



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR JUNE 25 – JULY 1

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Summary

Areas of the High Plains, the Upper Coast, South Texas, and the Lower Valley received up to 6 inches of rainfall. The Trans-Pecos and South Central Texas observed scattered showers, while the rest of the state received little to no rainfall.

Small Grains: Winter wheat and oats harvest continued in northern areas of the state and was nearly complete.

Row Crops: Corn in areas of the Northern High Plains was stressed due to earlier hail storms. Irrigated cotton progressed well in the High Plains due to the crop receiving many heat units from above average

temperatures; however, dry-land cotton was stressed. The peanut crop was in need of moisture in areas of the Northern Low Plains. Sorghum colored and progressed well in southern areas of the state. Producers prepared for corn and sorghum harvest in areas of the Blacklands. Cotton progressed well in areas of East Texas and the Trans-Pecos due to reduced insect activity. Cotton bolls were opening rapidly due to hot and dry conditions in areas of South Central Texas. Dry-land corn matured rapidly in southern areas of the state.

Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops: The pecan crop progressed well in the Trans-Pecos but suffered from insect activity in areas of the Cross Timbers and East Texas. In eastern areas of the state, blueberry and blackberry harvest progressed well. In areas of the Edwards Plateau, irrigated fruits and vegetables progressed well due to adequate sunshine.

| | | Crop Progress | | | |
|--------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------|------|----------|
| Crop | Stage | Percent of Acreage | | | |
| | | Current | Prev Week | 2011 | 5 Yr Avg |
| Corn | Silked (Tasseled) | 67 | 63 | 60 | 59 |
| | Dough | 50 | 41 | 45 | 46 |
| | Dent | 37 | 24 | 37 | 29 |
| | Mature | 11 | 0 | 9 | 6 |
| Cotton | Planted | 100 | 99 | 100 | 99 |
| | Squaring | 33 | 21 | 36 | 38 |
| | Setting Bolls | 11 | 10 | 14 | 14 |
| Peanuts | Pegging | 8 | 3 | 9 | 14 |
| Rice | Headed | 31 | 26 | 33 | 30 |
| Sorghum | Planted | 95 | 94 | 94 | 96 |
| | Headed | 62 | 61 | 69 | 56 |
| | Coloring | 55 | 47 | 62 | 45 |
| | Mature | 39 | 27 | 50 | 27 |
| | Harvested | 19 | 0 | 16 | 7 |
| Soybeans | Blooming | 55 | 46 | 49 | 54 |
| Sunflowers | Planted | 95 | 94 | 86 | 73 |
| Winter Wheat | Harvested (Grain) | 98 | 85 | 95 | 79 |
| Oats | Harvested (Grain) | 97 | 93 | 93 | 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/.

Livestock, Range, and Pasture: Supplemental feeding of livestock decreased in northern areas of the state due improving pastures receiving rainfall. Producers weaned calves in areas of the High Plains. Across the state, hay production progressed well; however, hay fields were in need of more rainfall for a second cutting. In eastern areas of the state, pastures suffered due to feral hogs and grasshoppers. Pastures and rangeland were browning in western areas of the state due to dry and hot conditions; however, pastures and rangeland conditions improved in areas of the state receiving recent rainfall.

| Crop Condition | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|------|------|------|-----------|-------|------|
| Crop | Percent of Acreage | | | | | Index | |
| | Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Very Poor | 2012 | 2011 |
| Corn | 13 | 44 | 34 | 6 | 3 | 76 | 42 |
| Cotton | 4 | 31 | 39 | 20 | 6 | 61 | 37 |
| Peanuts | 0 | 44 | 54 | 2 | 0 | 73 | 56 |
| Rice | 8 | 69 | 19 | 2 | 2 | 83 | 77 |
| Sorghum | 8 | 45 | 30 | 11 | 6 | 70 | 51 |
| Soybeans | 6 | 50 | 43 | 1 | 0 | 78 | 51 |
| Wheat | 11 | 25 | 31 | 19 | 14 | 59 | 25 |
| Oats | 26 | 35 | 28 | 7 | 4 | 79 | 27 |
| Range and Pasture | 2 | 17 | 38 | 28 | 15 | -- | -- |

* 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.

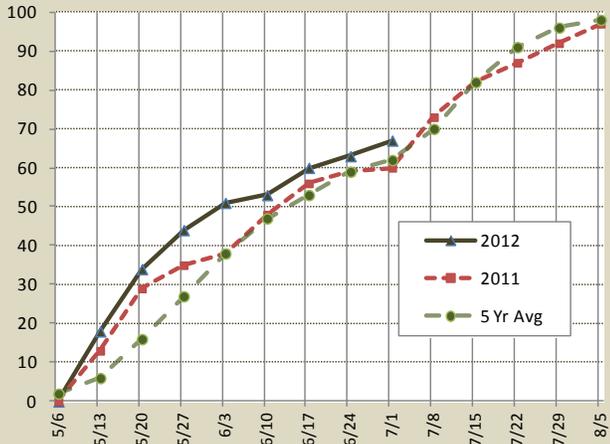
| Texas Precipitation | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| National Weather Service Climatic Divisions * | Inches of Accumulation ** | | | | Percent |
| | Previous Week (Jun 25 – Jul 1, 2012) | Month-to-Date (June 1 – 30, 2012) | Year-to-Date (Jan 1 – Jul 1, 2012) | Annual Normal 1971-2000 | Normal Previous Three Months (March - May) |
| High Plains | 0.01 | 0.41 | 1.07 | 19.64 | 10 |
| Low Rolling Plains | 0.00 | 0.47 | 1.55 | 24.51 | 11 |
| North Central Texas | 0.00 | 0.32 | 2.83 | 35.23 | 13 |
| East Texas | 0.01 | 0.49 | 4.05 | 48.08 | 15 |
| Trans-Pecos | 0.00 | 0.10 | 0.65 | 13.19 | 25 |
| Edwards Plateau | 0.00 | 0.14 | 1.85 | 24.73 | 18 |
| South Central Texas | 0.07 | 0.24 | 2.38 | 36.21 | 14 |
| Upper Coast | 0.22 | 0.42 | 4.21 | 50.31 | 18 |
| South Texas | 0.05 | 0.03 | 1.43 | 24.08 | 16 |
| Lower Valley | 0.27 | 0.07 | 1.49 | 25.43 | 13 |

* 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>.

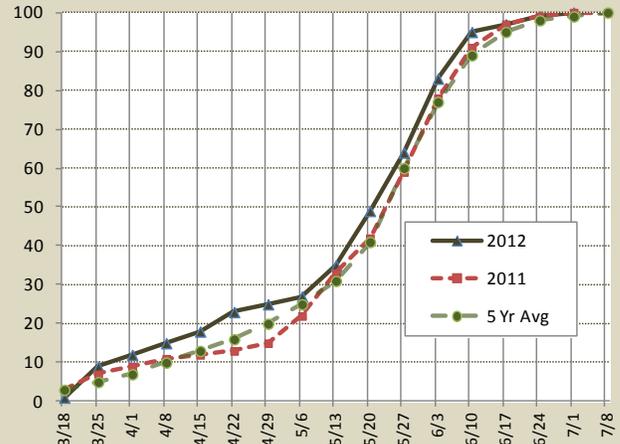
Top Soil Moisture by District

| 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 | 42 | 52 | 38 | 32 | 12 | 8 | 13 | 9 | 54 | 31 | 18 | 50 | 22 | 42 | 17 |
| Short | 33 | 30 | 47 | 42 | 63 | 56 | 58 | 60 | 41 | 52 | 62 | 27 | 41 | 45 | 37 |
| Adequate | 23 | 17 | 15 | 25 | 25 | 34 | 29 | 29 | 5 | 17 | 20 | 20 | 34 | 13 | 38 |
| Surplus | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 8 |

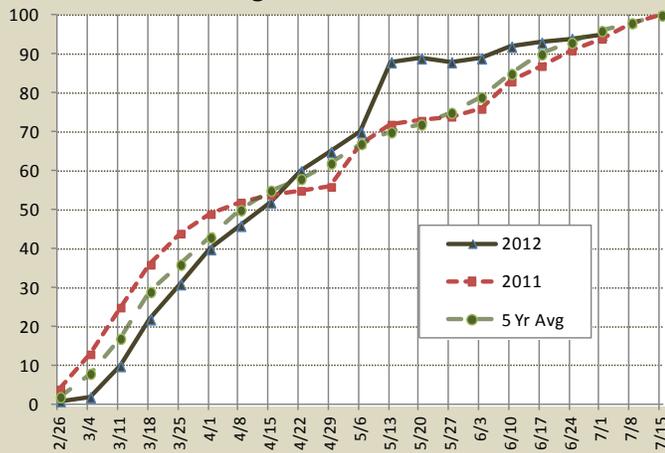
Corn Silked Percent



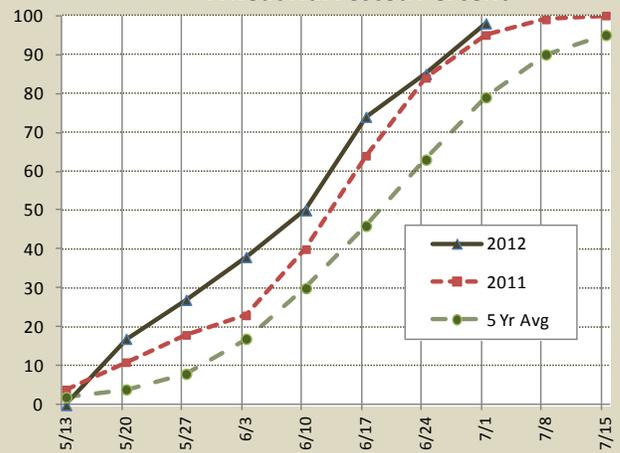
Cotton Planted Percent



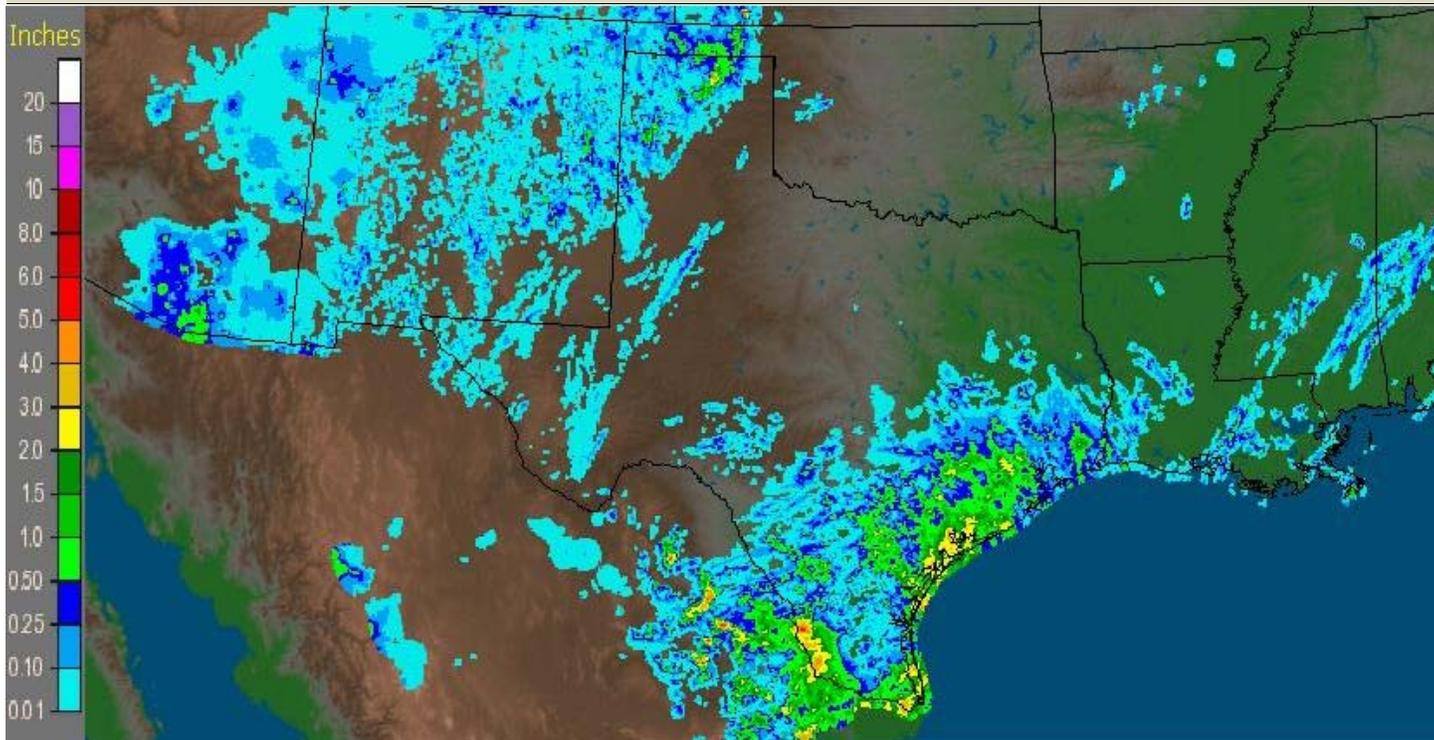
Sorghum Planted Percent



Wheat Harvested Percent



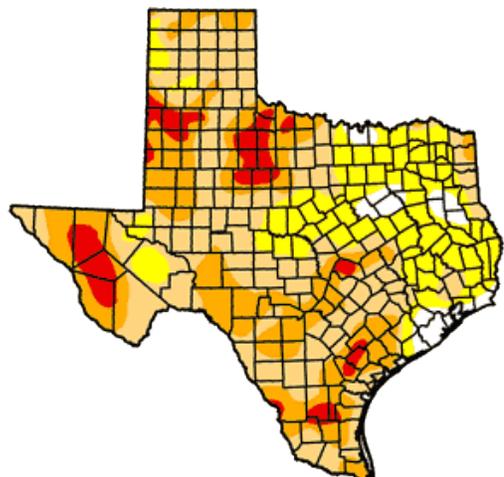
Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, July 1, 2012



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

Drought Monitor

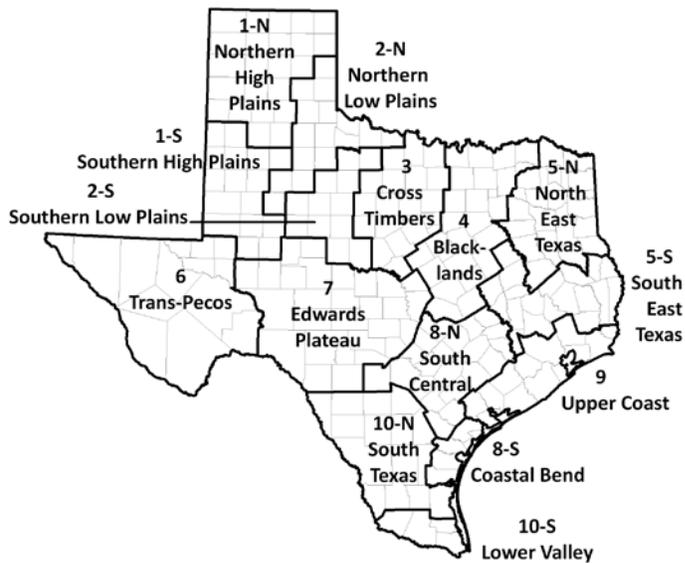
Valid 6/26/2012, 7:00 am EST



Intensity:

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

Texas Agricultural Districts



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