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Agricultural Summary: Much of the Panhandle and northern regions of the state experienced a frost early last week. Some irrigated wheat and oats continued to emerge in parts of the Blacklands, while planting continued in most areas of the state. Cotton harvest occurred in the Plains, the Blacklands, Edwards Plateau, and Trans-Pecos. In the Northern High Plains, corn harvest neared completion. Sorghum continued to mature in the Northern Low Plains, while harvest occurred in the High plains. Peanut producers started digging, and harvest continued in the Southern Plains and South Texas. Soybean harvest continued in the Upper Coast, while harvest neared completion in the Northern High Plains. Spinach continued to be planted, while harvest of pumpkins, red dry chilies, and green beans occurred. Pecan harvest continued in the Blacklands, Edwards Plateau, and South Texas. To maintain good body condition, some ranchers were forced to supplement their livestock. Top soil moisture was mostly short to adequate statewide.

Field Crops Report

Small Grains: Wheat and oats continued to be planted in many areas of the state and some irrigated fields continued to emerge in parts of the Blacklands. Statewide, wheat condition was mostly fair to good and oat condition was mostly fair to good.

Cotton: Cotton harvest continued in the Plains, the Blacklands, Edwards Plateau, and Trans-Pecos. Statewide, cotton condition was mostly fair to good.

Corn: Corn harvest neared completion in the Northern High Plains. Corn condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

Sorghum: Some sorghum harvest occurred in the High Plains, while sorghum continued maturing in the Northern Low Plains. Statewide, sorghum condition was mostly fair to good.

Peanuts: Peanut harvest continued in the Southern Plains and South Texas, while producers started digging peanuts in the Cross Timbers. Peanut condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

Soybeans: Soybean harvest neared completion in the Northern High Plains, while harvest continued in the Upper Coast. Soybean condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop Report

Early vegetable harvest continued and fall vegetable crops continued to progress well. Spinach planting continued, while pumpkins, red dry chilies and green beans were harvested.

Pecans: Pecan harvest continued in the Blacklands, Edwards Plateau, and South Texas, but crop continued to look light.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

In order to maintain good body conditions, some ranchers were forced to supplement their livestock due to lack of rain and forage. Stock tank water levels and pasture quality continued to decline due to the lack of rain across most areas of the state. Pasture and range condition was mostly poor to fair statewide.

Crop Progress Table – November 2, 2008

Crop	Stage	2008	2007	Average 2003 – 2007
– Percent –				
Corn	Mature	100	100	100
	Harvested	79	98	97
Cotton	Bolls Opening	90	94	92
	Harvested	23	36	35
Peanuts	Harvested	57	60	54
Sorghum	Coloring	99	100	99
	Mature	91	100	92
	Harvested	74	94	76
Soybeans	Dropping Leaves	100	100	100
	Harvested	96	100	93
Sunflower	Harvested	55	78	80
Winter Wheat	Planted	87	82	86
	Emerged	71	57	68
Oats	Planted	86	78	84
	Emerged	52	47	33

Top Soil Moisture by District – November 2, 2008 *

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	1	5	5	17	13	19	6	6	25	27	51	7	24	33	23
Short	5	27	24	31	51	55	29	53	40	56	40	50	60	57	12
Adequate	88	59	66	52	35	26	65	38	34	17	9	41	16	10	65
Surplus	6	9	5	0	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	0

* 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.

Crop Condition Table – November 2, 2008

Crop	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	Index ^{1/}	
	Percent					2008	2007
Corn	4	38	26	16	16	59	--
Cotton	9	28	33	19	11	60	81
Peanuts	3	63	31	2	1	79	86
Sorghum	5	40	36	14	5	67	--
Soybeans	2	33	29	27	9	57	--
Wheat	15	39	34	10	2	75	56
Oats	0	20	32	19	29	43	49
Range & Pasture	3	21	35	26	15	--	--

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.

Weather Information Table ^{1/ 2/}

National Weather Service Climatic Divisions	Previous Week (Oct 27 – Nov 2) Accumulation	Month-to-date (October 1 – 31) Accumulation	Year-to-date (Jan 1 – Nov 2) Accumulation	1961 – 1990 Annual Normal	Previous Three Months (Jul – Sep) Percent of Normal
High Plains	0.00	3.55	17.50	18.87	112
Low Rolling Plains	0.00	2.82	18.57	23.78	97
North Central Texas	0.00	2.16	21.96	34.00	76
East Texas	0.01	2.31	32.91	45.69	119
Trans-Pecos	0.00	0.88	9.15	12.96	95
Edwards Plateau	0.00	1.34	14.91	24.01	76
South Central Texas	0.00	1.10	16.29	34.48	86
Upper Coast	0.01	2.23	29.81	47.63	87
South Texas	0.08	1.06	16.09	23.49	144
Lower Valley	0.00	1.08	25.14	25.34	209

1/ Average of all stations reporting precipitation data.

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www.srh.noaa.gov/ufcshare/precip_analysis_new.php and www.drought.unl.edu/dm/monitor.html

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