ALABAMA: Days suitable for fieldwork 5.3. Topsoil moisture 0% very short, 14% short, 78% adequate, and 8% surplus. Corn 94% dent, 100% 2008, 100% avg.; 70% mature, 98% 2008, 97% avg.; 24% harvested, 50% 2008, 56% average. Cotton 98% setting bolls, 100% 2008, 100% avg.; 24% bolls opening, 60% 2008, 60% avg.; 0% harvested, 1% 2008, 3% average. Peanuts dug 0%, 6% 2008, 6% average. Soybeans 91% setting pods, 95% 2008, 97% avg.; 20% dropping leaves, 42% 2008, 53% avg.; 0% harvested, 3% 2008, 7% average. Corn conditions 1% very poor, 9% poor, 27% fair, 56% good, and 7% excellent. Cotton conditions 0% very poor, 1% poor, 19% fair, 70% good, 10% excellent. Peanut conditions 0% very poor, 0% poor, 25% fair, 70% good, 5% excellent. Soybeans conditions 0% very poor, 2% poor, 51% fair, 25% good, 15% excellent. Livestock condition 0% very poor, 1% poor, 17% fair, 68% good, and 14% excellent. Pasture and range condition 0% very poor, 1% poor, 17% fair, 72% good and 10% excellent. Moderate amounts of rainfall fell across the state last week, causing moisture percentages to be higher than desired for the corn crop. The US Drought Monitor from September 8, 2009 revealed the state to have 0 percent abnormally dry conditions, compared to 93.0 percent at the start of the water year, and 58.5 percent a year ago. Daytime highs for the week ranged from 84 degrees in Cullman and Sand Mountain, to 93 degrees in Headland. Overnight lows ranged from 60 degrees in Belle Mina, to 69 degrees in Bay Minnette, and Mobile Bates. Precipitation totals ranged from no amounts of rainfall in Dothan, to 3 inches of rain in Russellville. Corn was being harvested but was interrupted by the rain. Cotton and soybeans were showing very good potential yield right now. Pastures had a lot of grass growth, however, cattle producers did not have enough cattle to take advantage of it.

ALASKA: Days suitable for fieldwork 6.0. Topsoil moisture 100% adequate. Subsoil moisture 20% short, 80% adequate. Barley 90% harvested. Oats 10% harvested. Potatoes 25% harvested. Second cutting of hay was 80% complete. Winter supplies of hay were listed as 30% short, 70% adequate. Range and pasture condition 20% poor, 35% fair, 30% good, 15% excellent. Wind or rain damage was 95% none, 5% light. The main farm activities for the week were harvesting hay, grain, haylage, baling straw, machinery maintenance.

ARIZONA: Temperatures were mostly above normal across the State for the week ending September 13, ranging from 1 degree above normal at Roll to 8 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 110 degrees at Flagstaff and Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at 12 of the 22 stations. Opening of bolls has occurred on 75 percent of the cotton acreage, behind last year’s 79 percent and the five-year average of 76 percent. Cotton conditions are fair to excellent, depending on location.

ARKANSAS: Days suitable for fieldwork 5.4. Topsoil moisture 18% short, 73% adequate, 9% surplus. Subsoil moisture 18% short, 73% adequate, 9% surplus. Corn 96% mature, 97% 2008, 99% avg.; 51% harvested, 35% 2008, 71% avg.; condition 6% very poor, 14% poor, 30% fair, 34% good, 16% excellent. Rice 97% headed, 100% 2008, 100% avg. Soybeans 99% setting pod, 100% 2008, 100% avg.; 40% yellowing, 31% 2008, 51% avg.; 11% mature, 7% 2008, 25% avg.; 5% harvested, 3% 2008, 18% avg. Harvest continued last week despite the wet weather for corn, soybeans, sorghum, and rice. Corn mature increased 8%, 1% behind 2008 and 3% behind the five-year average. Corn producers were able to harvest an additional 12% of their crop last week, 16% ahead of last year but 20% behind the five-year average. Cotton opening bolls increased 12%, 20% behind 2008 and 35% behind the five-year average. Rice headed was 3% behind both last year and the five-year average. Rice farmers harvested an additional 9% of their crop last week. Rice producers were applying desiccants to their crops in preparation for harvest. Sorghum coloring was complete, while soybeans reaching maturity increased 23% last week. Sorghum harvest was 9% ahead of last year but 30% behind the five-year average. The soybean crop had only 1% left to set pods, 1% behind both 2008 and the five-year average. Soybeans in the yellowing stage was 9% ahead of 2008 but 11% behind the five-year average. Soybeans shedding increased 8% by week’s end. Soybeans reaching maturity increased 5% and producers were able to get an additional 2% of the crop harvested. The recent wet weather has not been helpful to producers combating Asian soybean rust. Farmers planted an additional 1% of the winter wheat crop last week. Livestock were in fair to good condition. Pasture and range and hay crops were in fair to good condition last week, with some reports of armyworms in Bermuda pastures.

CALIFORNIA: Warm temperatures helped open bolls in cotton fields. Some early planted fields received defoliation and harvest-aid applications. Other fields were treated for whitefly and aphids one last time for the season. Rice harvest started in early planted fields in Colusa, Sutter, Yuba, and Merced counties. Other rice fields were drained in preparation for harvest. Sunflower seed harvest continued. Alfalfa continued to be cut and baled with areas working on their sixth and seventh cuttings. Corn continued to be cut for silage and harvested for grain. Beans were being cut in San Joaquin for drying. Cowpeas progressed toward maturity with drying pods in Tulare County. Fig, nectarine, plum, Bartlett pear, raisin grape, table grape, wine grape, juicy grape, Gala apple, and Granny Smith apple harvests continued, primarily in the San Joaquin Valley. The prune harvest was completed, while the peach, plum, and nectarine harvests continued to slow down. The wine grape harvest continued along the North Coast, as high temperatures increased sugar levels. Pomegranates continued to develop in size and color, along with light harvesting of Foothill and Early Wonderful varieties in the San Joaquin Valley. The Valencia orange harvest continued at a slower pace in the San Joaquin Valley. Navel oranges for the upcoming season continued to develop in size. The lemon harvest continued along the Central and Southern coasts. Normal spraying and maintenance continued in orchards and vineyards. The almond harvest continued, though at a slower pace, in both the San Joaquin Valley and Sacramento Valley. Shaking was continued for the Nonpareil variety, while some shaking continued for other varieties. Sweeping, gathering, and delivering activities continued for all varieties. Quality looked good overall, though concerns about lower yields, likely caused by the March frost, remained. Ground preparation and spraying was continued to prepare for the upcoming walnut and pistachio harvests. Sutter County’s harvest of sweet corn, tomatoes, cucurbit, watermelon, cantaloupe, and other melon varieties for farmers’ markets continued. Treatments for stinkbug, miles, and mold continued for processing tomatoes. Treatments for weeds and worms in melon fields continued. Processing tomato, melon and bean harvest continued. In San Joaquin County, the harvest of tomatoes for processing and fresh market purposes continued. Excellent yields have been reported. Some tomato fields were being sprayed with fungicide for mold prevention. Picking of pumpkins started and the picking of melons and bell peppers continued. Tulare County growers continued the harvest of eggplant, squash, peppers, okra, cucumbers, and tomatoes. Strawberry blocks were replanted, others were tilled and fumigated. In Merced County basil, tomato, bell peppers, onions, honeydew, sweet potatoes, cantaloupe, and watermelon harvest continued. Radicchio planting continued. Tomatillo harvest was completed. Accelerated deterioration of already critically dry rangeland and dry-land pasture forage conditions was widespread. Fire danger was high to extreme. Upper and lower-elevation pastures in many central areas showed...
signs of depletion as the summer grazing season came to a close. Cattle were gathered from upper elevations for transport to winter pastures. Supplemental feeding of cattle on dry pasture continued. Irrigated pasture remained in mostly good condition. Some early fall beef cow calving was underway. Dairy herd reduction, in response to unfavorable milk price and conditions, was reported. Some horses and goats were grazing on dry-land grain fields and retired farmland, with some sheepp-ing of harvested tomato fields in Merced. Honeybees were in melon and squash fields in Fresno, and were moved off-season locations in other areas.

**COLORADO:** Days suitable for field work 6.2. Topsoil moisture 6% very short, 34% short, 57% adequate, 4% surplus. Subsoil moisture 5% very short, 38% short, 52% adequate 5% surplus. Alfalfa Hay 42% 3rd cutting, 71% 2008, 65% avg.; condition 5% poor 18% fair, 55% good, 22% excellent. Dry Beans 30% cut, 28% 2008, 40% avg.; 15% harvested, 13% 2008, 16% avg.; condition 1% poor, 30% fair, 61% good, 8% excellent. Sweet clover 93% harvested, 96% 2008, 95% avg. Onions 16% harvested, 9% 2008, 1% 2007, 81% good, 12% very good, 3% poor, 6% fair, 68% good, 21% excellent. Sunflowers condition 3% very poor, 4% poor, 26% fair, 46% good, 21% excellent. Sugarbeets condition 1% poor, 13% fair, 63% good, 23% excellent. Summer potatoes 30% harvested, 34% 2008, 50% avg.; condition 93% good, 7% excellent. Winter wheat planting is 19 percent complete statewide. The high-crop index was 85% as of the 15th. Other small grains planted 1%, 1% 2008, 1% avg. Tobacco 93% harvested, 86% 2008, 94% avg. Rust has appeared in some soybeans fields. There have been reports of northern leaf blight damage to some corn fields. A light amount of white mold was reported on some peanuts. Peanut digging is underway. Lack of rain was reported in some areas of the state.

**FLORIDA:** Topsoil moisture 10% short, 65% adequate, 25% surplus. Subsoil moisture 11% short, 62% adequate, 27% surplus. Peanuts 20% harvested, 7% 2008, 9% 5-yr avg.; peanut condition 18% very short, 61% good, 21% excellent. Cotton bolls continued to open, picking near complete. Hay markets doing well. Levy County snap beans well established, looking good. Putnam County preparing to plant cabbage, beets. Okra, avocados, some truck crops marketed. Citrus trees look good due to rain, sunshine, with limbs flushing out new growth, fruit in good condition. New crop fruit sizing well with little evidence of off-crop. Growers began early harvesting, mowing in preparation for harvest, fertilizing, spraying, young tree care. Grove caretakers surveyed groves for greening. treated trees for citrus psyllid, removed already infected trees. Pasture Feed 2% poor, 20% fair, 55% good, 23% excellent. Cattle Condition 2% poor, 13% fair, 65% good, 20% excellent. Panhandle, north pasture condition fair to good, most good. Land preparation for seeding winter forage ongoing, aided by showers. Cattle condition fair to excellent. Central pasture condition poor to excel lent, armyworms caused some defoliation in some areas. Some rainfall occurred in the Southeast pasture condition poor to excellent; many flooded from excessive rain; other locations poor due to low soil moisture. Cattle condition poor to excellent, most good. Statewide most cattle in good condition.

**GEORGIA:** Days suitable for fieldwork 5.9. Topsoil moisture 2% very short, 30% short, 63% adequate, 5% surplus. Soybeans 1% very poor, 7% poor, 33% fair, 53% good, 6% excellent. Soybeans 97% setting pods, 93% 2008, 96% avg.; 9% dropping leaves, 9% 2008, 17% avg. Sorghum 0% very poor, 6% poor, 44% fair, 47% good, 3% excellent. Apples 0% very poor, 0% poor, 6% fair, 40% good, 54% excellent. Hay 2% very poor, 9% poor, 36% fair, 46% good, 7% excellent. Alfalfa hay 93% harvested, 95% 2008, 96% avg. Pasture condition 3% very poor, 24% poor, 34% fair, 4% good, 1% excellent; Corn harvested for grain 76%, 74% 2008, 74% avg. Sorghum harvested for grain 10%, 36% 2008, 30% avg. Apples 21% harvested, 17% 2008, 24% avg. Peanuts dug 1%, 4% 2008, 5% avg. Rye planted for all purposes 1%, 1% 2008, 2% avg. Other small grains planted 1%, 1% 2008, 1% avg. Tobacco 93% harvested, 86% 2008, 94% avg. Rust has appeared in some soybeans fields. There have been reports of northern leaf blight damage to some corn fields. A light amount of white mold was reported on some peanuts. Peanut digging is underway. Lack of rain was reported in some areas of the state.

**IDAH0:** Days suitable for field work 6.8. Topsoil moisture 13% very short, 37% short, 50% adequate, 0% surplus. Field corn harvested for silage 92% 2008, 92% avg.; condition 5% very poor, 5% poor, 32% fair, 60% good, 1% excellent. Winter wheat planting is 19 percent complete statewide. The high-crop index was 85% as of the 15th. Other small grains planted 1%, 1% 2008, 1% avg. Tobacco 93% harvested, 86% 2008, 94% avg. Bean harvest is 19 percent complete statewide. Field corn harvested for grain 17%, 18% 2008, 36% avg. Irrigation water supply 0% very poor, 5% poor, 11% fair, 64% good, 20% excellent. Potato vines killed 68%, 53% 2008, 69% avg.; 9% harvested, 6% 2008, 10% avg. Oats harvested for grain 88%, 74% 2008, 86% avg. Lentil 100% harvested, 93% 2008, 98% avg. Dry beans 69% harvested, 37% 2008, 45% avg. Peaches 85% harvested, 74% 2008, 86% avg. Peaches 85% harvested, 74% 2008, 86% avg. Rye planted for all purposes 1%, 1% 2008, 2% avg. Other small grains planted 1%, 1% 2008, 1% avg. Tobacco 93% harvested, 86% 2008, 94% avg. Rust has appeared in some soybeans fields. There have been reports of northern leaf blight damage to some corn fields. A light amount of white mold was reported on some peanuts. Peanut digging is underway. Lack of rain was reported in some areas of the state.

**ILLINOIS:** Days suitable for fieldwork 6.5. Topsoil moisture 2% very short, 15% short, 76% adequate, 3% surplus. Corn 56% dented, 75% 2008, 92% avg.; corn condition 2% very poor, 7% poor, 27% fair, 50% good, 14% excellent. Soybeans 21% turning yellow, 38% 2008, 65% avg.; condition 2% very poor, 6% poor, 31% fair, 49% good, 12% excellent. Sorghum 93% headed, 100% 2008, 100% avg.; condition 2% poor, 25% fair, 70% good, 3% excellent. Alfalfa 89% third crop cut, 90% 2008, 94% avg. Alfalfa harvest is 19 percent complete statewide. The Power Country extension educator reported localized frost on several nights. Statewide, barly and spring wheat harvest is 83 and 90 percent complete, respectively. Plum and prune harvest is 79 percent complete.

**INDIANA:** Days suitable for fieldwork 6.0. Topsoil moisture 4% very short, 28% short, 64% adequate, 4% surplus. Subsoil moisture 4% very short, 28% short, 66% adequate, 4% surplus. Corn 94% in dough, 97% 2008, 99% avg.; 60% dented, 75% 2008, 87% avg.; 7% mature, 17% 2008, 39% avg.; condition 3% very poor, 7% poor, 26% fair, 52% good, 12% excellent. Soybeans 15% shedding leaves, 30% 2008, 45%
6% very poor, 22% poor, 46% fair, 25% good, 1% excellent. Pasture condition 2% very poor, 6% poor, 27% fair, 49% good, 16% excellent. Corn condition 3% very poor, 8% poor, 22% fair, 46% good, 21% excellent. Soybean condition 2% very poor, 6% poor, 25% fair, 52% good, 15% excellent. Apple condition 5% poor, 8% fair, 45% good, 2% excellent. Corn 97% dough, 100% 2008, 76% avg.; 85% dent, 67% 2008, 90% avg.; 36% mature, 62% 2008; harvest for grain 4%, 26% 2008, 16% avg.; harvest for silage 58%, 62% 2008, 55% avg. Soybeans 92% setting pods, 94% 2008, 90% avg.; 15% turning color, 46% 2008, 38% avg.; dropping leaves 4%, 27% 2008, 16% avg.; 0% harvested, 0% 2008, 0% avg. Barley 2% planted, 0% 2008, 0% avg. Wheat 1% planted, 0% 2008, 0% avg. Soybeans 93% 2008, 94% avg. Cucumbers 91% harvested, 91% 2008, 90% avg. Lima Beans 72% harvested, 61% 2008, 69% avg. Potatoes 100% harvested, 100% 2008, 94% avg. Snap Beans 90% harvested, 90% 2008, 92% avg. Sweet Corn 89% harvested, 92% 2008, 92% avg. Tomatoes 85% harvested, 90% 2008, 90% avg. Watermelons 85% harvested, 94% 2008, 92% avg. Apples 51% harvested, 59% 2008, 56% avg. Peaches 98% harvested, 97% 2008, 95% avg. Delaware received heavy rains over the weekend which slowed the vegetable harvest. Maryland vegetable growers fared a little better and some areas report the season is already starting to wind down.

KANSAS: Days suitable for field work 3.3. Topsoil moisture 1% very short, 8% short, 74% adequate, and 17% surplus. Subsoil moisture 3% very short, 13% short, 75% adequate, and 9% surplus. Corn 3% harvested, 5% 2008, 18% avg. Sunflowers blooming 95%, 99% 2008, 99% avg.; ray flowers dry 54%, 65% 2008, 66% avg.; bracts yellow 23%, 35% 2008, 38% avg. Condition 2% very poor, 7% poor, 21% fair, 61% good, 9% excellent. Pasture condition 2% very poor, 27% fair, 49% good, 14% excellent. Crops in Iowa recorded steady increases in maturity as temperatures were average with little rainfall. While Western districts received some isolated thunderstorms, most of the state stayed relatively dry. Soybean fields across the state are turning color seemingly overnight. Low humidity and sun-filled days allowed many areas of the state to narrow the gap on five-year average maturity stages. Corn and soybeans are still rated in mostly good to excellent condition. No major crop disease or insect issues were reported. The lack of rainfall has given many hay producers a chance to finally put up quality hay.

KENTUCKY: Days suitable for field work 5.9. Topsoil moisture 5% very short, 32% short, 62% adequate and 1% surplus. Subsoil moisture 4% very short, 25% short, 67% adequate and 4% surplus. Farm activities last week included cutting, curing and housing tobacco, and hay harvesting. Burley tobacco cut 65%, 71% last year, 73% average. Dark tobacco 55% cut, 68 last year, 68% average. Tobacco condition rated 1% very poor, 5% poor, 13% fair, 49% good, 32% excellent. The hay crop condition rated 1% very poor, 5% poor, 22% fair, 54% good, 18% excellent. Pasture condition rated 2% very poor, 5% poor, 26% fair, 50% good, 17% excellent. Generally crops appear to be doing well. Statistical data were generally consistent with expectations. Development of crops continues to вари.
check. Pepper and eggplant harvest continued; aphids and virus symptoms found some pepper plantings southwest. Summer squash harvest winding down with mostly positive reports, while winter squash harvest began and looked favorable so far. Watermelons also being harvested a number of locations, while pumpkins developing at a good rate this week; foliar fungi and fruit rots have challenged grower efforts on melons, cucurbits, and tomatoes. Yellow watermelon and pumpkin producers. Yields from cole crops such as cabbage, broccoli, and cauliflower reported as good to excellent. Downy mildew caused stand reductions and poor yields for some onion growers; however, onion yields good where stands good condition and mildew kept check. Grand Rapids area, celery growers reported good production and quality; however some fields, croplands reduced on the 70s to the 80s due to rainfall activity earlier this season. Also Grand Rapids area, harvest and new plantings of radishes continued.

MINNESOTA: Days suitable for fieldwork 5.7. Topsoil moisture 6% very short, 28% short, 61% adequate, 5% surplus. Corn 21% silage cut, 32% 2008, 46% avg. Soybean 6% turning yellow, 66% 2008, 76% avg. Potatoes 25% harvested, 35% 2008, 43% avg.; condition 1% poor, 8% fair, 65% good, 26% excellent. Sweet Corn 78% harvested, 77% 2008, 81% avg. Canola 26% harvested, 59% 2008, 81% avg.; condition 12% poor, 42% fair, 35% good, 11% excellent. Dry Bean 10% harvested, 34% 2008, 26% avg.; condition 2% very poor, 6% poor, 1% fair, 25% avg., 21% excellent. Sugar beet short, 22% last year; 41% short, 34% last year; 44% adequate, 42% last year; 0% surplus, 2% last year. Durum wheat 74% turning, 100% last year; 45% harvested, 82% last year. Oats 95% harvested, 89% last year. Spring wheat 73% harvested, 85% last year. Winter wheat planted 25%, 6% last year. Alfalfa hay second cutting 93% complete, 93% last year. Other hay second cutting 70% complete, 76% last year. Dry beans and fruit crops have challenged the 70s to 80s growing season due to rainfall. The state experienced above normal temperatures with limited precipitation during the week. Highs were in the 70s to the low 90s, and lows were mostly in the 20s and 30s. Miles City and Wolf Point shared the high temperature of 97 degrees, and Wisdom had the low temperature of 18 degrees. Baker received the greatest amount of weekly precipitation with 0.89 of an inch. Range and pasture feed condition 6% very poor, 7% last year; 24% poor, 20% last year; 45% fair, 38% last year; 22% good, 29% last year; 3% excellent, 6% last year. Cattle and calves moved from summer ranges 21%, 21% last year. Sheep and lambs moved from summer ranges 21%, 23% last year.

NEBRASKA: Days suitable for fieldwork 5.8. Topsoil moisture 1% very short, 24% short, 73% adequate and 2% surplus. Subsoil moisture 2% very short, 18% short, 79% adequate, and 1% surplus. Corn conditions 2% very poor, 5% poor, 14% fair, 51% good, and 28% excellent. Irrigated Corn conditions 82% good or excellent. Dryland Corn 73% good or excellent. Corn 100% harvested, 97% 2008, 96% avg.; 85% dent, 83% 2008, 89% avg.; 9% mature, 8% 2008, 25% avg. Soybean conditions 2% very poor, 4% poor, 16% fair, 57% good, and 21% excellent; 100% setting pods, 100% 2008, 100% avg.; 70% turning color, 51% 2008, 69% avg.; 14% dropping leaves, 12% 2008, 22% avg. Sorghum conditions 0% very poor, 3% poor, 24% fair, 54% good, and 19% excellent. Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting, 93% 2008, 99% avg.; 4% dropping leaves, 29% 2008, 53% avg.; 65% 2008, 81% avg. Winter Wheat 30% seeded, 16% 2008, 26% avg.; 6% emerged, 0% 2008, 4% avg. Proso millet 16% harvested, 14% 2008, 24% avg. Dry beans conditions 2% very poor, 8% poor, 21% fair, 62% good, and 7% excellent; 87% turning color, 76% 2008, 83% avg.; 4% dropping leaves, 29% 2008, 44% avg.; 21% harvested for grain, 6% 2008, 14% avg. Alfalfa conditions 1% very poor, 4% poor, 20% fair, 57% good, 18% excellent. Alfalfa 94% 3rd cutting, 96% 2008, 97% avg.; 25% 4th cutting, 17% 2008, 33% avg. Pasture and Range conditions 2% very poor, 5% poor, 20% fair, 56% good, and 17% excellent. A relatively warm week aided beans turning color and corn maturity. These conditions also helped push dry bean and millet harvests in the Panhandle. High moisture corn harvest has begun in some areas. Producers continue to prepare equipment and grain bins for harvest and are attending crop and livestock tours. Temperatures averaged 1 degree above normal across the state and ranged from the low 90’s for highs with lows dipping to near 40. Widespread precipitation fell across the state with most districts averaging a quarter of an inch or more, except for the Panhandle and North Central districts.

NEVADA: Days suitable for fieldwork 7. Mild weather dominated across the State for the week. Temperatures ranged between four and eight degrees below normal with minimal rainfall; the greatest amount of weekly precipitation with 0.89 of an inch. Range and pasture conditions mostly found in the low 80s while nighttime lows were generally in the low 50s to low 60s. Days suitable for fieldwork 6.6. Topsoil moisture 1% very short, 9% short, 67% adequate, 3% surplus. Ringo and Elko each second, reporting a high of 96 degrees. Eureka and Winnemucca temperature across the State reporting 103 degrees while Reno was second, reporting a high of 96 degrees. Eureka and Winnemucca reported a low temperature of 34 degrees. Reno and Elko each recorded a trace amount of precipitation. Pasture and range conditions are mostly found in poor condition with some slipping to poor and very poor condition. Third cutting of alfalfa hay is underway in most areas. Mint harvest is mostly complete. Potato harvest is underway. Cattle generally look in good condition and are beginning to be moved to fall pastures. Main farm and ranch activities include irrigation, weed control, fertilizing, haying, harvesting, equipment maintenance, and some insect control.

NEW ENGLAND: Days suitable for field work 6.3. Topsoil moisture 2% very short, 29% short, 62% adequate, 7% surplus. Subsoil moisture 2% very short, 17% short, 73% adequate, 8% surplus. Pasture condition 2% very poor, 8% poor, 27% fair, 58% good, 5% excellent. Maine Potatoes 10% harvested, 10% 2008, 5% average; condition good/excellent. Maine Barley 90% harvested, 85% 2008, 80% average; condition good/fair. Maine Oats 90% harvested, 70% 2008, 65% average; condition good/fair. Maine Barley 90% harvested, 85% 2008, 80% average; condition good/fair. Field Corn for Silage <5% harvested, 10% 2008, 15% average; condition fair/good. Small grains report 90% harvested, 90% 2008, 90% average; condition good/fair. Broadleaf Tobacco 95% harvested, 99% 2008, 95% average; condition fair/ poorer. Second Crop...
Hay 95% harvested, 90% 2008, 90% average; condition good/excellent in Vermont, fair to poor in Connecticut, and good/fair elsewhere. Third Crop Hay 60% harvested, 50% 2008, 50% average; condition good/excellent in Vermont and New Hampshire, good/fair elsewhere. Apples 25% harvested, 30% 2008, 30% average; Fruit Size average/above average this week, with the exception of T O C. Good/excellent elsewhere; condition good/fair in Connecticut and Maine, good/excellent elsewhere. Peaches 90% harvested, 95% 2008, 90% average; Fruit Size average; condition good/fair in Connecticut, good elsewhere. Pears 35% harvested, 35% 2008, 35% average; Fruit Size average; condition fair/good in Connecticut, good elsewhere. Particularly cloudy skies began the week across New England. High temperatures were below average to average in the mid-60s to low 70s while nighttime lows ranged from the low 40s in the North to the mid-50s in the South. Rain moved through the area during the weekend. Rain began late Thursday night in the southern states and continued through late Saturday night. While coastal areas experienced up to four inches of rain, other areas had only a sprinkle or two. Southern portions of Vermont and New Hampshire saw rain begin Friday and continue into Sunday morning. The majority of Maine as well as the northern areas of Vermont and New Hampshire had little to no rainfall during the weekend. Many producers in these regions stated that fields are getting dry and rain would be welcomed. Skies cleared up on Sunday and temperatures warmed back up to the mid-70s. Total rainfall for the week ranged from 0.01 inches in northern Maine to 4.0 inches in coastal regions. Farmers were harvesting dry hay, haylage, potatoes, oats, barley, and tobacco, cleaning up harvest fields, planting cover crops, spreading manure, harvesting summer and fall vegetables, early and mid-season varieties of apples, peaches, pears, tama blueberries, and raspberries.

**NEW JERSEY:** Days suitable for field work 5.0. Topsoil moisture 80% adequate, 20% surplus. Subsoil moisture 85% adequate, 15% surplus. There were measurable amounts of rainfall during the week in all localities. Temperatures were variable across the Garden State. Activities during the week included harvesting corn silage, re-seeding hay fields, and repairing equipment. Early season soybeans began dropping leaves. Second and third hay-cuttings continued with conditions rated mostly fair. Vegetable growers continued harvesting summer crops and planting fall crops. Disease pressure was high for tomatoes due to wet weather conditions. Producers started harvesting early grape varieties and spraying fungicide on later varieties. Crop conditions were mostly good for fall, while peach trees approached full harvest.

**NEW MEXICO:** Days suitable for fieldwork 6.3. Topsoil moisture 30% very short, 42% short, 27% adequate, 1% surplus. Wind damage 12% light, 3% adequate. Alfalfa 4% very poor, 7% poor, 15% fair, 51% good, 23% excellent; 98% of the fourth cut completed; 73% of the fifth cut completed. Cotton 2% very poor, 27% poor, 51% fair, 19% good, 14% excellent. Sugar beets 4% lifted, 4% 2008, 4% average. Corn 1% very poor, 6% poor, 13% fair, 60% good, 22% excellent. Cucumbers 3% fair, 72% average. Sweet corn 66%, 83% 2008, 83% average. Snap beans 5% poor, 13% fair, 60% good, 22% excellent. Cabbage 16% fair, 80% good, 4% excellent. Lettuce 7% fair, 21% good, 71% excellent. Tomatoes 14% very poor, 21% poor, 18% fair, 49% good, 14% excellent. Peaches 90% harvested, 90% average; condition good/fair in Connecticut and Maine, good/excellent elsewhere. Partly cloudy skies began the week across New England. High temperatures were below average to average in the mid-60s to low 70s while nighttime lows ranged from the low 40s in the North to the mid-50s in the South. Rain moved through the area during the weekend. Rain began late Thursday night in the southern states and continued through late Saturday night. While coastal areas experienced up to four inches of rain, other areas had only a sprinkle or two. Southern portions of Vermont and New Hampshire saw rain begin Friday and continue into Sunday morning. The majority of Maine as well as the northern areas of Vermont and New Hampshire had little to no rainfall during the weekend. Many producers in these regions stated that fields are getting dry and rain would be welcomed. Skies cleared up on Sunday and temperatures warmed back up to the mid-70s. Total rainfall for the week ranged from 0.01 inches in northern Maine to 4.0 inches in coastal regions. Farmers were harvesting dry hay, haylage, potatoes, oats, barley, and tobacco, cleaning up harvest fields, planting cover crops, spreading manure, harvesting summer and fall vegetables, early and mid-season varieties of apples, peaches, pears, tama blueberries, and raspberries.

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Pennsylvania: Days suitable for fieldwork 5. Soil moisture 2% very short, 14% short, 75% adequate, 9% surplus. Fall 22 plowing, 23% 2008, 28% avg. Corn 86% dough, 93% 2008, 95% avg.; 56% dent, 69% 2008, 78% avg.; 11% mature, 31% 2008, 38% avg. Corn 31% Silage, 53% 2008, 55% avg. Barley 8% harvest, 15% 2008, 16% avg. Tobacco 76% harvest, 85% 2008, 84% avg. Potatoes 56% harvest. Alfalfa 40% 2008, 42% avg. Alfalfa 10% 2008, 98% avg.; fourth cutting 34% complete, 61% 2008, 43% avg. Timothy clover second cutting 95% complete, 99% 2008, 91% avg. Peaches 98% harvested, 97% 2008, 96% avg. Apples 38% harvested, 35% 2008, 41% avg. Corn crop condition 1% very poor, 3% poor, 14% fair, 53% good, 29% excellent. Soybean crop condition 3% poor, 18% fair, 50% good, 26% excellent. Quality of hay made 1% very poor, 5% poor, 26% fair, 44% good, and 24% excellent. Pasture conditions 2% very poor, 4% poor, 26% fair, 49% good, 19% excellent. Apple crop conditions 55% good, 45% excellent. Good Week for Field Work Last week’s weather was overall good, with the exception of a few rainy days. Primary field activity’s were harvesting potatoes, tobacco, fruits, vegetables, and making hay.

South Dakota: Days suitable for fieldwork 5. Alfalfa hay condition 3% very poor, 9% poor, 41% fair, 41% good, 6% excellent; 4th cutting 81% this week, 79% last week, 87% last year, 89% avg.; 5th cutting 17% this week, 16% last week, 34% last year, 36% avg.; 6th cutting 4% very poor, 3% poor, 16% fair, 46% good, 3% excellent; 2nd cutting 64% this week, 57% last week, 60% last year, 69% avg. Watermelons 93% harvested this week, 92% last week, 99% last year, 99% avg. Livestock condition 1% poor, 4% poor, 31% fair, 54% good, 10% excellent. Pasture and range condition 2% very poor, 13% poor, 36% fair, 45% good, 4% excellent. Livestock Prices for feeder steers less than 800 pounds averaged $102 per cwt. Prices for heifers less than 800 pounds averaged $94 per cwt.Livestock marketings continued to rate in the mostly good to fair range. Average livestock marketings were reported last week.

Oregon: Temperatures heated back up this week with thirty of the forty-three stations reporting temperatures ranging from 90 to 93 degrees, compared to only seventeen stations last week. Highs ranged from 101 degrees in Medford, down to 68 degrees in Crescent City. Low temperatures ranged from 25 degrees in Agency Lake, Worden, up to 50 degrees in Medford, down to 68 degrees in Crescent City. Low temperatures over this past weekend, especially over western Tennessee. All crops experienced dry weather nonetheless. The grain harvest continued in Klamath County as most of the State was dry all week, but it was good harvest weather nonetheless. Eighty-one percent of tobacco stalks were destroyed, Tobacco producers have nearly completed harvesting for the 2009 season. Eighty-one percent of corn had been harvested by week’s end. The cotton crop had finished setting bolls for the growing season. Coton made significant gains with regard to opening bolls, increasing thirty points this past week. A few growers have begun applying desiccants to cotton fields. Nearly all of soybeans had set pods. Seven percent of the crop’s leaves had turned color and 2% had dropped leaves, both falling behind historical averages. Peanut growers have just begun to harvest their crops. Tobacco producers have nearly completed harvesting for the 2009 season. Eighty-one percent of tobacco stalks were destroyed, recent well above average of the State’s rainfall. Livestock producers had begun preparing land for winter grazing plantings, however dry soils have delayed several farmers. Ponds and pastures were very dry this past week, resulting in a decline in livestock conditions. All peaches have been harvested for the year.

South Carolina: Days suitable for fieldwork 6. Soil moisture 34% very short, 43% short, 23% adequate, 0% surplus. Corn 4% very poor, 12% poor, 29% fair, 48% good, 7% excellent; 81% harvested, 75% 2008, 74% avg. Soybeans 2% very poor, 4% poor, 42% fair, 46% good, 2% very good, 46% poor, 3% very poor; 89% 2008, 91% avg.; leaves turning color 7%, 10% 2008, 14% avg.; leaves dropped 2%, 5% 2008, 4% avg. Livestock condition 0% very poor, 1% poor, 37% fair, 61% good, 1% excellent. Winter wheat 0% planted, 0% 2008, 0% avg. Tobacco 98% harvested, 94% 2008, 95% avg. Tobacco stalks destroyed 81%, 64% 2008, 59% avg. Pasture condition 100% good, 100% excellent. Harvested 10% 2008, 72% avg. 13% 2008, 12% avg. Dry conditions continued for much of South Carolina this past week, resulting in falling crop, livestock, and pasture conditions. In addition to the lack of rain,Johnson grass and fire ants were causing problems in the field for several farmers in Chester County. South Carolina’s soil moisture levels were 34% very short, 43% short, and 23% adequate. Dry weather has been beneficial for corn producers to continue harvesting. Eighty-one percent of corn had been harvested by week’s end. The cotton crop had finished setting bolls for the growing season. Coton made significant gains with regard to opening bolls, increasing thirty points this past week. A few growers have begun applying desiccants to cotton fields. Nearly all of soybeans had set pods. Seven percent of the crop’s leaves had turned color and 2% had dropped leaves, both falling behind historical averages. Peanut growers have just begun to harvest their crops. Tobacco producers have nearly completed harvesting for the 2009 season. Eighty-one percent of tobacco stalks were destroyed, recent well above average of the State’s rainfall. Livestock producers had begun preparing land for winter grazing plantings, however dry soils have delayed several farmers. Ponds and pastures were very dry this past week, resulting in a decline in livestock conditions. All peaches have been harvested for the year.

Pennsylvania: Days suitable for fieldwork 5. Soil moisture 2%
remained rated in mostly good-to-excellent condition last week. Burley
harvest was progressing ahead of last year but slightly behind the
normal pace. Harvest for the dark types was roughly three-fourths
completed, also slightly behind the normal pace. Temperatures across
Tennessee last week averaged near to slightly above normal, with near
normal local precipitation across the state. Cotton condition in the
county is out of water. Nonetheless, this has been one of the
best irrigation seasons they have had. Morgan County reports corn is
late maturing. Growers in the county will need a long fall without a frost
to get it mature. Weber County reports that the maturing stage for corn
is a little late this year, so many are waiting to harvest until next week.
Utah County reports dry range conditions. Third crop hay is still being
cut. A few producers have moved to the winter feed. Box Elder
reports 3rd crop hay looks good. Dry weather is good for putting up hay
but not good for ranges and pastures. There is a lot of hay for sale this
year in the county and the price is low. Garfield, Kane counties report
recent rain storms have interrupted hay harvests, but provided much
needed moisture to range land, and fall seeded cereal grain crops.
Wayne County reports scattered showers that did little to improve the
dry conditions in the area. Summit County reports farmers are still
cutting third crop alfalfa and ranges are dry due to lack of rain. Box
Elder reports livestock producers are lining up their cattle to depart
from summer ranges. Some producers will return to their fall pasture
around the end of September and some will wait to depart by the end of
October. A good rainstorm would freshen the fall feed and help keep
dust pneumonia down in cattle and sheep. Cattle and sheep look good
and most producers have weaned their calves early, because of the
drought conditions.

TEXAS: Top soil moisture was mostly short to adequate across the
state. Cotton condition was mostly fair to good statewide. Corn
condition was mostly fair to good statewide. Peanut condition was
mostly very poor to fair statewide. Rice condition was mostly fair to
good statewide. Soybean condition was mostly fair to good statewide. Range
and Pasture condition was mostly very poor to fair statewide. Showers
swept through the central part of the state, observing up to 10 inches of
rainfall. The rest of the state received a rainfall of 1 to 2 inches. Producers
continued to plant wheat as cotton matured in the Northern
High Plains. Land preparation for wheat planting progressed well due
to the recent rainfall, dry-land cotton was opening and peanuts
continued to mature in the Southern High Plains. Wheat planting
excellent. Alfalfa height 35%, 36% 2008, 36% avg.; 3rd Cutting 73%,
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WEST VIRGINIA: Days suitable for field work 6. Topsoil moisture 8% very short, 45% short, and 47% adequate compared with 6% very short, 44% short and 50% adequate last year. Corn conditions 2% poor, 17% fair, 57% good and 24% excellent; 86% doughing, 78% 2008, 88% 5-yr avg.; 40% dented, 48% 2008, 62% 5-yr avg.; 7% mature, 3% 2008, 13% 5-yr avg. Soybean conditions 9% fair, 80% good, 11% excellent; dropping leaves 15%, 26% 2008, 35% 5-yr avg. Wheat 2% planted, 3% 2008, 4% 5-yr avg. Hay was reported 2% poor, 31% fair, 57% good, 10% excellent. Hay second cutting was reported 91% complete, 88% 2008, 85% 5-yr avg.; third cutting was reported 30% complete, 19% 2008, 22% 5-yr avg. Apple conditions 43% fair, 55% good and 2% excellent; 18% harvested, 31% 2008, 24% 5-yr avg. Cattle and calves were 1% poor, 13% fair, 81% good and 5% excellent. Sheep and lambs were 1% poor, 12% fair, 85% good and 2% excellent. Farming activities included harvesting vegetables, making hay and harvesting apples. Many areas across the state are in need of rain. Field and livestock water levels are being monitored closely. Some hauling of water and pastures showing signs of stress were reported.

WISCONSIN: Days suitable for fieldwork 6.9. Topsoil moisture 10% very short, 47% short, 43% adequate, and 0% surplus. Temperatures were 2 to 4 degrees above normal. Average high temperatures ranged from 75 to 81 degrees across the state. Lows averaged from 50 to 60 degrees for the week. Precipitation ranged from 0.04 inches in Eau Claire to 0.00 inches across the rest of the reporting stations. Corn 80% in dough stage, 40% dented, 1% mature, 4% harvested for silage was. Soybeans 43% leaves turned, 6% dropping leaves. Third cutting hay was complete 94% and fourth cutting hay was 29 percent complete. Warmer days this past week helped corn and beans to progress. Soybean fields are seeing a lot of white mold, aphids, and spider mites.

WYOMING: Days suitable for field work 6.7. Topsoil moisture 1% very short, 33% short, 65% adequate, 1% surplus. Subsoil moisture 5% very short, 22% short, 73% adequate. Barley 96% mature, 90% previous week, 100% 2008, 100% avg.; 75% harvested, 66% previous week, 88% 2008, 94% avg. Oats 95% mature, 87% previous week, 100% 2008, 99% avg.; 89% harvested, 82% previous week, 91% 2008, 91% avg. Spring Wheat 86% mature, 84% previous week, 100% 2008, 99% avg.; 82% harvested, 78% previous week, 93% previous year, 95% avg. Winter Wheat 52% planted, 28% previous week, 66% 2008, 68% avg.; 22% emerged, 5% previous week, 10% 2008, 26% avg. Dry Beans 90% setting pods, 88% previous week, 99% 2008, 100% avg.; 84% leaves turning color, 66% previous week, 81% 2008, 90% avg.; 41% windrowed, 18% previous week, 24% 2008, 44% avg.; 7% combined, 1% previous week, 8% 2008, 19% avg. Corn 96% milk, 91% previous week, 88% 2008, 95% avg.; 60% dough, 41% previous week, 69% 2008, 80% avg.; 16% dented, 4% previous week, 37% 2008, 49% avg. Corn harvested for silage 19% harvested, 7% previous week, 25% 2008, 35% avg. Alfalfa harvested 93% second cutting, 86% previous week, 93% 2008, 95% avg.; 17% third cutting, 9% previous week, 20% 2008, 28% avg. Other hay harvested 99% total cut, 94% previous week, 94% 2008, 97% avg. Sugarbeets condition 7% fair, 87% good, 6% excellent. Dry beans condition 5% poor, 19% fair, 76% good. Corn condition 2% poor, 19% fair, 79% good. Range and pasture conditions 1% very poor, 10% poor, 38% fair, 46% good, 5% excellent. Stock water supplies 1% very short, 9% short, 90% adequate. Reports of grass hopper infestation throughout counties continued. Warm temperatures and little precipitation reported. Activities hay harvest, small grain harvest, planting winter wheat, moving hay to stock yards, branding and moving livestock.