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Texas Crop Weather

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Agricultural Summary: Areas of the Edwards Plateau and South Central Texas received traces of light rainfall. The remaining areas of the state remained very dry.

Field Crops Report

Small Grains: Producers in the Northern High Plains planted small grains behind harvested cotton, with the anticipation of wheat prices continuing to rise into the spring. Wheat remained in good condition; however, moisture is needed soon for optimum growth. In the Southern High Plains, winter wheat was in good condition with the exception of a few fields. The recent dry weather had more of an affect on the Southern Low Plains as winter wheat was in poor condition due to a lack of moisture. Oats and wheat condition was mostly good to fair statewide.

Cotton: Warm, dry weather allowed cotton to progress as harvest neared completion in the High Plains. Statewide, cotton condition was mostly fair to poor.

Sorghum: Harvest was near completion in the High Plains.

Peanuts: Peanuts continued to be harvested, with a week or two left before completion.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop Report

Irrigation activities were heavy in South Texas cabbage and spinach fields as harvest continued.

Pecans: In South Central Texas, the pecan crop was almost a total loss due to recent dry conditions along with squirrel problems.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Stocker cattle in the Northern High Plains are being placed on wheat pastures daily. In the Southern Low Plains, range conditions declined causing some producers to already start feeding for the winter. Many producers in the Blacklands hauled water to livestock as water supplies continued to decline. Supplemental feeding of livestock also continued as hay was in short supply. In North East Texas, planting of winter pastures continued as soil conditions declined. Statewide, range and pasture land was mostly fair to poor.

Crop Progress Table – November 26, 2006

Crop	Stage	2006	2005	Average 2001-2005
- Percent -				
Cotton	Harvested	70	68	66
Peanuts	Harvested	98	98	88
Sorghum	Harvested	88	89	88
Sunflowers	Harvested	95	93	96
Winter Wheat	Emerged	88	80	84
Oats	Planted	96	92	--
	Emerged	90	74	--
Pecans	Harvested	49	58	53

Crop Condition Table – November 26, 2006

Crop	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	Index ^{1/}	
	Percent					2006	2005
Cotton	7	22	28	22	21	51	80
Wheat	8	36	42	11	3	69	43
Oats	3	21	47	20	9	56	24
Range & Pasture	1	11	28	33	27	--	--

^{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.

Top Soil Moisture by District – November 26, 2006 *

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	21	25	7	32	14	28	16	6	23	41	32	5	0	66	10
Short	50	42	50	57	61	51	55	44	60	45	52	60	26	31	23
Adequate	29	29	40	11	25	21	29	49	17	14	16	35	69	3	67
Surplus	0	4	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	0	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.

Weather Information Table ^{1/}

National Weather Service Climatic Divisions	Previous Week (Nov 20 - 26) Accumulation	Month-to-date (Nov 1 - 26) Accumulation	Year-to-date (Jan 1 - Nov 26) Accumulation	1961-90 Annual Normal	Previous Three Months (Aug - Oct) Percent of Normal
High Plains	0.00	0.00	14.33	18.87	132
Low Rolling Plains	0.00	0.13	17.07	23.78	110
North Central Texas	0.00	0.79	22.60	34.00	104
East Texas	0.00	1.50	35.04	45.69	112
Trans Pecos	0.00	0.00	8.28	12.96	94
Edwards Plateau	0.00	0.00	14.28	24.01	69
South Central Texas	0.00	0.13	17.31	34.48	52
Upper Coast	0.00	0.56	48.23	47.63	130
South Texas	0.00	0.05	11.10	23.49	84
Lower Valley	0.00	0.41	16.32	25.34	102

^{1/} Average of all stations reporting precipitation data.

For more weather information, please visit the following web sites:

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

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- Texas Agricultural Extension Service
- Texas Department of Agriculture
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