



## Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Weekly Summary for February 28 – March 06

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Note: This is a revised version for  
Winter Wheat Headed & Oats Headed

Parts of the state received from trace amounts to upwards of .25 of an inch of precipitation. Isolated areas in the Northeast Texas received up to 1.5 inches. Drought conditions range from none to extremely dry with the Northern and Southern High Plains being the driest. There was an average of 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork.

**Small Grains:** Winter wheat condition was rated at 77 percent very poor to poor. Winter wheat headed reached 15 percent, up 9 points from the previous year and 8 points above normal. Oats headed reached 15 percent, up 4 points from the previous year and 8 points above normal.

**Row Crops:** In the Coastal Bend, corn planting continues, and numerous acres have emerged. Grain sorghum planting is in full swing; however, more rain is needed.

**Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops:** In the Lower Valley, fruits and vegetables look good and continue to be harvested.

**Livestock, Range and Pasture:** Supplemental feeding continued across the state. Topsoil and subsoil conditions are very short due to the lack of moisture. Range and pasture conditions continue to decline, especially for the Northern and Southern Plains areas. Range and pasture condition were rated 68 percent very poor to poor.

### Crop Progress

Stage	Percent of Acreage			
	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
<b>Corn</b>				
Planted	18	5	9	15
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Planted	10	2	14	15
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Headed	15	3	6	7
<b>Oats</b>				
Headed	15	2	11	7

### Crop Condition

Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index <sup>1</sup>	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2022	2021
Wheat	0	7	18	20	55	25	53
Oats	1	7	20	22	50	26	23
Range and Pasture	1	6	25	33	35	32	40

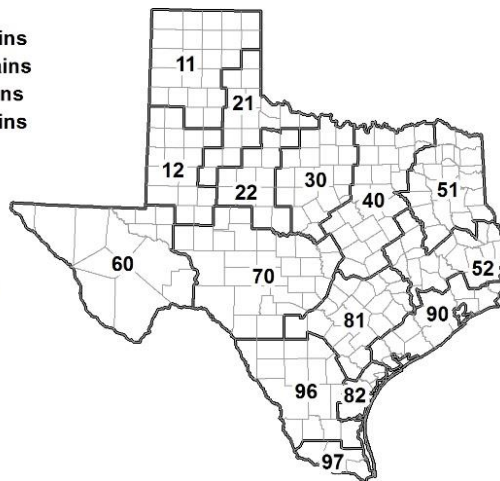
<sup>1</sup> The formula for the condition index is  $I = (5V + 25P + 60F + 90G + 110E)/100$  where I = crop condition index and V, P, F, G, E = percentage of crop rated very poor, poor, fair, good, excellent.

### Soil Moisture and Days Suitable by District

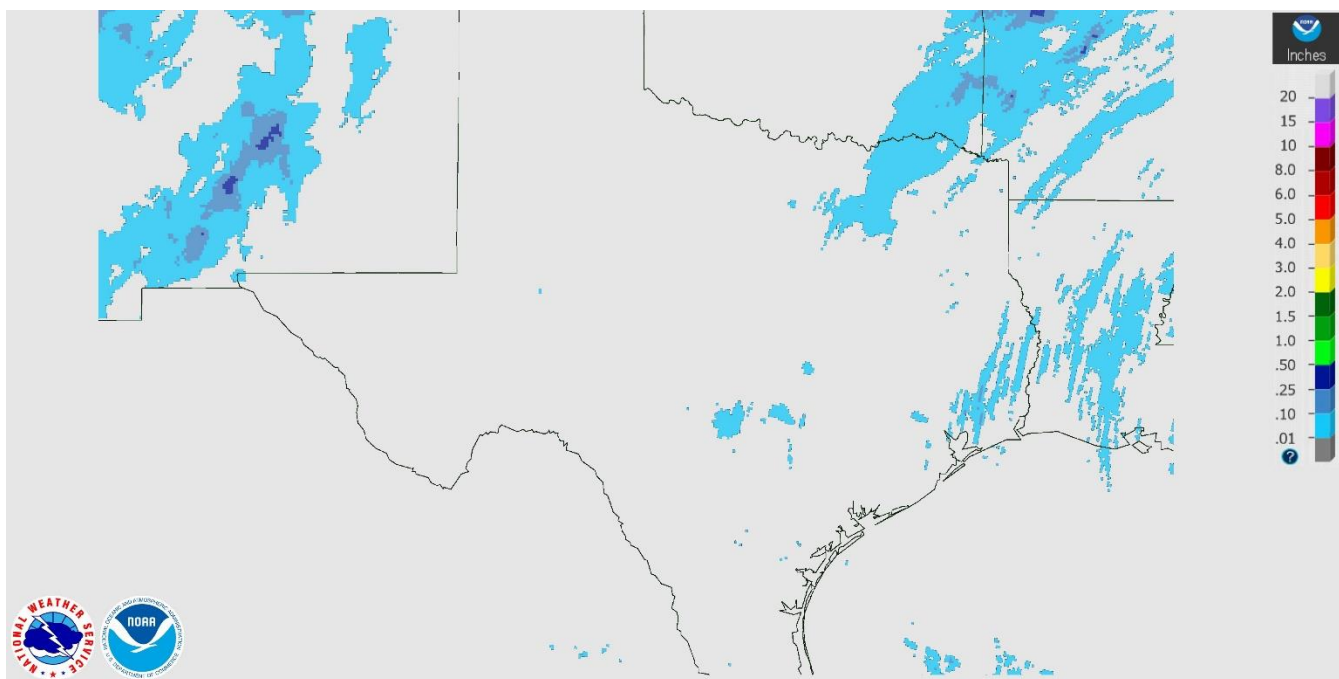
District	Topsoil Moisture Condition by District				Subsoil Moisture Condition by District				Days Suitable for Fieldwork
	Percentage of Acreage				Percentage of Acreage				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
11	82	18	0	0	82	18	0	0	6.7
12	70	20	10	0	70	29	1	0	6.0
21	27	68	5	0	48	50	2	0	5.8
22	87	13	0	0	72	27	1	0	6.4
30	41	45	14	0	42	47	11	0	6.0
40	38	28	34	0	34	33	33	0	6.9
51	5	54	39	2	7	53	39	1	7.0
52	1	39	53	7	1	38	59	2	6.8
60	26	27	47	0	26	27	47	0	6.6
70	77	19	4	0	64	30	5	1	6.5
81	4	71	25	0	4	52	44	0	6.3
82	30	27	43	0	23	34	43	0	7.0
90	3	27	62	8	3	8	73	16	7.0
96	60	29	10	1	64	28	7	1	6.4
97	6	19	75	0	5	10	85	0	6.0
State	51	30	18	1	51	30	18	1	6.5

### 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

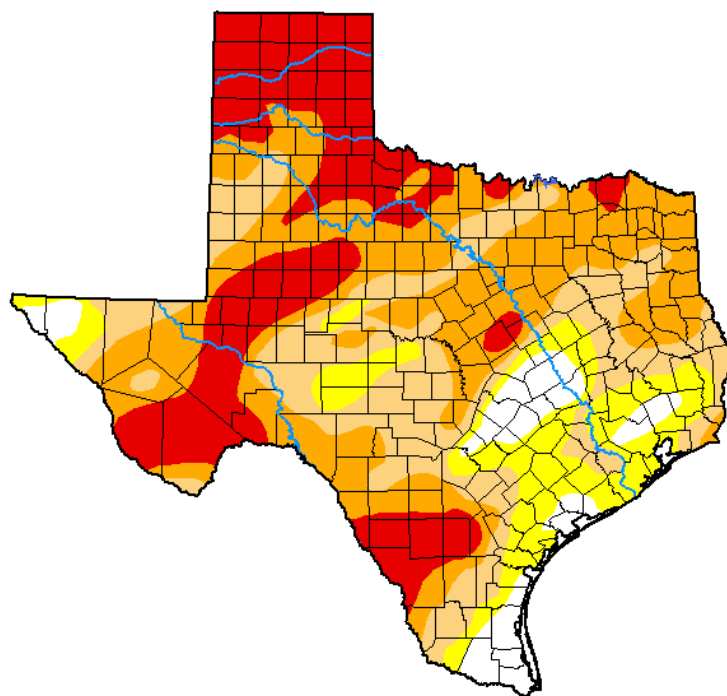


## Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, March 6, 2022



Source: National Weather Service, [www.nws.noaa.gov](http://www.nws.noaa.gov)

## Drought Monitor, Valid March 1, 2022.



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	6.66	93.34	80.71	56.71	24.47	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>02-22-2022</i>	7.67	92.33	79.06	52.89	22.44	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>11-30-2021</i>	28.64	71.36	49.01	17.09	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-04-2022</i>	7.58	92.42	79.83	54.25	16.69	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-28-2021</i>	45.57	54.43	7.26	0.27	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>03-02-2021</i>	19.28	80.72	54.03	30.38	17.11	5.01

### Intensity:

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate Drought	D4 Exceptional Drought

*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>*

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