



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR JANUARY 16 – 22

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Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2012	2011
Wheat	2	21	37	26	14	51	46
Oats	5	29	47	14	5	64	43
Range and Pasture	0	5	17	33	45	---	---

* 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 (Jan 16 – 22, 2012)	Month-to-Date (Jan 1 - 22, 2012)	Year-to-Date (Jan 1 –22, 2012)	Annual Normal 1971-2000	Normal Previous Three Months (Oct – Dec)
High Plains	0.00	0.02	0.02	19.64	14
Low Rolling Plains	0.00	0.10	0.10	24.51	16
North Central Texas	0.00	0.21	0.21	35.23	15
East Texas	0.00	0.35	0.35	48.08	12
Trans-Pecos	0.00	0.03	0.03	13.19	3
Edwards Plateau	0.00	0.06	0.06	24.73	13
South Central Texas	0.00	0.12	0.12	36.21	10
Upper Coast	0.00	0.34	0.34	50.31	8
South Texas	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.08	11
Lower Valley	0.00	0.01	0.01	25.43	4

*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	52	63	52	38	20	9	19	9	71	39	12	84	26	51	40
Short	36	23	38	52	31	33	33	42	27	43	56	16	45	38	57
Adequate	12	14	10	10	49	58	45	47	2	18	32	0	14	11	3
Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	15	0	0

Weekly Summary

The majority of the state was relatively dry as areas of the Panhandle only received trace amounts of rainfall while the eastern section of the state received around 0.01 to 0.50 of an inch.

Crop Progress					
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2011	5 Yr Avg
Oats	Emerged	99	98	92	95
Pecans	Harvested	98	96	94	96
Winter Wheat	Emerged	95	92	95	95

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/.

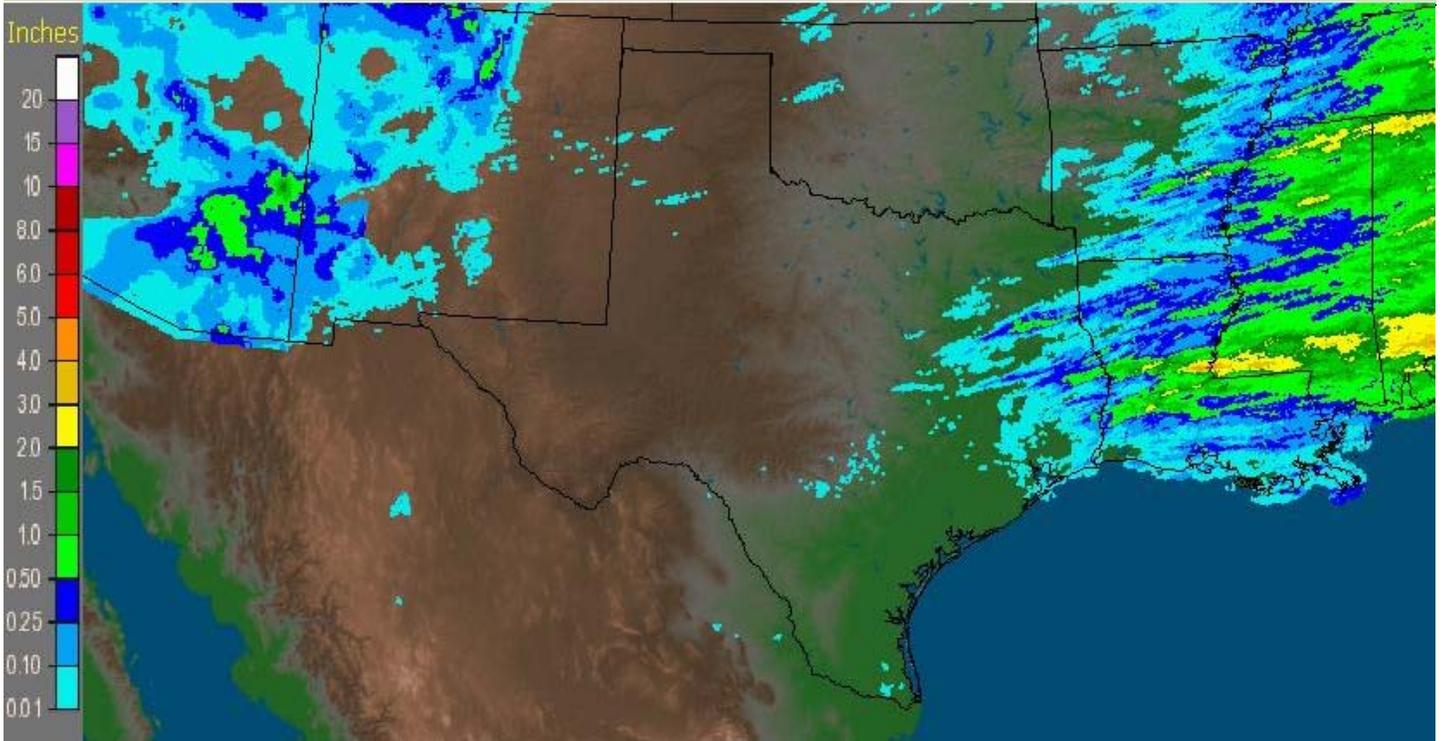
Small Grains: In the High Plains, high winds depleted some of top soil moisture from wheat fields that benefitted from previous rains. There were even reports of winds in excess of 40-60 mph in several areas. In the Blacklands, small grains progressed due to unseasonably mild days and even nights in some cases. However, there were some issues of spider mites in some of those fields. In the Edwards Plateau, the recent increase in temperatures has been appreciated amongst farmers, but small grains were stagnant due to continued dry conditions. There were also several reports of Hessian fly infestation.

Cotton: In the Northern Low Plains, producers continued field preparations. Some activities were slowed and even halted in some cases due to high winds.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop: Pecans were slow to fall in yard trees as varieties have opened but were sticking in shuck. Harvest of sugarcane, citrus, and vegetables was ongoing in the Lower Valley. Fall onions were progressing well.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Livestock were generally in fair to good condition across the state as supplemental feeding continued. Cattle prices remained strong and even increased amongst some producers, and an abundance of producers were early weaning to help save cow condition. Earlier rainfall helped replenish some stock tanks; however, many remained low. Winter pastures improved in the Blacklands and North East Texas due to the combination of recent rains and warm weather. In the Blacklands, producers utilized improved winter pastures to help reduce the amount of hay consumed by cattle.

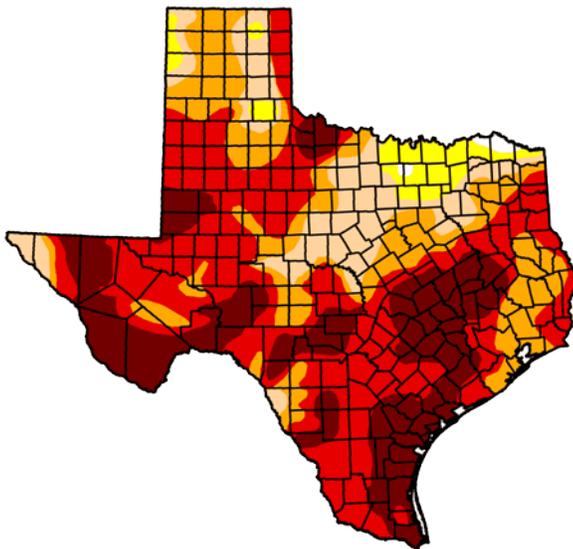
Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, January 22, 2012



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

Drought Monitor

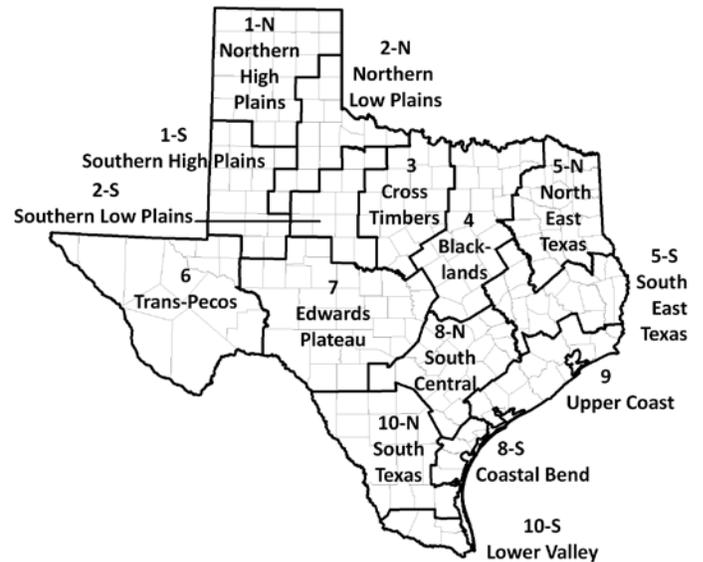
As of 1/17/2012, 7:00 am EST



Intensity:



Texas Agricultural Districts



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