

Crops

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growing point remains below the soil surface and is more protected from freezing injury.

However, with the warm conditions we experienced earlier this spring, the crop is running slightly ahead of schedule, and some fields have already reached or passed the jointing stage.

At this stage, the developing head has started to move up the elongating stem and is no longer protected.

In the coming days, we may start to see additional symptoms of freeze injury.

The extent of the injury will depend on several factors, including the growth stage of the plants, how low the temperature dropped, and how long temperatures remained at those levels.

Brief freezes often cause little damage, but several hours below critical temperatures during jointing or reproductive stages can

reduce yield.

What are the temperatures that can damage the wheat plants?

The potential for freeze injury depends largely on the growth stage of the crop. Anecdotal evidence sometimes suggests varietal differences in resistance to spring freeze injury, but this is often due to differences in plant maturity at the time of the freeze event.

Earlier-maturing varieties are more likely to be injured during spring freezes simply because they are typically more advanced in development.

The susceptibility of wheat plants to freeze injury steadily increases as the crop progresses from jointing to heading and flowering.

What freeze injury symptoms should I look for?

One common symptom is leaf tip burn, where leaf tips turn yellow and necrotic. This type of damage is

often cosmetic and may not significantly affect yield.

More severe freeze damage may cause entire leaves to turn yellow or white, and plants may lose their turgidity and appear flaccid. In some cases, a "silage" smell may be noticeable several days after the freeze event.

Brown Wheat Mite Activity in North Central Oklahoma

Following a period of dry weather, wheat growers in central Oklahoma are reporting activity of the Brown Wheat Mite (BWM). Unlike many other wheat pests, BWM thrives in drought conditions, and its damage can often be mistaken for moisture stress or nutrient deficiency.

Identification

The Brown Wheat Mite is small—about the size of a needle point—but is generally easier to spot than the Wheat Curl Mite because it is active on the leaf surface.

Biology and Life Cycle

BWM populations consist entirely of females that produce offspring without mating (parthenogenesis), allowing for extremely rapid population growth under dry conditions.

Damage

BWM damage is caused by the mites piercing plant cells and sucking out the plant nutrients.

Symptoms: Initial damage appears as "stippling" (fine white or yellow spots) on the leaves. As feeding continues, leaves take on a silvery or bronzed appearance.

Tipping: Heavy infestations cause the tips of the leaves to turn brown and die.

Weather Interaction: Damage is most severe when plants are already under drought stress. Because both BWM damage and drought cause yellowing/browning, it is essential to confirm the presence of mites before treating.

Fires

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two fires that flared up in Blaine County.

One burned near Greenfield and another was north of Hitchcock and south of Okeene.

A report said a member of the Okeene Fire Department was injured in that fire and was taken to Integris Baptist Burn Center with burns on his arms and neck.

The fires emerged amid a red flag warning that was posted for the northwestern two-thirds of the state, including Kingfisher County.

That's the highest level of alert issued by the National Weather Service to signal an extreme fire danger due to a combination of high winds, low humidity and dry vegetation.

The department's "state-wide discussion" stated a Red Flag Warning was in

effect beginning Thursday across a large area of Oklahoma as hot, dry and windy conditions over primarily dormant fuels ahead of a cold front navigating across Oklahoma Thursday night.

Light showers and a cool north breeze Friday morning brought some optimism to the situation, but substantial rain is needed.

Areas of Kingfisher received about .02 inch of rain thanks to a Friday morning shower, but mostly dry and windy conditions persisted much of the day.

The fire danger remained in place and potential for rapid rates of fire spread.

Fire weather moderates some on Saturday, although an attention getting pattern establishes next week that holds both wildfire (west) and rain/storms (east) in the current forecast.

Legal notices

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KINGFISHER COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In the Matter of the Estate of CHARLES L. GENDER, deceased

PB-2026-14

ORDER AND NOTICE FOR HEARING PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, ORDER WAIVING THE FILING OF AN INVENTORY AND APPRAISAL, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES, AND ISSUANCE OF LETTERS TESTAMENTARY

NOW, on this 23rd day of March, 2026 there having been produced in this Court an instrument purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Charles L. Gender, deceased, with a Petition praying that the Will be admitted to probate, that Dennis R. Reiswig, the person named as the Personal Representative in the Will, be appointed Personal Representative of the estate, that the Court enter an order waiving the filing of an inventory and appraisal, that the heirs, devisees and legatees of said decedent be determined by the Court, and that Letters Testamentary be issued to Dennis R. Reiswig.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That said Petition be and hereby is set for hearing on the **13th day of April, 2026 at 9:00 o'clock A.M.**, in the District Courtroom, Kingfisher County Courthouse 101 S. Main Street, Kingfisher, Oklahoma, when and where all persons interested may appear and contest the same.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that notice thereof be given by publication and by mailing a copy of the Notice of Hearing Petition to all the heirs, devisees and legatees of the decedent as required by law.

/s/ Lance E. Schneider
Judge of the District Court

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
/s/ Katherine Schneider
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by 74825, which established 80-acre drilling and spacing units for production of hydrocarbons from the Manning and Mississippian (Solid) common sources of supply, to delete the such common sources of supply underlying the NW/4, W/2 NE/4 and E/2 SW/4 of said Section 8, all in Township 17 North, Range 7 West, Kingfisher County, Oklahoma.

SPECIAL RELIEF: Applicant further requests that the order to be entered in this cause may be made effective prior to the date of issuance of the order.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the hearing on the Spacing is set before an Administrative Law Judge on **April 14, 2026**, at 8:30 a.m., at the Concourse Theater, Suite C50, Will Rogers Memorial Office Building, 2401 N. Lincoln Blvd., in the Capitol Complex, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105. The Concourse Theater is located in the tunnel between the Will Rogers Memorial Office Building and the Sequoyah Memorial Office Building.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the referenced hearing may be conducted via teleconference or videoconference. Instructions for participating via teleconference or videoconference are available on the Commission's website at www.occeweb.com.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Applicant and interested parties may present testimony by telephone. The cost of telephonic communication shall be paid by the person or persons requesting its use. Interested parties who wish to participate by telephone shall contact Applicant or Applicant's attorney, prior to the hearing date, and provide their names and telephone numbers.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all interested persons may appear and be heard. For information concerning this action contact **Peter Burns, Landman, Ovintiv USA Inc., 4 Waterway Square Place, Suite 100, The Woodlands, Texas 77380, Telephone: 281/674-2498; email: Peter.Burns@ovintiv.com** and/or Gregory L. Mahaffey and/or Caleb A. Hartwell, Attorneys, 300 N.E. 1st Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73104-4004, Telephone: 405/236-0478.

CORPORATION COMMISSION OF OKLAHOMA

KIM DAVID, Chairman

J. TODD HIETT, Commissioner

BRIAN BINGMAN, Commissioner

DONE AND PERFORMED ON THIS 25TH DAY OF MARCH 2026.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

GAREY L. WORTHAM, Commission Secretary LPXLP

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BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

APPLICANT: OVINTIV USA INC. RELIEF SOUGHT: EXCEPTION TO OAC 165:5-7-6

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST, KINGFISHER COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

CAUSE CD NO. 2026-001301

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL PERSONS, OWNERS, PRODUCERS, OPERATORS, PURCHASERS AND TAKERS OF OIL AND GAS, INCLUDING but not limited to all persons if living or if deceased, their known and unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees and assigns, immediate and remote of any such party, and all corporations existing and if dissolved, known and unknown successors, and all persons having an interest in the captioned land.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Applicant requests that the Commission enter an order granting Applicant an exception to the 50% consent rule requirement as stated in OAC 165:5-7-6(h) for the 640-acre horizontal unit for the **Mississippian and Woodford** common sources of supply underlying Section 8, Township 17 North, Range 7 West, Kingfisher County, Oklahoma, as requested in Cause CD No. 2026-001300.

SPECIAL RELIEF: Applicant further requests that the order to be entered in this cause may be made effective prior to the date of issuance of the order.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the hearing on the Application

is set before an Administrative Law Judge on **April 14, 2026**, at 8:30 a.m., at the Concourse Theater, Suite C50, Will Rogers Memorial Office Building, 2401 N. Lincoln Blvd., in the Capitol Complex, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105. The Concourse Theater is located in the tunnel between the Will Rogers Memorial Office Building and the Sequoyah Memorial Office Building.

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NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF DRAFT TIER II PERMIT

POLLUTANT DISCHARGE APPLICATION NO. OK0036994

Notice is hereby given that the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), at the address listed below, has processed and issued a draft permit to **DCP Midstream, LP - Okarche Gas Plant**, based on a Tier II application filed on March 3, 2025, for a renewed permit with DEQ. A final permit, if issued, would allow DCP Midstream, LP - Okarche Gas Plant to discharge industrial wastewater from their facility located in the SE¼, of the NE¼, of Section 31, Township 15N, Range 8WIM, in Kingfisher County, Oklahoma or about six miles west and one half mile north of Okarche, Oklahoma. DCP Midstream, LP - Okarche Gas Plant is in the business of processing gas collected from oil and gas wells by extracting natural gas liquids and removing impurities. The proposed discharge consists of effluent from cooling tower blowdown, boiler blowdown, and reverse osmosis reject water. There are two industrial wastewater surface impoundments at this facility, F01 and F02. There are two outfalls, Outfall 001 and Outfall 003. The wastewater is discharged to an unnamed tributary of Winter Camp Creek at Latitude 35.715556° N, Longitude 98.095000° W, in the SW¼, of the NE¼, of the SW¼, of Section 06, Township 14N, Range 8WIM.

A copy of the draft permit, fact sheet, application, and other relevant documents may be reviewed at the Offices of DEQ, Water Quality Division, 707 N. Robinson, Oklahoma City, OK 73102, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday. A copy of the draft permit, fact sheet, and application may be reviewed at the Kingfisher Memorial Library located at 505 W Will Rogers, Kingfisher, OK 73750, The Kingfisher Memorial Public Library is open between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday, Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., and between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. A copy of the draft permit may be reviewed on DEQ website at <https://oklahoma.gov/deq/permits/permit-assistance/permits-for-public-review.html>

Pursuant to 27A O.S. § 2-14-302, persons wishing to make comments concerning the draft permit may do so by sending the comments in writing to the contact person for DEQ, at the address listed below, within 30 days after the date of publication or mailing. Comments should include: (1) name and address of the interested person, (2) the application name to which the request relates, (3) the nature and basis of the interest of the person affected, and (4) a statement of the objection or comment, the basis of the objection or comment, and any requested action by DEQ.

The contact person for DEQ, to schedule a date and time to review the application at the offices of DEQ is:

Tammi L. Johnson
Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 1677
707 N. Robinson, 8th Floor
Oklahoma City, OK 73101-1677
(405) 702-8170 or tammi.l.johnson@deq.ok.gov

The contact person for DCP Midstream, LP - Okarche Gas Plant is:

Kyle Kauk, Environmental Specialist
DCP Operating Company, LP - Okarche Gas Plant
30398 N 2760 Rd.
Okarche OK 73762
(405) 605-3811

Pursuant to 27A O.S. § 2-14-302, persons wishing to request a public meeting concerning the draft permit may do so by filing the request in writing to the contact person for DEQ, at the address listed above, within thirty (30) days after the date of publication or mailing. Requests for the public meeting should include: (1) name and address of the interested person, (2) the application name to which the request relates, (3) the nature and basis of the interest of the person affected, and (4) a statement of the objection or comment, the basis of the objection or comment, and any requested action by DEQ. A copy of the request must also be sent to the applicant, through the contact person listed above. A formal public meeting may be scheduled if there is a significant degree of public interest. Notice of the date, time, and place of the public meeting will be given to all parties of record. A request for a public meeting may be combined with a submission of written comments.

If a public meeting is held, oral or written comments will be accepted at the meeting. DEQ shall, within ninety (90) days of the date the public comment period closes (or longer if extended by the Executive Director of DEQ), issue responses to all public comments received.

WEATHER NEWS

(As recorded by Local Weather Observer Steven Loftis in Kingfisher.)

Date	Hi	Lo	Rain
March 21	94	55	
March 22	96	51	
March 23	90	56	
March 24	70	43	
March 25	79	33	
March 26	90	61	
March 27	93	66	
Rainfall			
January 2025 rainfall.....	0.53		
January 2026 rainfall.....	1.87		
February 2025 rainfall.....	0.00		
Feb. 2026 rainfall.....	0.68		
March 2026 rain to date.....	0.24		
March 2025 rainfall.....	2.23		
April 2024 rainfall.....	4.45		
April 2025 rainfall.....	8.22		
May 2024 rainfall.....	5.14		
May 2025 rainfall.....	5.53		
June 2024 rainfall.....	0.78		
June 2025 rainfall.....	8.84		
July 2024 rainfall.....	6.78		

July 2025 rainfall.....	0.20
August 2024 rainfall.....	3.39
August 2025 rainfall.....	3.84
September 2024 rainfall.....	0.90
Sept. 2025 rainfall.....	0.45
October 2024 rainfall.....	2.20
October 2025 rainfall.....	4.72
November 2024 rainfall.....	9.92
November 2025 rainfall.....	0.55
December 2024 rainfall.....	0.76
December 2025 rainfall.....	0.00
2024 precipitation.....	37.72
2025 precipitation.....	34.63
2026 rain to date.....	2.96
Average annual rainfall.....	33.50



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