

Texas Crop Weather

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Crop Progress Table - November 13, 2005

Crop	2005	2004	Average 2000-2004
- Percent -			
Corn			
Harvested	98	98	100
Cotton			
Bolls Opening	97	90	97
Harvested	56	40	54
Peanuts			
Harvested	80	58	65
Sorghum			
Mature	97	97	97
Harvested	82	77	84
Soybeans			
Harvested	96	94	97
Sunflowers			
Harvested	80	82	93
Wheat			
Planted	89	89	90
Emerged	70	79	76
Oats			
Planted	84	97	89
Emerged	61	--	--
Pecans			
Harvested	42	44	36

Crop Condition Table - November 13, 2005

Item	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor
- Percent -					
Cotton	20	48	21	7	4
Wheat	2	26	42	18	12
Oats	0	12	26	21	41
Range & Pasture ..	1	9	26	28	36

Agricultural Summary: Weather conditions were generally stable and dry across the state during the week. A few isolated showers occurred across areas of the Plains, Northern Hill Country and Central Texas in late week, however these showers were light and little accumulations were reported. Portions of South Texas and areas along the coast received showers in late week. Elsewhere across the state, conditions remained excessively dry. Above normal temperatures along with moderate winds continued throughout the week and further depleted existing soil moisture. Record high temperatures were reported in several locations as the week progressed. Harvest was ongoing across the state as producers took advantage of the dry weather to complete harvest. Planting and replanting of small grains was slow as many producers were skeptical as to available soil moisture in the near future. Irrigation was active in areas where possible and development of small grains was normal in these locations. Range and pastures continued to decline across the state and many stock water ponds were dry and others were extremely low. Supplemental feeding remained necessary across the state and feed reserves continued to decline.

Field Crops Report

Small Grains: Land preparation and planting continued, however at a slow pace due to the extremely dry conditions. Many producers were reluctant to plant as short term moisture improvement was not forecasted. Emergence on earlier planted fields was slow at best and uneven stands were common. Irrigation was active in areas where possible. Statewide, wheat condition was rated at 56 percent of normal compared with 93 percent last year. Statewide, oat condition was rated at 34 percent of normal.

Cotton: Harvest and pre-harvest activities continued at a rapid pace across the Plains and other remaining locations. Ginning activities were strong and many gins were behind schedule due to the large volume of cotton already harvested. A few minor delays occurred in areas where light rain fell, however harvest resumed as drying occurred. Statewide, cotton condition was rated at 80 percent of normal, compared with 77 percent last year.

Corn: Harvest activities continued in a few remaining areas across the Plains and portions of North Texas. Some short term delays were reported, but were isolated in remaining areas. Land preparation for next year's crops was underway in most areas as producers took advantage of the dry weather conditions.

Sorghum: Harvest remained active across many areas of the Plains and North Central Texas. A few minor delays were reported, but drying out occurred quickly and harvest resumed.

Peanuts: Harvest and preparations for harvest were moving ahead at a rapid pace in remaining areas across the state. Many producers had completed harvest and were preparing land for next years crops.

Soybeans: Harvest continued across areas of the Plains and in a few other remaining locations. A few harvest delays were reported, but were not widespread.

Rice: Harvest of the ratoon crop continued in varied locations throughout the rice belt.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop Report

In the **Rio Grande Valley**, fall melons, onions, tomatoes and cabbage were making good progress. Spinach planting was completed. Early planted cabbage harvest moved ahead in some locations. Sugarcane harvest was active during the week.

In the **San Antonio-Winter Garden**, early planted cabbage, green beans and spinach made good progress. Harvest of cabbage, cucumbers and green beans was active in a few locations. Irrigation remained necessary in all locations.

In **East Texas**, sweet potato harvest remained active in a few locations.

Pecans: Harvest activity increased across the state, but a few delays were reported in areas that received light rain. Many dryland orchards were experiencing lighter than normal crops as the result of the abnormally dry growing season. Many producers report that late season hickory shuck worms have caused extensive damage to their orchard.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Generally, range and pasture conditions across the state were in a state of decline. Hot dry days continued to deplete available moisture and emergence of cool season grasses was slow or stalled in the majority of areas. Field grazing was generally limited to those producers who had irrigation available. Supplemental feeding remained necessary across the state. Hay supplies were extremely low and continued to decline in the majority of areas as producers attempted to maintain their herds. Water available for livestock continued to decline in most areas of the state and many ponds were already dry. Hauling water to livestock continued to be necessary for some producers.

Weather Information Table ¹

National Weather Service Climatic Divisions	Previous week (Nov 7 - 13) Accumulation	Month-to-date (Nov 1 - 13) Accumulation	Year-to-date (Jan 1 - Nov 13) Accumulation	1961-90 Annual Normal	Previous 3 months (Aug - Oct) % of Normal
High Plains	0.04	0.04	15.98	18.87	84
Low Rolling Plains	0.05	0.05	17.68	23.78	84
North Central Texas	0.00	0.00	18.93	34.00	66
East Texas	0.06	0.06	23.71	45.69	66
Trans Pecos	0.00	0.00	12.15	12.96	94
Edwards Plateau	0.00	0.00	18.66	24.01	80
South Central Texas	0.03	0.07	17.86	34.48	43
Upper Coast	0.20	0.21	35.44	47.63	66
South Texas	0.10	0.10	11.56	23.49	27
Lower Valley	0.00	0.00	10.26	25.34	41



¹ Average of all stations reporting precipitation data.

Top Soil Moisture by District - November 13, 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	22	14	24	0	61	69	51	43	14	14	44	20	8	16	0
Short	54	26	62	50	36	28	48	52	54	59	38	73	40	44	65
Adequate	24	55	14	50	3	3	1	5	32	25	18	7	52	39	35
Surplus	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	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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