



# Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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**WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR FEBRUARY 6 – 12**

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Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2012	2011
Wheat	7	22	31	25	15	53	39
Range and Pasture	2	11	23	30	34	---	---

\* 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 (Feb 6 – 12, 2012)	Month-to-Date (Feb 1 – 12, 2012)	Year-to-Date (Jan 1 – Feb 12, 2012)	Annual Normal 1971-2000	Normal Previous Three Months (Nov – Jan)
High Plains	0.05	0.08	0.10	19.64	77
Low Rolling Plains	0.06	0.07	0.22	24.51	57
North Central Texas	0.05	0.09	0.88	35.23	40
East Texas	0.06	0.33	1.07	48.08	39
Trans-Pecos	0.01	0.01	0.05	13.19	75
Edwards Plateau	0.08	0.08	0.32	24.73	41
South Central Texas	0.04	0.24	0.69	36.21	43
Upper Coast	0.06	0.25	0.96	50.31	45
South Texas	0.03	0.13	0.21	24.08	98
Lower Valley	0.22	0.36	0.38	25.43	108

\*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](http://water.weather.gov) and [www.drought.unl.edu/dm/monitor.html](http://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	49	68	56	15	10	5	7	3	69	23	5	0	9	29	28
Short	44	22	33	58	15	8	16	14	19	38	16	52	23	40	47
Adequate	6	10	11	27	75	79	66	61	12	38	74	28	39	31	15
Surplus	1	0	0	0	0	8	11	22	0	1	5	20	29	0	10

## Weekly Summary

Most areas of the state received precipitation last week, mostly ranging from 0.01 inch to 1 inch. Isolated areas in East Texas and the Lower Valley reported up

to 2 inches. Central Texas reported up to 1 inch of moisture and the Plains reported up to 0.5 inch. Despite limited precipitation, dry and windy conditions persisted over much of the Tran-Pecos and Plains regions.

**Small Grains:** Winter wheat in the High Plains and Northern Low Plains continued to suffer from insufficient moisture. Moisture requirements were low, as much of the winter wheat remained dormant. However, as the weather warms into spring, moisture will be critical. Further to the south and east, precipitation provided much-needed soil moisture and improved wheat, oat and barley crops.

**Row Crops:** Producers continued to cultivate fields in preparation for planting of corn and sorghum, which will begin in mid- to late-February. Recent moisture could delay planting in parts of Central and South Texas by a few days. Cotton producers continued to prepare fields with some pre-watering and laying of rows.

**Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop:** Farmers in North East Texas began planting onions, potatoes, and greens last week. In South Texas, cabbage harvest was active and much of the potato crop had emerged. In parts of the Lower Valley, wet fields delayed the harvest of citrus, sugarcane, and vegetables.

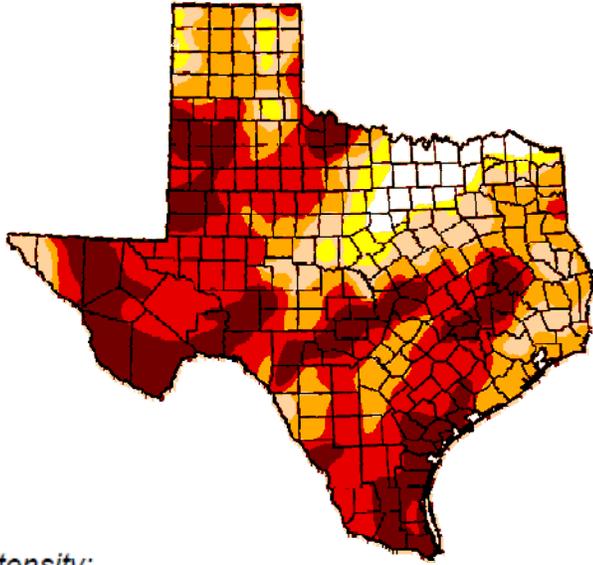
**Livestock, Range and Pasture:** Range and pastureland in much of the Trans-Pecos and High Plains remained in poor condition and supplemental feeding continued. Many producers faced a dwindling hay supply. Rainfall promoted the growth of cool-season grasses on pastureland across Central and East Texas, which eased supplemental feeding and helped to improve cattle condition. Spring calving was active across the state. Many stock tanks in South Texas were low or empty, while tanks from the Cross Timbers to East Texas were mostly full.

Crop Progress					
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2011	5 Yr Avg
Winter Wheat	Emerged	98	97	98	98

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/](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Texas/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/maps/).

# Drought Monitor

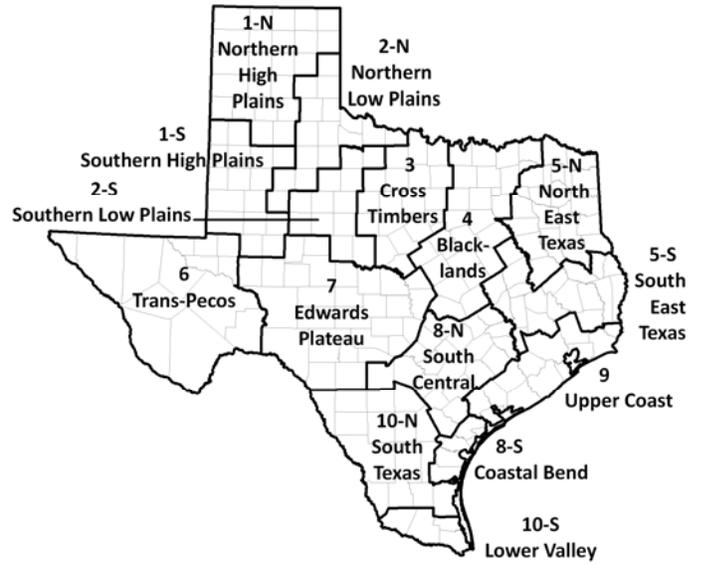
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## Intensity:



# Texas Agricultural Districts



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