



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR APRIL 16 - 22

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Crop	Crop Condition						Index	
	Percent of Acreage					2012	2011	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor			
Corn	19	62	17	2	0	87	48	
Rice	14	68	16	2	0	87	67	
Sorghum	11	59	21	7	2	80	56	
Wheat	8	28	32	17	15	58	29	
Oats	20	48	22	5	5	80	24	
Range and Pasture	9	29	32	18	12	--	--	

* 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

Areas of East, Central, and South Texas and the Panhandle received rainfall last week. Coastal Texas received 5 inches of rainfall or more for the week while other areas observed scattered showers.

Small Grains: Cutting and baling of small grains for hay was active around the state. Wheat and oats were fully headed out in many areas. However, dryland wheat was stressed in some locations due to insufficient moisture. In North Texas, there were reports of armyworm and rust problems in wheat.

Crop	Stage	Crop Progress			
		Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2011	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Planted	65	54	63	64
	Emerged	53	48	53	56
Cotton	Planted	23	18	13	16
Peanuts	Planted	1	0	1	0
Rice	Planted	79	65	87	82
	Emerged	64	40	70	63
Sorghum	Planted	60	52	55	58
Soybeans	Planted	60	37	65	57
Sunflowers	Planted	18	0	11	13
Winter Wheat	Headed	67	51	44	38
Oats	Headed	95	80	79	73

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/.

Row Crops: In the Plains, farmers were making final land preparations for spring planting. Cotton producers were listing fields, pre-watering, and getting equipment ready. In South Texas, corn and sorghum progressed well and cotton planting activities were wrapping up in some areas. In Northeast Texas, corn was emerging and producers were planting sorghum and soybeans. Row crops in many areas of the state were in need of rain. Irrigation was active on corn, cotton, and sorghum in South Texas and the Lower Valley.

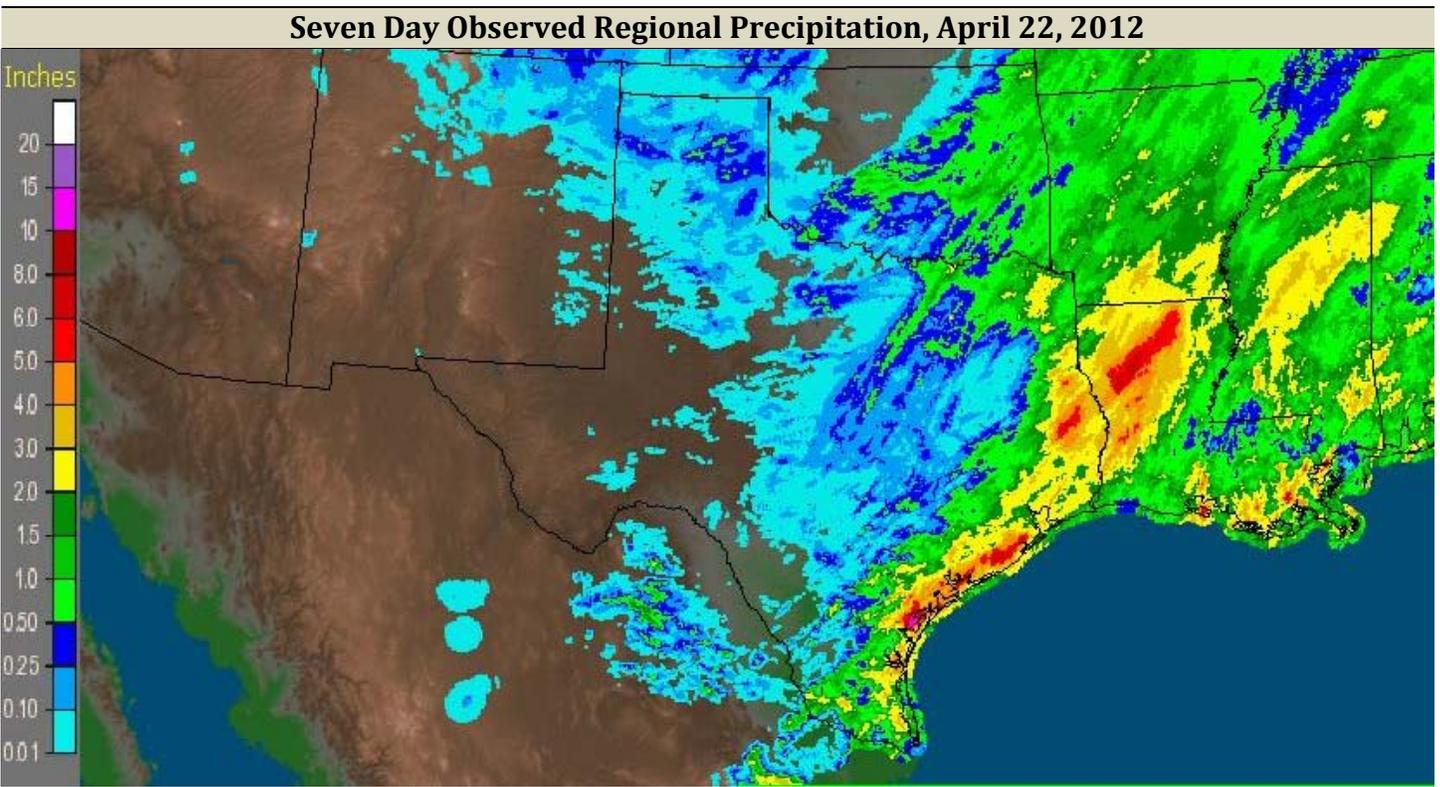
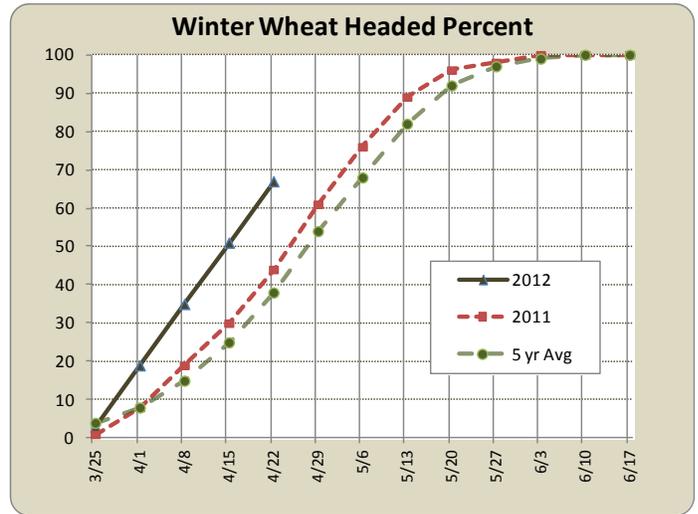
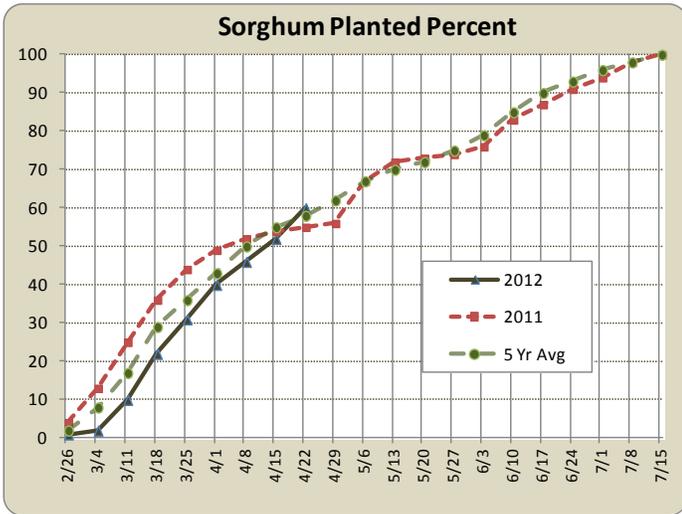
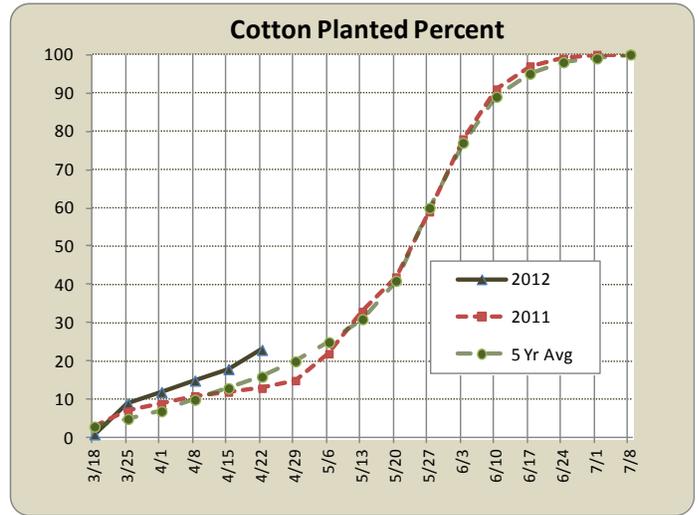
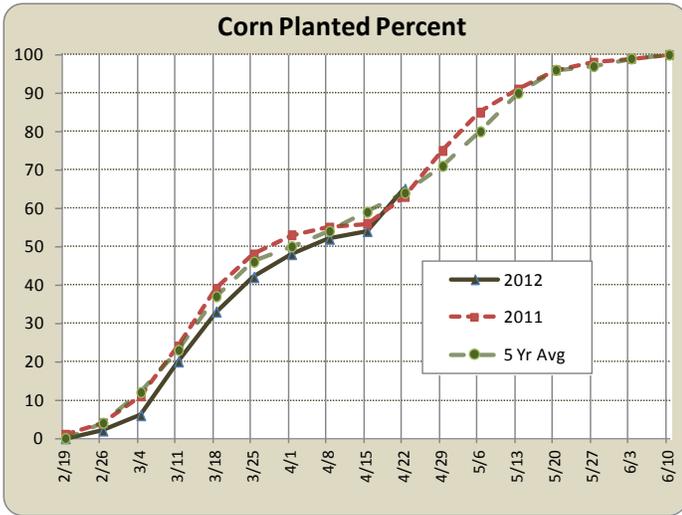
Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops: Foliar zinc sprays continued on pecan trees. Some growers were also spraying for pecan nut casebearer. In Northeast Texas, blueberries and blackberries made good progress and in the Trans-Pecos, chilies were emerging. Onions and cabbage were being irrigated in South Texas while cooler temperatures slowed down watermelon plant development. In the Lower Valley, sugarcane harvest was complete, spring tomato harvest was in progress and preparations for melon harvest were underway.

Livestock, Range, and Pasture: Range and pastureland in much of the state was in need of moisture. Some pastures in the Plains and the Edwards Plateau were showing signs of stress. In North and East Texas, pastureland was looking good and provided grazing for livestock. Supplemental feeding of livestock continued in the Trans-Pecos and some cattle were in poor condition. Producers in other areas were able to cease supplementation. Stock tanks around the state ranged from very low in parts of South Texas to nearly full in many other areas.

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	61	31	14	4	2	4	4	77	12	1	36	1	27	21
Short	37	24	42	70	33	13	9	9	21	50	32	27	5	45	25
Adequate	11	15	27	16	61	80	71	81	2	37	66	30	53	28	46
Surplus	0	0	0	0	2	5	16	6	0	1	1	7	41	0	8

Texas Precipitation					
National Weather Service Climatic Divisions *	Inches of Accumulation **				Percent
	Previous Week (April 16 – 22, 2012)	Month-to-Date (April 1 – 22, 2012)	Year-to-Date (Jan 1 – Apr 22, 2012)	Annual Normal 1971-2000	Normal Previous Three Months (Jan, Feb, Mar)
High Plains	0.01	0.08	0.32	19.64	11
Low Rolling Plains	0.00	0.17	0.63	24.51	13
North Central Texas	0.01	0.18	2.08	35.23	27
East Texas	0.10	0.46	3.07	48.08	23
Trans-Pecos	0.00	0.08	0.17	13.19	7
Edwards Plateau	0.00	0.10	0.98	24.73	23
South Central Texas	0.05	0.16	1.55	36.21	21
Upper Coast	0.31	0.55	2.98	50.31	24
South Texas	0.01	0.09	0.74	24.08	18
Lower Valley	0.25	0.26	0.93	25.43	17

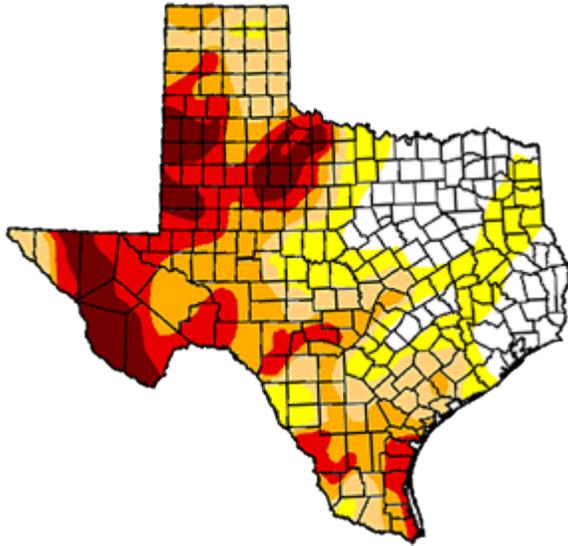
* High Plains: 1-N, 1-S; Low Rolling Plains: 2-N, 2-S; North Central Texas: 3, 4; East Texas: 5-N, 5-S. Trans-Pecos: 6; Edwards Plateau: 7; South Central Texas: 8-N, 8-S; Upper Coast: 9; South Texas: 10-N; Lower Valley: 10-S. ** Average of all stations reporting precipitation data. For more information, please visit the following web sites: <http://water.weather.gov> and <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu>.



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

Drought Monitor

Valid 4/17/2012, 7:00 am EST



Intensity:

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|  D0 Abnormally Dry |  D3 Drought - Extreme |
|  D1 Drought - Moderate |  D4 Drought - Exceptional |
|  D2 Drought - Severe | |

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

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