



## Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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**Weekly Summary for April 15 - April 21**

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Crops progress continued to improve despite some dry and windy conditions. Rainfall ranged from trace amounts to 6 inches, with the Blacklands, North East Texas, and South East Texas receiving the most rain. Drought conditions ranged from none to extreme drought with areas in the Trans-Pecos and Edwards Plateau being the driest. There was an average of 5.4 days suitable for fieldwork.

**Small Grains:** Winter wheat and oats progress remained steady. In the Blacklands, the Cross Timbers, and South East Texas, winter wheat continued to head out. Leaf rust and hot spots were reported in the northern portion of the state. Some producers throughout the state were cutting wheat for hay, while more rain was needed in the Edwards Plateau and the Coastal Bend. Winter wheat headed reached 50 percent, up 2 points from the previous year. Oats headed reached 66 percent, up 2 points from the previous year.

**Row Crops:** Row crop producers across the state were making good headway on plantings. In the Blacklands and South Central Texas, some corn fields were emerging. Corn planted reached 68 percent, down 2 points from the previous year. Corn emerged reached 55 percent, down 4 points from the previous year. Sorghum planting was underway in the Southern Low Plains. In the Blacklands, some sorghum producers were holding off on planting sorghum due to recent rainfall. Sorghum was emerging in South Central Texas and the Edwards Plateau. Sorghum planted reached 60 percent, unchanged from the previous year. Sorghum emerged reached 6 percent, up 6 points from the previous year. In the Northern High Plains and the Edwards Plateau, cotton producers were busy preparing their fields for planting. Cotton planted reached 16 percent, down 1 point from the previous year. In the Upper Coast, rice planting continued as some began to emerge. Rice planted reached 72 percent, up 3 points from the previous year. Rice emerged reached 56 percent, up 3 points from the previous year.

**Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops:** In the Lower Valley, vegetables and citrus trees were being irrigated. Watermelons were growing well in the Southern High Plains and the Lower Valley. Peach trees were setting fruit in the Cross Timbers. Pecan trees were showing signs of flowering and pollination. In South Texas, some strawberries were harvested.

**Livestock, Range and Pasture:** Pastures remained in good condition. Dry and windy conditions began to affect forages in parts of the state, while other areas continued to green up from additional rainfall. Pasture and range conditions were rated good to very poor. Livestock producers continued supplemental feeding.

**Crop Progress by Percent  
For Week Ending April 21, 2024**

| Stage               | Percentage of Acreage |               |               |                |
|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
|                     | Current Week          | Previous Week | Previous Year | 5 Year Average |
| <b>Corn</b>         |                       |               |               |                |
| Planted             | 68                    | 63            | 70            | 65             |
| Emerged             | 55                    | 50            | 59            | 52             |
| <b>Cotton</b>       |                       |               |               |                |
| Planted             | 16                    | 13            | 17            | 16             |
| <b>Rice</b>         |                       |               |               |                |
| Planted             | 72                    | 63            | 69            | 75             |
| Emerged             | 56                    | 42            | 53            | 58             |
| <b>Sorghum</b>      |                       |               |               |                |
| Planted             | 60                    | 51            | 60            | 60             |
| Emerged             | 6                     | 5             | (NA)          | 8              |
| <b>Winter Wheat</b> |                       |               |               |                |
| Headed              | 50                    | 40            | 48            | 47             |
| <b>Oats</b>         |                       |               |               |                |
| Headed              | 66                    | 53            | 68            | 64             |

(NA) Not available.

**Crop Condition by Percent  
For Week Ending April 21, 2024**

| Crop              | Percent of Acreage |      |      |      |           | Index <sup>1</sup> |      |
|-------------------|--------------------|------|------|------|-----------|--------------------|------|
|                   | Excellent          | Good | Fair | Poor | Very Poor | 2024               | 2023 |
| Corn              | 15                 | 40   | 33   | 9    | 3         | 75                 | 81   |
| Wheat             | 7                  | 39   | 33   | 13   | 8         | 76                 | 42   |
| Oats              | 5                  | 28   | 45   | 14   | 8         | 61                 | 42   |
| Range and Pasture | 5                  | 22   | 33   | 18   | 22        | 50                 | 40   |

<sup>1</sup> 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.

**Soil Moisture and Days Suitable by District  
For Week Ending April 21, 2024**

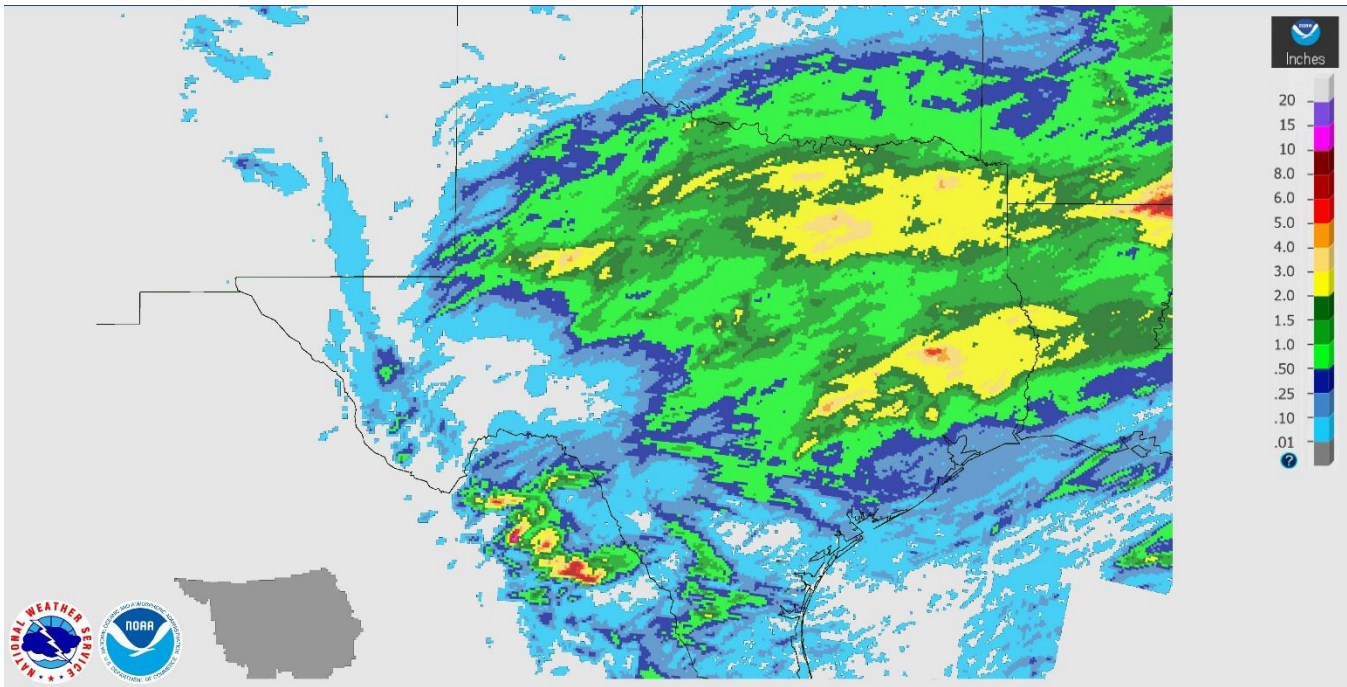
| District | Subsoil Moisture Condition by District |       |          |         | Topsoil Moisture Condition by District |       |          |         | Days Suitable for Fieldwork |
|----------|--|-------|----------|---------|--|-------|----------|---------|-----------------------------|
|          | Percentage of Acreage                  |       |          |         | Percentage of Acreage                  |       |          |         |                             |
|          | Very Short                             | Short | Adequate | Surplus | Very Short                             | Short | Adequate | Surplus |                             |
| 11       | 10                                     | 33    | 55       | 2       | 12                                     | 48    | 39       | 1       | 5.7                         |
| 12       | 42                                     | 22    | 32       | 4       | 41                                     | 21    | 28       | 10      | 5.4                         |
| 21       | 1                                      | 60    | 39       | 0       | 1                                      | 44    | 55       | 0       | 5.9                         |
| 22       | 0                                      | 34    | 60       | 6       | 0                                      | 20    | 74       | 6       | 5.3                         |
| 30       | 5                                      | 23    | 67       | 5       | 1                                      | 12    | 65       | 22      | 5.4                         |
| 40       | 1                                      | 8     | 51       | 40      | 1                                      | 2     | 55       | 42      | 4.5                         |
| 51       | 1                                      | 1     | 61       | 37      | 1                                      | 1     | 61       | 37      | 5.4                         |
| 52       | 0                                      | 23    | 58       | 19      | 0                                      | 18    | 64       | 18      | 5.6                         |
| 60       | 20                                     | 69    | 10       | 1       | 20                                     | 69    | 10       | 1       | 4.0                         |
| 70       | 36                                     | 53    | 11       | 0       | 50                                     | 39    | 11       | 0       | 5.2                         |
| 81       | 0                                      | 36    | 60       | 4       | 4                                      | 27    | 64       | 5       | 6.2                         |
| 82       | 10                                     | 15    | 72       | 3       | 10                                     | 13    | 71       | 6       | 5.5                         |
| 90       | 2                                      | 28    | 63       | 7       | 4                                      | 29    | 58       | 9       | 5.7                         |
| 96       | 12                                     | 33    | 54       | 1       | 13                                     | 31    | 55       | 1       | 6.5                         |
| 97       | 14                                     | 41    | 45       | 0       | 33                                     | 40    | 27       | 0       | 5.4                         |
| State    | 13                                     | 28    | 50       | 9       | 14                                     | 27    | 47       | 12      | 5.4                         |

**Texas Agricultural Districts**

- 11 Northern High Plains
- 12 Southern High Plains
- 21 Northern Low Plains
- 22 Southern Low Plains
- 30 Cross Timbers
- 40 Blacklands
- 51 North East
- 52 South East
- 60 Trans-Pecos
- 70 Edwards Plateau
- 81 South Central
- 82 Coastal Bend
- 90 Upper Coast
- 96 South
- 97 Lower Valley



# Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, April 21, 2024

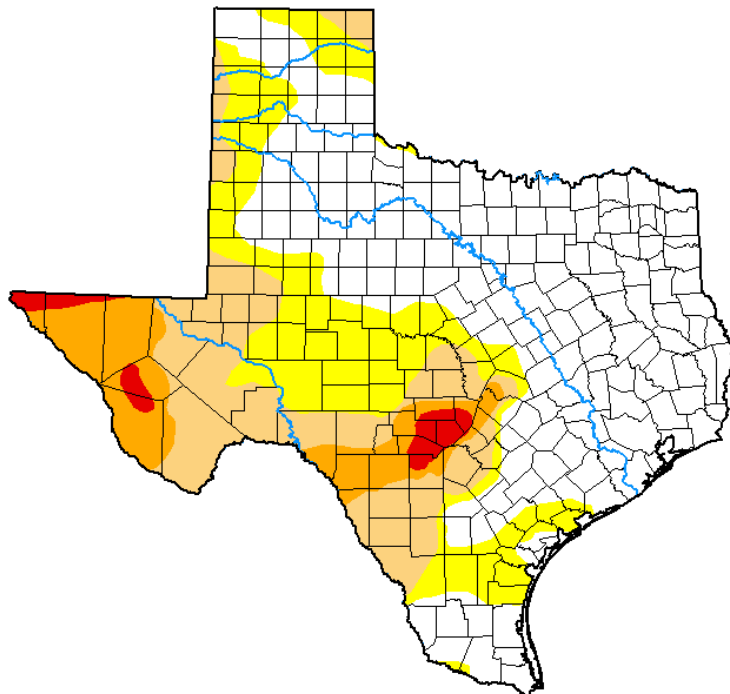


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**Drought Monitor, Map Released:** April 18, 2024

## U.S. Drought Monitor Texas

**April 16, 2024**  
(Released Thursday, Apr. 18, 2024)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



**Intensity:**

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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