

# Fire Situation Report – September 8, 2015

## Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Oklahoma Forestry Services



### PROTECTION AREA STATISTICS\* for Reporting Period 0800 thru 0800, 08/08/15 thru 09/08/15

NE Area – 3 Fires Burned 20 Acres (2-Escaped Debris, 1-Equipment)

EC Area – 24 Fires Burned 884.2 Acres (1-Incendiary, 2-Equipment)

SE Area – 63 Fires Burned 788.8 Acres (26-Incendiary, 20-Escaped Debris, 13-Equipment, 4-Lightning)

#### Large Fire Activity within the Protection Area:

- Spring (LeFlore County) – 400 acres, 100% Contained
- Ahern (LeFlore County) – 185 acres, 100% Contained

#### Large Fire Activity with OFS Response outside the Protection Area:

No Activity

#### OFS Prescribed Fire Activity:

No Activity

\* Protection Area Statistics do not reflect local fire department's fire run information. Statistics are for the ODAFF-Forestry Services' fifteen county Fire Protection Area in eastern Oklahoma unless otherwise noted in the Discussion section of this report.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS\*\* from [www.firereporting.ok.gov](http://www.firereporting.ok.gov) recorded on 08/08/15 thru 09/08/15

11 Fires Burned 69.1 Acres (4-Escaped Debris, 1-Equipment, 1-Lightning, 5-Miscellaneous) –  
Cordell, Guymon, Roosevelt, Greenfield and Skiatook FD's Reporting

\*\* - These statistics are from Fire Departments that have recorded their information on the Oklahoma, Forestry Services web-based Fire Reporting System. Totals do not reflect the total acres burned or total number of fires that have occurred in Oklahoma.

#### Statewide Discussion:

The National Weather Service, Norman office Facebook post this morning begins with "Cooler weather and some rain are on the way!" This is welcome news, especially in areas across southern Oklahoma where pockets of the state are nearing two months departure from a wetting rain. The forecast includes cooler temperatures and good rain chances as a cold front enters the state this morning. Scattered showers presently in extreme northern Oklahoma are expected to push southward through the state into the overnight bringing a boost to fuel moistures and moderation of short-term drought indices. In the wake of the cold front temperatures are expected to cool into the 80°s. The combination of cooler temperatures and increased fuel moistures is expected to moderate fire danger in large part.

The growing season is beginning to gradually shift toward dormancy evidenced by some of the herbaceous species exhibiting signs of seasonal curing. As seasonal curing occurs, herbaceous fuel types will require less time separation from precipitation events to be available for combustion as the heat-sink from live fuel moisture becomes less of a mitigating factor. Any two day dry period, especially of temperatures remain above 80° and afternoon relative humidity levels drop below 35%, will result in increasing fire danger. Abundant canopy cover and adequate live-woody fuel moisture is expected to moderate fire behavior in woodlands and forests for the time being. Overall, fires have exhibited minimal to limited resistance to suppression efforts.

**Special Note to the Public:** The growing season is beginning to wind down and as fuel moistures wane, the risk of agricultural activity related wildfires increases. Haying operations are still in full swing, and keeping up on routine maintenance and cleaning of mowers, haybines, swathers, conditioners and balers will reduce the risk of sparking a wildfire.

- Grease bearings and friction points.
- Regularly check belts for condition and adjustment.
- Occasionally check fuel and oil lines for leaks and areas of wear.
- Insure that radiator and cooling system are free of debris.
- Routinely clean out areas of debris buildup.
- Avoid operating in areas where machinery contact with rocks is likely.

**Remember... ONLY YOU can prevent wildfires! Enjoy Oklahoma's wildlands responsibly.**

**Report any suspicious wildland fire activity on the Arson Tip Line: 1-866-662-7766 (1-866-NO ARSON).**

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