

Texas Crop Weather

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Crop Progress Table - August 21, 2005

Crop	2005	2004	Average 2000-2004
- Percent -			
Corn			
Dough	99	93	96
Dented	80	83	86
Mature	66	67	64
Harvested	49	47	50
Cotton			
Setting Bolls	85	88	91
Bolls Opening	18	18	21
Harvested	13	8	10
Peanuts			
Pegging	99	100	98
Rice			
Headed	100	100	100
Harvested	52	60	60
Sorghum			
Headed	85	82	84
Turning Color	56	55	65
Mature	51	50	55
Harvested	49	49	51
Soybeans			
Setting Pods	51	--	--
Wheat			
Planted	1	--	--

Crop Condition Table - August 21, 2005

Item	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor
- Percent -					
Corn	7	28	33	18	14
Cotton	11	42	30	12	5
Peanuts	25	48	25	2	0
Rice	15	56	24	5	0
Sorghum	7	38	35	12	8
Soybeans	1	29	40	20	10
Range & Pasture ..	3	30	37	21	9

Agricultural Summary: Rainfall continued across many areas of the Low Rolling Plains, Edwards Plateau, and North Central Texas during early week. Rainfall amounts were generally lighter than in the previous week, however many areas that had remained dry received some light rainfall as a low pressure moved eastward. In areas where harvest was ongoing prior to the rains, drying out was still needed in the majority of locations. Many fields in the wet areas continued to have standing in water at the time of this report. Range and pastures were in mostly excellent shape across the majority of these rainfall areas and most reservoirs were holding ample water for the upcoming months. In regions further south, conditions remained mostly dry and harvest was able to continue. Hay production received the needed boost in the wetter areas and baling will continue as drying out becomes adequate. Land preparation moved ahead in the dryer locations and other preparations for planting fall grains were active in these areas. Final preparations and planting will begin in the wet locations as soon as ample drying has occurred. In late week, another cool front entered the Panhandle and brought additional showers to several areas.

Field Crops Report

Cotton: Good growing conditions were abundant in many areas as the result of the rainfall last week. Many fields were standing in water and in some areas where the heaviest rains fell, varying degrees of damage resulting from rushing water was reported. Some hail damage was also reported in portions of the Trans Pecos region. As a further result of the widespread precipitation, irrigation was on hold in the wetter locations. In areas where cotton had reached cut off, some reactivation was noticed. In areas further south that remained dry, harvest and preparations for harvest continued. Statewide, cotton condition was rated at 71 percent of normal, compared with 83 percent last year.

Corn: Corn development was generally in the dry down stages during the week. Harvest moved ahead in the areas that remained dry, however in areas where rains fell, harvest was generally on hold. A few locations received extremely heavy rainfall and some damage to standing stalks was reported. Statewide, corn condition was rated at 58 percent of normal compared with 93 percent last year.

Sorghum: Sorghum growth and development remained fair to good across many areas at week's end. The rainfall across the Plains and north central areas was early enough to help some fields, however other fields were too far along in development and yield will not be improved. Harvest was on hold in a few areas as the result of the widespread rainfall, but drying out was escalating due to the return of triple digit temperatures. Further harvest in southern regions continued with average yields being reported. Statewide, sorghum condition was rated at 66 percent of normal, compared with 84 percent last year.

Peanuts: Disease pressure continued to increase in many areas of the Plains as the result of the wet and humid conditions resulting from last weeks heavy rainfall. Conditions of fields remained somewhat normal and growth and development moved ahead. Statewide, peanut condition was rated at 86 percent of normal, compared with 91 percent last year.

Soybeans: Harvest continued in Northeast Texas and portions of the Upper Coast. Harvest was on hold in a few areas that received rainfall during the week, but expected to continue as drying becomes adequate. Statewide, soybean condition was rated at 57 percent of normal.

Rice: Rice harvest continued at a rapid pace along the Upper Coast except for a very few locations where heat showers caused some delays. Statewide, rice condition was rated at 83 percent of normal, compared with 81 percent last year.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop Report

In the **Rio Grande Valley**, preparations for fall planting continued. Irrigation was active in a few locations as cabbage transplants were being set. Other summer crops were developing well.

In the **San Antonio-Winter Garden**, early planted cabbage made good progress. Pre-watering for other fall planting continued in other locations.

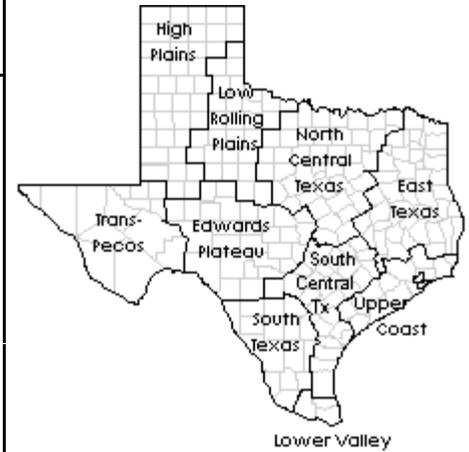
Pecans: Producers continued to spray for aphids, pecan weevils and hickory shuck worms in varied locations across the state. Nut drop continued in a few of the driest locations.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Pasture green up and improvement continued in areas where recent rainfall was received. In many of the these areas livestock tanks and water reservoirs were filled to capacity during the rains. In other areas that remained dry, pastures continued to suffer and livestock was receiving supplemental feed. Herd reduction continued in a few of the driest locations. Armyworm infestations continued to grow in a few areas and some treatments were being applied. Hay producers were baling in areas where earlier rainfall was adequate and were expecting to bale additional cuttings as hay pastures dried. In dry areas, hay production was still very slow to stalled. Fall goat shearing remained fast and furious as producers were trying to get this clip in storage.

Weather Information Table ¹

National Weather Service Climatic Divisions	Previous week (Aug 15 - 21) Accumulation	Month-to-date (Aug 1 - 21) Accumulation	Year-to-date (Jan 1 - Aug 21) Accumulation	1961-90 Annual Normal	Previous three months (May - Jul) Percent of Normal
High Plains	1.04	2.94	13.40	18.87	64
Low Rolling Plains	0.76	3.53	14.20	23.78	56
North Central Texas	0.47	3.37	16.09	34.00	43
East Texas	0.40	1.93	18.65	45.69	26
Trans Pecos	0.46	1.92	8.60	12.96	72
Edwards Plateau	0.16	2.71	14.73	24.01	77
South Central Texas	0.22	0.80	14.02	34.48	36
Upper Coast	0.50	1.54	27.43	47.63	49
South Texas	0.00	0.26	9.36	23.49	28
Lower Valley	0.06	0.22	6.27	25.34	19



¹ Average of all stations reporting precipitation data.

Top Soil Moisture by District - August 21, 2005 *

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	8	2	7	4	3	15	48	9	13	3	14	30	3	16	50
Short	34	23	16	8	18	33	34	26	30	31	37	65	32	37	23
Adequate	42	63	68	54	47	43	17	61	55	56	49	5	53	44	27
Surplus	16	12	9	34	32	9	1	4	2	10	0	0	12	3	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.

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