excellent. Dry beans 42% cut, 32% 2005, 38% avg.; 13 harvested, 11% 2005, 18% avg.; condition 12% very poor, 4% poor, 20% fair, 54% good, 10% excellent.

DELWARE: Days suitable for fieldwork 5.7. Topsoil 3% very short, 14% short, 78% adequate, 5% surplus. Subsoil 11% very short, 40% short, 48% adequate, 1% surplus. Corn condition 2% very poor, 13% poor, 21% fair, 37% good, 27% excellent; 98% dent, 97% 2005, 84% avg.; mature, 83%, 58% 2005, 54% avg. Corn harvested for Grain 17%, 20% 2005, 13% avg.; 85% for Silage, 88% 2005, 60% avg. Soybean condition 4% very poor, 10% poor, 35% fair, 43% good, 8% excellent; 31% turning color, 34% 2005, 15% avg.; 18% dropping leaves, 20% 2005, 7% avg. Pasture condition 7% very poor, 16% poor, 38% fair, 37% good, 2% excellent. Other hay 3rd cutting 94%, 91% 2005, 88% avg.; 4th cutting 27%, 3% 2005, 13% avg.; Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting 98%, 100% 2005, 95% avg.; 4th cutting 53%, 47% 2005, 37% avg. Apple condition 1% very poor, 3% poor, 16% fair, 38% good, 42% excellent; 29% harvested, 39%, 2005, 35% avg. Watermelons 93% harvested, 94% 2005, 92% avg. Cucumbers 88% harvested, 89% 2005, 85% avg. Lima beans (Processed) harvested 57%, 72% 2005, 47% avg. Snap beans 96% harvested, 95% 2005, 91% avg. Potatoes 98% harvested, 87% 2005, 93% avg. Tomatoes 92% harvested, 95% 2005, 81% avg. Cantaloups 92% harvested, 92% 2005, 93% avg. Hay supplies 2% very short, 13% short, 72% adequate, 13% surplus. Air temperatures ranged in the 80's for highs and the 60's for lows. A majority of the corn crop is drying down and over 83 percent of the crop is mature. Approximately 17 percent of the crops have been harvested for grain. There are still some spotty areas where corn is still down from Ernesto.

FLORIDA: Topsoil 10% very short, 10% short, 70% adequate, 10% surplus. Subsoil 10% very short, 30% short, 50% adequate, 10% surplus. Rainfall range: none at Ocklawaha, Okahumpka, Pierson to nearly 8.00 in. Miami. Temperature average: major cities, 1 deg above to 2 deg below normal. Daytime highs: 80s, 90s. Nighttime lows: 60s, 70s; significant rains most southern Peninsula; some central Peninsula; some Big Bend coastal localities; most Panhandle fields need rain despite recent rains. Heavy rains flooded fields, roads, central areas. Soil moisture mostly adequate to surplus southern, central Peninsula. Northern Peninsula, Panhandle soil moisture short to adequate; some areas very short soil moisture, Santa Rosa, Washington, Leon, Suwannee counties. Cotton harvesting slowly gained momentum, Panhandle yields were caused by the Georgia cotton harvest. Armyworms were reported across the entire state this week. They seemed to be a major problem for producers with pastures and hayfields. velvet bean caterpillars were reported in peanuts. Land preparation for fall planting continued. Other activities included planting greenbeans, wrapping up tobacco, and harvesting corn, dryland cotton, and grain sorghum.

IDAHO: Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.8. Topsoil 19% very short, 33% short, 48% adequate, 0% surplus. Spring wheat: 98% harvested, 91% 2005, 93% average. barley 95% harvested, 84% 2005, 90% average. Potato Condition 2% very poor, 7% poor, 6% fair, 64% good, 21% excellent. Potato Vine: Dying/Killed: 67%, 46% 2005, 59% average. Potatoes Harvested 8%, 8% 2005, 10% average. Oats 87% harvested for grain, 76%, 2005, 75% average. Alfalfa Hay 3rd cutting 81% harvested, 73% 2005, 69% avg.; 4th cutting: 45% harvested, 26% 2005, 28% average. Dry Beans 43% Harvested, 19% 2005, 41% average. Dry Peas 98% Harvested, 98% 2005, 96% average. Lentils 99% harvested, 99% 2005, 97% average. Irrigation Water Supply 0% very poor, 2% poor, 10% fair, 57% good, 31% excellent. Apple harvest is under a quarter complete. Over three quarters of Idaho’s peach, prune and plum harvest is complete.

ILLINOIS: Producers throughout Illinois continued to prepare for the upcoming crop harvest this past week. Precipitation across the state caused the crop drying process to slow. Crops are continuing to mature and some corn in drier areas is being harvested for livestock feed. A few producers in the east central portion of the state fear that ear and stalk rot may become a problem due to the recent rains. Although, corn and soybean development continue to linger slightly behind the five-year averages, producers are optimistic that harvest will be in full swing within the coming weeks.

INDIANA: Days suitable for fieldwork 6.0. Topsoil 2% very short, 10% short, 82% adequate, 6% surplus. Subsoil 3% very short, 12% short, 82% adequate, 3% surplus. Corn 86% dent, 86% 2005, 81% avg.; 24% mature. Cotton: 2005, 32% avg.; 1% harvested. Last week 3% harvested. Tobacco: 2005, 2% avg.; condition 2% very poor, 5% poor, 20% fair, 52% good, 21% excellent. Soybeans 16% shedding leaves, 41% 2005, 36% avg.; condition 1% very poor, 5% poor, 20% fair, 57% good, 17% excellent. Peanut condition 3%
very poor, 8% poor, 29% fair, 53% good, 7% excellent. Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting of complete 96%, 96% 2005, 90% avg. Tobacco 33% harvested, 29% 2005, 48% avg. Livestock are in mostly good condition. Average temperatures ranged from normal to 6° below normal with a high of 87° and a low of 48°. Precipitation averaged from 0 to .74 inches. Corn harvest has begun, mostly in southwestern areas of the state. Seed corn and silage continue to be harvested. Many soybean fields around the state have begun to turn color with some shedding leaves. There have been some reports of blue mold in tobacco. Activities Included: Preparing harvest equipment, chopping silage, cutting and baling hay, moving grain to market, cleaning grain bins, taking care of livestock, and mowing roadsides and ditches.

IOWA: Days suitable for fieldwork 4.9. Topsoil 2% very short, 12% short, 76% adequate, 10% surplus. Subsoil 6% very short, 26% short, 64% adequate, 4% surplus. Fair weather through most of the week was great for maturing the corn and soybean crops. Corn for grain harvest started and seed corn and silage harvest continued until heavy rain at week's end stopped fieldwork. Light corn lodging was reported throughout the state, while isolated wind and hailstorms caused moderate to severe damage primarily in the northwest quarter. Some farmers began their fourth cutting of alfalfa during the week. Virtually all the corn was in or past dough stage, ahead of the 5-year average. Corn in or past dent stage was 93 percent, 10 days ahead of last year and 8 days ahead of the 5-year average. Corn mature (safe from frost) was 29 percent, equivalent to both the previous year and the 5-year average. Corn condition was reported as 3 percent very poor, 8 percent poor, 24 percent fair, 45 percent good, and 20 percent excellent, remaining unchanged from the previous week. Seventy-two percent of the soybeans are turning color, 3 percent points behind last year. Soybeans dropping leaves reached 29 percent for the state, 4 percentage points behind last year but 6 percentage points ahead of normal. Soybean condition was reported as 2 percent very poor, 5 percent poor, 19 percent fair, 54 percent good, and 20 percent excellent, improving slightly from the previous week. The third alfalfa harvest was reported 94 percent complete, same as last year, but 6 days ahead of the 5-year average. Hay condition, improving slightly, was rated 2 percent very poor, 9 percent poor, 30 percent fair, 43 percent good, and 16 percent excellent. Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range rated 2 percent very poor, 9 percent poor, 31 percent fair, 44 percent good, and 14 percent excellent. Pasture conditions continue to improve. No problems with livestock were reported.

KANSAS: Days suitable for fieldwork 5.0. Topsoil 7% very short, 26% short, 62% adequate, 5% surplus. Subsoil 21% very short, 40% short, 38% adequate, 1% surplus. Scattered rains and cooler temperatures throughout the State last week improved row crop and pasture conditions. Winter wheat planting and corn harvesting were the major activities. Sunflowers 99% bloomed, 98% 2005, 99% avg.; 68% ray flower dry, 67% 2005, 74% avg.; 37% bracts yellow, 28% 2005, 49% avg. Sunflower condition 8% poor, 41% fair, 41% good, and 10% excellent. Alfalfa third cutting 96% harvested, 98% 2005, 96% avg. Alfalfa 4th cutting 47% harvested, 62% 2005, 57% avg. Feed grain supplies were 5% very short, 11% short, 82% adequate, and 2% surplus. Hay and forage supplies were 13% very short, 37% short, 49% adequate, 1% surplus. Stock water supplies were 13% very short, 25% short, 61% adequate, and 1% surplus.

KENTUCKY: Days suitable for fieldwork 5.7. Topsoil 3% very short, 23% short, 70% adequate, 4% surplus. Subsoil 5% very short, 29% short, 62% adequate, 4% surplus. Tobacco, hay cutting, corn harvesting, fall pasture seeding were main farm activities. Burley tobacco cut was 65%. 70% 2005, 69% avg. Dark tobacco 50% cut, equal to 2005, 62% avg. Houseburn has been reported, but is considered minor at this time. Tobacco condition remains in mostly good to excellent condition with 1% very poor, 3% poor, 14% fair, 56% good, 26% excellent. Tobacco crop condition 2% very poor, 8% poor, 32% fair, 47% good, 11% excellent. Pasture condition 1% very poor, 7% poor, 31% fair, 51% good, 10% excellent.

LOUISIANA: Days suitable for fieldwork 6.8. Soil 20% very short, 37% short, 41% adequate, 2% surplus. Corn 99 harvested, 96% last week, 96% 2005, 90% avg. Soybeans 86% turning color, 74% last week, 77% in 2005, 64% avg.; 59% harvested, 38% last week, 42% 2005, 27% avg. Rice 99% ripe, 97% last week, 98% 2005, 98% avg. Sweet Potatoes 20% harvested, 10% last week, 15% in 2005, 16% avg. Hay 96% 2nd cutting, 93% last week, 98% in 2005, 94% avg. Sugarcane 2% very poor, 14% poor, 41% fair, 38% good, 5% excellent; 60% planted, 41% last week, 64% 2005, 69% avg. Livestock 0% very poor, 10% poor, 49% fair, 38% good, 3% excellent. Vegetable 20% very poor, 18% poor, 48% fair, 14% good, 0% excellent. Range and pasture 16% very poor, 19% poor, 43% fair, 21% good, 1% excellent.

MARYLAND: Days suitable for fieldwork 4.8. Topsoil 0% very short, 10% short, 76% adequate, 14% surplus. Subsoil 2% very short, 24% short, 70% adequate, 4% surplus. Corn condition 7% very poor, 11% poor, 48% fair, 36% good, 26% excellent; 93% dent, 78% 2005, 78% avg.; 67% mature, 41% 2005, 46% avg.; 9% harvested for Grain, 6% 2005, 8% avg.; harvested for Silage 79%, 61% 2005, 50% avg. Soybean condition 14% very poor, 16% poor, 40% fair, 28% good, 2% excellent; 30% turning color, 22% 2005, 19% avg.; 13% dropping leaves, 6% 2005, 8% avg. Pasture condition 8% very poor, 26% poor, 36% fair, 27% good, 3% excellent. Other hay 3rd cutting 57%, 66% 2005, 67% avg.; 4th cutting 6%, 7% 2005, 12% avg. Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting 92%, 96% 2005, 92% avg.; 4th cutting 43%, 57% 2005, 43% avg. Apple condition 0% very poor, 0% poor, 2% fair, 97% good, 1% excellent; 53% harvested, 56% 2005, 34% avg. Watermelons harvested 91%, 91% 2005, 87% avg. Cucumbers harvested 88%, 91% 2005, 84% avg. Lima beans (Processed) harvested 79%, 72% 2005, 60% avg. Snap beans harvested 90%, 95% 2005, 90% avg. Potatoes harvested 84%, 86% 2005, 94% avg. Tomatoes harvested 93%, 84% 2005, 85% avg. Cantaloupes harvested 87%, 87% 2005, 87% avg.; 93% 2005, 93% 2006, 92% avg.; 4th cutting hay 20%, 17% 2005, 8% avg. Dry beans 2% very poor, 6% poor, 8% fair, 82% good, 2% excellent; 93% dropping leaves, 74% 2005, 46% avg.; 20% harvested, 15% 2005, 7% avg. Apples 16% harvested, 19% 2005. Blueberries 95% harvested, 99% 2005, 99% avg. Precipitation amounts ranged from 0.19 central Lower Peninsula to 0.60 inches western Upper Peninsula. Average temperatures ranged from 3 degrees below normal eastern Lower Peninsula to normal eastern Upper Peninsula. Scattered showers helped late maturing crops but did not hamper harvest. Some areas still dry conditions. Corn continued to mature, with many fields black layer stage. Silage harvest remained strong. Soybean leaves continued turning. Some soybean fields, plants started to drop their leaves. Third and fourth cuttings of hay slowed due to cool temperatures. Potato harvest continued. Dry bean harvest full swing. Sugarbeet harvest will begin soon. Spread of coccospora leafspot slowed due to cool night temperatures. Insect pressure fruit decreased south where coddling moth, Japanese beetle, and apple maggot catches low. Sooty blotch and flyspeck became more common and some growers reported pinpoint apple scab south. Coddling moth flight increased over last two weeks and obliquebanded leafroller catches high northwest. Apple harvest of early varieties underway across State. Southwest, Gala and McIntosh growers harvested fruit not damaged from August 23 storm. Golden Delicious, Granny Smith, Power Gold harvest underway west central and nearing completion south. Encore and other late varieties being harvested northwest. Southeast had extensive leaf drop due to bacterial spot infected fruit as well as Japanese beetle feeding. Plum harvest continued southwest and southeast. Brown rot a problem. Sweet and tart cherry blocks across State delofated by cherry leaf spot. Cherry fruit flies caught high numbers northwest. Peach harvest continued southwest. Sugar maple harvest started complete southeast. Southwest, harvest continued for Elliot and Jersey blueberry varieties. Many producers southwest sustained crop loss due to August 23 storm, result a shift to processing. Downy mildew continued to be a widespread problem for Michigan grape producers. Harvest began for Concord types southeast and Niagara southwest. Marquis table grapes ready for first picking northwest. Sphinx moth larvae large and their feeding injury apparent northwest. Vegetable crops throughout State.
continued to be harvested. Pumpkins sizing well. Celery and onion harvest continued southwest. Pepper harvest continued with presence of aphids and very small corn borer larvae in some crops southeast. Harvest of summer squash slowed. Watermelon harvest progressed with good size and quality some areas. Winter squash harvest began light amounts southwest. Sweet corn harvest also continued with noticeable corn borer and earworm damage southwest. Tomato harvest for processing and fresh market continued with good quality.

**MINNESOTA:** Days suitable for fieldwork 5.7. Topsoil 6% very short, 26% short, 67% adequate, 1% surplus. Corn 51% silage cut, 39% 2005, 34% average. Soybeans 74% turning yellow, 74% 2005, 67% average; 5% mature, 4% 2005, 4% average. Potatoes 51% harvested, 27% 2005, 30% average. Dry Beans 28% harvested, 15% 2005, 18% average. Sweet Corn 85% harvested, 80% 2005, 76% average. Pasture feed 9% very poor, 24% poor, 37% fair, 28% good, 2% excellent. Sugarbeets 1% very poor, 4% poor, 27% fair, 46% good, 22% excellent. Dry Beans 4% very poor, 15% poor, 50% fair, 23% good, 8% excellent. Potatoes 2% very poor, 5% poor, 26% fair, 33% good, 34% excellent. Sunflowers 1% very poor, 4% poor, 32% fair, 51% good, 12% excellent. Potato harvest continued well ahead of the normal pace. Potatoes harvested were estimated to be 21 percentage points ahead of the five-year average. Producers also made good progress harvesting dry beans and sweet corn. Cutting of field corn for silage advanced 25 percentage points from the previous week’s estimate. The average temperature for the week was 61.8 degrees, 0.6 degree above normal.

**MISSISSIPPI:** Days suitable for fieldwork 6.6. Soil 65% very short, 26% short, 9% adequate. Corn 100% mature, 97% 2005, 97% avg.; 93% harvested, 76% 2005, 71% avg. Cotton 93% open bolls, 72% 2005, 72% avg.; 18% harvested, 2% 2005, 3% avg.; 14% very poor, 20% poor, 28% fair, 31% good, 7% excellent. Rice 70% 96% emerged, 71% 2005, 81% avg.; 41% harvested, 14% 2005, 32% avg.; 1% very poor, 5% poor, 20% fair, 56% good, 18% excellent. Sorghum 100% mature, 100% 2005, 98% avg.; 94% harvested, 84% 2005, 72% avg. Soybeans 96% turning color, 91% 2005, 82% avg.; 89% shedding leaves, 77% 2005, 66% avg.; 78% harvested, 52% 2005, 40% avg. Hay 90% (Harvested Warm), 95% 2005, 89% avg. Peanuts 6% harvested, NA 2005, NA avg.; 3% very poor, 10% poor, 40% fair, 47% good. Sweetpotatoes 18% harvested, 25% 2005, 20% avg.; 2% very poor, 24% fair, 37% fair, 30% good, 7% excellent. Cattle 22% very poor, 21% poor, 36% fair, 19% good, 2% excellent. Pasture 39% very poor, 29% poor, 31% fair, 1% good. Harvesting is continuing this week at a fast pace. Harvesting conditions have been dry and dusty in many areas but the harvest is progressing well. Armyworms are a problem for many hay producers that have already been hard-pressed for yields because of the dry weather. Loopers and stinkbugs have been sighted in some soybean fields. Many growers are reporting reduced yields in corn, soybeans, and cotton while rice yields are doing well.

**MISSOURI:** Days suitable for fieldwork 6.2. Topsoil 24% very short, 32% short, 41% adequate, 3% surplus. Farmers made steady progress in corn harvest during the week, while waiting on soybean and milo crops to be harvested. Pumpkins sizing well. Celery and onion harvest continued, as did some late meadow hay cutting in the north. Alfalfa seed harvest continued, as did some late meadow hay cutting in the north. Alfalfa seed fields were in good condition with pollinating bees. Garlic harvest continued. Onion and potato fields were in good to excellent condition. Some livestock movement was continuing as forced by range fires. Range and pasture conditions were declining seasonally. Mormon cricket and earworm damage southwest. Tomato harvest for processing and fresh market continued with good quality.

**MONTANA:** Topsoil 0% surplus, 1% last year, 8% adequate, 22% last year, 37% short, 51% last year, 55% very short, 26% last year. Subsoil moisture is 0% surplus, 2% last year, 10% adequate, 23% last year, 34% short, 46% last year, 56% very short, 29% last year. Montana received extremely light precipitation last week. Deer Lodge received the most moisture last week with 0.34 inches of precipitation. Superior experienced the high temperature last week of 95 degrees. Wisdom experienced the low temperature of 25 degrees. The majority of the state is experiencing persistent drought type conditions. Winter wheat planting is behind last year, but ahead of the five-year average. Small grain harvest is reaching completion. Second cutting of hay remains ahead of the five-year average. Some operators are considering a third cutting if weather permits. Wildfires have compromised access to public and private grazing areas in average rainfall of 0.16 inches last week. Ranchers continue to move livestock from summer ranges. Last week 6.8 days were suitable for field work. Winter wheat planted is 12%, 15% last year. Spring wheat harvested is 98%, 93% last year. Durum wheat harvested is 93%, 82% last year. Barley is 95% harvested, 93% last year. Oats are 98% harvested, 94% last year. Alfalfa second cutting is 96% complete, 90% last year. All other hay second cutting is 94% complete, 88% last year. Range and pasture feed condition is 3% excellent, 3% last year, 8% good, 30% last year, 28% fair, 41% last year, 36% poor, 19% last year, and 25% very poor, 7% last year. Cattle moved from summer pasture is 26%, 18% last year. Sheep moved from summer pasture is 18%, 17% last year.

**NEBRASKA:** Days suitable for fieldwork 5.7. Topsoil 13% very short, 29% short, 54% adequate, 4% surplus. Subsoil 32% very short, 36% short, 32% adequate, 0% surplus. Cooler temperatures and rain across the state combined to improve cool season pastures, conditions for germination of fall sown wheat. Accelerated crop maturity led producers across much of the state to stop irrigating crops. Activities Included: Chopping corn silage, marketing old crops. Temperatures averaged 3 degrees below normal. Precipitation since April 1 continued at or above normal for three of the eight districts. Dry beans 90% coloring, 79% 2005, 71% avg.; 48% dropping leaves, 36% 2005, 39% avg.; 14% harvested, 12% 2005, 15% avg.; conditions 0% very poor, 3% poor, 41% fair, 53% good, 3% excellent. Proso millet 18% harvested, 30% 2005, 28% avg. Alfalfa conditions 11% very poor, 19% poor, 36% fair, 31% good, 3% excellent; 44% of 4th cutting taken, 41% 2005, 25% avg. Pasture and range conditions rated 29% very poor, 31% poor, 39% fair, 10% good, and 0% excellent.

**NEVADA:** Days suitable for fieldwork 7.0. Moderate, dry weather continued. Very little precipitation was recorded across the State with only Ely and Elko reporting a measurable amount of moisture. Temperatures across the State were all above normal with the exception of Las Vegas that reported two days at 1 degree below normal. Few lightning strikes were reported and no new major fires had started. They brought one fire under control this week and the last one is 95% contained, however it has blackened nearly 109,000 acres as of weeks end. 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 continued. Onion and potato fields were in good to excellent condition. Some livestock movement was continuing as forced by range fires. Range and pasture conditions were declining seasonally. Mormon cricket populations continued to seasonally decline. Main farm and ranch activities: moving cattle & sheep, hay harvest, garlic harvest, irrigation, weed and pest control.

**NEW ENGLAND:** Days suitable for field work: 5.9. Topsoil 2% short, 92% adequate, 6% surplus. Subsoil 1% short, 90% adequate, 9% surplus. Pasture 3% very poor, 22% poor, 41% fair, 14% good, 2% excellent. Maine Potatoes: 5% harvested, 5% 2005, 5% average; condition good/excellent. Rhode Island Potatoes 60% harvested, 65% 2005, 65% average; condition good/excellent. Massachusetts Potatoes 25% harvested, 35% 2005, 40% average; condition good. Maine Oats 75% harvested, 65% 2005, 55% average; condition good/excellent. Maine Barley 90% harvested, 80% 2005, 75% average; condition good. Field Corn 5% harvested, 10% 2005, 10% average; condition good/excellent. Durum wheat harvested, 95% 2005, 95% average; condition good/fair in Connecticut and good in Massachusetts. Broadleaf Tobacco 95% harvested, 95% 2005, 95% average; condition good/fair in Connecticut and good in Massachusetts. First Crop Hay 99% harvested, 100% 2005, 100% average; condition fair/good. Second Crop Hay 90% harvested, 85% 2005, 90% average; condition good/fair in Connecticut and Massachusetts, and good elsewhere. Third Crop Hay 40% harvested,
40% 2005, 50% average; condition good. Apples 30% harvested, 25% 2005, 25% average; Fruit size average; condition good. Peaches: 90% harvested, 90% 2005, 85% average; Fruit size average; condition good/fair in Connecticut, and good/excellent elsewhere. Pears 55% harvested, 15% 2005, 25% average; Fruit size average; condition good. Massachusetts Cranberries: Fruit Size average; condition good/excellent. Highbush Blueberries 99% harvested, 99% 2005, 99% average; Fruit size average/above average; condition good. Maine Wild Blueberries 100% harvested, 100% 2005, 100% average; Fruit size above average/average; condition good. This week’s weather was marked by morning fog, warm days and cool nights. High temperatures across the region ranged in the mid to upper 70’s for most of the week, while temperatures at night fell into the 50’s in the south and in the 40’s in the north. Showers passed through all six states on Tuesday afternoon, and heavy thunderstorms moved across the region on Saturday evening leaving fields wet and muddy. Sunday, cooler air from Canada arrived, keeping temperatures well below normal throughout the day. Frost and freeze warnings were posted for Sunday night into Monday morning for northern low-lying areas. Activities included: Cultivating and hoeing weeds, irrigating crops, chopping haylage and baling hay, chopping corn for silage, spreading manure, desiccating potato vines, harvesting raspberries, early apples, peaches, pears, plums, grapes, small grains, potatoes, sweet corn, tobacco, and vegetables, and planting cover crops on harvested fields.

NEW JERSEY: Days suitable for field work 5.0. Topsoil 95% adequate, 5% surplus. Temperatures averaged slightly above normal across most of the state. There were measurable amounts of precipitation across most of the state for the week. Weekly rainfall averaged 0.29 inches north, 0.67 inches central, and 1.02 inches south. The heaviest 24 hour total reported was 2.71 inches at West Deptford on September 5, 2006 to September 6, 2006. Agricultural producers continued harvesting where conditions permitted. Re-seeding of pastures and hay were reported in the north. Harvest of potatoes, broccoli, cabbage, lettuces, tomatoes, peppers, squash, and spinach progressed. Harvest of pumpkins began in the north. There were some worm problems in cabbage, and winter squash loss due to phytophthora reported in the southern district. There was a report of potato rot in the southern area. Mowing and baling of hay continued. Hay condition was rated mostly good. Corn and soybean development continued to progress. Corn and soybean condition was rated fair to good condition. Peach and apple harvest continued, with apples and peaches rated mostly good condition. There was some cracking of apples reported in the southern district. Pasture was rated poor to good condition.

NEW MEXICO: Days suitable for field work 5.7. Topsoil 5% very short. 13% short, 60% adequate, 22% surplus. Abundant moisture remained over New Mexico for much of the week, helping to fuel numerous showers and thunderstorms that produced measurable rainfall at all reporting locations. Heaviest precipitation fell during the first half of the week over the southeast, where Roswell, Tatum and Ruidoso all measured over 2 inches of rain. Temperatures for the week averaged a few degrees below normal. Red River reported the first seasonal frost on the 4th. Wind damage 17% light, 2% moderate. Hail damage 3% light, 1% moderate, 3% severe. Farmers spent the week harvesting and planting. Alfalfa 5% very poor, 14% poor, 23% fair, 35% good, 23% excellent with 99% of the cutting complete, 61% of the fifth cutting complete, 9% of the sixth cutting complete. Irrigated sorghum was reported as fair to excellent with 93% headed, 39% coloring and 17% mature. Dry sorghum condition was reported as very poor to good with 44% headed and 16% coloring. Total sorghum condition 26% very poor, 16% poor, 24% fair, 30% good, 4% excellent. Sunflower 8% very poor, 12% poor, 39% fair, 38% good, 22% excellent. Sunflower 7% very poor, 12% poor, 39% fair, 38% good, 4% excellent. Stockwater supplies 25% very short, 38% short, 37% adequate, 0% surplus.

NEW YORK: Days suitable for field work 4.4. Soil 5% short, 65% adequate, 30% surplus. Pasture conditions 5% poor, 30% fair, 50% good, and 15% excellent. Oat harvest finished on schedule. Soybean harvest just started. Rain several days slowed progress on hay cutting. Some producers started to chop corn. Honey producers have harvested most of their product by mid September. Honey production was good with quite a bit of light honey produced. Apple harvest advanced to 26% complete compared to last years 14%. Vegetable growers continued harvesting crops at a rapid pace. Tomatoes were 69% harvested, onions 72%, sweet corn 83%, snap beans 81%, and cabbage 48%.

NORTH CAROLINA: Days suitable for field work 4.6. Soil 5% short, 70% adequate, 25% surplus. Activities Included: Cutting hay, harvesting apples, corn for silage, grain, sorghum, and flue-cured and burley tobacco. Other activities included preparing for small grain planting and scouting for disease and pests. Another week of scattered showers across the state generated rainfall amounts ranging from .34 to 6.44 inches. With recent weeks’ rainfall, precipitation amounts for the calendar year continue to get closer to the average. Currently, the largest departure is 6.71 inches below normal, recorded in North Wilksboro, while Elizabeth City is 11.30 above normal.

NORTH DAKOTA: Days suitable for field work 6.8. Topsoil 31% very short, 33% short, 35% adequate, 1% surplus. Subsoil 36% very short, 34% short, 29% adequate, 1% surplus. Soybean harvest was underway, about a week ahead of last year. Reporters in some counties indicated that temperatures fell below freezing on Saturday morning. Producers continued fall tillage operations with little precipitation received during the week. Durum wheat 96% harvested, 81% 2005, 70% average. Canola 97% harvested, 85% 2005, 72% average. Corn for Silage 56% chopped, 15% 2005, 28% average. Dry Edible Beans 95% dropping leaves, 78% 2005, 64% avg.; 72% cut, 32% 2005, 29% avg.; 48% harvested, 10% 2005, 13% average. Flaxseed 84% harvested, 67% 2005, 56% average. Potatoes 70% vines killed, 66% 2005, 64% avg.; 36% dug, 16% 2005, 12% average. Soybeans 90% lower leaves yellowing, 68% 2005, 66% avg.; 2% harvested, 0% 2005, 0% average. Sugarbeets 6% lifted, 1% 2005, 1% average. Sunflower 80% bracts turned yellow, 66% 2005, 51% avg.; 36% bracts turned brown, 19% 2005, 12% average. Emerged crop conditions ratings: Sugarbeets 0% very poor, 3% poor, 9% fair, 66% good, 22% excellent. Sunflower 7% very poor, 12% poor, 39% fair, 38% good, 4% excellent. Stockwater supplies 25% very short, 38% short, 37% adequate, 0% surplus.

OHIO: Days suitable for field work 4.8. Topsoil 1% very short, 14% short, 80% adequate, 5% surplus. Corn 86% denting, 81% 2005, 71% avg.; 14% mature, 13% 2005, 11% avg.; 36% silage harvested, 39% 2005, 32% avg. Soybeans 25% dropping leaves, 33% 2005, 29% avg.; 2% harvested, 0% 2005, 0% average. Summer apples 86% harvested, 85% 2005, 94% avg. Fall and winter apples harvested 6%, 8% 2005, 14% avg. Peaches 89% harvested, 88% 2005, 94% avg. Apples 17% harvested, 10% 2005, 17% avg. Potatoes 53% harvested, 47% 2005, 60% avg. Cucumbers 74% harvested, 75% 2005, 78% avg. Processing tomatoes 65% harvested, 70 % 2005, 53% avg. Alfalfa hay 3” cutting 93%, 84% 2005, 84% avg.; 4” cutting 30%, 28% 2005, 29% avg. Other hay 3” cutting 65%, 64% 2005, 56% avg. Corn condition 1% very poor, 7% poor, 24% fair, 46% good, 22% excellent. Hay condition 1% very poor, 5% poor, 31% fair, 49% good, 14% excellent. Pasture condition 2% very poor, 10% poor, 33% fair, 43% good, 12% excellent. Soybean condition 3% very poor, 8% poor, 25% fair, 46% good, 18% excellent. Farmers had almost 5 days suitable for fieldwork last week to bale hay, apply fertilizer and lime, spray weeds, spread manure, harvest vegetables, and prepare equipment for the fall harvest. Early planted soybean fields have started dropping leaves. The Northeast district reports bean leaf beetles in soybean fields. Silage corn is drying down and being chopped for silage.

OKLAHOMA: Days suitable for fieldwork 5.8. Topsoil 28% very short, 27% short, 41% adequate, 4% surplus. Subsoil 52% very short, 31% short, 16% adequate, 1% surplus. Wheat seedbed prepared 66% this week, 57% last week, 79% last year, 79% average. Rye seedbed prepared 69% this week, 55% last week, 71% last year, 81% average; planted 24% this week, 5% last week, 29% last year, 25% average. Oats seedbed prepared 62% this week, 56% last week, 59% last year, 59%
OREGON: Days suitable for fieldwork 7.0. Topsoil 43% very short, 37% short, 20% adequate. Subsoil 33% very short, 41% short, 26% adequate. Winter Wheat planted 10% current, 4% 2005, 2% avg. Spring Wheat harvested 97% current, 89% previous, 99% 2005, 99% avg. Barley harvested 97% current, 90% previous, 98% 2005, 93% average. Alfalfa condition 84% very poor, 16% 2005, 11% average. Barley condition 23% very poor, 23% poor, 36% fair, 13% good, 14% excellent. Other Hay condition 41% very poor, 30% poor, 19% fair, 8% good, 2% excellent; 4th cutting 76% this week, 60% last week, 43% average. Alfalfa condition 28% very poor, 26% poor, 30% fair, 3% good, 1% excellent; harvested 8% this week, 4% last week, 14% 2005, 15% average. Peanuts matured 43% this week, 40% last week, 32% last year, 29% average. Cotton condition 3% very poor, 4% poor, 23% fair, 7% good, 8% excellent. Tobacco 58% harvested, 86% 2005, 74% avg. Potatoes 46% harvested, 43% 2005, 40% avg. Alfalfa 3rd cutting complete 93%, 95% 2005, 85% avg.; 4th cutting complete 31%, 38% 2005, 36% avg. Timothy clover 2nd cutting complete 87%, 88% 2005, 86% avg. Apple crop condition 1% fair, 74% good, 25% excellent.; 44% harvested, 29% 2005, 33% avg. Quality of hay made 2% poor, 3% fair, 54% good, 11% excellent. Cotton condition 29% very poor, 27% poor, 39% fair, 10% good, 3% excellent. Activities Included: Last minute machinery maintenance; assessing high water damage; cutting silage; spreading manure; preparing for fall seeding; late hay cutting; and harvesting apples, peaches, potatoes, corn, and tobacco.

SOUTH CAROLINA: Days suitable for fieldwork 6.0. Soil 13% very short, 23% short, 63% adequate, 1% surplus. Some parts of South Carolina reported adequate precipitation with limited fieldwork at the beginning of the week, while other parts reported needing more rain. There were reports of Fall Armyworms in some pastures and hay fields. Some other farm activities for the week included scouting soybeans for Stinkbugs and Velvet bean caterpillars, spraying for Armyworms and Beet worms in pastures and hayfields and spraying defoliate on cotton to get ready for harvest. Corn 99% matured, 99% 2005, 99% avg.; 63% harvested, 66% 2005, 69% avg.; 7% very poor, 9% poor, 34% fair, 36% good, 14% excellent. Cotton 100% bolls set, 97% 2005, 98% avg.; 43% bolls open, 36% 2005, 36% avg.; 1% very poor, 8% poor, 49% fair, 34% good, 8% excellent. Other Hay 99% harvested, 100% 2005, 98% avg. Peanuts 2% poor, 38% fair, 57% good, 5% excellent. Sorghum 92% turned color, 91% 2005, 92% avg.; 70% matured, 62% 2005, 62% avg.; 55% harvested, 27% 2005, 30% avg.; 31% fair, 53% good, 16% excellent. Soybeans 98% bloomed, 99% 2005, 98% avg.; 89% pods set, 89% 2005, 85% avg.; 10% leaves turning color, 15% 2005, 17% avg.; 2% leaves drooped, 3% 2005, 4% avg.; 1% very poor, 9% poor, 41% fair, 41% good, 8% excellent. Sweet Potatoes 31% fair, 69% good. Tobacco 94% harvested, 97% 2005, 94% avg.; 57% stalks destroyed, 57% 2005, 57% avg. Cotton 39% harvested, 31% 2005, 31% avg.; 50% fair, 25% good, 25% excellent. Peaches 94% harvested, 94% 2005, 97% avg. Tobacco condition 5% poor, 23% fair, 58% good, 14% excellent. Sheep condition 2% poor, 19% fair, 58% good, 21% excellent. Range and pasture 29% very poor, 29% poor, 27% fair, 13% good, 2% excellent. Corn silage harvested 68%, 48% 2005, 43% avg. Sorghum silage harvested 65%, 55% 2005, 43% avg. Alfalfa hay 23% very poor, 24% poor, 30% fair, 19% good, 4% excellent. Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting harvested 73%, 71% 2005, 68% avg. Most of the hay harvest has been completed. Farmers are preparing for row crop harvest as the crops are turning colors and beginning to mature. Scattered precipitation over the past month has gradually improved range and pasture conditions, but most of the state is still below average on precipitation since April 1.

TENNESSEE: Days suitable for fieldwork 7.5. Topsoil 19% very short, 27% short, 51% adequate, 3% surplus. Subsoil 37% very short, 27% short, 34% adequate, 2% surplus. Feed supplies 21% very short, 26% short, 50% adequate, 1% surplus. Stock water supplies 30% very short, 26% short, 42% adequate, 2% surplus. Winter wheat seeded 22%, 21% 2005, 21% avg. Sunflower 27% very poor, 25% poor, 32% fair, 15% good, 1% excellent. Soybeans matured 4%, 10% 2005, 10% avg. Sorghum harvested-grain 0%, 0% 2005, 1% avg. Sunflower ray flowers dry 79%, 81% 2005, 78% avg. Sunflower bracts yellow 51%, 60% 2005, 52% avg. Sunflower mature 4%, 4% 2005, 7% avg. Cattle condition 5% poor, 23% fair, 58% good, 14% excellent. Sheep condition 2% poor, 19% fair, 58% good, 21% excellent. Range and pasture 29% very poor, 29% poor, 27% fair, 13% good, 2% excellent. Tobacco 95% harvested, 92% 2005, 99% avg. Tobacco condition 3% very poor, 5% poor, 23% fair, 50% good, 19% excellent. Tobacco crop condition 4% poor, 23% fair, 61% good, 12% excellent. Tobacco 58% harvested, 86% 2005, 74% avg. Potatoes 46% harvested, 43% 2005, 40% avg. Alfalfa 3rd cutting complete 93%, 95% 2005, 85% avg.; 4th cutting complete 31%, 38% 2005, 36% avg. Timothy clover 2nd cutting complete 87%, 88% 2005, 86% avg. Apple crop condition 1% fair, 74% good, 25% excellent.; 44% harvested, 29% 2005, 33% avg. Quality of hay made 2% poor, 3% fair, 54% good, 11% excellent. Tobacco condition 3% very poor, 5% poor, 23% fair, 50% good, 19% excellent. Tobacco crop condition 4% poor, 23% fair, 61% good, 12% excellent. Tobacco 58% harvested, 86% 2005, 74% avg. Tobacco condition 3% very poor, 5% poor, 23% fair, 50% good, 19% excellent. Tobacco crop condition 4% poor, 23% fair, 61% good, 12% excellent.

PENNSYLVANIA: Days suitable for fieldwork 5. Soil 1% very short, 8% short, 75% adequate, 16% surplus. Fall plowing 27% complete, 25% 2005, 23% avg. Corn 93% drought 92% 2005, 88% avg.; 74% dent 75% 2005, 68% avg.; 32% mature complete, 32% 2005, 26% avg.; 5% harvested, 6% 2005, 7% avg.; 48% silage harvested, 45% 2005, 38% avg.; crop condition 3% very poor, 5% poor, 23% fair, 50% good, 19% excellent. Soybean crop condition 4% poor, 23% fair, 61% good, 12% excellent. Tobacco 58% harvested, 86% 2005, 74% avg. Potatoes 46% harvested, 43% 2005, 40% avg. Alfalfa 3rd cutting complete 93%, 95% 2005, 85% avg.; 4th cutting complete 31%, 38% 2005, 36% avg. Timothy clover 2nd cutting complete 87%, 88% 2005, 86% avg. Apple crop condition 1% fair, 74% good, 25% excellent.; 44% harvested, 29% 2005, 33% avg. Quality of hay made 2% poor, 3% fair, 54% good, 11% excellent.
WISCONSIN:

Temperatures for the most part continue to be warm around the state. The days suitable for work was 6.4 days, down 0.6 days from last week’s mark. Livestock conditions throughout the state are doing well. Box Elder reports that there is limited soil moisture for planting fall wheat on non-irrigated farmland. Some farmers have delayed planting until the fall rains arrive while others are busy planting fall grain. Sevier County has reported that scattered showers in the area have delayed hay cutting. Third cutting for alfalfa is complete in some counties, while fourth cutting continues to progress. Irrigated safflower is being harvested with better than average yields. Fruit reports indicate that peaches and pears are about 65 percent harvested. Corn continues to do well across the state; all reports indicate a better than average yield. Producers in some counties continue to move their livestock off summer ranges, while producers in some other counties have just begun this process.

WASHINGTON:

Activities included: Making hay, clipping pastures, moving cattle, and other farm activities included scouting fields for insect problems, cleaning harvested and housed. Strawberry producers are preparing fields for next year’s crop. Fields were too wet in many areas for much field work, but other farm activities included scouting fields for insect problems, cleaning up storm debris, and making necessary repairs.

UTAH:

Days suitable for field work 6. Subsoil 5% very short, 38% short, 57% adequate, 0% surplus. Irrigation Water Supplies 6% very short, 21% short, 73% adequate, 0% surplus. Winter Wheat harvested 99%, 100% 2005, 99% avg. Winter Wheat, Planted For Harvest Next Year 18%, 35% 2005, 22% avg. Spring Wheat harvested 98%, 90% 2005, 96% avg. barley harvested (grain) 94%, 91% 2005, 98% avg. Oats harvested (grain) 88%, 81% 2005, 87% avg. Oats harvested for Hay or Silage 100%, 100% 2005, 100% avg. Corn silked (tasseled) 99%, 100% 2005, 100% avg. Corn dough 99%, 85% 2005, 87% avg. Corn dent 63%, 31% 2005, 46% avg. Corn mature 25%, 8% 2005, 23% avg. Corn silage, harvested (chopping) 23%, 95% 2005, 15% avg. Corn condition Fair 2% poor, 11% fair, 58% good, 29% excellent. Corn height 100 inches, 99 inches 2005, 98 inches avg. Alfalfa Hay 2nd Cutting 100%, 100% 2005, 100% avg. Alfalfa Hay 3rd Cutting 83%, 78% 2005, 75% avg. Alfalfa Hay 4th Cutting 16%, 12% 2005, 17% avg. Other Hay Cut 100%, 100% 2005, 100% avg. Alfalfa Seed Harvested 23%, 43% 2005, 33% avg. Onions harvested 42%, 28% 2005, 40% avg. Cattle and calves moved From Summer Range 38%, 11% 2005, 23% avg. Cattle and calves condition 11% 0% very poor, 1% poor, 11% fair, 70% good, 18% excellent. Sheep and lambs moved From Summer Range 24%, 7% 2005, 19% avg. Sheep Condition 0% very poor, 1% poor, 14% fair, 76% good, 9% excellent. Stock Water Supplies 2% very short, 23% short, 72% adequate, 3% surplus. Apples harvested 44%, 11% 2005, 18% avg. Peaches harvested 67%, 76% 2005, 75% avg. Pears harvested 63%, 58% 2005, 66% avg. Farm activity around the state was consistent with last week’s activities.

WASHINGTON:

Days suitable for field work 7.0. Topsoil 46% very short, 35% short, 19% adequate. Fall weather set in with light moisture across western Washington and cooler temperatures across the state. Winter wheat seeding was in full swing. The potato harvest and garbanzo bean harvest continued while the dry pea and lentil harvest winded down. Broccoli harvest was underway while the pumpkin harvest was just beginning. Apple and pear harvesting continued. Range and Pasture conditions 17% very poor, 10% poor, 33% fair, 40% good. Range and pasture land was dry with very little growth. Cattle producers continued supplemental feeding and livestock’s winter coats were thickening.

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VIRGINIA:

Days suitable for field work 4.7. Topsoil 3% very short, 9% short, 75% adequate, 13% surplus. Subsoil 13% very short, 27% short, 49% adequate, 11% surplus. The Commonwealth experienced cooler temperatures this week, while fields began to dry out from Tropical Storm Ernesto. The state received above-normal amounts of rainfall this week, with an average high temperature of 83 degrees. Recent rains have benefited most field crops as well as pasture conditions. Pastures, hay fields should have a good jumpstart for early fall growth. Cattle producers should welcome the improvement in pasture conditions since some have been concerned about supplementing feed. Soybeans seem to have benefited the most from the increase in moisture. Late planted beans are filling pods better now, hopefully increasing yield potential. Corn harvest was underway as this week where fields were dry enough. Good corn yields have been reported. Corn harvest may be slowed down due to wet fields, which could affect small grain planting decisions as well. Vegetable harvests are winding down. Some areas reported minor storm damage to vegetable crops. Much of the tobacco crop has been harvested and housed. Strawberry producers are preparing fields for next year’s crop. Fields were too wet in many areas for much field work, but other farm activities included scouting fields for insect problems, cleaning up storm debris, and making necessary repairs.

WASHINGTON:

Days suitable for field work 5.0. Topsoil 1% very short, 26% short, 70% adequate, 3% surplus compared with 100% very short, 40% short, 50% adequate last year. Corn conditions were 1% very poor, 11% poor, 32% fair, 52% good, 4% excellent. Corn 89% doughing, 94% 2005, 88% 5-yr avg.; 61% dented, 80% 2005, 62% 5-yr avg.; 22% mature, 16% 2005, 19% 5-yr avg.; 2% harvested, 1% 2005, 5-yr avg not available. Soybean conditions 23% poor, 44% fair, 32% good, 1% excellent; 28% dropping leaves, 50% 2005, 43% 5-yr avg. Wheat 2% planted, 1% 2005, 10% 5-yr avg. Oats 91% harvested for grain, 2005 & 5-yr avg not available. Hay 2% very poor, 7% poor, 35% fair, 51% good, 5% excellent. Hay 2% cuttings complete 89%, 89% 2005, 85% for the 5-yr avg.; 3% cuttings complete 27%, 29% 2005, 5-yr avg not available. Apple conditions 10% poor, 40% fair, 40% good, 10% excellent; 20% harvested, 15% 2005, 5-yr avg not available. conditions 10% poor, 40% fair, 40% good, 10% excellent; 87% harvested, 70% 2005, 5-yr avg not available. Cattle and calves 1% very poor, 2% poor, 17% fair, 74% good, 6% excellent. Sheep, lambs 2% poor, 14% fair, 73% good, 5% excellent. Activities Included: Making hay, clipping pastures, moving cattle, harvesting oats, corn, peaches and apples.

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Temperatures for the most part continue to be warm around the state. The days suitable for work was 6.4 days, down 0.6 days from last week’s mark. Livestock conditions throughout the state are doing well. Box Elder reports that there is limited soil moisture for planting fall wheat on non-irrigated farmland. Some farmers have delayed planting until the fall rains arrive while others are busy planting fall grain. Sevier County has reported that scattered showers in the area have delayed hay cutting. Third cutting for alfalfa is complete in some counties, while fourth cutting continues to progress. Irrigated safflower is being harvested with better than average yields. Fruit reports indicate that peaches and pears are about 65 percent harvested. Corn continues to do well across the state; all reports indicate a better than average yield. Producers in some counties continue to move their livestock off summer ranges, while producers in some other counties have just begun this process.

WASHINGTON:

Days suitable for field work 5.8. Topsoil 11% very short, 15% short, 68% adequate, 8% surplus. Temperatures ranged from 0 to 2 above normal. Average adequate last year. Topsoil 1% very short, 44% short, 55% adequate across the state. Lows averaged in the low 50s to low 60s for the week. Rainfall totals ranged from 0.05 inches in Eau Claire to 1.24 inches in Green Bay. Soil conditions continue to be dry in east central areas of the
state. Corn 93% dough, 93% 2005, 83% avg.; 66% dent, 72% 2005, 49% avg.; mature 11%, 19% 2005, 6% avg.; 20% silage harvested, 36% 2005, 15% avg.; condition 5% very poor, 8% poor, 34% fair, 35% good, 18% excellent. Corn continues to mature rapidly across the state. Soybeans leaves turning color 52%, 79% 2005, 49% avg.; 17% dropping leaves, 36% 2005, 14% avg.; condition 3% very poor, 7% poor, 36% fair, 36% good, 18% excellent. Soybean conditions in the northern part of the state have improved with the recent rains. Hay 3rd cutting 90%, 87% 2005, 83% avg.; 4th cutting 23%, 18% 2005, 18% avg. The quality of the third cutting has been consistent throughout the state. Fourth crop quality also looks good, helped significantly by earlier rains. Pasture feed condition 5% very poor, 13% poor, 32% fair, 43% good, 7% excellent. The apple crop looked excellent with good yields. Potato harvest continued, along with other vegetables.

WYOMING: Days suitable for fieldwork 6.3. Topsoil 31% very short, 43% short, 26% adequate. Temperatures during the week ending Friday, September 8th averaged below normal in the eastern half of State while the remainder averaged much warmer. Averages ranged from 5.1 degrees below normal in Wheatland to 4.4 degrees above normal in Evanston. The high temperature was 90 in Greybull while the low was 24 in Dillinger. Only light precipitation was recorded across the State with most falling in the Southern half. Moisture in the Southeast helped winter wheat prospects. Amounts were below normal at all reporting stations. The most precipitation was reported in Afton with 0.13 inches, and Rawlins with 0.5 inches. Irrigation water supply 16% very short, 34% short, 48% adequate, 1% surplus. Barley 95% harvested, 93% 2005, 94% 5-year average. Oats 93% harvested, 88% 2005, 86% 5-year average. Winter wheat 63% planted, 64% 2005, 61% 5-year average. Winter wheat 23% emerged, 26% 2005, 21% 5-year average. Corn 63% in dough, 94% 2005, 87% 5-yr avg.; 32% dent, 68% 2005, 55% 5-yr avg.; 5% mature, 10% 2005, 5-year average 23%. Corn silage harvested 39%, 2005 23%, 31% 5-year average. Dry beans 95% turning color, 88% 2005, 91% 5-yr avg.; 57% beans windrowed, 37% 2005, 41% 5-yr avg.; 29% combined, 10% 2005, 18% 5-year average. Alfalfa 2nd cutting harvested 96%, 92% 2005, 93% 5-yr avg.; 3rd cutting 35% harvested, 19% 2005, 29% 5-year average. Sugar beets condition 5% very poor, 9% poor, 18% fair, 68% good. Dry bean condition 5% poor, 39% fair, 55% good, 1% excellent. Corn condition 2% very poor, 9% poor, 35% fair, 51% good, 3% excellent. Range and pasture conditions 45% very poor, 29% poor, 21% fair, and 5% good. Livestock in fair to mostly good condition.