



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR SEP 26 – OCT 2

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Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2011	2010
Corn	0	10	22	35	33	33	73
Cotton	0	13	26	24	37	35	78
Peanuts	0	14	38	30	18	44	90
Rice	13	43	34	2	8	74	79
Sorghum	2	20	35	27	16	49	75
Soybeans	0	1	11	28	60	18	67
Range and pasture	0	1	3	14	82	---	---

* 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.

Texas Precipitation					
National Weather Service Climatic Divisions *	Inches of Accumulation **				Percent
	Previous Week Sep 26 – Oct 2, 2011	Month-to-Date Sep 1 - 30, 2011	Year-to-Date Jan 1 – Oct 2, 2011	Annual Normal 1971-2000	Normal Previous Three Months (Jun - Aug)
High Plains	0.00	0.15	1.56	19.64	10
Low Rolling Plains	0.01	0.12	1.03	24.51	5
North Central Texas	0.02	0.17	4.70	35.23	8
East Texas	0.00	0.18	6.18	48.08	15
Trans-Pecos	0.01	0.12	0.56	13.19	7
Edwards Plateau	0.07	0.20	2.22	24.73	9
South Central Texas	0.03	0.17	2.71	36.21	8
Upper Coast	0.06	0.34	6.81	50.31	22
South Texas	0.04	0.19	1.65	24.08	10
Lower Valley	0.05	0.08	2.43	25.43	30

*High Plains: 1-N, 1-S; Low Rolling Plains: 2-N, 2-S; North Central Texas: 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.

**Average of all stations reporting precipitation data. For more information, please visit the following web sites: water.weather.gov and www.drought.unl.edu/dm/monitor.html.

Top Soil Moisture by District															
Condition	Percent of Acreage														
	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
Very Short	83	83	95	60	69	95	93	89	64	83	94	77	73	69	81
Short	15	7	5	32	30	5	7	11	31	15	6	23	20	27	9
Adequate	2	10	0	8	1	0	0	0	5	2	0	0	5	4	10
Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0

Weekly Summary

Areas of the South Central Texas, South Texas, and the Lower Valley received up to 2 inches of rainfall, areas of the Edwards Plateau and the Blacklands received up to 1.5 inches of rainfall, while the rest of the state observed little to no rainfall.

Small Grains: Producers continued to seed winter wheat behind silage crops in areas of the Northern High Plains. In areas of the Northern Low Plains, producers seeded winter wheat in anticipation of rainfall. Wheat and oat seeding was in full-swing in areas of the Cross Timbers. Producers

continued to seed wheat and oats in areas of the Blacklands due to anticipated rainfall. In areas of South Texas, heavy irrigation was active on recently seeded wheat and oat fields. In areas of the Upper Coast, some rice producers prepared to harvest their ratoon crop.

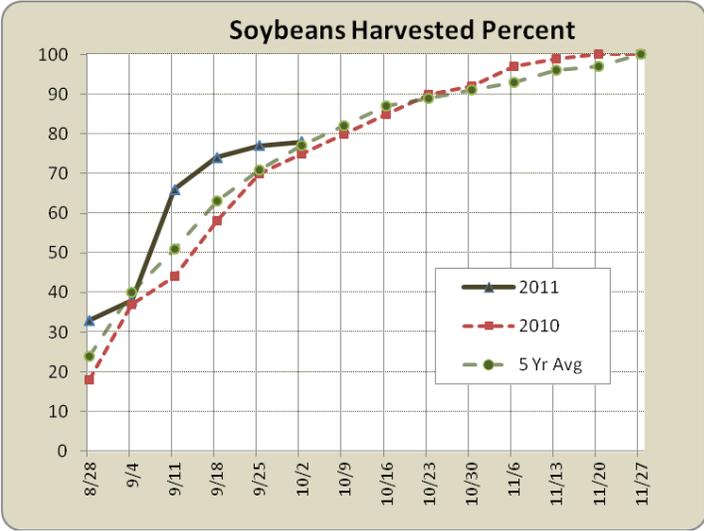
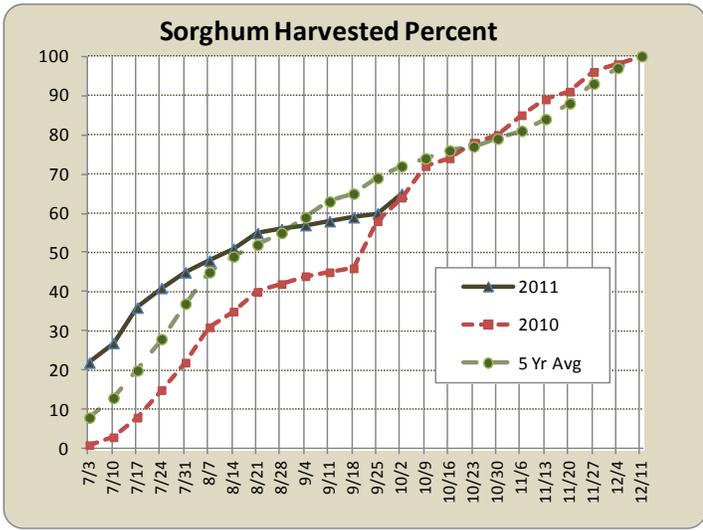
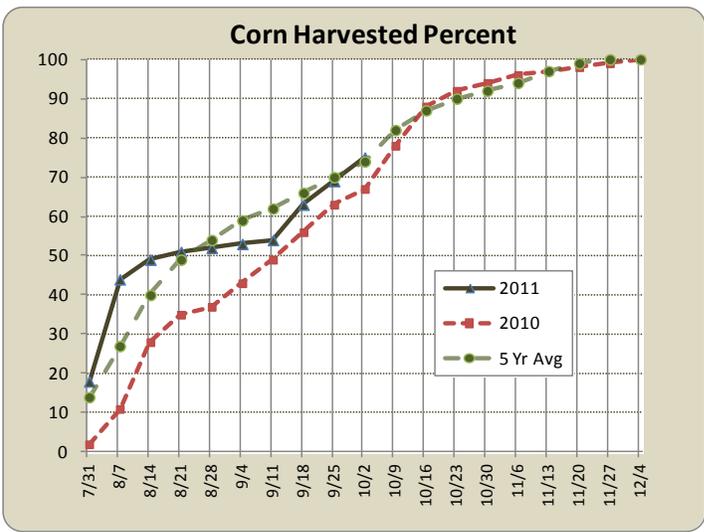
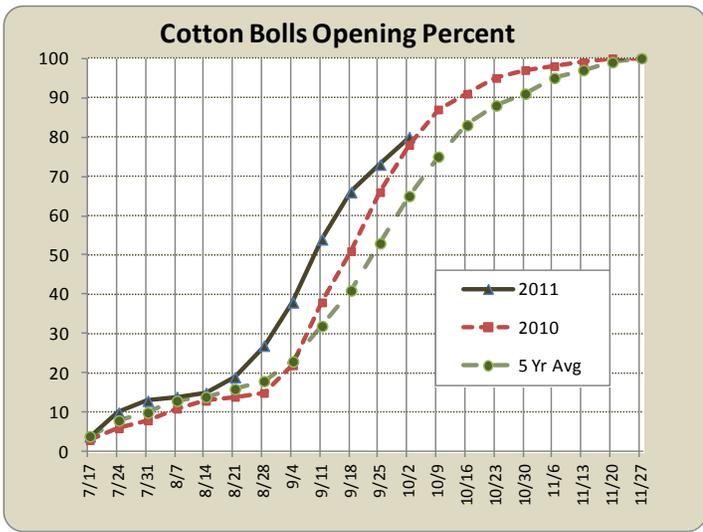
Row Crops: Corn harvest was in full-swing in areas of the Northern High Plains, while some late planted corn was chopped for silage. In areas of the Northern Plains, cotton bolls continued to rapidly open and some producers stripped cotton fields. Some cotton producers continued to apply harvest aids in areas of the Plains, while cotton defoliation. Cotton bolls continued to open in areas of the Trans-Pecos. Cotton gins were in full-swing and the peanut crop progressed well under heavy irrigation in areas of South Texas.

Crop Progress					
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2010	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Dent	100	97	99	99
	Mature	95	88	92	93
	Harvested	75	69	67	74
Cotton	Bolls Opening	80	73	78	65
	Harvested	18	17	16	19
Oats	Planted	17	8	38	40
Peanuts	Harvested	17	8	26	16
Rice	Harvested	100	99	100	99
Sorghum	Headed	99	98	100	100
	Coloring	87	84	98	91
	Mature	73	72	84	78
	Harvested	65	60	64	72
Soybeans	Dropping Leaves	93	92	96	93
	Harvested	78	77	75	77
Sunflowers	Harvested	68	50	84	47
Winter Wheat	Planted	25	14	51	49
	Emerged	4	1	21	22

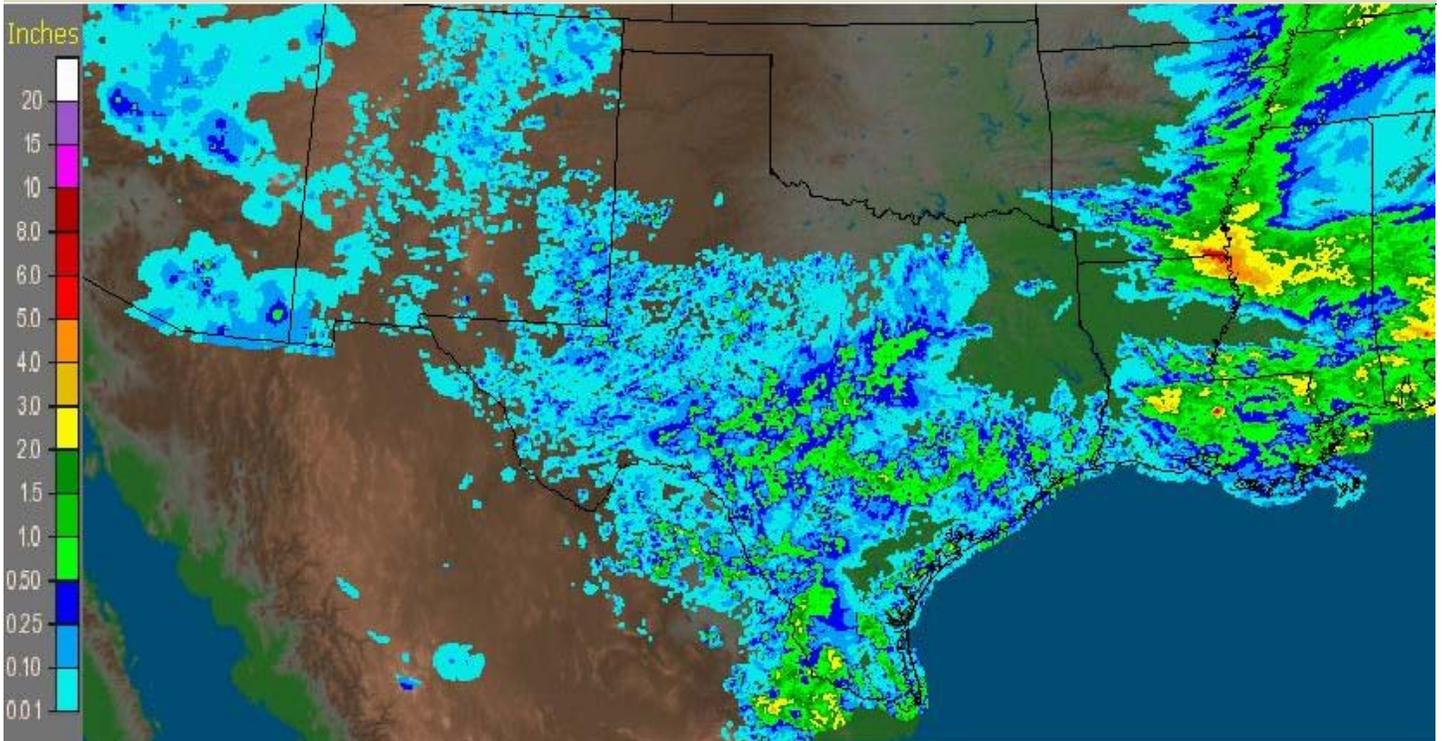
Visit our web site to view the crop progress regional maps, available at www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Texas/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/maps/.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop: The pumpkin harvest suffered in areas of the Northern High Plains due to dry conditions. Spinach planting and irrigation were active in areas of South Texas. Some pecan shucks were prematurely splitting in areas of the Trans-Pecos.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Low water supplies continued to concern livestock producers across the state. Supplemental feeding and liquidation of cattle continued in most areas of the state. Hay continued to be in short supply across the state and livestock producers searched to replenish winter stocks. Rangeland greened in areas of the Cross Timbers and the Lower Valley due to recent rainfall. Planting of winter pasture was slowed in eastern areas of the state due to low soil moisture. Wildfires remained a threat across the state due to the combination of drought conditions and lightening.



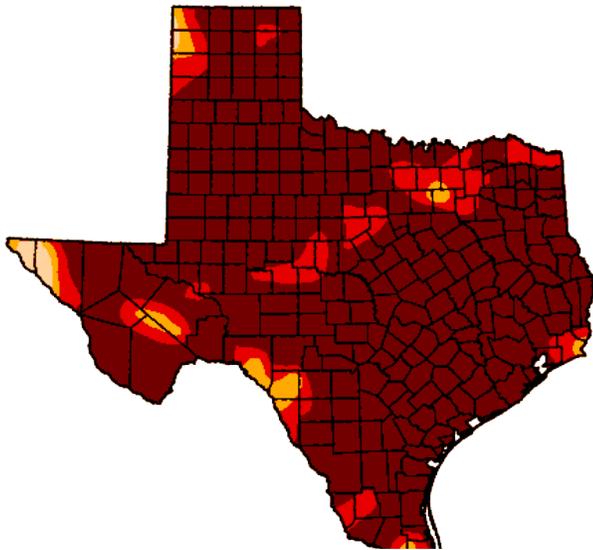
Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, October 2, 2011



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

Drought Monitor

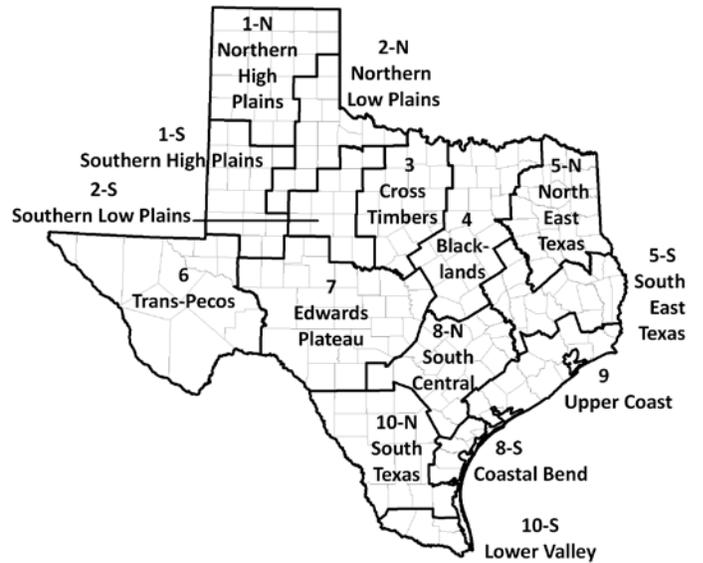
As of 9/27/2011, 7:00 am EST



Intensity:

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

Texas Agricultural Districts



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