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Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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The week was mostly hot and dry across the state. Precipitation ranged from trace amounts to 1.5 inches in the Tans-Pecos, the Southern Plains and areas of the Upper Coast, South Central Texas and the Cross Timbers. Isolated areas received upwards of 2 inches of rain. No measurable rainfall was reported in the rest of the state. There were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork.

Small Grains: Wheat harvest continued in the Low Plains, the Cross Timbers, the Blacklands and South Central Texas. Hot temperatures were rapidly ripening wheat in the Northern High Plains and the Edwards Plateau. Oats harvest was in full swing in the Blacklands.

Row Crops: Cotton planting was underway in the Plains. Producers were trying to get their cotton planted before the June 5 insurance deadline. However, without moisture, emergence of dryland cotton will be delayed in the High Plains. Cotton irrigation was active where available. Hot weather in the Upper Coast increased populations of spider mites and fleahoppers in cotton. Crops in the Blacklands, East Texas, South Central Texas and the Upper Coast were in need of moisture. Peanuts continued to be planted in South Texas. Sorghum made good progress in South Texas. Sorghum and Sunflower harvest was expected to start soon in the Lower Valley.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: Pecan trees in the Blacklands were making nutlets. Producers in North East Texas were harvesting fruits and vegetables. Onions were being harvested in South Texas and the Lower Valley. Watermelon harvest continued in the Lower Valley.

Livestock, **Range and Pasture**: Livestock conditions were rated mostly good to fair across the state. Use of supplemental feeding increased in South Texas and the Lower Valley. Pasture and range condition decreased from last week and was mostly rated fair to poor.



Crop Condition

Crop		Pe	Index ¹				
Стор	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2018	2017
Corn	1	45	40	7	7	68	82
Cotton	1	27	49	22	1	60	74
Peanuts	0	1	91	0	8	56	84
Rice	10	55	30	5	0	80	79
Sorghum	0	20	38	30	12	49	80
Soybeans	2	43	46	7	2	70	82
Wheat	2	14	26	28	30	39	64
Oats	5	43	30	9	13	65	65
Range and Pasture	2	20	41	25	12		

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.

Crop Progress

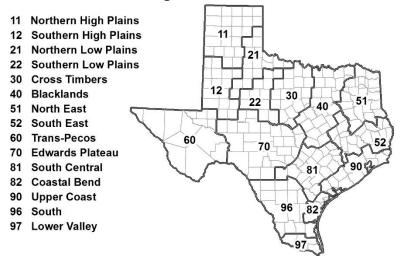
Ctaga		Percent of Acreage							
Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average					
Corn									
Planted	96	90	98	95					
Emerged	91	83	89	90					
Silked	39	29	37	34					
Cotton									
Planted	70	51	70	67					
Squaring	12	11	13	8					
Peanuts									
Planted	90	70	88	85					
Rice									
Emerged	95	89	98	95					
Headed	1	N/A	N/A	N/A					
Sorghum									
Planted	95	92	91	83					
Headed	41	30	43	33					
Coloring	8	N/A	11	9					
Soybeans									
Planted	85	80	92	85					
Emerged	73	66	79	72					
Blooming	6	3	4	3					
Sunflowers									
Planted	57	37	64	73					
Winter Wheat									
Headed	96	94	100	98					
Harvested	35	20	53	24					
Oats									
Harvested	55	40	74	39					

(N/A) Not available

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable by District

	Topsoil Moisture Condition by District				Subsoil Moisture Condition by District				Days Suitable for
District	Percentage of Acreage				Percentage of Acreage				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Fieldwork
11	28	39	33	0	24	48	28	0	6.5
12	70	24	3	3	71	19	8	2	6.4
21	15	66	19	0	12	60	28	0	6.8
22	2	64	33	1	2	54	44	0	6.7
30	15	60	25	0	10	52	38	0	6.1
40	29	37	24	10	18	42	39	1	6.9
51	22	45	33	0	25	40	34	1	6.9
52	6	37	52	5	6	35	54	5	6.6
60	61	8	31	0	31	38	31	0	6.7
70	25	53	21	1	24	34	41	1	6.8
81	15	78	7	0	6	79	15	0	6.8
82	0	100	0	0	40	60	0	0	7.0
90	32	38	30	0	8	35	57	0	6.7
96	41	47	12	0	44	42	14	0	6.8
97	85	13	2	0	26	66	8	0	7.0
State	33	44	21	2	27	44	28	1	6.7

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Source: National Weather Service, www.nws.noaa.gov.

Drought Monitor, Valid May 29, 2018.

Drought Conditions (Percent Area) None D0-D4 D1-D4 D2-D4 D4 Current 31.26 68.74 40.06 21.93 7.82 1.17 Last Week 37.32 62.68 40.53 22.46 9.20 2.54 05-22-2018 3 Months Ago 22.75 22.04 0.00 55.19 11.47 77.25 02-27-2018 Start of Calendar Year 01-02-2018 33.37 66.63 33.56 5.94 0.11 0.00 Start of Water Year 0.00 70.54 29.46 4.17 0.04 0.00 One Year Ago 65.50 0.00 0.00 34.50 3.70 0.00 05-30-2017 Intensity: D0 Abnormally Dry D3 Extreme Drought D4 Exceptional Drought D1 Moderate Drought D2 Severe Drought The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements. <u>Author:</u> Anthony Artusa NOAA/NWS/NCEP/CPC

Source: National Drought Mitigation Center, a partnership with USDA, U.S. Department of Commerce/NOAA, http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu.