



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR FEBRUARY 20 – 26 ISSUE TX-CW0912 RELEASED FEBRUARY 27, 2012

| Crop | Crop Condition | | | | | | Index | |
|-------------------|--------------------|------|------|------|-----------|------|-------|--|
| | Percent of Acreage | | | | | 2012 | 2011 | |
| | Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Very Poor | | | |
| Wheat | 8 | 23 | 26 | 25 | 18 | 52 | 41 | |
| Oats | 18 | 47 | 27 | 4 | 4 | 80 | 46 | |
| Range and Pasture | 1 | 17 | 23 | 30 | 29 | -- | -- | |

* 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.

Summary

Texas received rainfall in most areas of the state last week with rainfall totals mostly ranging from 0.01 to 3 inches. The Panhandle and West Texas received little or no precipitation while strong winds further reduced soil moisture.

| Crop | Stage | Crop Progress | | | |
|--------------|---------|--------------------|-----------|------|----------|
| | | Percent of Acreage | | | |
| | | Current | Prev Week | 2011 | 5 Yr Avg |
| Corn | Planted | 2 | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| Sorghum | Planted | 1 | 0 | 4 | 2 |
| Winter Wheat | Emerged | 100 | 99 | 100 | 99 |

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: Winter wheat suffered from dry conditions in the High Plains. In North and Central Texas, small grains benefited from precipitation and warm temperatures, with some producers reporting that wheat and oats were maturing ahead of schedule.

Row Crops: Farmers around South Texas began planting corn and sorghum. However in many areas, wet field conditions delayed land preparation and planting. Cotton producers continued to list fields and book cotton seed for the upcoming season. Lack of moisture remained a serious concern for both corn and cotton producers in the High Plains and the Trans-Pecos.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: Garden preparation and vegetable planting continued in East Texas. In the Cross Timbers, fruit trees were in bloom. In South Texas, spinach harvest was active while cabbage and onions continued to make progress. Wet field conditions in the Lower Valley interrupted sugarcane, citrus, and vegetable harvest.

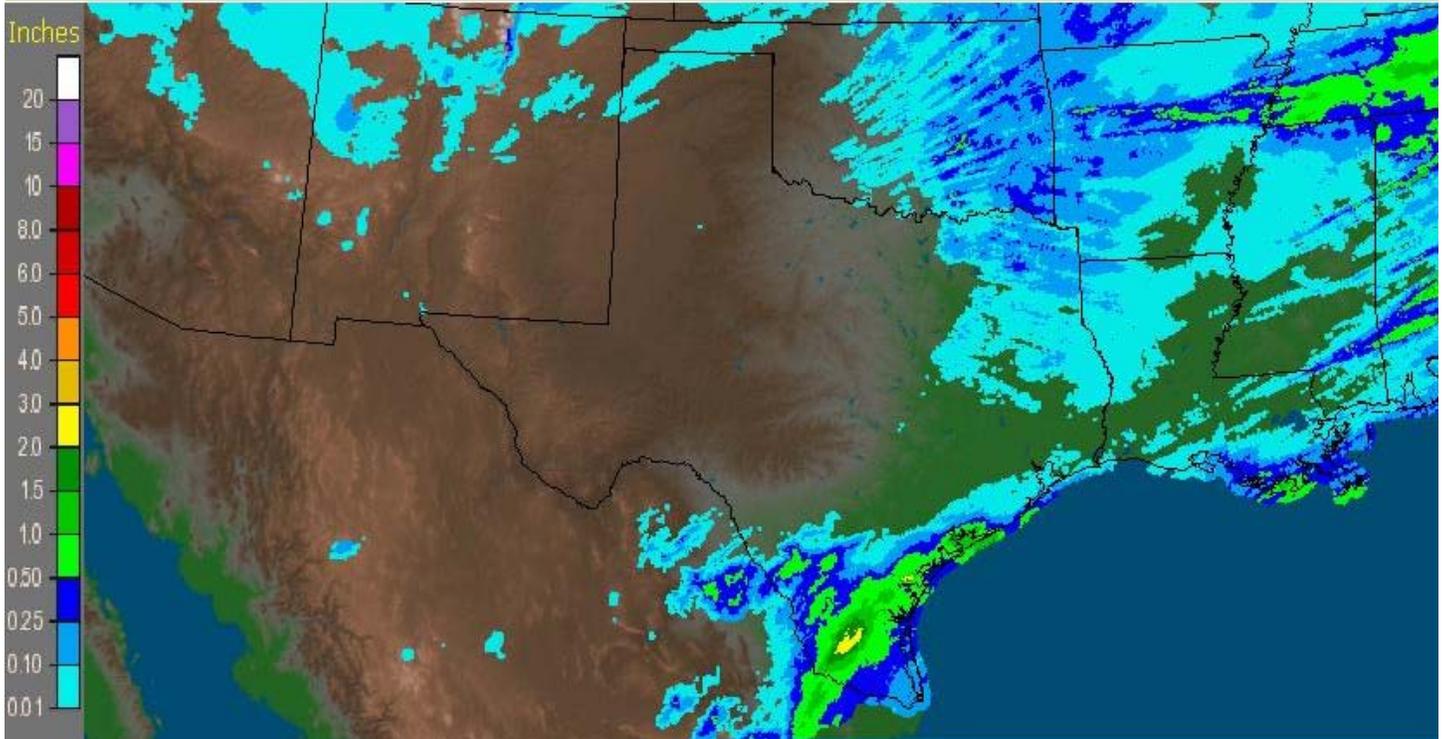
Livestock, Range and Pasture: In the High Plains, the Trans-Pecos and parts of South Texas, range and pastureland remained in need of additional moisture. Livestock producers continued to supplement with hay and protein. In most other areas, cool and warm season grasses benefited from rainfall and warm temperatures, allowing producers to scale back supplemental feeding. Across the state, weed growth was a concern. The calving season continued and lambing and kidding was underway. South Texas stock tanks remained low, while tanks from the Edwards Plateau to East Texas were filling due to recent rainfall.

| 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 | 54 | 54 | 41 | 11 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 62 | 21 | 4 | 13 | 2 | 17 | 28 |
| Short | 44 | 38 | 49 | 45 | 17 | 7 | 16 | 9 | 30 | 31 | 15 | 47 | 13 | 34 | 42 |
| Adequate | 2 | 8 | 10 | 43 | 76 | 67 | 76 | 70 | 8 | 45 | 77 | 20 | 58 | 49 | 15 |
| Surplus | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 24 | 4 | 21 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 20 | 27 | 0 | 15 |

| Texas Precipitation | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| National Weather Service Climatic Divisions * | Inches of Accumulation ** | | | | Percent |
| | Previous Week (Feb 20 – 26, 2012) | Month-to-Date (Feb 1 – 26, 2012) | Year-to-Date (Jan 1 – Feb 26, 2012) | Annual Normal 1971-2000 | Normal Previous Three Months (Nov – Jan) |
| High Plains | 0.00 | 0.10 | 0.12 | 19.64 | 77 |
| Low Rolling Plains | 0.00 | 0.17 | 0.32 | 24.51 | 57 |
| North Central Texas | 0.00 | 0.30 | 1.09 | 35.23 | 40 |
| East Texas | 0.01 | 0.86 | 1.60 | 48.08 | 39 |
| Trans-Pecos | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.05 | 13.19 | 75 |
| Edwards Plateau | 0.00 | 0.31 | 0.55 | 24.73 | 41 |
| South Central Texas | 0.03 | 0.36 | 0.81 | 36.21 | 43 |
| Upper Coast | 0.02 | 0.84 | 1.55 | 50.31 | 45 |
| South Texas | 0.11 | 0.31 | 0.39 | 24.08 | 98 |
| Lower Valley | 0.03 | 0.46 | 0.48 | 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: <http://water.weather.gov> and <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu>.

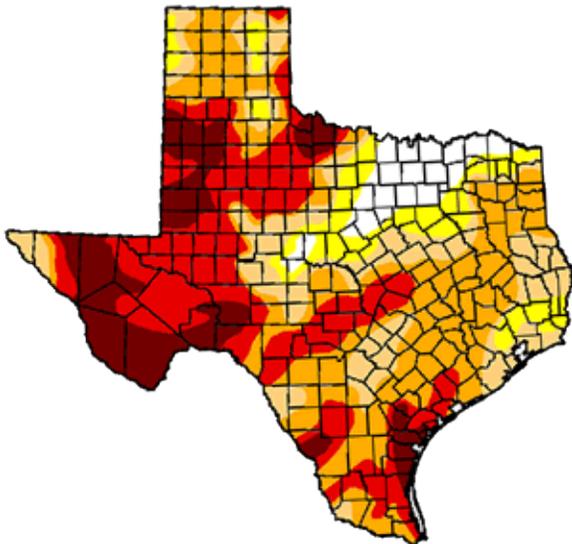
Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, February 26, 2012



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

Drought Monitor

Valid 2/21/2012, 7:00 am EST



Intensity:



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

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