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ALABAMA: Days suitable for fieldwork was 6.6. Topsoil 52% very short, 35% short, 13% adequate, 0% surplus. Corn silked 93%, 82% 2005, 85% avg.; condition 41% very poor, 27% poor, 25% fair, 7% good, 0% excellent. Soybeans 97% emerged, 94% 2005, 91% avg.; 39% blooming, 25% 2005, 14% avg.; setting 13% pods, 10% 2005, 3% avg.; condition 23% very poor, 40% poor, 30% fair, 7% good, 0% excellent. Pasture condition 32% very poor, 38% poor, 28% fair, 2% good, 0% excellent. Livestock condition: 5% very poor, 18% poor, 45% fair, 29% good, 3% excellent. Rain will help late planted corn significantly, yet in some areas of the state corn is getting worst. Cotton is starting to look better and has a shot for normal yields along with soybeans.

ALASKA: Days suitable for fieldwork 4.0. Topsoil 5% short, 90% adequate, 5% surplus. Subsoil 5% short, 90% adequate, 5% surplus. Barley 30% headed, Condition 30% poor, 40% fair, 30% good. Oats 55% in-boot, Condition 25% poor, 35% fair, 40% good. Potatoes 95% emerged, Condition 5% poor, 30% fair, 55% good, 10% excellent. Hay 1st cutting harvest complete 20%, Condition 15% poor, 20% fair, 65% good, growth 5% slow, 80% moderate, 15% rapid. Wind and rain damage to crops was reported as 95% none, 5% light. Activities Were: Cutting and harvesting hay, weed control, and irrigating fields.

ARIZONA: Temperatures for the State were mostly above normal for the week ending July 9. Precipitation was reported at 18 of the 22 reporting stations. Marana received the most at 2.20 inches of precipitation. Buckeye, Roll received the lowest precipitation at 0.01 inches. All of the reporting stations are at below normal precipitation for the year to date. Alfalfa condition remains mostly fair to good. Range, pasture conditions remain very poor to poor. Squaring has occurred on 90 percent of the cotton acreage, 47 percent of the cotton acreage have set bolls. Cotton condition is mostly fair to good.

ARKANSAS: Days suitable for field work 6.0. Soil 16% very short, 51% short, 33% adequate. Corn 100% silked, 98% prev week, 91% prev year,92% 5- yr avg.; 39% doughed, 19% prev week, 20% prev year,18% 5- year Avg. Rice 2% headed, 1% prev week, 2% prev year, 3% 5- year avg. Soybean 100% planted, 99% prev week, 98% prev year, 98% 5- yr avg.; 99% emerged, 97% prev week, 95% prev year, 95% 5- yr avg.; 53% bloomed, 36% prev week, 45% prev year, 35% 5- yr avg.; 24% Pods Set, 11% prev week, 18% prev year, 10% 5- year avg. Sorghum 73% headed, 52% prev week, 53% prev year,61% 5 Year Avg; 1% coloring, na prev week, 2% prev year, 3% 5- year avg. Cotton 99% squared, 96% prev week, 97% prev year, 95% 5- year avg. 48% Bolls set, 18% prev week, 43% prev year, 42% 5- year avg. Corn 0% very poor, 8% poor, 27% fair, 48% good, 17% excellent. Cotton 1% very poor, 8% poor, 32% fair, 45% good, 14% excellent. Rice 1% very poor, 5% poor, 26% fair, 53% good, 15% excellent. Sorghum 1% very poor, 12% poor, 49% fair, 33% good, 5% excellent. Soybeans 4% very poor, 17% poor, 36% fair, 36% good, 7% excellent. Hay-Alfalfa 1% very poor, 19% poor, 68% fair, 12% good, 0% excellent. Hay-Other 1% very poor, 12% poor, 47% fair, 35% good, 5% excellent. Pasture, Range 1% very pPoor, 20% poor, 45% fair, 30% good, 4% excellent. Farmers continued irrigation on all crops. The silking stage on the corn crop was completed last week while the doughing stage, at 39%, remained ahead of its 5 year average. The

crop remained in mostly good condition. Cotton squaring was nearly complete with almost half the crop having set bolls. The cotton crop was in fair to mostly good condition. Rice headed was 2% complete and the condition was mostly good. Sorghum began to turn color last week. Sorghum headed remained ahead of schedule. The condition of sorghum was mostly fair to good condition. Soybean planting was completed with crop emergence nearly complete. Both bloomed and pods set stages on soybeans, at 53% and 24% respectively, were ahead of their 5 year average. Livestock remained in good condition. Conditions on the hay crops maintained mostly fair condition despite a decrease in soil moisture ratings. Pasture and range environment deteriorated due to lack of soil moisture.

CALIFORNIA: Alfalfa growers continued their work of cutting, windrowing, baling and irrigating fields. Drying conditions were ideal, and a fourth cut began in Merced County. The cotton crop was maturing well. Boll setting progressed rapidly, and insecticide was applied to some fields. Rice continued to emerge from flooded fields, and weed treatment on many fields was underway. Wheat harvest was complete in some areas. and wheat straw was being baled. Late planting of sunflower seed continued in Sutter County. In Fresno County, garbanzo harvest began. In Tulare County, blackeye beans were still blooming. Sugar beet harvest of last year's crop continued while this year's crop was irrigated, cultivated, side-dressed and sprayed with fungicides. The corn crop was also progressing well. Depending on the area, some fields were tasseling. Corn silage was harvested. Some fields were replanted, while others were treated for worms and weeds. Safflower was in full bloom, and some fields were set for harvest. Stone fruit growers were still busy with cultural practices; this included irrigation, cultivation and insecticide treatments. Harvest continued in most districts and thinning continued in some late season stone fruit orchards. Picking and packing was still in progress for many varieties. Varieties included June Lady, June Flame, July Flame, and Red Top peaches; June Pearl, Snow Flare, Prince Jim, and Mango nectarines; Castlebrite, Queen Cot, Diamond Cot and Poppy apricots; Flavorosa, Early Dapple Dandy and Early Dino Egg pluots; and Early Queen, Black Amber, Sugarosa and Santa Rosa plums. In the San Joaquin Valley fruit maturity has increased with hotter weather. Apricot and pluot harvest was complete in some districts. Apple and pear orchards were treated to control the leaffooted bug, worms, aphids, and hoppers. Cultural practices in vineyards included suckering vines, fungicide applications and applying growth regulator. Harvest of Flame Seedless grapes was expected to begin in approximately one week in the south end of the San Joaquin Valley. Heat has helped grape maturity in the San Joaquin Valley, but has also caused some harm to exposed Red Globe berry clusters. Pomegranates continued to flourish and set fruit. Fig harvest was still in progress. In Fresno County, strawberry harvest continued with hotter temperatures slowing down the harvest. Blackberry and boysenberry harvest continued. Navel orange harvest was slowing down. The Valencia orange harvest slowed down in the San Joaquin Valley while it continued steadily in other districts. Star Ruby grapefruit was being picked and packed. Lemon harvest continued. Some citrus orchards were being irrigated and treated to control weeds and insects. Almond, walnut, and pistachio nuts were maturing and sizing up in all areas and orchards were irrigated. Some growers were concerned with hull splitting on almonds. Almond orchards were treated for the leaffooted bug, aphids, and worms. Planting of fresh market tomato, honeydew, and freezer lima beans continued. Cantaloupe planting was complete in some areas. In other areas, cantaloupe maturity has been slow and harvest has been delayed. Transplanting of late season melons and tomatoes continued and some fields were irrigated and treated with insecticides. Onions grown for seed were blooming. Harvest of some fields of garlic and onion continued and some fields were treated to control weeds, fungus and insects. Various Asian vegetables continued to be harvested as well as amaranth, basil, beets, cucumbers, dandelion, daikon, eggplant, green beans, and mustard greens. Cattle movement from dry foothill pastures to summer pastures or to market was complete. Some cattle, mainly beef cows, remained on foothill pastures where dry grass was ample. Summer pastures were in good condition with plenty of water for irrigation in mountain areas. Hot temperatures were stressful on livestock and poultry in valley areas. Milk production was negatively impacted by the heat in spite of fans and misters to cool cows. Stock ewes were grazing in small grain hay fields and retired farmland. A few ewes grazed in alfalfa fields. Bees pollinated melon, alfalfa, and small grain fields in central California and seed crops in northern California.

COLORADO: Days suitable for fieldwork 4.5. Topsoil 20% very short, 29% short, 47% adequate, 4% surplus. Subsoil 33% very short, 45% short, 22% adequate, 0% surplus. Widespread rainfall was a welcome relief from dry warm conditions reported over the past few months. The much-needed moisture slowed winter wheat harvesting throughout the state. Spring wheat 88% headed, 93% 2005, 93% avg.; 25% turning color, 29% 2005, 29% avg.; condition 5% very poor, 11% poor, 26% fair, 38% good, 20% excellent. Spring barley 94% headed, 94% 2005, 98% avg.; 28% turning color, 30% 2005, 35% avg.; condition 1% very poor, 6% poor, 25% fair, 46% good, 22% excellent. Alfalfa hay 1st cutting 94%, 96% 2005, 95% avg.; 2nd cutting 18%, 18% 2005, 16% avg.; condition 6% very poor, 19% poor, 31% fair, 38% good, 6% excellent. Dry onions condition 5% very poor, 6% poor, 22% fair, 50% good, 17% excellent. Sugarbeets condition 7% very poor, 16% poor, 30% fair, 35% good, 12% excellent. Summer potatoes condition 2% very poor, 8% poor, 5% fair, 42% good, 43% excellent. Fall potatoes condition 11% poor, 25% fair, 49% good, 15% excellent. Dry beans 3% flowered, 5% 2005, 5% avg.; condition 2% very poor, 12% poor, 34% fair, 50% good, 2% excellent.

DELAWARE: Days suitable for fieldwork 3.8. Topsoil 2% short, 52% adequate, 46% surplus. Subsoil 3% short, 60% adequate, 37% surplus. Corn condition 2% poor, 7% fair, 65% good, 26% excellent; 40% silked, 24% 2005, 36% avg. Soybean condition 3% poor, 9% fair, 63% good, 25% excellent.; 87% planted, 98% 2005, 90% avg.; 80% emerged, 87% 2005, 97% avg.; 9% blooming, 3% 2005, 4% avg. Barley 97% harvested , 98% 2005, 97% avg. Winter Wheat 73%, harvested 39% 2005, 71% avg. Pasture condition 3% poor, 28% fair, 62% good, 7% excellent. Other hay 2nd cutting 54%, 49% 2005, 62% avg. Alfalfa hay 2nd cutting 71%, 77% 2005, 73% avg.; 3rd cutting 13%, 0% 2005, 4% avg. Apple condition 1% very poor, 4% poor, 14% fair, 70% good, 11% excellent. Peach condition 1% very poor, 3% poor, 10% fair, 72% good, 14% excellent. Peaches harvested 11%, 3% 2005, 9% avg. Watermelons 10% harvested, 5% 2005, 7% avg. Cucumbers harvested 17%, 14% 2005, 13% avg. Snap beans harvested 27%, 9% 2005, 21% avg. Sweet corn 13% harvested, 6% 2005, 8% avg. Tomatoes 6% harvested, 2% 2005, 2% avg. Cantaloups 9% harvested, 5% 2005, 4% avg. Hay supplies 8% short, 77% adequate, 15% surplus. Low lying fields are still underwater. Sunny end of the week allowed wheat harvest to continue but cucumbers are still in trouble.

FLORIDA: Topsoil 25% very short, 28% short, 45% adequate, 2% surplus. Subsoil 23% very short, 50% short, 25% adequate, 2% surplus. Rainfall range: none to about 7.50 in. Balm; some northern, Panhandle ponds dry, wild fire danger very high; some unofficial rain totals over 8.00 in., for spots along southwestern coast, a few coastal localities, Big Bend area. Temperature average: major cities, near normal. Daytime highs: 80s, 90s. Nighttime lows: 60s, 70s. Peanut condition 30% very poor, 27% poor, 24% fair, 18% good, 1% excellent; 45% pegged, last year 57%; 5-yr avg 70%. Irrigated peanuts, cotton developing normally, dryland crops suffering from drought, Panhandle, some northern Peninsula areas; yield prospects reduced significantly. Panhandle, northern Peninsula soil moisture mostly very short; central, southern Peninsula soil moisture short to adequate. Tomato picking, Quincy, active. Dade County growers marketed okra. Most watermelon picking finished. Southern, central Peninsula growers cleared fields, prepared ground for fall crop planting. Thunderstorms, showers midweek brought 7.50 in. rain, south of Tampa; over 3.00 in. northern citrus area. Highs, low to mid 90s; Lake Alfred

highest temperature at 95 degrees. Trees irrigated, well cared for early in season overall look good. Fruit progressing well; oranges about golf-ball size; grapefruit running baseball size. Valencias being picked for season; labor reported a problem with workers transitioning to other crops. Season continue this year to at least third week of July. Juice processing plants remain open to get as many Valencia oranges as possible. Activity in groves includes applications of copper sprays for canker, disease control, nutritional sprays, cleaning ditches, fertilizing, mowing, irrigating. Pasture Feed 10% very poor, 30% poor, 30% fair, 25% good, 5% excellent. Cattle Condition 5% very poor, 5% poor, 60% fair, 25% good, 5% excellent. Panhandle: pasture very poor to excellent, most poor condition due to prolonged drought, stock ponds very low or dry. North: pasture very poor to poor. Central: pasture poor to excellent. Southwest: pasture poor to good, most poor condition. Statewide: cattle very poor to excellent, most in fair condition.

GEORGIA: Days suitable for field work 6.3. Soil 23% very short, 49% short, 28% adequate. Corn 70% dough, 57% 2005, 72% avg.; 34% dent, 13% 2005, 31% avg.; 2% mature, 0% 2005, 6% avg. Soybeans 99% planted, 98% 2005, 98% avg.; 95% emerged, 95% 2005, 95% avg. Sorghum 6% very poor, 17% poor, 37% fair, 39% good, 1% excellent; 95% planted, 88% 2005, 94% avg. Apples 9% poor, 28% fair, 49% good, 14% excellent. Hay 17% very poor, 24% poor, 41% fair, 17% good, 1% excellent. Peaches 3% poor, 35% fair, 62% good; 51% harvested, 54% 2005, 63% avg. Peanuts 86% blooming, 86% 2005, 87% avg. Pecans 10% very poor, 32% poor, 36% fair, 21% good, 1% excellent. Tobacco 4% very poor, 19% poor, 42% fair, 32% good, 3% excellent; 12% harvested, 9% 2005, 13% avg. Watermelons 83% harvested, 56% 2005, 73% avg. Scattered rain showers throughout the week improved conditions, although more would be welcomed. The week began with high temperatures in the mid 90's, but a front moved across the state Wednesday, bringing much needed rain to many areas and easing extreme temperatures. Highs by week's end averaged in the mid eighties with nighttime lows in the upper 60's to low 70's. While the overall condition of the state conitued dry, heavy showers improved soil moisture conditions in parts of the State. Pastures and hay fields began to green up with the week's rain although they are still growing slowly. Cattle producers were still feeding hay to livestock. Hay producers reported lower than average yields on harvested fields. Damage from drought may be irreparable in many pastures and hay fields. Peanuts began to peg and soybeans began blooming and setting pods in the central part of the state. Disease pressure for peanuts is reportedly light. Corn harvest is expected to be in full swing by the end of the month. Cotton was setting bolls and insects are light so far. Sunflower heads were not filling out because of the prolonged heat and dry conditions. Irrigated crops remained in fair shape while dryland crops are reported in poor condition. Corn silage harvest began. Producers applied herbicides and fungicides to peanuts, and applied herbicides and fertilizer to cotton. They also applied suckercides and topped tobacco. Cutworm populations were heavy in sandy, tilled fields and required treatment. Worms were reported in hayfields and cornstalk borers were reported on peanuts.

HAWAII: Weather conditions across the State during the week ending were a combination of variable trade winds, abundant sunshine and few light showers during early morning, evening hours mainly over the windward and mountain areas. Leeward sections remained dry throughout the week. High temperatures during the day enhanced fruit development of crops. At midweek, winds blew stronger as a high pressure system drifted eastward across the Hawaiian Islands. Windy conditions caused concerns regarding flower set and fruit development of crops. Irrigation levels continued moderate to heavy for the parched fields. As the end of the week approached, normal trade winds blew and brought back favorable weather conditions.

IDAHO: Days suitable for fieldwork 6.8. Topsoil 3% very short, 18% short, 79% adequate, 0% surplus. Winter Wheat 100% jointed, 100% boot stage, 97% headed, turning color: 41%, 36% 2005, 40% avg.; condition 0% very poor, 5% poor, 11% fair, 69% good, 15% excellent. Spring Wheat 100% jointed, 93% boot stage. Barley 100% jointed, 85% boot stage. Potatoes 12" high: 90%, 70% 2005, 85% average; closing middles: 59%, 33% 2005, 50% average. Alfalfa Hay 1st cutting% harvested 94, 93% 2005, 94% avg.; 2nd cutting harvested 29%, 11% 2005, 25% average. Irrigation Water Supply 3% fair, 42% good, 55% excellent. Idaho's crops progressed rapidly last week in the hot weather, aided by isolated thunderstorms.

ILLINOIS: Days suitable for fieldwork 6.3. Topsoil 24% very short, 39% short, 37% adequate. Corn dough 3%, 3% 2005, 3% avg. Winter Wheat 95% ripe, 96% 2005, 93% avg. Oats 96% filled, 97% 2005, 90% avg.; Turning yellow 74%, 84% 2005, 65% avg. Ripe 31%, 43% 2005, 28% avg.; 12% Harvested, 24% 2005, 11% avg. Alfalfa 2nd crop cut 83%, 79% 2005, 61% avg.; 3rd crop cut 9%, 6% 2005, 4% avg. Red Clover 97% cut, 98% 2005, 94% avg. Alfalfa condition 1% very poor, 9% poor, 29% fair, 50% good, 11% excellent. Pasture condition 7% very poor, 13% poor, 33% fair, 41% good, 6% excellent. Precipitation across the state was below normal once again this past week, while below average temperatures prevented crops from succumbing to stress. Rain is needed across the state to replenish topsoil moisture supplies and improve crop conditions and growth. Producers continue to spray fields for insects and weeds. Japanese beetles have been causing damage throughout different parts of the state. Wheat harvest is nearly complete. Alfalfa hay third crop baling has gotten underway in some areas. Corn silking and soybeans blooming are both ahead of the five year averages.

Days suitable for fieldwork 5.9. Topsoil 4% very short, 19% short, 70% adequate, 7% surplus. Subsoil 3% very short, 15% short, 74% adequate, 8% surplus. Corn condition 3% very poor, 8% poor, 29% fair, 48% good, 12% excellent; 13% silked, 28% 2005, 24% avg. Soybeans 12% blooming, 43% 2005, 27% avg.; condition 3% very poor, 7% poor, 31% fair, 51% good, 8% excellent. Winter wheat harvest made good progress in central, northern areas. Winter wheat harvest 70% complete, 81% 2005, 74% avg. Pastures 1% very poor, 4% poor, 20% fair, 66% good, 9% excellent. Alfalfa 2nd cutting of complete 53%, 64% 2005, 41% avg. Livestock are in mostly good condition with adequate pasture. Average temperatures ranged from 5° below normal to 1° above normal with a high of 95° and a low of 49°. Irrigation systems have been running in some north central, northwest areas as rain showers have been spotty. Precipitation averaged from 0 to 2.48 inches. Activities Included: Baling hay, straw, attending county fairs, spraying chemicals, harvesting wheat, scouting fields for insects, mowing roadsides, ditches, and taking care of livestock.

Days suitable for fieldwork 6.5. Topsoil 29% very short, 38% short, 31% adequate, 2% surplus. Subsoil 24% very short, 36% short, 39% adequate, 1% surplus. Much of lowa received little to no rain last week while isolated areas of east central lowa have had too much moisture. Cooler temperatures have bought the soybean and corn crops some time; although precipitation is still needed. As corn pollination nears, moisture concerns have heightened. Oats headed increased to 98, equivalent to the 5-yr avg.; 79% turning color, an increase of 40 percentage points from last week and 1 percentage point ahead of last year. Oat condition 1% very poor, 7% poor, 20% fair, 55% good, 17% excellent. Corn tasseled reached 21 percent, ahead of the 17 percent at this point in 2005. Corn silked stands at 8 percent. Corn condition 2% very poor, 7% poor, 23% fair, 46% good, 22% excellent. Soybeans 51% blooming, condition 2% very poor, 7% poor, 26% fair, 47% good, 18% excellent. Alfalfa 2nd harvest complete 62%. Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Some reports of pink eye in cattle have been received. Pasture, range 11% very poor, 23% poor, 30% fair, 30% good, 6% excellent. The heat and dry conditions have impacted pastures with some going dormant.

KANSAS: Days suitable for fieldwork 5.9. Topsoil 14% very short, 45% short, 40% adequate, 1% surplus. Subsoil 21% very short, 51% short, 28% adequate. Some areas reported receiving hail. Wheat harvest, row crop planting are nearly complete while alfalfa cutting continued as the major activity. Corn 8% dough, 3% 2005, 4% avg. Sorghum 96% emerged, 96% 2005, 96% avg. Soybeans 99% emerged, 97% 2005, 98% avg. Sunflowers 95% planted, 97% 2005, 97% avg.; 87% emerged, 91% 2005, 90% avg.; condition 4% very poor, 5% poor, 29% fair, 52% good, 10% excellent. Alfalfa 2nd cutting harvested 86%, 89% 2005, 85% avg.; 3nd cutting harvested 4%, 15% 2005, 8% avg. Feed grain supplies 2% very short, 11% short, 85% adequate, 2% surplus. Hay, forage supplies 4% very short, 23% short, 70% adequate, 3% surplus. Stock water supplies were 15% very short, 21% short, and 64% adequate.

KENTUCKY: Days suitable for fieldwork 5.1. Topsoil 4% very short, 31% short, 61% adequate, 4% surplus. Subsoil 6% very short, 25% short, 67% adequate, 2% surplus. Most of the State received much needed rain

this week, after nearly 5 weeks of below normal rainfall. Although, there are some parts of the State still in need of rain. Precipitation statewide was 1.15 in., 0.09 above normal. Temperatures averaged 73°, 2° below normal. As of Sunday, July 9, 50% of tobacco transplants were under 24 in., 30% 24-36 in., and 20% over 36 in. Blue mold and black shank were the most prevalent diseases reported. Tobacco condition 1% very poor, 4% poor, 24% fair, 53% good, 18% excellent. Winter wheat harvest nearly complete at 98%. Pasture conditions 1% very poor, 6% poor, 32% fair, 51% good, 10% excellent. Fieldwork Included: Baling hay, harvesting wheat, and topping early set tobacco. The condition of the hay crop 2% very poor, 8% poor, 37% fair, 43% good, 10% excellent.

LOUISIANA: Days suitable for fieldwork 3.8. Soil 6% very short, 33% short, 57% adequate, 4% surplus. Corn 3% very poor, 10% poor, 43% fair, 42% good, 2% excellent; 82% dough, 65% last week, 69% in 2005, 77% avg.; 14% mature, 4% last week, 7% in 2005, 10% avg. Soybeans 100% emerged, 99% last week, 100% in 2005, 97% avg.; 5% turning color, 0% last week, 0% in 2005, 0% avg. Peaches 61% harvested, 45% last week, 82% in 2005, 67% avg. Hay 2nd cutting 35%, 19% last week, 14% in 2005, 17% avg. Sugarcane 11% very poor, 16% poor, 41% fair, 27% good, 5% excellent. Livestock 0% very poor, 9% poor, 46% fair, 42% good, 3% excellent. Vegetable 5% very poor, 19% poor, 42% fair, 32% good, 2% excellent. Range and pasture 9% very poor, 22% poor, 49% fair, 19% good, 1% excellent.

MARYLAND: Days suitable for fieldwork 4.5. Topsoil 2% short, 76% adequate, 22% surplus. Subsoil 1% short, 86% adequate, 13% surplus. Corn condition 1% very poor, 2% poor, 13% fair, 54% good, 30% excellent; 36% silked, 17% 2005, 32% avg. Soybean condition 1% very poor, 2% poor, 23% fair, 54% good, 20% excellent; 91% planted, 99% 2005, 89% avg.; 88% emerged, 87% 2005, 97% avg. Winter wheat 70% harvested, 57% 2005, 70% avg. Pasture condition 2% very poor, 7% poor, 31% fair, 45% good, 15% excellent. Other hay 2nd cutting 41%, 58% 2005, 44% avg. Alfalfa hay 2nd cutting 75%, 78% 2005, 68% avg.; 3rd cutting 6%, 10% 2005, 12% avg. Apple condition 1% fair, 99% good. Peach condition 17% fair, 78% good, 5% excellent. Peaches 10% harvested, 2% 2005, 5% avg. Cucumbers 27% harvested, 21% 2005, 26% avg. Snap beans 22% harvested, 23% 2005, 27% avg. Sweet corn 13% harvested, 8% 2005, 14% avg. Potatoes 35% harvested, 13% 2005, 13% avg. Tomatoes 13% harvested, 4% 2005, 8% avg. Cantaloups 11% harvested, 5% 2005, 8% avg. Hay supplies 5% very short, 16% short, 74% adequate, 5% surplus. Some soils are oversaturated with water giving vegetables a difficult time growing. Wheat harvesting continued successfully but little else due to sloppy field conditions.

MICHIGAN: Days suitable for fieldwork 6. Subsoil 6% very short, 29% short, 58% adequate, 7% surplus. Corn height 37 inches, 43 inches 2005, 35 inches avg. Winter Wheat 1% very poor, 3% poor, 25% fair, 55% good, 16% excellent. Winter Wheat turning 99%, 97% 2005, 91% avg. Barley 1% very poor, 15% poor, 27% fair, 48% good, 9% excellent. Oats 1% very poor, 6% poor, 24% fair, 52% good, 17% excellent. Oats headed 96%, 100% 2005, 91% avg. Oats turning 24%, 44% 2005, 25% avg. All hay 1% very poor, 8% poor, 27% fair, 49% good, 15% excellent. First cutting hay 98%, 95% 2005, 93% avg. Second cutting hay 39%, 30% 2005, 21% avg. Dry beans 0% very poor, 6% poor, 14% fair, 60% good, 20% excellent. Strawberries harvested 70%, 97% 2005, 96% avg. Blueberries harvested 5%. Tart cherries harvested 32%, 33% 2005. Precipitation amounts ranged from 0.15 inches southwest Lower Peninsula to 0.84 inches east central Lower Peninsula. Average temperatures ranged from 1 degree below normal west central, southwest, south central, and southeast Lower Peninsula to 3 degrees above normal eastern Upper Peninsula. Crop progress and condition depended on rainfall, which varied across State. Rainfall was greatest southeast and decreased going northwest across State. Corn continued to grow and was slightly above average for height. Soybean fields good condition. Reports of problems with nematodes Thumb region. First cuttings of hay nearly complete. Regrowth depended on availability of rains. Wheat harvest began southeast. Most oats headed and good condition. Dry beans continued to progress. Reports of herbicide injury in Thumb. Sugarbeet growth continued. Spraying will start due to reports of cercospora leaf spot. Apples across southeast and southwest grew to 2 inches diameter. Red Delicious apples northwest 1.75 inches. Peaches sized to 2 inches diameter southeast. Tart cherry harvest coming to end southern regions. West central producers midst of harvest. Northwest tart cherry harvest is expected to begin this week. Sweet cherry harvest underway across State. Cracking in northwestern sweet cherries not as severe as previously expected. Grape bloom ended

northwest. Blueberry harvest underway, and crop looked good. Vegetable crops continued to progress. Summer squash and zucchini harvest continued. Cucumbers continued to be harvested with increase volume. Carrots and celery continued to develop. Cabbage harvest continued at a rapid pace. Onion bulbs continued to develop. Early seeded pumpkin plants beginning to bloom. Potatoes continued to look good and beginning to size. Early planted sweet corn fields, harvest started some areas on a limited basis. Tomatoes and peppers continued to grow well.

MINNESOTA: Days suitable for fieldwork 6.8. Topsoil 19% very short, 46% short, 35% adequate, 0% surplus. Corn 60 in. height, 50 in. 2005, 43 in. avg. Soybeans 15 in. height, 14 in. 2005, 12 in. avg. Oats 42% turning ripe, 16% 2005, 14% avg. Barley 27% turning ripe, 5% 2005, 6% avg.; 2% harvested, 0% 2005, 0% average. Spring Wheat 23% turning ripe, 6% 2005, 6% avg. Pasture feed 11% very poor, 21% poor, 40% fair, 25% good, 3% excellent. Alfalfa 7% very poor, 13% poor, 34% fair, 41% good, 5% excellent. Sugarbeets 2% very poor, 12% poor, 21% fair, 41% good, 24% excellent. Dry Beans 4% very poor, 15% poor, 35% fair, 38% good, 8% excellent. Potatoes 1% very poor, 5% poor, 15% fair, 53% good, 26% excellent. Sunflower 1% very poor, 6% poor, 23% fair, 62% good, 8% excellent. Canola 0% very poor, 9% poor, 38% fair, 43% good, 10% excellent. Crop condition ratings continued to decline due to hot dry weather this past week. Topsoil moisture supplies across the state were rated as sixty-five Short or Very Short. Though some areas received light precipitation, most areas will need significant rain fall to relieve crop stress and improve topsoil and subsoil conditions. Second cutting alfalfa and pea harvest are mostly complete. Spraying for soybean aphids continues. The average temperature for the week was 69 90, 0.70 above normal

Days suitable for fieldwork 5.7. Soil 47% very short, 34% short, 19% adequate. Corn 100% silked, 96% 2005, 96% avg.; 80% dough, 58% 2005, 66% avg.; 36% dent, 8% 2005, 24% avg.; 13% very poor, 18% poor, 28% fair, 36% good, 5% excellent. Cotton 94% squaring, 89% 2005, 88% avg.; 57% setting bolls, 35% 2005, 46% avg.; 6% very poor, 14% poor, 24% fair, 49% good, 7% excellent. Peanuts 34% pegging, NA 2005, NA avg.; 16% poor, 57% fair, 27% good. Rice 11% heading, 9% 2005, 12% avg.; 1% very poor, 4% poor, 12% fair, 68% good, 15% excellent. Sorghum 86% heading, 71% 2005, 69% avg.; 16% turning color, NA 2005, 6% avg.; 3% very poor, 4% poor, 9% fair, 83% good, 1% excellent. Soybeans 95% blooming, 89% 2005, 77% avg.; 79% setting pods, 63% 2005, 52% avg.; 4% very poor, 11% poor, 26% fair, 47% good, 12% excellent. Wheat 100% harvested, 100% 2005, 100% avg. Hay 100% (Harvested Cool), 100% 2005, 100% avg.; 52% (Harvested Warm), 59% 2005, 52% avg.; 17% very poor, 32% poor, 26% fair, 25 good. Sweetpotatoes 85% planted, 94% 2005, 92% avg.; 34% poor, 30% fair, 36% good. Watermelons 75% harvested, 54% 2005, 52% avg.; 35% very poor, 17% poor, 35% fair, 13% good. Blueberries 5% fair, 95% good. Cattle 7% very poor, 25% poor, 43% fair, 22% good, 3% excellent. Pasture 18% very poor, 41% poor, 30% fair, 11% good. Mississippi received another douse of scattered showers over the past week. In spite of that, some crops may still suffer a yield loss. Insect pressure is reported to be light in some areas. Grazing conditions are improving where there has been rainfall, but operators are feeding hay to cattle as needed.

MISSOURI: Days suitable for fieldwork 6.6. Topsoil 32% very short, 48% short, 20% adequate. Subsoil 34% very short, 45% short, 21% adequate. Scattered showers, below normal temperatures during the week mitigated stress on row crops, helped keep conditions mostly fair to good. Drought stress was more pronounced in deteriorating pasture conditions, declines in moisture supplies. Alfalfa 2nd cutting 85%, 83% 2005, 71% average. Other hay cutting 92%, 92% 2005, 87% average. Pasture condition 22% very poor, 41% poor, 27% fair, 10% good. Stock water supplies 18% very short, 32% short, 49% adequate, 1% surplus. The west-central, central, southwest districts have counties that have been critically low on pond levels for quite some time. Temperatures were below normal for the week, ranging from 1 to 5° below average. Rainfall averaged 0.55 inches Statewide, with amounts by area ranging from 0.09 inches in the southwest to 0.91 inch in the west-central. Nearly all districts had some counties receive 1 to 2 inches, but nearby counties received little to no rain due to the scattered nature of summer storms.

MONTANA: Days available for field work 6.8. Topsoil 2% surplus, 3% last year, 25% adequate, 78% last year, 48% short, 17% last year, 25% very short, 2% last year. Subsoil 4% surplus, 3% last year, 34% adequate, 62% last year, 44% short, 29% last year, 18% very short, 6% last year. In spite of light precipitation received across Montana, hot

temperatures sapped topsoil and subsoil moisture causing declines in both categories from last week. Cooke City received the most moisture at 1.02 inches. Glendive experienced the high temperature of 99 degrees. Cooke City experienced the low temperature of 33 degrees. Winter wheat condition is better than last week's, but is still behind last year. Winter wheat boot is almost complete and the crop is starting to ripen with 2 percent ripe. Spring wheat boot is nearing completion with 74 percent of the crop headed. Durum wheat condition declined from last week. Durum wheat heading is ahead of last year and boot is almost complete. Barley and oats are near completion for the boot stage and heading is progressing faster than last year. Alfalfa and other hay harvest is ahead of last year and the five-year average. Range and pasture feed condition declined from last week. Reports indicate dry, hot weather is contributing to the decline in pasture condition in some areas Winter wheat condition is 2% very poor, 0% last year, 8% poor, 4% last year, 28% fair, 13% last year, 44% good, 46% last year, 18% excellent, 37% last year. Winter wheat turning is 90%, 62% last year. Winter wheat ripe is 2%. Spring wheat is 95% boot, 87% last year. Spring wheat headed is 74%, 59% last year. Spring wheat condition is 5% very poor, 1% last year, 10% poor, 3% last year, 39% fair, 14% last year, 42% good, 67% last year, 4% excellent, 15% last year. Durum wheat boot is 95%, 70% last year. Durum wheat headed is 58%, 41% last year. Durum wheat condition is 2% very poor, 8% last year, 29% poor, 17% last year, 36% fair, 27% last year, 32% good, 37% last year, 1% excellent, 11% last year. Barley is 95% boot, 91% last year. Barley headed is 73%, 61% last year. Barley condition is 2% very poor, 0% last year, 7% poor, 4% last year, 27% fair, 22% last year, 43% good, 53% last year, 21% excellent, 21% last year. Oats are 92% boot, 87% last year, and 76% headed, 61% last year. Oats condition is 2% very poor, 1% last year, 11% poor, 3% last year, 23% fair, 14% last year, 55% good, 64% last year, 9% excellent, 18% last year. Alfalfa first cutting is 83% complete, 59% last year. All other hay first cutting is 70% complete, 57% last year. Range and pasture feed condition is 5% excellent, 14% last year, 43% good, 50% last year, 33% fair, 25% last year, 14% poor, 9% last year, and 5% very poor, 2% last year.

Days suitable for fieldwork 6.4. Topsoil 30% very short, NEBRASKA: 39% short, 31% adequate, 0% surplus. Subsoil 37% very short, 39% short, 24% adequate, 0% surplus. Weather conditions remained warm, dry over a majority of the state with exception of a few west central areas that picked up an inch or more of precipitation. Producers were irrigating, putting up hay, practicing weed control, continuing wheat and oat harvest. Temperatures ranged from 6° below normal to 2° above, with highs in the upper 90's in northwestern counties. Precipitation since April 1 has been 30 to 40 percent below normal in all districts. Oats 99% headed, 97% 2005, 98% avg.; 36% harvested, 15% 2005, 16% avg. Alfalfa conditions 11% very poor, 17% poor, 36% fair, 31% good, 5% excellent; 74% of 2nd cutting taken, 62% 2005, 50% avg. Wild hay 15% very poor, 22% poor, 44% fair, 19% good, 0% excellent. Proso Millet 90% planted, 98% 2005. Pasture, range conditions 20% very poor, 31% poor, 35% fair, 14% good, and 0% excellent.

NEVADA: Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.0. Temperatures were near to above normal, another series of thunderstorms passed through the State. Precipitation totals were varied with Elko recording 1.03 inch, Ely.98 inch, and Las Vegas only a trace. Reno, Winnemucca recorded .10 inch and .05 inch, respectively. Lightning, fireworks ignited more rangeland fires, approximately 35,000 acres burned. River, stream levels continued to recede as mountain snow packs thinned. Corn, Sudan fields continued to show good growth. Potatoes were in good shape and entering bloom. Alfalfa second cutting was active and some hay was damaged by rains. Meadow grass haying continued. Onion fields were in very good condition. Livestock were being rotated on Summer ranges. Crickets remained a problem in the north. Activities: Moving cattle, sheep, hay harvest, irrigation, weed and pest control.

NEW ENGLAND: Days suitable for field work 5.9. Topsoil 2% short, 61% adequate, 37% surplus. Subsoil 62% adequate, 38% surplus. Pasture condition 3% poor, 11% fair, 65% good, 21% excellent. Maine Potatoes 100% emerged, 100% 2005, 100% average; condition good. Rhode Island Potatoes: condition good/excellent. Massachusetts Potatoes: condition good. Maine Oats: condition good/excellent. Maine Barley: condition good/excellent. Field Corn 95% planted, 99% 2005, 99% avg.; 85% emerged, 95% 2005, 95% average; condition very poor/poor in Vermont and good/fair elsewhere. Sweet Corn 95% planted, 95% 2005, 99% avg.; 90% emerged, 90% 2005, 95% average; condition good/fair. Shade Tobacco: condition fair in Connecticut and good in

Massachusetts. Broadleaf Tobacco 100% planted 100% 2005; 100% average; condition good/fair in Connecticut and good in Massachusetts. First Crop Hay 65% harvested, 80% 2005, 80% average; condition poor/fair in Vermont, fair/good elsewhere. Second Crop Hay 5% harvested, 15% 2005, 15% average; condition good/excellent. Apples: Fruit size average; condition good/fair. Peaches: Fruit size average; condition fair/good in Connecticut and good elsewhere. Pears: Fruit size average; condition fair/poor in Connecticut and good elsewhere. Strawberries 90% harvested, 75% 2005, 80% average; Fruit size average; condition poor/fair in Connecticut and Vermont, good/excellent in New Hampshire, and good/fair elsewhere. Massachusetts Cranberries: Full Bloom to Petal Fall, condition good/fair. Highbush Blueberries: 10% harvested, 0% 2005, 5% average; Fruit size average/above average in Maine, and average elsewhere; condition good. Maine Wild Blueberries: Fruit size average; condition excellent. Heavy thunderstorms scattered across the region early in the week hit crops hard. Hail, rain, and lightning in Southern New England shredded field corn, hit fruit trees, ruined vegetable crops, damaged siding on buildings, took trees down, and hit irrigation equipment. Farmers welcomed drier conditions by week's end. Many took advantage of the dry weather to catch up on field work delayed by the saturated soils. Activities lincluded: Planting, re-planting sweet corn, field corn, vegetables, chopping haylage and baling hay, spreading manure on harvested hay fields, harvesting greens, lettuce, peas, radishes, cucumbers, summer squash, carrots, strawberries, spraying protective fungicides, side dressing, fertilizing fields, cultivating, mowing weeds, working in greenhouses, scouting for pests and spraying if needed.

NEW JERSEY: Days suitable for field work 4.0. Topsoil 15% adequate, 85% surplus. Temperatures averaged near normal across most of the state. There were measurable amounts of precipitation in most localities for the week. Agricultural producers continued harvesting where conditions permitted, but there was very little field activity because ground was too wet to work on. Spraying continued across the state. A reporter in the northern district indicated water had affected some cantaloupe fields. There was a report in the central district of some disease on pasture grasses, turf and some vegetables. Harvest of lettuces, cabbage, snap beans, sweet corn, tomatoes, herbs, and cucumbers continued. Picking of blueberries continued in the central district. Bees continued to pollinate cranberries. Peaches were sizing well in the northern district. Wheat was rated in mostly fair condition. Corn and soybean were rated in mostly good condition. Pasture was rated in mostly good to excellent condition.

NEW MEXICO: Days suitable for field work 6.1. Topsoil 26% very short, 48% short, 23% adequate, 3% surplus. Some areas had to deal with flash floods during the week. Tatum, Tucumcari, Moriarty, Santa Fe and Clayton all measured over 2 inches of moisture. Clouds, precipitation held temperatures down to normal or a couple of degrees below normal. Wind damage 20% light, 6% moderate. Farmers spent the week irrigating, harvesting, baling hay. Alfalfa 21% fair, 57% good, 22% excellent with 94% of the second cutting complete and 62% of the third cutting complete. Irrigated sorghum was reported as mostly fair to excellent with 1% headed. Dry sorghum was reported as mostly poor to fair. Total sorghum condition 5% very poor, 33% poor, 37% fair, 20% good, 5% excellent. Irrigated winter wheat 96% harvested. Dryland wheat 100% harvested. Total wheat 99% harvested. Peanuts were reported as fair to excellent; 51% pegged. Pecan conditions were fair to excellent. Cotton 1% very poor, 1% poor, 19% fair, 58% good, 21% excellent; 77% squaring, 26% setting bolls. Chile condition was in fair to excellent condition. Onions 80% harvested. Corn condition was in mostly fair to excellent condition with 38% silked. Cattle conditions 4% very poor, 12% poor, 59% fair, 18% good, 7% excellent. Sheep 8% very poor, 21% poor, 62% fair, 9% good. Ranges, pastures received some moisture this week, with conditions reported as 34% very poor, 36% poor, 24% fair, 6% good. Farmers and ranchers report rain in most counties, however, more rain is needed. Ranchers continue to supplement feed and haul water, and livestock producers continue to sell off their livestock.

NEW YORK: Days suitable for fieldwork 5.5. Soil 5% short, 59% adequate, 36% surplus. Pasture conditions 3% poor, 31% fair, 45% good, 21% excellent. Clover Timothy s 69% harvested compared to 86% a year ago. Dry beans 88% planted compared to 100% last year. Grass silage 80% harvested compared to 96% last year. Warm, dry weather conditions provided greater opportunity for haying. Oats looked very good. Many producers were catching up on fieldwork because of the

terrible weather previously. In the Lake Ontario fruit region, strawberry harvest came to an end, and growers reported a good harvest. In the Finger Lakes fruit region, cherry producers had tart cherry damage due to excessive rain. Vegetable planting continued in the Capital region with tomato planting 97% complete, lettuce planting 97% complete, and sweet corn planting for fresh market 95% complete. Early green pea yields were higher than average.

NORTH CAROLINA: Days suitable for field work 4.9. Soil 9% short, 76% adequate, 15% surplus. Activities Included: Planting sorghum, soybeans, sweetpotatoes, cutting hay, and harvesting potatoes, peaches and small grains. Most of North Carolina experienced scattered showers with below normal temperatures during the week. Rainfall amounts remain below normal for the calendar year for most of the state, with the worst being 12.1 inches below normal.

NORTH DAKOTA: Days suitable for fieldwork 6.8. Topsoil 31% very short, 45% short, 24% adequate, 0% surplus. Subsoil 21% very short, 41% short, 37% adequate, 1% surplus. Crop condition ratings declined due to continued warm, dry weather last week. With only limited precipitation in isolated areas during the week, above normal temperatures further depleted available moisture. Durum wheat 95% jointed, 93% 2005, 86% avg.; 81% boot, 72% 2005, 61% avg.; 51% headed, 49% 2005, 35% avg.; 17% milk, 12% 2005, 8% avg.; 5% turning, 0% 2005, 0% average. Barley 97% boot, 92% 2005, 85% avg.; 52% milk, 35% 2005, 25% avg.; 16% turning, 4% 2005, 5% average. Spring wheat 97% boot, 93% 2005, 83% avg.; 50% milk, 31% 2005, 24% avg.; 14% turning, 3% 2005, 3% average. Oats 97% boot, 86% 2005, 83% avg.; 56% milk, 31% 2005, 27% avg.; 23% turning, 3% 2005, 4% average. Canola 89% blooming, 93% 2005, 80% avg.; 6% turning, 3% 2005, 2% average. Dry Edible Beans 44% blooming, 20% 2005, 13% avg.; 8% setting pods, 1% 2005, 0% average. Dry edible peas 96% flowering, 89% 2005, average not available; 7% mature, 0% 2005, average not available. Flaxseed 82% blooming, 78% 2005, 48% avg.; 3% turning, 2% 2005, 1% average. Potatoes 84% blooming, 49% 2005, 40% avg.; 53% rows filled, 9% 2005, 22% average. Sunflower 5% blooming, 1% 2005, 0% average. Emerged crop conditions ratings: Durum Wheat 3% very poor, 17% poor, 36% fair, 38% good, 6% excellent; Canola 3% very poor, 10% poor, 35% fair, 40% good, 12% excellent; Dry Edible Beans 1% very poor, 13% poor, 37% fair, 44% good, 5% excellent; Dry Edible Peas 2% very poor, 14% poor, 35% fair, 44% good, 5% excellent; Flaxseed 3% very poor, 12% poor, 43% fair, 38% good, 4% excellent; Potatoes 3% very poor, 16% poor, 36% fair, 38% good, 7% excellent; Sugarbeets 2% very poor, 7% poor, 31% fair, 55% good, 5% excellent; Sunflower 2% very poor, 15% poor, 35% fair, 42% good, 6% excellent. Stockwater supplies were rated 12% very short, 28% short, 60% adequate, 0% surplus. The first cutting of alfalfa was 94% complete, other hay 62% complete. Hay conditions 23% very poor, 28% poor, 27% fair, 21% good, 1% excellent.

Days suitable for field work 3.9. Topsoil 0% very short, 4% OHIO: short, 76% adequate, 20% surplus. Soybeans 25% blooming, 44% 2005, 29% avg.; 1% setting pods, 0% 2005, 1% avg. Winter wheat 95% ripe, 89% 2005, 82% avg.; 20% harvested, 48% 2005, 39% avg. Oats 22% ripe, 6% 2005, 12% avg. Cucumbers 97% planted, 99% 2005, 91% avg. Strawberries 95% harvested, 97% 2005, 99% avg. Summer apples 9% harvested, 7% 2005, 11% avg. Peaches 3% harvested, 1% 2005, 6% avg. Alfalfa hay 2^{nd} cutting 42%, 56% 2005, 34% avg. Other hay 1^{st} cutting 97%, 99% 2005, 95% avg.; 2^{nd} cutting 18%, 26% 2005, 17% avg. Corn condition 1% very poor, 7% poor, 24% fair, 48% good, 20% excellent. Hay condition 1% very poor, 3% poor, 23% fair, 57% good, 16% excellent. Livestock condition 0% very poor, 0% poor, 16% fair, 66% good, 18% excellent. Oats condition 1% very poor, 3% poor, 26% fair, 58% good, 12% excellent. Pasture condition 1% very poor, 5% poor, 23% fair, 54% good, 17% excellent. Soybean condition 3% very poor, 8% poor, 29% fair, 46% good, 14% excellent. Strawberries condition 0% very poor, 3% poor, 32% fair, 48% good, 17% excellent. Winter wheat condition 2% very poor, 6% poor, 23% fair, 53% good, 16% excellent. Farmers took advantage of nearly four days suitable for fieldwork last week to cut hay, haul manure and grain, spray fields for weed control, and harvest winter wheat.

OKLAHOMA: Days suitable for fieldwork 6.3. Topsoil 49% very short, 36% short, 15% adequate. Subsoil 63% very short, 28% short, 9% adequate. Wheat plowed 80% this week, 69% last week, 69% last year, 70% average. Rye plowed 88% this week, 85% last week, 72% last year,

46% average. Oats harvested 100% this week, 89% last week, 97% last year, 93% avg.; plowed 81% this week, 72% last week, 67% last year, 65% average. Corn 4% very poor, 15% poor, 21% fair, 22% good, 38% excellent; silking 72% this week, 50% last week, 52% last year, 53% avg.; dough 30% this week, 25% last week, 24% last year, 26% avg.; mature 4% this week, N/A last week, N/A last year, 1% average. Sorghum 99% planted this week, 92% last week, 99% last year, 98% avg.; emerged 84% this week, 77% last week, 83% last year, 90% average. Soybeans 6% very poor, 26% poor, 31% fair, 33% good, 4% excellent; planted 99% this week, 94% last week, 98% last year, 95% avg.; emerged 92% this week, 86% last week, 94% last year, 91% avg.; blooming 29% this week, 20% last week, 19% last year, 26% avg.; setting pods 13% this week, 7% last week, 3% last year, 5% average. Peanuts setting pods 27% this week, 19% last week, 32% last year, 14% average. Alfalfa 20% very poor, 26% poor, 31% fair, 18% good, 5% excellent; 2nd cutting 95% this week, 89% last week, 97% last year, 97% avg.; 3rd cutting 45% this week, 26% last week, 62% last year, 41% average. Other Hay 36% very poor, 34% poor, 21% fair, 6% good, 3% excellent; 1st cutting 79% this week, 74% last week, 85% last year, 85% avg.; 2nd cutting 7% this week, 4% last week, 14% last year, 20% average. Watermelon setting fruit 91% this week, 90% last week, 87% last year, 89% avg.; harvested 34% this week, 25% last week, 17% last year, 18% average. Livestock 30% very poor, 21% poor, 30% fair, 15% good, 4% excellent. Pasture, Range 31% very poor, 33% poor, 26% fair, 9% good, 1% excellent. Livestock: Livestock conditions continued to drop last week with over half of the livestock in poor to very poor condition. Insect pressures did improve and were mostly light. Livestock marketings were high as cattle numbers continued to increase at the sale barns due to a combination of poor pasture conditions and low hay supplies.

Oregon: Days suitable for fieldwork 6.6. Topsoil 6% very short 40% short, 53% adequate, 1% surplus. Subsoil moisture 4% very short 36% short, 60% adequate. Barley 95% headed, 87% previous week, 94% 2005, 96% avg. Barley 0% very poor, 0% poor, 13% fair, 74% good, 13% excellent. Spring wheat 93% headed, 93% previous week, 93% 2005, 94% avg. Spring wheat 0 % very poor, 0% poor, 17% fair, 68% good, 15% excellent. Winter wheat 3% harvested, 1% previous week, 7% 2005, 5% avg. 1st cutting alfalfa 99%, 95% previous week 2nd cutting alfalfa 37%, 21% previous week. Range & pasture 3% very poor, 6% poor, 34% fair, 44% good, 13% excellent. Weather: High temperatures for the week ranged from 62 degrees in Cresent City up to 101 degrees in Echo. The only other stations to report triple digit highs were Hermiston & Pendleton. All other weather stations outside of the costal areas reported highs in the upper 80's & above. Low temperatures for the week ranged from 32 degrees in Christmas Valley to 54 degrees in Ontario. Twenty-seven stations received rainfall this week, with Baker City reporting the greatest accumulation of .65 inches of moisture. All other stations reported less than a half of an inch of precipitation. Field Crops: Grass seed fields in the Willamette Valley were being cut. Some fields were a little wet from rains this past week. Significant rain last week in the Coquille Valley affected baled hay & hay on the ground. Grass hay is expected to be in short supply in that area. Grass crops continue to ripen in Jackson County, but are not quite ready for harvest. In eastern Oregon, Baker County experienced several thunderstorms & severe weather conditions. Hail damage to grain crops & potatoes was reported. Wheat is ripening rapidly in Malheur County. Most crops were still considered about two weeks behind normal. Some hail damage to grain crops was reported in Wallowa County. Hot temperatures are helping wheat mature quickly North Central Oregon, but harvest was still a couple of weeks away. Potato harvest started in Umatilla County. Vegetables: Farmer's markets were getting busier as more vegetable crops begin to be harvested. The first cherry tomatoes were ripening. The sweet corn crop continued to do well. The snap bean crop in Washington County was in good shape. Fruits & Nuts: Blueberry picking began throughout the Willamette Valley. Sweet cherry harvest continued & began to wind down in some Willamette Valley areas. June bearing strawberries began to wind down as well. Raspberry harvest continued. Prunes/plums, peaches, & pears continue to look good. Grapes also look good, but may be a smaller crop in the southern Willamette Valley. Tart cherries were ready in Clackamas County. Mild temperatures & windy conditions in Hood River County prevailed until the end of the week. Cherry harvest is well underway in the lower Hood River Valley. Summer orchard operations continued throughout the Hood River Valley. Cherry harvest was past its peak in The Dalles area, & continued in the eight mile area. Cherry harvest has not yet started in the Dufur valley. Apricots were not quite ripe; peaches were sizing nicely. Fruit crops continued to look good in southern Oregon. Blueberries & caneberries were ripening, with some blueberries being

picked. Nurseries & Greenhouses: Nurseries were irrigating & moving container plants. They were shipping containers plants & balled & burlaped plants to landscapers. Christmas trees growers spraying for weeds & getting ready to start shearing trees. Greenhouses working on fall plants & doing summer activities. Livestock, Range & Pasture: Pastures & rangeland remained in good condition throughout most areas of the State. Some dryland pastures began to decline but adequate forage was still available. Recent isolated thunder storms benefited rangeland in eastern Oregon. Most higher elevation rangeland remained in good condition. Livestock were reported in good condition throughout the State.

PENNSYLVANIA: Days suitable for fieldwork 4. Soil 1% short, 74% adequate, 25% surplus. Corn 5% silk, 8% 2005, 8% avg.; height 55 inches, 46 inches 2005, 42 inches avg.; condition 1% very poor, 5% poor, 15% fair, 49% good, 30% excellent. Barley 97% ripe, 100% 2005, 97% avg.; 89% harvested, 85% 2005, 84% avg. Winter wheat 94% ripe, 75% 2005, 66% avg.: 41% harvested, condition 11% very poor, 22% poor, 23% fair, 32% good, 12% excellent. Oats 92% heading, 92% 2005, 89% avg.; 36% turning yellow, 27% 2005, 29% avg.; condition 3% poor, 16% fair, 65% good, 16% excellent. Soybean crop condition 3% poor, 17% fair, 58% good, 22% excellent. Alfalfa 2nd cutting complete 48%, 59% 2005, 48% avg.; condition 4% poor, 19% fair, 52% good, 25% excellent. Timothy clover 1st cutting complete 89%, 91% 2005, 84% avg.; 2nd cutting complete 9%, 16% 2005, 10% avg.; condition 1% very poor, 7% poor, 33% fair, 45% good, 14% excellent. Peach crop condition 51% good, 49% excellent. Apple crop condition 50% good, 50% excellent. Quality of hay made 11% very poor, 8% poor, 31% fair, 38% good, 12% excellent. Pasture conditions 1% very poor, 3% poor, 20% fair, 59% Activities Included: Spraying pesticides, good, 17% excellent. topdressings, making hay, repairing equipment, harvesting wheat, barley, and spreading manure.

SOUTH CAROLINA: Days suitable for field work 6.2. Soil 9% very short, 36% short, 53% adequate, 2% surplus The highest official temperature reported was 99° at Cheraw, Johnston on July 3. The lowest official temperature reported was 520 at Caesars Head on the morning of July 7. The heaviest official 24-hour rainfall reported was 2.02 inches at Charleston AP on July 6. The average statewide rainfall for the period was 0.3 inches. . Barley 100% ripe, 100% 2005, 100% avg.; 94% harvested, 92% 2005, 96% avg. Corn 97% silked, 97% 2005, 95% avg.; 57% doughed, 53% 2005, 55% avg.; 2% matured, 1% 2005, 8% avg.; 4% poor, 39% fair, 45% good, 12% excellent. Cotton 73% squared, 58% 2005, 63% avg.; 13% bolls set, 7% 2005, 12% avg.; 10% poor, 31% fair, 51% good, 8% excellent. Oats 97% harvested, 92% 2005, 97% avg. Other Hay 50% harvested, 34% 2005, 47% avg.; 8% very poor, 7% poor, 34% fair, 49% good, 2% excellent. Peanuts 63% pegged, 57% 2005, 52% avg.; 26% fair, 69% good, 5% excellent. Rye 100% harvested, 91% 2005, 96% avg. Sorghum 99% planted, 99% 2005, 99% avg.; 60% headed, 59% 2005, 60% avg.; 21% turned color, 20% 2005, 21% avg.; 19% fair, 78% good, 3% excellent. Soybeans 99% planted, 99% 2005, 99% avg.; 97% emerged, 94% 2005, 96% avg.; 10% bloomed, 12% 2005, 15% avg.; 2% pods set, 2% 2005, 3% avg; 4% poor, 33% fair, 56% good, 7% excellent. Sweet Potatoes 23% poor, 15% fair, 62% good. Tobacco 86% topped, 69% 2005, 74% avg.; 7% harvested, 7% 2005, 7% avg.; 1% poor, 38% fair, 56% good, 5% excellent. Winter Wheat 99% harvested, 96% 2005, 98% avg. Apples 40% fair, 60% good. Cantaloupes 80% harvested, 59% 2005, 74% avg.; 6% poor, 44% fair, 50% good. Cucumbers 100% harvested, 91% 2005, 97% avg. Peaches 48% harvested, 37% 2005, 42% avg.; 3% very poor, 14% poor, 32% fair, 43% good, 8% excellent. Snap beans 95% harvested, 87% 2005, 91% avg. Tomatoes 79% harvested, 79% 2005, 79% avg.; 3% poor, 13% fair, 67% good, 17% excellent. Watermelons 64% harvested, 49% 2005, 65% avg.; 44% fair, 56% good. Livestock 1% poor, 28% fair, 67% good, 4% excellent. Pastures 7% very poor, 13% poor, 35% fair, 43% good, 2% excellent.

SOUTH DAKOTA: Days suitable for fieldwork 6.7. Topsoil 34% very short, 38% short, 28% adequate. Subsoil 36% very short, 30% short, 33% adequate, 1% surplus. Feed supplies 13% very short, 33% short, 51% adequate, 3% surplus. Stock water supplies 24% very short, 29% short, 45% adequate, 2% surplus. Winter wheat 99% turning color, 93% 2005, 84% avg.; 77% ripe, 27% 2005, 25% avg. Barley 42% turning color, 32% 2005, 26% avg.; 2% ripe, 0% 2005, 2% avg. Oats 53% turning color, 28% 2005, 29% avg.; 8% ripe, 0% 2005, 4% avg. Spring wheat 74% turning color, 37% 2005, 32% avg.; 9% ripe, 0% 2005, 4% avg. Sunflower 25% very poor, 24% poor, 37% fair, 13% good, 1% excellent. Average

corn height (inches) 51 in., 40 in. 2005, 38 in. avg.; cultivated/sprayed twice 87%, 65% 2005, 66% avg.; tasseled 8%, 2% 2005, 2% avg. Sorghum 100% emerged, 93% 2005, 80% avg. Sunflower 0% blooming, 0% 2005, 1% avg. Cattle condition 3% poor, 22% fair, 59% good, 16% excellent. Sheep condition 1% poor, 17% fair, 58% good, 24% excellent. Range, pasture 22% very poor, 24% poor, 27% fair, 25% good, 2% excellent. Alfalfa hay 25% very poor, 24% poor, 23% fair, 23% good, 5% excellent; 1st cutting harvested 95%, 93% 2005, 91% avg.; 2nd cutting harvested 31%, 17% 2005, 20% avg. Other hay 71% harvested, 55% 2005, 54% avg. Row crop, small grain development advanced ahead of normal. Range, pastures are mostly in fair to good conditions. Precipitation amounts were greatest in the southwestern part of the state. Activities Included: Haying, cultivating, spraying row crops, machinery repair, preparation for small grain harvest, fixing fence, and tending to livestock.

TENNESSEE: Days suitable for fieldwork 6. Topsoil 11% very short, 26% short, 60% adequate, 3% surplus. Subsoil 11% very short, 27% short, 61% adequate, 1% surplus. Pastures 4% very poor, 12% poor, 28% fair, 52% good, 4% excellent. Hay 4% very poor, 12% poor, 33% fair, 46% good, 5% excellent. Tobacco 1% very poor, 5% poor, 25% fair, 53% good, 16% excellent. Scattered showers, cooler temperatures across the State last week provided much needed relief to stressed crops and helped improve the overall condition of corn, cotton, hay, and pastures. Farmers continued applying chemicals for weed and insect control. Temperatures last week averaged 1 to 3 degrees below normal across the entire State, while precipitation averaged below normal for the western portion of the State and above normal elsewhere.

TEXAS: Agricultural Summary: Coastal areas from the Coastal Bend to the Louisiana border received over 3 inches of rain, amounts over 6 inches were recorded near the Gulf. Further inland, from the Lower Valley through South Central and South East Texas, many areas had 1 to 4 inches of precipitation. One-half to 2 inches of rain fell in much of the Northern High Plains and scattered parts of the western Trans-Pecos, Edwards Plateau, Blacklands, and North East. Most of the rest of Texas recorded a trace to 0.25 inches of moisture. Growers in the High Plains applied heavy irrigation despite the week's rains, which were not enough to make up for previous hot and dry weather. Harvest of hay and grain sorghum was delayed by the wet weather. Pasture improved in many areas, especially along the coast, but the improvement was expected to be temporary in most drought-stressed areas. Ranchers continued to provide supplemental feed and reduce herd sizes. Small Grains: Wet conditions hampered the harvest of the few remaining acres of wheat in the High Plains. Farmers began to plow harvested fields in the Low Plains in preparation for next year's crop. Cotton: Growers replanted dryland acreage in areas of the High Plains, but some counties expected to zero out virtually all of the dryland crop. The irrigated crop looked "pretty decent" in the High Plains, with very light insect problems, and blooms appeared in some fields. The rain gave some relief to fields in the Blacklands and South Central Texas. Some plants shed squares and bolls under cloudy, wet weather in the Coastal Bend. Insects were a problem in the Upper Coast, where heavy rain delayed pesticide application. Statewide, cotton condition was mostly rated fair to poor. Corn: The irrigated crop was progressing well in the High Plains, where some of the fields were beginning to tassel. Growers in areas of the Blacklands harvested virtually all of their crop for silage. The week's precipitation was "too little too late" for fields in South Central Texas. The corn condition statewide was mostly rated fair to very poor. Sorghum: Irrigated acreage looked "OK" in the High Plains, but the week's rains were not enough to help the condition of the dryland crop. A few producers began harvesting for grain in the Blacklands, where scattered showers helped the crop somewhat. Rain received during the week was too late to help many fields in South Central Texas. Harvest was delayed by the rain in those fields that did well enough to produce grain in South Central Texas, the Coastal Bend, the Upper Coast. Statewide, sorghum condition was mostly rated fair to poor. Peanuts: Planting was complete in the major growing area of South Texas, where the crop was progressing well. Peanut condition statewide was rated mostly fair to good. Rice: Heading continued in the early planted rice fields of the Upper Coast. The condition of rice was mostly rated fair to good. Soybeans: Growers in areas of the Blacklands continued to bale soybeans for hay. Harvest began in the Upper Coast. Statewide, the condition was mostly rated fair to poor. Commercial Vegetables, Fruit and Pecans In the San Antonio-Winter Garden, producers had finished harvesting watermelons and cantaloups in some localities. Farmers continued to harvest watermelons in the Southern High

Plains, where some spider mite damage was reported. East Texas producers also harvested watermelons, as well as blueberries and tomatoes. South East growers began picking Freestone peaches. Watermelon, cantaloup harvest was in full swing in the Trans-Pecos. Irrigated pumpkins progressed well in the Northern High Plains, but some producers had a hard time controlling weeds. Pecans: Nut development looked good in the Trans-Pecos. Some growers in the Edwards Plateau were concerned that trees were not producing fruit, in order to survive the drought. Other growers in that area reported nut drop in trees that did produce fruit. Livestock, Range, Pasture Report: Producers continued to provide supplemental feed and cull herds, as the extra moisture in many areas of Texas gave only temporary relief to very dry range and pasture land. Hay was still in short supply across the state, and many stock ponds were still low. Cattle condition was generally fair to good, according to most reporters. Some producers weaned calves and lambs early to cut stocking rates, in response to dry conditions.

UTAH: Days suitable for field work 6. Subsoil 7% very short, 38% short, 55% adequate, 0% surplus. Irrigation Water Supplies 6% very short, 13% short, 81% adequate, 0% surplus. Winter Wheat 8% harvested, 15% 2005, 6% avg.; 100% headed, 100% 2005, 100% avg.; Condition 1% very poor, 10% poor, 39% fair, 45% good, 5% excellent. Spring Wheat 90% headed, 76% 2005, 90% avg.; 3% harvested, 3% 2005, 2% avg.; 2% very poor, 21% poor, 30% fair, 42% good, 5% excellent. Barley 93% headed, 82% 2005, 92% avg.; 9% harvested (grain), 3% 2005, 3% avg.; Condition 0% very poor, 4% poor, 25% fair, 61% good, 10% excellent. Oats 72% headed, 64% 2005, 71% avg.; harvested for Hay or Silage 59%, 45% 2005, 53% avg. Corn 8% silked (tasseled), 0% 2005, 0% avg.; condition 0% very poor, 2% poor, 24% fair, 63% good, 11% excellent; height 38 inches, 22 inches 2005, 31 inches avg. Alfalfa Hay 1st Cutting 99%, 99% 2005, 99% avg.; 2nd Cutting 40%, 18% 2005, 27% avg. Other Hay Cut 68%, 73% 2005, 70% avg. Cattle, calves moved From Summer Range 44%, 0% 2005, 0% avg. Cattle, calves condition 0% very poor, 0% poor, 14% fair, 75% good, 11% excellent. Sheep, lambs moved To Summer Range 100%, 99% 2005, 99% avg. Sheep Condition 0% very poor, 1% poor, 17% fair, 79% good, 3% excellent. Range, Pasture 5% very poor, 14% poor, 30% fair, 48% good, 3% excellent. Stock Water Supplies 1% very short, 15% short, 81% adequate, 3% surplus. Apricots 22% harvested, 26% 2005, 47% avg. Sweet Cherries 75% harvested, 60% 2005, 78% avg. Tart Cherries 20% harvested, 18% 2005, 23% avg. Field operations continue to be in full swing. This week produced some much needed rainfall around the state. Livestock continues to do well. The spring wheat harvest is just underway. The second cutting of hay has progressed to 40% harvested around the state, while the first cutting of hay is complete. Wayne County reports that 50% of the first crop was damaged due to the rainfall. Corn is looking good around the state-Weber County expects a better than average yield. Harvest for sweet cherries, tart cherries, and apricots continues. Box Elder County reports that spring wheat conditions are below average and safflower field conditions are fair to poor. Cache County reports no major problems with the exception of a few grasshoppers. Irrigation continues to be a major activity. This week's rain has improved pasture and range conditions in some areas

VIRGINIA: Days suitable for field work 5.0. Topsoil 1% very short, 10% short, 76% adequate, 13% surplus. Subsoil 3% very short, 21% short, 71% adequate, 5% surplus. Most areas in the Commonwealth spent this week trying to recover from the heavy rains and flooding experienced from the previous week. Average rainfall across the state was above average at 1.47 inches. The average temperature was 74°, which is below normal for this time of year. Soil moisture levels remain satisfactory. The previous heavy rains, flooding caused tobacco producers concern as their crops showed the affect of excessive moisture. Cooler weather, timely rainfall have helped pastures, hayfields continue to show improvement. Grain harvest was again delayed due to the rainfall. This also caused a delay in planting late, double crop soybeans. Peach, potato harvests are underway while the tomato harvest is expected to begin at anytime. The sweet corn harvest continues, producers are still reporting good yields. Calves are being vaccinated for fall VQA sales, heifers are being selected for heifer development. Activities Included: Spraying soybeans, bush hogging, scouting fields, cleaning around the farm, and scouting for soybean rust.

WASHINGTON: Days suitable for field work 6.8. Topsoil 2% very short, 37% short, 60% adequate, 1% surplus. A hailstorm in the southeast region of the state caused some damage to winter wheat,

spring wheat, barley, potatoes and alfalfa. The storm and high temperatures caused conditions to decrease slightly as a result. Winter wheat was turning and harvest will begin shortly. Irrigation continued to be in full swing as producers tried to minimize the impact of decreasing soil moisture. Green pea harvest is underway and greenhouse tomato growers began harvesting. Fruit producers reported crop damage to apples, pears and cherries from the heavy hailstorm that took place. Strawberry quality and yields were good this year but there is a labor shortage for harvesting. The raspberry and cherry harvest continued and the blueberry harvesting has begun. Range and pasture conditions 12% very poor, 3% poor, 15% fair, 65% good, 5% excellent. Pastures were in good condition but began to show stress from the heat. Livestock are growing fast due to the healthy pastures. Some livestock losses were reported in Douglas County due to the hail damage. Oyster growers continued harvesting and treating heavily infested burrowing shrimp area

WEST VIRGINIA: Days suitable for field work 4.0. Topsoil 2% short, 83% adequate, 15% surplus compared with 8% very short, 24% short, 67% adequate, 1% surplus last year. Hay 1% very poor, 10% poor, 39% fair, 46% good, 4% excellent. Hay 1st cutting complete 87%, 92% 2005, 85% 5-yr avg.; 2nd cutting% complete 6, 7% 2005, 12% 5-yr avg. Winter Wheat conditions 35% fair, 65% good, 18% harvested, 42% 2005, 51% 5-yr avg. Oat conditions 38% fair, 62% good, 78% headed, 79% 2005, 82% 5-yr avg. Corn conditions 3% poor, 16% fair, 75% good, 6% excellent; 11% silked, 7% 2005, 12% 5-yr avg. Soybeans conditions 6% poor, 14% fair, 74% good, 6% excellent; 1% blooming, 11% 2005, 10% 5-yr avg. Apple conditions 8% poor, 33% fair, 51% good, 8% excellent. Peach conditions 7% poor 28% fair, 58% good, 7% excellent. Cattle, calves 1% very poor, 3% poor, 26% fair, 66% good, 4% excellent. Sheep, lambs 8% fair, 90% good, 2% excellent. First cutting of hay is almost complete despite the rainy weather the last three weeks. Activities Included: Making hay, repairing equipment, harvesting vegetables and wheat.

WISCONSIN: Days suitable for fieldwork 6.6. Topsoil 30% very short, 37% short, 32% adequate, and 1% surplus. Crops throughout the state need rain, but received very little this past week, especially in north, central areas. Crops on lighter soils showed more stress, while crops on heavy soil are holding steady. Temperatures were fairly normal for the week, ranging from 20 above normal to 10 below normal. Average high temperatures were in the low to mid 80s in most areas. Low temperatures averaged in the high 50s to low 60s during the week. Rainfall totals ranged from zero inches in Madison to 0.08 inches in La Crosse. Corn height was reported at an average of 52 inches, slightly taller than last year's 51 inches and above the 5-year average of 39 inches. Corn looked good in most areas, despite continued dry weather. Corn on heavy soils is faring better, but all corn could use rain to keep moving. Soybeans bloomed was at 21%, behind last year's progress of 36%, but ahead of the 5-year average of 13%. Soybeans on lighter soils showed some moisture stress in north and central Wisconsin, while soybeans on heavier soils are holding steady. Second cutting alfalfa was reported at 55% complete, above last year's 35% and the 5-year average of 22%. Dry weather enabled farmers to harvest second crop. Farmers in some north and central areas of the state had low yields, since dry weather hindered strong regrowth. Overall quality was rated at good, but rain is needed to help with third crop regrowth. Leafhoppers have also been reported in the alfalfa, mostly in northern and central parts of the state. Oats headed was reported at 97%, ahead of last year's 94% and the 5-year average of 82%. Strawberry harvest is complete throughout the state. Sweet corn was tasseling in some areas.

WYOMING: Days suitable for fieldwork 6.2. Topsoil 27% very short, 49% short, 24% adequate. Subsoil 36% very short, 44% short, and 20% adequate. Temperatures during the week ending Friday, July 7th, were above normal across the entire State with the exception of Cheyenne. Averages ranged from 1.4° below normal in Chevenne to 5.2° above normal in Jackson. The high temperature was 97 in Newcastle while the low was 35 in Wheatland. All reporting stations received precipitation although amounts varied greatly. Half of the stations reported amounts below normal while others experienced intense thunderstorm activity. The most precipitation was reported in Cheyenne with 2.81 inches, Cody with 2.25 inches, and Redbird with 1.83 inches. Stock water supplies 17% very short, 42% short, 40% adequate, 1% surplus. Barley 73% headed, 70% 2005, 72% 5-yr avg.; 44%turning color, 26% 2005, 22% 5-year average. The barley crop is just starting to mature. Oats boot 87%, 82% 2005, 76% 5-yr avg.; 56% headed, 54% 2005, 48% 5-yr avg.; 18% turning color, 8%

2005, 9% 5-year average. Spring wheat 76% headed, 74% 2005, 57% 5-yr avg.; 28% turning color, 29% 2005, 19% 5-year average. Winter wheat 88% turning color, 88% 2005, 86% 5-yr avg.; 64% mature, 46% 2005, 32% 5-year average. Corn average height 42 inches, 2005 23 inches, 5-year average 26 inches. Dry beans 26% bloomed, 24% 2005, 15% 5-year average. Alfalfa 1st cutting harvested 90%, 73% 2005, 71% 5-year average. Other hay 29% harvested, 27% 2005, 26% 5-year average. Barley condition 1% very poor, 5% poor, 29% fair, 65% good. Oats condition 34% poor, 22% fair, 66% good, 4% excellent. Spring wheat condition 34% poor, 26% fair, and 40% good. Winter wheat condition 12% very poor, 26% poor, 33% fair, 28% good, 1% excellent. Sugarbeets condition 3% poor, 18% fair, 75% good, 4% excellent. Dry bean condition 2% poor, 40% fair, 58% good. Corn condition 1% poor, 32% fair, and 67% good. Range, pasture conditions 27% very poor, 32% poor, 27% fair, and 14% good.