ALABAMA: Days suitable for fieldwork 6.6. Topsoil moisture 54% very short, 33% short, 13% adequate, 0% surplus. Corn 88% harvested, 92% 2006, 84% avg. Soybeans 81% dropping leaves, 81% 2006, 71% avg. 26% harvested, 29% 2006, 18% avg.; condition 44% very poor, 28% poor, 25% fair, 3% good, 0% excellent. Pasture condition 38% very poor, 35% poor, 22% fair, 5% good, 0% excellent. Livestock condition 40% very poor, 17% poor, 27% fair, 16% good, 0% excellent. During the past week, drought conditions continued to plague most of Alabama, and rainfall did very little to improve conditions. Temperatures for the past week were well above average for this time of year. Corn harvest was wrapped up in most areas of the state during the past week. Producers were busy in hay fields were enough production had occurred to warrant harvesting.

ARIZONA: Temperatures were mostly below normal across the State for the week ending September 30, ranging from 8 degrees below normal to 4 degrees above normal. Precipitation was reported at 3 of the 22 reporting stations. Canyon De Chelly received the most at 0.23 inches of precipitation and Wilcox received the least with 0.01 inches. There are three stations with above normal precipitation for the year to date in Maricopa County, 1 in Maricopa County, and 1 in Pinal County, with over three quarters of the State’s acreage active. Bolls are open on 95 percent of the cotton acreage, and harvesting is 15 percent completed.

ARKANSAS: Days suitable for field work 5.7. Topsoil moisture 4% very short, 25% short, 69% adequate, 2% surplus. Subsoil moisture 8% very short, 31% short, 61% adequate. Corn 96% harvested, 97% 2006, 96% avg. Soybeans 79% yellowing, 86% 2006, 77% avg.; 51% mature, 58% 2006, 45% avg. For the second consecutive week, rice producers were able to harvest 17% of the rice crop. Cotton in the open boll stage was 5 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. Cotton harvested by the end of the week was slightly behind last year’s pace, but 10% ahead of the 5-year average. Last week, wheat producers continued to prepare fields for planting and were able to seed an additional 1% of the wheat crop. In addition to harvesting and planting, producers were spraying row crops for insects and applying fungicides to fight soybean rust. Livestock conditions were consistent with the previous week and were reported as mostly good. Hay and pasture conditions continued to improve despite some fields having been plagued by armyworms.

CALIFORNIA: Rice, sudan harvests were ongoing. Rice straw baling was underway in Merced County. The seventh cutting of alfalfa was almost complete. New alfalfa planting continued, herbicide applications were underway. Cotton bolls were still opening, defoliation was taking place across the State. Planting was underway for barley, oats, wheat, winter forage. Corn silage, grain harvest continued. Grain corn stalks continued to be baled, used for dry cattle feed in feed lots in Merced County. Sugar beets remain in various stages of development. Black-eyed bean harvest was complete in Tulare County, while black-eyed bean fields continued to mature in Fresno County. Late variety grapes were still being harvested throughout California with Autumn Royal, Crimson Seedless, Christmas Rose, Kyoho, Red Globe, Summer Royal, Thompson Seedless table varieties being picked. Alicante Bouschet, Grenache, Merlot, Muscat, Zinfandel wine grapes were also being harvested. Raisin grape harvest was nearly complete in Fresno County. Some raisins suffered the effects of rain damage. Damage had not yet been fully assessed. The harvests of pomegranates, late variety peaches, plums, pluots remained underway. Pears, apples, jujubes and figs were also still being harvested. Quince harvest was nearing the end in Tulare County. Fall strawberries were being picked, sold at roadside stands while other growers were transplanting for a later harvest. About 20 percent of the Valencia orange crop remained to be picked in Tulare County. Packers were testing citrus to determine the start of the Navel harvest. Olive harvest was well underway. Possible damage to olives from recent rains had not been evaluated yet because of the spoty rainy weather that has ended in some parts of the State. Elsewhere rains slowed the harvests of almonds, pistachios and walnuts. Growers continued to treat melons, processing tomatoes, fresh market tomatoes for insects, mildew, weeds. Ground preparations continued for spring carrot, lettuce planting. Fall spinach, broccoli, cantaloupe, tomato, grain fields. Bees were pollinating cucumber, bean, squash fields.

COLORADO: Days suitable for fieldwork 5.9. Top soil moisture 18% very short, 40% short, 40% adequate, 2% surplus. Subsoil moisture 12% very short, 44% short, 42% adequate, 2% surplus. Corn silage 91% harvested, 97% 2006, 85% avg. Alfalfa 3rd cutting 91%, 91% 2006, 86% avg.; 4th cutting 24%, 29% 2006, 30% avg.; condition 6% poor, 28% fair, 45% good, 21% excellent. Dry beans 77% cut, 88% 2006, 80% avg.; 54% harvested, 68% 2006, 62% avg.; condition 2% poor, 23% fair, 64% good, 11% excellent. Dry onion 75% harvested, 87% 2006, 82% avg.; condition 4% poor, 14% fair, 55% good, 27% excellent. Sugar beets 14% harvested, 21% 2006, 15% avg.; condition 5% poor, 18% fair, 62% good, 15% excellent. Summer potatoes 68% harvested, 86% 2006, 82% avg.; condition 2% poor, 12% fair, 36% good, 50% excellent. Fall potatoes 45% harvested, 48% 2006, 48% avg.; condition 5% poor, 35% fair, 45% good, 15% excellent. Most of Colorado received some measurable amount of precipitation last week. The Front Range was the only area that reported little or no rainfall. Temperatures were around average statewide.

DELAWARE: Days suitable for fieldwork 7.0. Topsoil moisture 35% very short, 55% short, 10% adequate, 0% surplus. Subsoil moisture 22% very short, 64% short, 14% adequate, 0% surplus. Corn condition 34% very poor, 18% poor, 21% fair, 23% good, 4% excellent; 97% mature, 100% 2006, 97% avg.; 55% harvested for grain, 51% 2006, 55% avg. Soybean condition 23% very poor, 35% poor, 20% fair, 20% good, 2% excellent; turning color 76%, 86% 2006, 86% avg.; 45% dropping leaves, 46% 2006, 45% avg.; 2% harvested, 5% 2006, 4% avg. Barley 12% planted, 11% 2006, 12% avg. Winter wheat 2% planted, -1% 2006, 1% avg. Pasture condition 32% very poor, 31% poor, 28% fair, 8% good, 1% excellent. Other hay 4th cutting 1%, 36% 2006, 28% avg. Alfalfa hay 4th cutting 56%, 80% 2006, 64% avg.; 5th cutting 13%, 2% 2006, 2% avg. Apples 65% harvested, 69% 2006, 60% avg. Hay supplies very short 34%, 46% short, 19% adequate, 1% surplus. A few farmers took advantage of days to start harvesting

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soybeans and planting small grains.

**FLORIDA:** Topsoil moisture 8% very short, 33% short, 55% adequate, 4% surplus. Subsoil moisture 8% very short, 41% short, 51% adequate. Peanuts 25% harvested, 14% pr yr, 35% 5yr avg. Panhandle, northern Peninsula Peanut harvest at rapid pace. Jackson County irrigated peanut yields good. Jefferson County peanut yields not consistent due to late planting. Citrus tangerines, tangerine tangerines, Navel oranges, grapefruit; nine packinghouses opened, one processing plant. Summer spraying winding down, caretakers mowed, applied herbicide, pulsed vines, prepared groves for harvest. Most owners dealt with green onion on a needed basis. Pasture condition 2% very poor, 45% fair, 30% good, 10% excellent. Cattle condition 1% very poor, 5% poor, 45% fair, 40% good, 9% excellent. Panhandle, northe pasture poor to excellent, most good. Too dry, many locations for planting small grains, clover or ryegrass for winter grazing. Hay stocks low. Cattle mostly fair to good. Central pasture fair to excellent, most fair. Pasture grass greened up following recent rain. armworms and armyworms continue to be a problem. Vegetable crop conditions this week. Papaya orchards were in fair to mostly good condition. 

**ILLINOIS:** Days suitable for field work 6.5. Topsoil moisture 36% very short, 37% short, 27% adequate. Corn 99% mature, 94% 2006, 92% avg.; 60% harvested, 26% 2006, 29% avg. Soybeans 97% shedding leaves, 85% 2006, 85% avg.; 43% harvested, 13% 2006, 25% avg. Sorghum 63% harvested, 11% 2006, 20% avg. Winter wheat 15% planted, 7% 2006, 8% avg.; 1% emerged, 1% 2006, 1% avg. Temperatures this past week averaged 7.1 degrees above normal, as compared to most rapids. Producers are reporting that corn and soybean harvest are moving at a record pace. Wheat seeding is underway and cattle producers are feeding hay and grazing corn stalks in some areas.

**INDIANA:** Days suitable for field work 5.3. Topsoil moisture 27% very short, 34% short, 38% adequate, 1% surplus. Subsoil moisture 37% very short, 30% short, 33% adequate. Corn 88% mature, 71% 2006, 77% avg.; 31% harvested, 9% 2006, 15% avg.; condition 6% very poor, 13% poor, 31% fair, 40% good, 10% excellent. Moisture content of harvested corn is averaging about 18%. Soybeans 90% shedding leaves, 73% 2006, 84%avg.; 26% harvested, 5% 2006, 19%avg.; condition 8% very poor, 14% poor, 32% fair, 40% good, 6% excellent. Moisture content of harvested soybeans is averaging about 11.5%. Winter wheat 12% planted, 5% 2006, 10% avg. Pasture condition 47% very poor, 25% poor, 20% fair, 8% good. Tobacco 82% harvested, 73% 2006, 84% avg. Average temperatures ranged from 4 to 11° above normal with a high of 96° and a low of 41°. Precipitation amounted to 0.17" to 0.49". Mid-week average rainfall was heavy, mostly in the southern part of the state. There were reports of soybean lodging, primarily in the southern and central parts of the state. Further north, soybeans were mostly in good condition. 

**GEORGIA:** Soybeans 48% harvested, 33% 2006, 35% avg. Dry beans 91% harvested, 22% 2006, 38% avg. Field corn harvested for silage 8%, 15% 2006, 6% avg. Field corn harvested for grain 90%, 95% 2006, 93% avg.; 60% harvested, 26% 2006, 29% avg. Soybeans 97% harvested, 1% very poor, 8% poor, 12% poor, 38% fair, 35% good, 8% excellent; 20% dropping leaves in some northern areas. Recent precipitation has spurred re-growth of hay crops in some northern areas allowing one final cutting. Activities included; harvesting tobacco, filling grain bins, repairing equipment, cutting, baling hay, moving grain to market and taking care of livestock.

**IOWA:** Days suitable for field work 5.2. Topsoil moisture 0% very short, 36% short, 64% surplus. Subsoil moisture 1% very short, 4% short, 86% adequate, 9% surplus. Corn 94% at mature stage, 13% harvested, condition 2% very poor, 5% poor, 19% fair, 53% good, 21% excellent. Soybeans 93% dropping leaves, 35% harvested, condition 1% very poor, 4% poor, 19% fair, 55% good, 21% excellent. Pasture condition 1% very poor, 6% poor, 28% fair, 51% good, 14% excellent. Weekend rain showers show it is a great week out in most areas. Pastures are keeping up with forage needs. Livestock conditions are good.

**KANSAS:** Days suitable for field work 6.3. Topsoil moisture 11% very short, 38% short, 51% adequate. Subsoil moisture 6% very short, 42% short, 52% adequate. Sunflowers 93% ray flowers dry, 84% 2006, 92% avg. Potatoes 48% harvested, 33% 2006, 35% avg. Corn 97% planted, 7% 2006, 8% avg. Sorghum 6% very poor, 10% poor, 39% fair, 41% good, 4% excellent; harvested for grain 21%, 48% 2006, 47% avg. Apples 75% very poor, 10% poor, 10% fair, 5% good, 0% excellent; 41% harvested, 33%, 2006, 46% avg. Hay 30% very poor, 32% poor, 24% fair, 12% good, 2% excellent. Pecans 11% very poor, 5% poor, 5% very good, 31% fair, 22% good, 22% excellent. Corn 95% planted, 95% 2006, 93% avg. Winter wheat 2% planted, 3% 2006, 2% avg. Peanuts 12% deg, 20% 2006, 36% avg. Rye planted for all purposes 11%, 17% 2006, 14% avg. Other small grains planted 6%, 10% 2006, 9% avg. Tobacco 97% harvested, 100% 2006, 100% avg. Overall, there was little change in crop conditions this week. North Georgia remained very dry and crop conditions there continued to be the worst in the state. Crops to the south were in better shape due to more frequent rains. There were reports of whiteflies in green beans and armyworms in pastures, hayfields. Producers continued planting small grains and pastures for winter grazing.

**HAWAII:** Days suitable for field work 7. Soil moisture remained adequate in most areas and short in others. Light to moderate showers during the weekend helped boost soil moisture in localized areas. Crop progress for bananas was fair to good. Showers continued to add to the soil moisture. Cooler temperatures and shorter day length slowed crop progress. Papaya orchards were in fair to mostly good condition. Disease and insects remain a problem in some areas. Vegetables were in mostly good condition. Cooler temperatures aided crop growth, but were partially offset by short day length. Moderate to heavy irrigation continued to ensure normal progress. Water restrictions were still in force for some areas. Coffee harvesting was active on the island of Maui. Harvesting was also beginning in the Kona districts of Hawaii Island. Coffee cherries were nearing maturity in the Ka‘u district and harvesting is expected to start soon. Trade wind weather continued to prevail for most of the week. As a result, leeward areas were mostly sunny and dry. Showers were mostly light, but occasionally moderate to heavy. Windward areas of all islands were partly cloudy with daily showers falling in some areas. High clouds filtered some of the sunshine in parts of the State.

**IDAHO:** Days suitable for field work 6.1. Topsoil moisture 14% very short, 63% short, 23% adequate, 0% surplus. Field corn harvested for grain 8%, 15% 2006, 5% avg. Field corn harvested for silage 83%, 86% 2006, 76% avg. Onions 89% harvested, 67% 2006, 73% avg. Potatoes 48% harvested, 93% 2006, 35% avg. Hay 91% harvested, 90% 2006, 87% avg. Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting harvested 95%, 95% 2006, 93% avg.; 4th cutting harvested 76%, 82% 2006, 68% avg. Irrigation water supply 23% very poor, 33% poor, 33% fair, 11% good, 0% excellent. Potato condition 2% very poor, 2% poor, 18% fair, 72% good, 6% excellent. For the week ending September 30, major agricultural activities included caring for livestock, fall soil preparation, planting winter wheat, and harvesting hay, apples, dry beans, onions, sugarbeets, and potatoes. Range, pasture conditions improved again, but still show 64% either poor or very poor. Statewide the third cutting of alfalfa hay is 95% complete, while fourth cutting is at 76% complete.

**KENTUCKY:** Days suitable for field work 5.6. Topsoil moisture 59% very short, 33% short, 8% adequate. Subsoil moisture 75% very short, 20% short, 5% adequate. Much needed rain over most of the state helped very pasture drought and provided needed relief on areas where rain needed. Temperatures averaged 72 degrees, 8 degrees above normal. Main farm activities last week shellwring corn, cutting and housing tobacco, and soybean harvest. Burley tobacco cut 93%, 89% 2006, 91% avg. Dark tobacco cut 95%, 87% 2006, 92% avg. Housed tobacco condition 3% very poor, 7% poor, 33% fair, 49% good, and 8% excellent. Tobacco 3% stripped, 21% ready to strip. Corn yields vary widely. Soybean crop condition declining as harvest begins. Pasture condition 53% very poor, 29% poor, 15% fair, 3% good. Hay and forage supplies remain short.

**LOUISIANA:** Days suitable for field work 5.1. Soybean moisture 5% very short, 16% short, 67% adequate, 12% surplus. Corn 100% harvested,
MARYLAND: Days suitable for fieldwork 6.5. Topsoil moisture 43% very short, 38% short, 19% adequate, 0% surplus. Subsoil moisture 40% very short, 42% short, 18% adequate, 0% surplus. Corn condition 28% very poor, 27% poor, 17% fair, 15% good, 2% excellent; 96% mature, 89% avg.; 45% harvested for grain, 46% 2006, 44% avg. Soybean condition 39% very poor, 25% poor, 24% fair, 11% good, 1% excellent; 73% turning color, 77% 2006, 68% avg.; 40% dropping leaves, 51% 2006, 41% avg.; 4% harvested, 8% 2006, 5% avg. Barley 34% planted, 26% 2006, 24% avg. Winter wheat 19% planted, 16% 2006, 15% avg. 10% last year, harvested for grain 75%, 26% 2006, 25% avg. very poor, 26% poor, 39% fair, 24% good, 2% excellent. Range, pasture 2% very poor, 8% poor, 38% fair, 47% good, 5% excellent.

MISSOURI: Days suitable for fieldwork 5.8. Topsoil moisture 23% very short, 39% short, 24% adequate, 1% surplus. Soybean turning color 89%, 91% 2006, 91% avg.; 43% mature, 39% 2006, 41% avg. Row crop harvest is at or ahead of normal with the exception of sorghum. Corn yields are reported as highly variable across northern counties, depending on wind damage and summer moisture. Irrigated fields in the Bootheel produced average yields. Initial soybean yields are reported as average. Pasture and hay conditions in northeastern and east-central counties, cutting yields to levels below average in many areas. Dryland yields in the Bootheel are very poor, with some double-crop beans not worth harvesting. Some irrigated fields are well below average. Irrigated cotton yields have been good to excellent, with some double-crop beans not worth harvesting. Some irrigated fields are well below average. Irrigated cotton yields have been good to excellent, with some double-crop beans not worth harvesting. Some irrigated fields are well below average.
New England: Days suitable for field work 6.8. Topsoil moisture 4% very short, 23% short, 73% adequate, 0% surplus. Subsoil moisture 3% very short, 21% short, 76% adequate, 0% surplus. Pasture condition 2% very poor, 13% poor, 43% fair, 38% good, 4% excellent. Maine Potatoes 45% harvested, 55% 2006, 50% average; condition good/excellent. Rhode Island Potatoes 95% harvested, 90% 2006, 90% average; condition good/excellent. Onions 80% harvested, 60% 2006, 65% average; condition good. Maine Oats 95% harvested, 99% 2006, 95% average; condition good. Maine Barley 100% harvested, 99% 2006, 95% average; condition good. Field Corn 60% harvested, 35% 2006, 50% average; condition good/excellent in Rhode Island and good/excellent elsewhere. Sweet Corn 99% harvested, 95% 2006, 95% average; condition good/excellent. Hay Second Crop 99% harvested, 95% 2006, 95% average; condition fair in Rhode Island and good/excellent elsewhere. Third Crop Hay 80% harvested, 70% 2006, 75% average; condition good/excellent in Maine and New Hampshire and good/fair elsewhere. Apples 55% harvested, 70% 2006, 80% average; condition fair/average; condition good/excellent in Rhode Island and good elsewhere. Peaches 100% harvested, 99% 2006, 99% average; Fruit Size average; condition good. Pears 60% harvested, 90% 2006, 70% average; Fruit Size average; condition good/fair. Massachusetts Cranberries 20% harvested, 26% 2006, 15% average; Fruit Size average; condition good/excellent. This past week was once again conducive to completing field work and advancing harvests of silage corn, hay, fall vegetables, and tree fruit. The beginning of the week showed record high temperatures in the upper 80s to low 90s. Scattered thundershowers on Thursday and Friday brought much needed moisture to the far north, but also caused some local damage in many states. The rain also helped to lower temperatures back into the 60s and 70s for the weekend, keeping pick-your-own operations and farm stands very busy. Low temperatures ranged in the low 40s to upper 50s throughout the week; no major frost damage has been reported. Major farm activities included harvesting peaches, pears, apples, sweet corn, fall vegetables, potatoes, and field corn, cleaning up harvested fields, disking, and planting cover crops.

New York: Days suitable for field work 5.8. Soil moisture 9% very short, 29% short, 60% adequate, 2% surplus. Pasture condition 12% very poor, 32% poor, 28% fair, 26% good, 2% excellent. Corn 5% poor, 17% fair, 52% good, 26% excellent. Hay 27% poor, 26% fair, 41% good, 6% excellent. Potatoes 85% harvested, 54% 2006. Silage corn 65% 2006, 15% 2006. Soybeans 16%, 8% 2006. Apple condition 4% poor, 4% fair, 63% good, 29% excellent; 58% harvested, 57% average. Grapes 6% fair, 94% good, 55% harvested, 38% 2006. Peaches 8% poor, 8% fair, 67% good, 17% excellent. Pears 5% poor, 25% fair, 60% good, 10% excellent. Tomato 89% harvested. Calculus 95% 2006, 98% average. Onion 91% harvested. Snap beans 97% harvest. In the Finger Lakes grape region, harvest activity has increased. This harvest season has been excellent so far for wine grape varieties. Yields of processing snap beans are poor due to the combination of drought and virus. Temperatures averaged well above normal for the week with precipitation above normal. Northwest of the Capital District, mid Hudson Valley region, and Long Island.

North Carolina: Days suitable for field work 6.8. Soil moisture 56% very short, 31% short, 13% adequate, 0% surplus. Activities during the week included the harvesting of corn for grain, for silage, cotton, apples, hay, burley tobacco, flue-cured tobacco, sweetpotatoes, peanuts, and soybeans. Other activities include scouting for pest and disease problems. Since temperatures were above normal and rainfall was scarce this week, North Carolina did not get any relief from the extreme drought. Less than 10 stations reported rainfall, the most precipitation was in Jefferson with 0.35 inches.

North Dakota: Days suitable for field work 6.3. Topsoil moisture 14% very short, 36% short, 49% average, 1% surplus. Pasture condition 7% very poor, 22% poor, 52% average, 20% excellent. Silage moisture 12% very short, 35% short, 52% adequate, 1% surplus. Corn for silage 84% chopped, 93% 2006, 80% average. Dry edible beans 86% cut, 95% 2006, 78% avg.; 88% harvested, 82% 2006, 63% average. Flaxseed 97% harvested, 99% 2006, 87% average. Potatoes 97% kiln dried, 98% 2006, 94% avg.; 86% harvested, 89% 2006, 64% average. Sunflower 77% braacts turned brown, 91% 2006, 70%; conditions 2% poor, 19% fair, 58% good, 21 excellent. Sugarbeets conditions 1% very poor, 5% poor, 12% fair, 52% good, 30% excellent. Stockwater supplies 4% very short, 19% short, 73% adequate, 4% surplus. Pasture, range conditions 3% very poor, 13% poor, 36% fair, 42% good, 6% excellent. Above normal temperatures and precipitation continue to advance harvests and producers to make excellent harvest progress during the week. Warm temperatures in the Red River Valley temporarily halted sugarbeet harvest over the weekend.

Ohio: Days suitable for field work 5.6. Topsoil moisture 16% very short, 27% short, 55% adequate, 2% surplus. Soybeans 92% dropping leaves, 85% 2006, 86% avg.; 59% mature, 45% 2006, 53% avg.; 19% harvested, 7% 2006, 16% avg.; condition 7% very poor, 14% poor, 28% fair, 37% good, 14% excellent. Corn 77% mature, 70% 2006, 62% avg.; 9% harvested for grain, 4% 2006, 6% avg.; 92% silage harvested, 85% 2006, 82% avg.; condition 8% very poor, 15% poor, 31% fair, 33% good, 13 excellent. Winter wheat 14% planted, 5% 2006, 70% avg.; Alalfa 1% planted, 1% 2006, 89% avg.; Alfalfa 3rd cutting 84%, 73% 2nd cutting. Other hay 3rd cutting 82%, 86% 2006, 82% avg. Grapes harvested (fall & winter) 48%, 46% 2006, 45% avg. Grapes 57% harvested, 55% 2006, 51% avg. Potatoes 82% harvested, 78% 2006, 82% avg. Processing tomatoes 85% harvested, 84% 2006, 86% avg. Hay conditions 16% very poor, 15% poor, 19% fair, 27% good, 7% excellent. Pasture condition 19% very poor, 19% poor, 28% fair, 27% good, 7% excellent. Farmers took advantage of slightly over five and a half days suitable for field work to cut and bale hay, plant winter wheat, and harvest corn for grain, corn silage, soybeans, apples and grapes. Other field activities included harvesting of pumpkins and other vegetable crops, field plowing, harrowing manure, and soil sampling.

Oklahoma: Days suitable for fieldwork 5.8. Topsoil moisture 12% very short, 39% short, 47% adequate, 2% surplus. Subsoil moisture 9% very short, 25% short, 64% adequate 2% surplus. Winter wheat 92% seeded prepared this week, 84% last week, 91% last year, 93% average. Rye seeded prepared 93% this week, 83% last week, 97% last year, 95% average; planted 66% this week, 39% last week, 73%
last year, 75% average; 28% emerged this week, 8% last week, 35% last year, 45% average. Oats seedbed prepared 76% this week, 69% last week, 74% last year, 74% average; 26% planted this week, 15% last week, 26% last year, 24% average. Corn 96% mature this week, 94% last week, 96% last year, 84% harvested this week, 73% last week, 76% last year, 70% average. Bean 81% setting pods this week, 83% last week, 96% last year, 99% average; 30% mature this week, 22% last week, 52% last year, 60% average. Peanuts 68% mature this week, 65% last week, 65% last year, 70% average. Alfalfa condition 6% very poor, 10% poor, 43% fair, 34% good, 7% excellent; 4th cutting 93% this week, 92% last week, 90% last year, 94% average; 5th cutting 53% this week, 51% last year, 53% average; 6th cutting 19% this week, 10% last week, 0% last year, 6% average. Other hay condition 1% very poor, 6% poor, 30% fair, 50% good, 13% excellent; 2nd cutting 77% this week, 74% last week, 88% last year, 81% average. Livestock condition 2% very poor, 2% poor, 61% fair, 16% excellent, 7% very good; 1% very poor, 4% poor, 26% fair, 52% good, 17% excellent. Livestock: Livestock conditions were rated mostly in the good to fair range. Producers continued to prepare wheat pastures for livestock grazing. Livestock marketings remained average last week. Of the feeder cattle under 800 pounds, steers averaged $117 per cwt. and feeder heifers averaged $91 per cwt. Rangelands to fall, winter pastures. Calves are being weaned, either continued last week. Livestock, Range, pasture soil moisture, dry land be busy preparing fall vegetable, decorative starts. Nurseries were still available for a 2008 crop. Still some haying being done in southern Oregon.

Harvest activity continued in Malheur County where rain was mostly in the good to fair range. Weed populations were increasing in some pastures.

OREGON: Days suitable for field work 6.5. Top soil moisture 28% very short, 42% short, 30% adequate. Sub soil moisture 28% very short, 41% short, 31% adequate. Range, pasture condition 18% very poor, 30% poor, 37% fair, 15% good, 13% excellent. Wheat 95% very short, 41% short, 36% average, 11% under 800 pounds, steers averaged $117 per cwt. and feeder heifers averaged $91 per cwt. Rangelands to fall, winter pastures. Calves are being weaned, either continued last week. Livestock, Range, pasture soil moisture, dry land be busy preparing fall vegetable, decorative starts. Nurseries were still available for a 2008 crop. Still some haying being done in southern Oregon.

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good statewide. Sorghum condition was mostly fair to good statewide. Soybean condition was mostly good to excellent statewide. Wheat condition was mostly fair to good statewide. Oat condition was mostly fair to good statewide. Range and pasture condition was mostly good to excellent statewide. Warm and dry conditions continued across most areas of the state and some light showers occurred in Eastern and South Central Texas. Cotton harvest was in progress in the Panhandle, Edwards Plateau, and the Blacklands. Peanut digging has begun. Cotton harvesting is under way while some early soybeans are now being harvested due to pods beginning to fall. Corn harvest continues this week with some good conditions across most areas of the state. Livestock remained in good condition in most areas of the state.

UTAH: Days suitable for fieldwork 7. Soil subsoil moisture 20% very short, 42% short, 38% adequate, 0% surplus. Irrigation water supplies 32% very short, 35% short, 33% adequate, 0% surplus. Winter wheat 57% planted for harvest next year, 47% 2006, 67% avg., 27% emerged, 24% 2006, 26% avg. Corn 94% dent, 95% 2006, 90% avg.; 83% mature, 72% 2006, 60% avg.; harvested (grain) 22%, 14% 2006, 6% avg.; silage, harvested (silage) 80%, 75% 2006, 70% avg.; condition 0% very poor, 1% poor, 23% fair, 53% good, 23% excellent. Alfalfa hay 4th cutting 67%, 56% 2006, 53% avg. Alfalfa seed harvested 46%, 62% 2006, 89% avg. Onions 95% harvested, 60% 2006, 70% avg. Cattle, calves moved from summer range 71%, 43% 2006, 46% avg. Cattle, calves condition 0% very poor, 1% poor, 25% fair, 67% good, 7% excellent. Sheep, lambs moved from summer range 41%, 51% 2006, 46% avg.; Sheep condition 0% very poor, 0% poor, 17% fair, 74% good, 9% excellent. Stock water supplies 20% very short, 33% short, 47% adequate, 0% surplus. Apples 56% harvested, 66% 2006, 52% avg. Peaches 90% harvested, 99% 2006, 98% avg. Pears 85% harvested, 99% 2006, 97% avg. Cooler weather prevailed last week. Most counties received ample rainfall last weekend. Hay supplies continue to be tight in several parts of the state. The fall harvest continues to be the major activity around the state. Livestock continue to do well. Beaver County reports that they have received 6 loads of free hay from Rich, Cache counties with another 12 loads promised from other counties around the state. The hay supply received from Rich and Cache counties is in response to the farmers hit the hardest from the Milford Flat Fire. Washington County is also reporting that hay is very tight and hard to come by. Box Elder and Cache counties report that farmers continued to harvest grain corn, hay, and onions. Farmers have also begun planting fall grain with some of it on the irrigated land emerging from the soil. Farmers in Box Elder County are reporting excellent yields on all crops. The hay harvest continues, but the cool temperatures during the hay even more difficult. Weber County had lots of rain on Saturday, which should help the fall grain get a good start. Emery County reports that the rainfall received over the past couple of weeks has put some water in the ponds on the desert ranges, which will help with winter feeding and watering issues. Box Elder reports that cattle producers are bringing herds off the summer ranges and are starting to sort and wean calves. Some may sell calves earlier but many sold on contract have shipping dates already established. It may be necessary to cull cows heavier than normal to preserve fall and winter feed. Sheep producers are sorting lambs and shipping to market or feedlots. The cows heavier than normal to preserve fall and winter feed. Sheep have shipping dates already established. It may be necessary to cull feeding and watering issues. Box Elder and Cache counties report that farmers continued to plant wheat, harvesting corn for silage, making hay, transporting hay supplies continued to be tight and prices high. Shellfish farmers initiated harvest operations for the busy fall season. Prices were high for the shrimp, red drum, and blue crab. Albacore and flounder are still available at local markets. Fence and equipment maintenance, harvesting vegetables, fruit and hay, planting wheat, harvesting corn for silage, making hay, transporting water and feed to livestock and weaning calves.

WASHINGTON: Days suitable for fieldwork 5.8. Soil moisture 13% very short, 22% short, 60% adequate, 5% adequate. Needed moisture arrived in several northern counties. Whitman County reported that they were nearing the completion of winter wheat seeding. A large amount of seedings remains to be completed in Spokane County but Garfield County reported they were planting into dust. Counties with adequate moisture report emergence is good. In Stevens County, a few hay producers were caught by cool weather before they could cut and bale their third cutting. Franklin County reported that a fifth cutting of hay was down. Christmas tree growers continued side shearing and top work on Noble and Shasta fir. Yakima Valley reported near freezing temperatures, morning fog and a couple "soft" frosts that slowed vegetable production. While apple harvest has peaked, growers are still picking Braeburns, Granny Smiths, and Gala. Growers were also sorting and shipping to market or feedlots. It may be necessary to cull feeding and watering issues. Box Elder and Cache counties report that farmers continued to plant wheat, harvesting corn for silage, making hay, transporting hay supplies continued to be tight and prices high. Shellfish farmers initiated harvest operations for the busy fall season. Prices were high for the shrimp, red drum, and blue crab. Albacore and flounder are still available at local markets. Fence and equipment maintenance, harvesting vegetables, fruit and hay, planting wheat, harvesting corn for silage, making hay, transporting water and feed to livestock and weaning calves.

WEST VIRGINIA: Days suitable for field work 6. Topsoil moisture 30% very short, 45% short, 25% adequate compared with 7% short, 78% adequate, 15% surplus last year. Corn conditions 22% very poor, 16% poor, 19% fair, 41% good, 2% excellent; 81% dented, 88% 2006, 5-yr avg not available. Corn 52% mature, 46% 2006, 62% 5-yr avg.; 13% harvested, 10% 2006, 17% 5-yr avg. Soybean conditions 13% very poor, 17% poor, 31% fair, 39% good, 76% dropping leaves, 78% 2006, 86% 5-yr avg; 21% harvested, 2% 2006, 7% 5-yr avg. Winter wheat 24% planted, 32% 2006, 32% 5-yr avg.; 4% emerged, 11% 2006, 22% 5-yr avg. Hay 16% very poor, 29% poor, 41% fair, 14% good. Hay 2nd cutting is complete 91%, 2006 & 5-yr avg not available. Hay 3rd cutting is complete 37%, 53% 2006, 5-yr avg not available. Apple conditions 22% very poor, 49% poor, 19% fair, 10% good, 56% harvested, 50% 2006, 5-yr avg not available. Cattle and calves 1% very poor, 10% poor, 31% fair, 56% good, 2% excellent. Sheep and lambs 1% very poor, 5% poor, 20% fair, 73% good, 1% excellent. Farming activities include marketing livestock, hay, wool, and equipment maintenance. Maintenance vehicles, fruit and hay, planting wheat, harvesting corn for silage, making hay, transporting water and feed to livestock and weaning calves.

WISCONSIN: Days suitable for fieldwork 5.3. Topsoil moisture 4% very short, 8% short, 83% adequate, 5% surplus. Corn 77% mature, 12% harvested for grain, condition 1% very poor, 12% poor, 31% fair, 32% good, 19% excellent. Soybeans 92% dropping leaves, 12% harvested, condition 5% very poor, 8% poor, 29% fair, 39% good, 19% excellent. Hay 4th cutting was complete 58%. Pasture conditions 3% very poor, 15% poor, 31% fair, 44% good, 7% excellent. Temperatures remained above normal for the first week of fall. High temperatures were in the mid to upper 80s, while low temperatures were in the 40s. Varied amounts of rainfall fell across the state, totals ranging from 0.28 inches in Madison to 1.82 inches in Eau Claire.

WYOMING: Days suitable for fieldwork 6.3. Topsoil moisture 27% very short, 40% short, 33% adequate. Sub soil moisture 43% very short, 39% short, 18% adequate. Stock water supplies 12% very short, 39% short, 49% adequate, 7% surplus. Winter wheat 91% emerged, 77% 2007, 73% avg.; condition 13% fair, 63% good, 24% excellent. Sugarbeets 1% harvested, 100% 2006, 4% avg.; condition 33% fair, 67% good. Corn 96% in dough, 94% 2006, 98% avg.; 88% dented, 70% 2006, 86% avg.; mature 63%, 29% 2006, 49% avg.; 86% cut for silage, 85% 2006, 87% avg.; condition 34% fair, 64% good, 2% excellent. Dry beans windowed 90%, 88% 2006, 82% avg.; combined 68%, 83% 2006, 61% avg. Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting 79%, 79% 2006, 61% avg. Range and pasture conditions 7% very poor, 29% poor, 37% fair, 25% good, 2% excellent.