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## **Texas Crop Progress and Condition**

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Most of the state received from 0.25 to upwards of 1.0 inch of precipitation. Several areas of the Trans-Pecos, the Southern High Plains, the Edwards Plateau, and the Lower Valley received little to no rainfall. There were 5.2 days suitable for fieldwork.

**Small Grains:** Winter wheat in the High and Low Plains had emerged but moisture was badly needed in several areas. The Cross Timbers small grains have responded well to precipitation and cooler weather. The Edwards Plateau small grain crops were in need of warmer weather and more moisture. South Central Texas wheat and oats progressed well after receiving rainfall along with cooler temperatures. Meanwhile wheat and oats seedings in South Texas were completed and the crops have emerged.

**Row Crops:** Producers prepared to plant row crops in the Upper Coast but recent rains brought field work to a standstill. Corn silage producers in the Cross Timbers were preparing fields for early planting.

**Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops:** Trans-Pecos pecan producers were still harvesting due to late rains from the prior months. Strawberries in South Texas have bloomed and fruit was emerging. Meanwhile spinach and cabbage harvest continued in South Texas, and potato planting continued.

**Livestock, Range and Pasture**: Cattle were rated in fair to good condition. Supplemental feeding continued across the state. Pasture and range condition was rated 65 percent fair to good, though pasture conditions varied greatly across the state. Many areas were still in need of more moisture. South East Texas and the Cross Timbers reported feral hog damage in several areas.

#### **Crop Progress**

Ctoro	Percent of Acreage						
Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average			
Winter Wheat Emerged Oats	95	92	95	96			
Headed	1	(NA)	0	0			

(NA) Not available.

#### **Crop Condition**

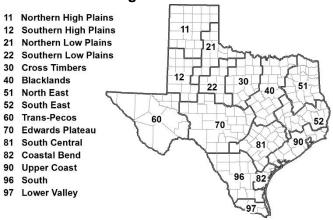
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index <sup>1</sup>	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2020	2019
Wheat	2	28	41	23	6	58	60
Oats	3	30	46	15	6	62	55
Range and Pasture	3	24	41	24	8	56	59

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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.

#### 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	1	40	59	0	1	31	68	0	5.8
12	45	23	32	0	35	16	49	0	6.6
21	9	20	71	0	9	38	53	0	6.1
22	2	40	55	3	2	38	41	19	4.8
30	3	14	81	2	3	21	74	2	4.8
40	2	14	68	16	1	8	68	23	3.2
51	5	16	57	22	4	18	49	29	4.7
52	1	24	57	18	1	26	56	17	4.8
60	15	35	40	10	15	30	45	10	0.0
70	16	57	26	1	21	71	7	1	6.5
81	10	50	38	2	15	47	38	0	5.6
82	9	25	66	0	7	11	82	0	3.9
90	0	9	64	27	0	32	32	36	2.7
96	44	39	17	0	43	38	19	0	6.7
97	20	45	35	0	7	38	55	0	5.4
State	13	29	53	5	11	27	54	8	5.2

## **Texas Agricultural Districts**

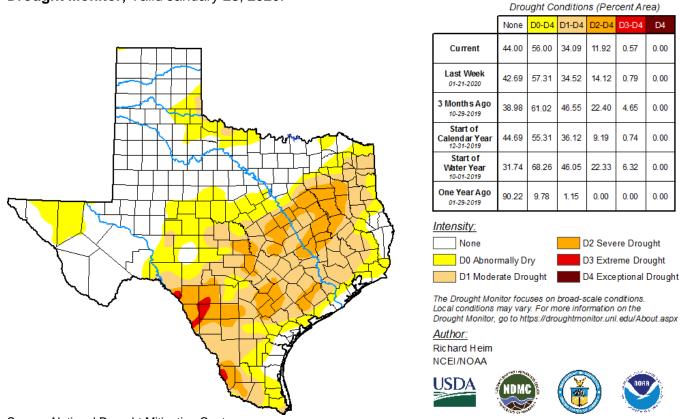


Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, February 2, 2020.

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

### Drought Monitor, Valid January 28, 2020.



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