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Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Issue: TX-CW1818 **Weekly Summary for June 18 - 24** **Released: June 25, 2018**

A storm hit the Gulf Coast during the past week, bringing between 4 and 10 inches of rain, with isolated areas getting upwards of 15 inches. Due to the rain events, temperatures were cooler than the previous week in South Central Texas, the Upper Coast, the Coastal Bend, South Texas and the Lower Valley. Some areas of the Northern Plains received between 2 and 4 inches of precipitation, while East Texas and areas of the Blacklands, South Central Texas and the Edwards Plateau received between trace amounts to half of an inch. There were 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork.

Small Grains: The rain halted wheat harvest in areas of the Northern High Plains. Producers were plowing small grain residual in the Blacklands. Wheat harvest wound down in most of the state but was delayed by rain in areas of the Northern High Plains.

Row Crops: Dryland cotton continued to struggle in the Southern High Plains and the Northern Low Plains. In the Northern High Plains, some producers were planting sorghum on dryland cotton acres that had failed to emerge. Cotton was blooming in South Central Texas. Some Dryland corn was harvested for silage in the Cross Timbers. Corn conditions varied widely in the Blacklands depending on the abundance or lack of rainfall. Corn and sorghum harvests were delayed in the Coastal Bend, South Texas and the Lower Valley due to the rain. Rice in the Upper Coast was starting to head.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: Pecan orchard irrigation was active in the Trans-Pecos. Vegetables conditions in North East Texas were improved by rain while watermelons in South Texas were damaged by rain.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Livestock conditions remained mostly good to fair across the state. However, cattle in areas of the Edwards Plateau was in poor condition. Horn fly populations in the Northern High Plains were on the rise thanks to the recent rainfalls. Pasture and range condition was rated 69 percent fair to poor.

Crop Condition

Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index [1]	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2018	2017
Corn	6	35	34	13	12	62	82
Cotton	2	20	48	28	2	56	71
Peanuts	0	17	82	1	0	65	78
Rice	7	49	42	2	0	78	82
Sorghum	5	25	40	22	8	58	80
Soybeans	10	34	42	9	5	69	84
Wheat	2	17	31	21	29	43	66
Oats	14	44	26	4	12	72	68
Range and Pasture	3	16	40	29	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

Stage	Percent of Acreage			
	Current Week	Previous. Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
Corn				
Silked	57	52	56	53
Dough	34	17	37	30
Dented	18	5	22	16
Cotton				
Squaring	23	18	27	20
Setting Bolls	10	8	9	7
Peanuts				
Pegging	5	N/A	7	8
Rice				
Headed	28	14	26	20
Sorghum				
Headed	57	55	58	53
Coloring	39	29	40	34
Mature	20	10	20	15
Soybeans				
Emerged	97	86	94	92
Blooming	35	25	49	32
Sunflowers				
Planted	85	80	87	91
Harvested	25	18	34	32
Winter Wheat				
Harvested	71	65	85	71
Oats				
Harvested	87	78	89	86

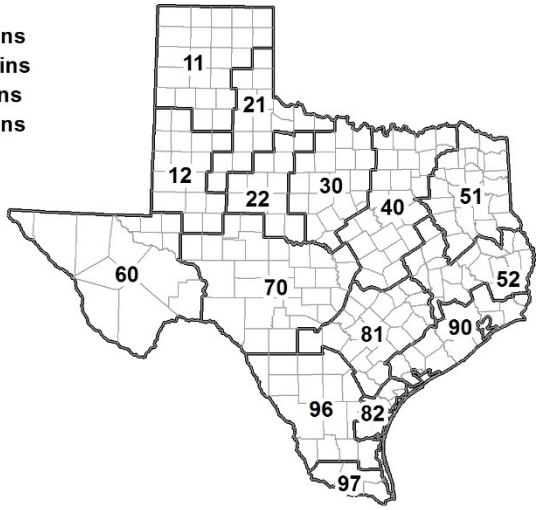
(NA) Not available.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable by District

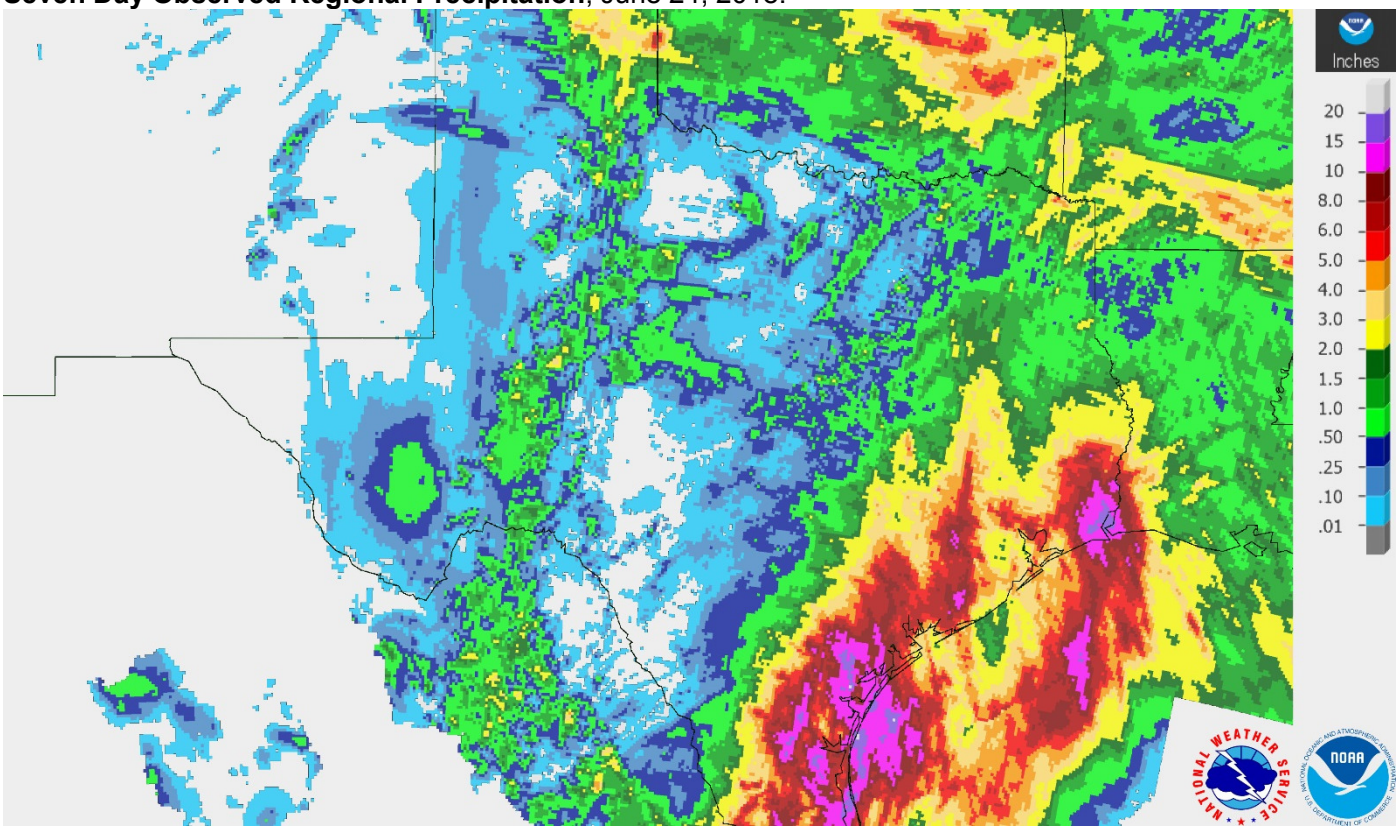
District	Topsoil Moisture Condition by District				Subsoil Moisture Condition by District				Days Suitable for Fieldwork
	Percentage of Acreage				Percentage of Acreage				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
11	14	32	48	6	8	45	47	0	5.8
12	78	22	0	0	96	4	0	0	5.9
21	18	36	43	3	9	50	40	1	6.7
22	14	62	24	0	7	52	41	0	6.7
30	37	45	16	2	14	68	18	0	5.6
40	44	28	28	0	37	30	33	0	6.3
51	13	54	27	6	18	50	28	4	6.4
52	2	31	61	6	3	39	55	3	4.8
60	46	16	38	0	28	39	33	0	6.8
70	39	54	7	0	31	36	33	0	6.9
81	20	40	29	11	36	29	25	10	3.9
82	0	0	16	84	0	0	38	62	1.7
90	1	8	49	42	0	20	45	35	3.0
96	37	21	27	15	40	22	30	8	5.1
97	15	29	25	31	15	29	25	31	3.9
State	31	33	28	8	30	33	31	6	5.6

Texas Agricultural Districts

11 Northern High Plains
12 Southern High Plains
21 Northern Low Plains
22 Southern Low Plains
30 Cross Timbers
40 Blacklands
51 North East
52 South East
60 Trans-Pecos
70 Edwards Plateau
81 South Central
82 Coastal Bend
90 Upper Coast
96 South
97 Lower Valley

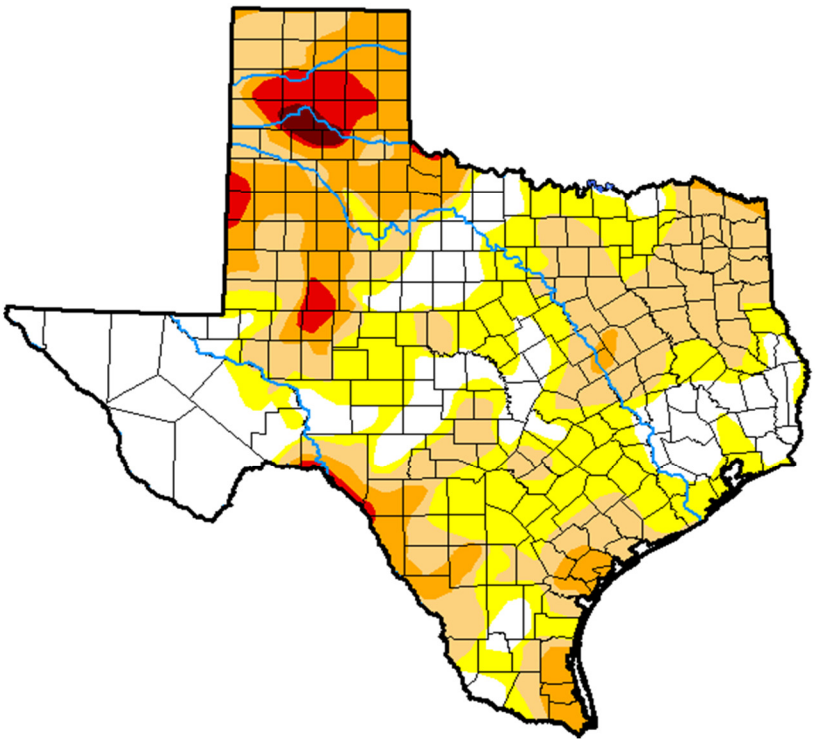


Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, June 24, 2018.



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

Drought Monitor, Valid June 19, 2018.



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	25.97	74.03	47.12	18.88	3.78	0.64
Last Week 06-12-2018	24.52	75.48	49.81	25.03	9.74	2.43
3 Months Ago 03-20-2018	25.50	74.50	61.14	25.84	15.08	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-02-2018	33.37	66.63	33.56	5.94	0.11	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-26-2017	70.54	29.46	4.17	0.04	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 06-20-2017	72.65	27.35	4.84	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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