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**** CORRECTED CROP CONDITION TABLE 01/24/2006 ****

Texas Crop Weather

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For the week of January 16 - 22, 2006

Agricultural Summary: Conditions across the state generally continued to be unseasonably warm, windy and extremely dry with a drought declaration in effect for all areas of the state. Dust and sand storms were again common in many western and northern areas of the state. A few showers were reported in early week across the southern half of the state, however accumulations were light and little relief for the dry conditions was received. In late week, a stronger Pacific front brought heavier showers and some thunderstorms to much of the same areas and several locations reported rain totals of one half to one inch. Land preparation for spring crops continued in many areas with fertilizer and yellow herbicides being applied. Pre-watering prior to land preparation remained a practice by many producers in varied locations around the state. Wild fires continued to cause severe losses, especially in range and pastures across many areas of the state. Fire crews from many surrounding states continued to support local fire fighters in their effort to combat the range fires as they occurred. Water available for livestock continued to be critical in many areas as stock ponds were drying up and forcing many producers to haul water to their remaining herds. Supplemental feeding remained necessary in all areas and many producers continued to reduce the size of their herds in response to pasture decline and cost of additional feeds.

Field Crops Report

Small Grains: Land preparation remained active, however many producers indicated that moisture was necessary before land preparation could be completed. Abandonment of earlier planted fields remained high especially in dry land fields. Some producers continued to plow up their grain crops in preparation of planting alternate crops later in the spring. A few locations reported a slight improvement in small grains from rains received in early week. State wide, wheat condition was rated mostly poor to very poor. State wide, oat condition was rated mostly very poor.

Cotton: Land preparation, including fertilization and stalk destruction continued in many locations. Ginning operations continued with around the clock operations in most areas in an attempt to reduce the backlog of modules left to process. Most areas continued to report that ginning will last another month or so. Damage to modules from high winds continued to be reported in a variety of locations. A large number of modules and some trailers were lost to fire during the week.

Corn: Land preparation for next year's crop was underway. Some producers were applying fertilizer and herbicides for spring planting but pre-watering was necessary before application in some areas. High winds and blowing dust caused some delays in a few locations. Many dry land producers in southern areas were considering holding off on planting until sufficient moisture is received.

Sorghum: Land preparation, including fertilization and herbicide applications continued in some areas. Minor delays continued to occur as the result of blowing dust and sand in areas across the Plains.

Peanuts: Land preparation for next season's crop was underway, but remained slow as many producers were reluctant to disturb the soil, which could cause wind erosion.

Soybeans: Land preparation for next year's crop moved ahead, but was slow due to the dry soils.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop Report

In the **Rio Grande Valley**, spinach, onions, and cabbage continued to make good progress. Irrigation was heavy in all locations, especially on vegetable crops. Harvest of spinach, tomatoes and cabbage was ongoing.

In the **San Antonio-Winter Garden**, early planted cabbage and spinach made good progress. Harvest of early cabbage and spinach continued. Irrigation remained necessary in all locations on cabbage, onions, spinach and carrots. Potato planting continued in several locations during the week.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Range and pasture conditions remained generally unimproved during the week. High winds, warm temperatures and no rainfall have continued to remove soil moisture from pastures around the state. The light showers that crossed southern and eastern portions of the state during the week were well received; however it was too early to notice any improvement. Supplemental feeding remained necessary in all areas of the state with many producers continuing to purchase additional hay supplies from out of state sources. Herd reduction continued in many areas, especially where the economic impact of high feed prices were most severe. Range fires continued to be common in many areas, and were especially damaging when pushed by high winds. Grazing of small grains continued to be minimal, even in some irrigated fields as moisture requirements have been difficult to maintain due to high winds. Water available for livestock was critical in many areas across the state, and many ponds are now dry and some normally year round tributaries are also mostly dry. Hauling water to livestock continued to be necessary for many producers.

Crop Progress Table - January 22, 2006

Crop	Stage	2006	2005	Average 2001-2005
- Percent -				
Winter Wheat	Emerged	94	96	97
Oats	Emerged	92	--	--
Pecans	Harvested	98	96	96

Top Soil Moisture by District – January 22, 2006*

Condition	1-N	1-S	2-N	2-S	3	4	5-N	5-S	6	7	8-N	8-S	9	10-N	10-S
- Percent of Acreage -															
Very Short	90	81	89	84	94	98	93	64	50	74	85	73	11	62	50
Short	10	18	11	10	5	2	7	30	40	22	15	25	51	35	40
Adequate	0	1	0	6	1	0	0	6	10	4	0	2	38	3	10
Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

* High Plains: 1-N, 1-S; Low Rolling Plains: 2-N, 2-S; North Central Plains: 3, 4; East Texas: 5-n,5-S.
 Trans-Pecos: 6; Edwards Plateau: 7; South Central Texas: 8-N, 8-S; Upper Coast: 9; South Texas: 10-N; Lower Valley: 10-S.

Crop Condition Table – January 22, 2006

Crop	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	Condition Index ^{1/}	
	Percent					2006	2005
Wheat	0	2	13	33	52	20	82
Oats	0	0	4	20	76	11	--
Range & Pasture	0	1	9	27	63	--	--

^{1/} The formula for the condition index is $I = (5V + 25P + 60F + 90G + 110E)/100$ where I=crop condition Index and V, P, F, G, E = percentage of crop rated very poor, poor, fair, good, excellent.

Weather Information Table ^{1/}

National Weather Service Climatic Divisions	Previous Week (Jan 16- 22) Accumulation	Month-to-date (Jan 1 - 22) Accumulation	Year-to-date (Jan 1 – 22) Accumulation	1961-90 Annual Normal	Previous Three Months (Oct - Dec) Percent of Normal
High Plains	0.00	0.00	0.00	18.87	59
Low Rolling Plains	0.02	0.02	0.02	23.78	41
North Central Texas	0.62	0.62	0.62	34.00	24
East Texas	2.38	2.57	2.57	45.69	28
Trans Pecos	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.96	103
Edwards Plateau	0.05	0.05	0.05	24.01	60
South Central Texas	0.57	0.58	0.58	34.48	39
Upper Coast	1.17	1.30	1.30	47.63	58
South Texas	0.05	0.05	0.05	23.49	40
Lower Valley	0.11	0.16	0.16	25.34	74

^{1/} Average of all stations reporting precipitation data.

For more weather information, please visit the following web sites:
www.srh.noaa.gov/ncfshare/precip_analysis_new.php and www.drought.unl.edu/dm/monitor.html

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