

Weather Corner



National Weather Service Tonight: Mostly clear; low around 62. Breezy; south southeast wind from 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 91. Breezy, with a south wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear; low around 64. Breezy; south southeast wind from 15 to 25 mph; gusts as high as 40 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 93. Breezy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy and windy; low around 64.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a high near 94.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65.

Independence Day: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 89.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 63.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy; high near 90.

Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 62.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 89.

Monday: High, 92; Low 58
 Tuesday: High, 94; Low 66
 Precip: Monday 0.00 inches
 Tuesday 0.00 inches
 Month: 2.97 inches
 Year: 10.53 inches
 Normal: 9.94 inches
 (K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset
 Thursday 6:21 a.m. 9:21 p.m.
 (U.S. Naval Observatory)

Colby Water Use
 Monday 2,732,000 gal.
 Tuesday 2,961,000v gal.
 (Colby Public Works)

Good protein levels encourage harvesters

By Roxana Hegeman
Associated Press Writer

WICHITA – The winter wheat harvested by Kansas farmers has been “above average” in quality and quantity, easing early fears sparked by low protein in winter wheat cut in Texas and Oklahoma.

Wheat must be at least 12 percent protein to be good for bread, said Justin Gilpin, chief executive officer for the industry trade group Kansas Wheat. That’s also the preferred amount for wheat sold to customers such as Nigeria, Mexico and Japan.

Kansas wheat has been averaging about 12 percent protein, Gilpin said. In southern states like Texas and Oklahoma – where the nation’s winter wheat harvest begins

– protein levels had been averaging about 11 percent, with a lot of 10 percent protein wheat, he said.

“The market is encouraged that Kansas came in with better than last year’s protein,” Gilpin said. “I know the market was on edge because the Texas and Oklahoma crop early on looked to be coming in at a low protein.”

Meanwhile, the wheat harvest in Kansas passed the halfway mark with the return of hot, dry and windy weather.

The Kansas Agricultural Statistics Service reported Monday that 55 percent of the crop had been harvested, well ahead of the 52 percent average for this time of year.

With a favorable weather forecast for Kansas for the next four to five days, farm-

ers should make a lot of progress winding the harvest down this week, Gilpin said.

The wheat left in the field was mostly in good or better shape, the service reported, and 84 percent had reached maturity.

The yield, or amount harvested per acre, and quality of wheat cut so far promises an above-average crop across most of the state, Gilpin said.

Western Kansas had favorable growing conditions and moisture in fall and early spring that put the crop in good shape. South-central Kansas had some dry weather in early spring that stressed crop in that area.

North-central Kansas had some good looking crops – until hail storms hit just before harvest this month. Crops in Repub-

lic, Jewel and Cloud counties were severely hurt, Gilpin said.

Test weights in Kansas wheat have been coming in at or better than 60 pounds per bushel, the benchmark for the top quality wheat that makes for good flour, he said.

Among other major Kansas crops:

- Corn condition declined slightly this past week. It was rated as 11 percent excellent, 60 percent good, 23 percent fair, 5 percent poor and 1 percent very poor.
- Sorghum, or milo, condition was rated as 5 percent excellent, 69 percent good, 24 percent fair and 2 percent poor.
- Soybeans were rated as 9 percent excellent, 60 percent good, 26 percent fair, 4 percent poor and 1 percent very poor.

Rough seas pushing oil slick onto Gulf beaches

By Mary Foster and Tom Breen
Associated Press Writers

GRAND ISLE – Rough seas generated by Hurricane Alex pushed more oil from the massive spill onto Gulf Coast beaches Wednesday as cleanup vessels were sidelined by the faraway storm’s ripple effects.

The hurricane was churning coastal waters across the oil-affected region on the Gulf of Mexico. Six-foot waves and 25 mph winds were forecast through Thursday just offshore from the Mississippi Delta in Louisiana to the Florida Panhandle.

In Louisiana, the storm pushed an oil patch toward Grand Isle and uninhabited Elmer’s Island, dumping tar balls as big as apples on the beach. Cleanup workers were kept at bay by pouring rain and lightning that zigzagged across the dark sky. Boom lining the beach had been tossed about, and it couldn’t be put back in place until the weather cleared.

“The sad thing is that it’s been about three weeks since we had any big oil come in here,” marine science technician Michael Malone said. “With this weather, we lost all the progress we made.”

The loss of dozens of skimmers, combined with gusts driving water into the coast, left beaches especially vulnerable.

Large waves churned up by Hurricane Alex left Alabama beaches splattered with oil and tar balls Wednesday, even with Alex more than 500 miles away as it approached the Texas-Mexico coast. Long stretches were stained brown as far as 60 yards from the

edge of the water.

Oil deposits appeared worse than in past days, and local officials feared the slowdown would make matters worse as tourists come to the beach for the July Fourth holiday.

“I’m real worried about what is going to happen with those boats not running. It can’t help,” said Orange Beach Mayor Tony Kenon.

The nasty weather will likely linger in the Gulf through Thursday, National Weather Service meteorologist Brian LaMarre said.

In Florida, tar lumps the size of dinner plates filled a large swath of beach east of Pensacola in Navarre Beach after rough waves brought the mess ashore. Wind and rain kept crews from cleaning up the crude.

“The weather has hampered the cleanup. Our night crews went out there to try and verify exactly how much it was and it’s about half a mile,” said Santa Rosa County spokeswoman Joy Tsubooka.

She said cleanup crews would work throughout the day Wednesday, but lightning and rain from expected thunderstorms could slow the work.

Officials scrambled to reposition boom to protect the coast and had to remove barges barricading oil from sensitive wetlands. Those operations could soon get a boost from 12 countries and international organizations. Japan, for instance, was sending two skimmers and boom.

Alex is projected to stay far from the spill zone off the Louisiana coast. It is not expected to affect work at the site of the blown-out

well. But the storm’s outer edges complicated the cleanup.

Early Wednesday, Alex had maximum sustained winds near 80 mph (130 kph). The National Hurricane Center said the Category 1 storm is the first June Atlantic hurricane since 1995. It is on track for the Texas-Mexico border region and expected to make landfall Wednesday night.

As Alex approached, skimming efforts off the coasts of Louisiana, Florida, Alabama and Mississippi had mostly stopped.

BP’s disaster response plan for a spill didn’t mention hurricanes or tropical storms, Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass., said Wednesday during a congressional hearing. He said the omission is yet another example of what the oil giant was not prepared to handle.

At the main staging area for oil cleanup efforts around Grand Isle, stacks of boom, bottled water, ice chests and cleaning materials stood ready to load up when the work restarted.

Brothers Otis and Vahn Butler

of Houma got jobs there just three days ago.

“We’ve been steady busy until today,” Otis Butler said Tuesday. “Now we’re mostly standing around and looking around. We just find things to do when we can today. But once this is over, I bet we’ll be twice as busy.”

The rough seas and winds aren’t all bad, though – scientists have said they could help break apart the oil and make it evaporate faster.

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Thursday Evening											July 1, 2010	
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		
KAKE/ABC	Wipeout		Rookie Blue		Boston Med		Local	Nightline		Jimmy Kimmel Live		
KBSL/CBS	The Mentalist		CSI: Crime Scene		The Mentalist		Local	Late Show Letterman		Late		
KSNK/NBC	Community	Questions	Office	30 Rock	Office	Parks	Local	Wimbledon		Tonight Show w/Leno		
KSAS/FOX	Glee		So You Think		Local							
Cable Channels												
A & E	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48			
AMC	Hondo				Rio Bravo							
ANIM	The Haunted		The Haunted		The Haunted		The Haunted		The Haunted			
BRAVO	Top Chef		Bethenny, Married		Bethenny, Married		Bethenny, Married		Housewives/NJ			
CMT	Jimmy Buffett -The Gulf Coast		Stagecoach						Smarter	Smarter		
CNN	Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live			
COMEDY	Tosh.0	Ugly Amer	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Daily	Colbert	Futurama	Futurama		
DISC	River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters			
DISN	Sky High				Phineas	Hannah	Wizards	Deck	Suite	So Raven		
E!	Cameron Diaz		Miami	Miami	Holly's W	Holly's W	Chelsea	EI News	Chelsea	Soup Pres		
ESPN	World Cup Primetime				Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		Baseball	NFL Live		
ESPN2	MLS Soccer		Complete Wimbledon				World Series		SportsNation			
FAM	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?		
FOOD	Good Eats	Good Eats	Iron Chef America		Ace of Cakes		Good Eats	Unwrapped	Iron Chef America			
FX	27 Dresses				27 Dresses							
HGTV	First	My First	Selling N	Buck	House	House	House	House	Selling N	Buck		
HIST	Hillbilly				America-Story				Hillbilly			
LIFE	Reba	Reba	Legally Blonde				Will	Will	Frasier	Medium		
MTV	The Real World		Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore		Pranked	Pranked	The Real World			
NICK	Matters	Matters	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	Malcolm	Malcolm	The Nanny	The Nanny		
SCI	The Brothers Grimm		Enchanted				The Nightmare Before	Christmas	Brothers			
SPIKE	UFC Unleashed		TNA Wrestling				Half Pint	MANswers	MANswers	MANswers		
TBS	Failure to Launch				Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Lopez Tonight		Name Earl	Name Earl		
TCM	Rebel Without				Blackboard Jungle				The Delinquents			
TLC	Police Women		Police Women		Mall Cops	Mall Cops	Police Women		Mall Cops	Mall Cops		
TNT	Bones		Bones		John Q				CSI: NY			
TOON	Total	Flapjack	Adventure	Stoked	King-Hill	King-Hill	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen		
TRAV	Carnivore	Carnivore	Carnivore	Carnivore	3 Sheets	3 Sheets	Extreme Vegas		Carnivore	Carnivore		
TV LAND	Cosby	Cosby	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne		
USA	NCIS		Burn Notice		Royal Pains		White Collar		Burn Notice			
VH1	Hard Rock		The OCD Project		The OCD Project		The OCD Project		Behind the Music			
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SHOW	Superhero	Extract			Teller	Green	Teller	Green	The Real L Word			

Friday Evening											July 2, 2010	
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		
KAKE/ABC	Wife Swap		America Celeb		20/20		Local	Nightline		Jimmy Kimmel Live		
KBSL/CBS	Medium		Flashpoint		Miami Medical		Local	Late Show Letterman		Late		
KSNK/NBC	Friday Night Lights		Dateline NBC				Local	Wimbledon		Tonight Show w/Leno		
KSAS/FOX	Bones		House		Local							
Cable Channels												
A & E	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds			
AMC	The Horse Soldiers				The Wings of Eagles							
ANIM	Whale Wars		Whale Wars		Whale Wars		Whale Wars		Whale Wars			
BRAVO	Bad Boys				Bad Boys				Stripes			
CMT	Jimmy	Maverick						The Singing Bee	Smarter			
CNN	Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live			
COMEDY	Jeff Dunham: Spark of Insanity		Larry/Cable		Jeff Foxworthy		Ralphie May		Present			
DISC	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Dual Survival		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch			
DISN	Deck	Wizards	Phineas	Phineas	Wizards	Hannah	Phineas	Deck	Suite	So Raven		
E!	30 Beach Bodies				The Soup	Chelsea	EI News		Chelsea	The Soup		
ESPN	NASCAR Racing						SportsCenter		Baseball	NFL Live		
ESPN2	Complete Wimbledon						Boxing					
FAM	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos				The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?		
FOOD	Chopped		Diners	Diners	Chefs vs. City		Rachael's Vacation		Diners	Diners		
FX	Alvin-Chipmunk		Alvin-Chipmunk				Rescue Me		Fun With Dick & Jane			
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