



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR JULY 2 – 8

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Summary

Most areas of the state observed scattered showers last week. Isolated areas of East and South Texas, and the Trans-Pecos received up to 3 inches of rainfall. Portions of North Texas and the Panhandle received no measurable rainfall.

Small Grains: Winter Wheat and oats harvest continued in the Plains and the Trans-Pecos. Around the state, post-harvest plowing of wheat fields continued.

Row Crops: Hot, dry conditions took a toll on row crops in many parts of the state. Many fields were showing signs of moisture stress, though isolated showers helped maintain

crop condition in some areas. In general, irrigation was very active where available. In South Central Texas, corn and sorghum were drying quickly and producers were making plans for an earlier-than-normal harvest. In the Upper Coast, rice made good progress with many producers spraying fungicide to control disease. Sunflower and sorghum harvest continued in the Lower Valley.

Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops: Fruits and vegetables continued to progress in most areas. In North and East Texas, peach, blueberry and blackberry harvests continued. In the Trans-Pecos, melon, onion and chili pepper harvests were active. Vegetable harvest continued in South Texas.

Livestock, Range, and Pasture: Pasture condition declined in many areas due to lack of moisture. Grass growth was limited and cutting of hay slowed down. Limited forage growth also caused ranchers to increase supplemental feeding in many areas. In the Edwards Plateau, shipping of lambs and kid goats was wrapping up. Grasshopper populations were increasing in pastures and meadows around the state with some producers applying insecticides. In northern and southern areas of the state, stock tanks and ponds were in need of rain.

		Crop Progress			
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2011	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Silked (Tasseled)	79	67	69	66
	Dough	58	50	48	52
	Dent	51	37	40	40
	Mature	32	11	21	17
Cotton	Squaring	61	33	47	55
	Setting Bolls	15	11	15	16
Peanuts	Pegging	32	8	20	33
Rice	Headed	47	31	46	48
Sorghum	Planted	99	95	98	98
	Headed	63	62	70	65
	Coloring	56	55	64	55
	Mature	48	39	57	34
	Harvested	28	19	26	13
Soybeans	Blooming	64	55	68	67
Sunflowers	Planted	97	95	90	81
Winter Wheat	Harvested (Grain)	99	98	99	90
Oats	Harvested (Grain)	98	97	94	96

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/.

Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2012	2011
Corn	12	47	29	8	4	75	35
Cotton	4	31	41	19	5	62	35
Peanuts	0	46	52	2	0	73	61
Rice	21	58	12	5	4	84	74
Sorghum	9	43	29	12	7	69	45
Soybeans	7	31	57	4	1	71	33
Wheat	11	25	31	19	14	59	25
Oats	26	35	28	7	4	79	27
Range and Pasture	1	16	37	29	17	--	--

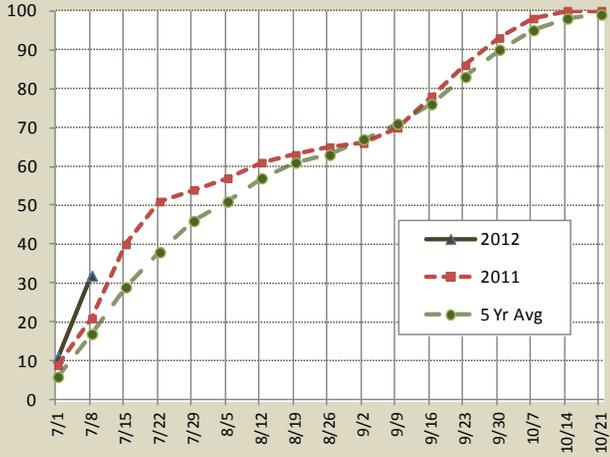
* The formula for the condition index is $I = (5V + 25P + 60F + 90G + 110E)/100$ where I = crop condition index and V, P, F, G, E = percentage of crop rated very poor, poor, fair, good, excellent.

Texas Precipitation					
National Weather Service Climatic Divisions *	Inches of Accumulation **				Percent
	Previous Week (July 2 – 8, 2012)	Month-to-Date (July 1 – 8, 2012)	Year-to-Date (Jan 1 – Jul 8, 2012)	Annual Normal 1971-2000	Normal Previous Three Months (April - June)
High Plains	0.04	0.05	1.11	19.64	12
Low Rolling Plains	0.04	0.04	1.59	24.51	12
North Central Texas	0.05	0.05	2.88	35.23	8
East Texas	0.10	0.11	4.15	48.08	11
Trans-Pecos	0.11	0.11	0.76	13.19	17
Edwards Plateau	0.05	0.05	1.90	24.73	12
South Central Texas	0.04	0.07	2.42	36.21	8
Upper Coast	0.07	0.29	4.28	50.31	11
South Texas	0.00	0.05	1.43	24.08	9
Lower Valley	0.01	0.27	1.50	25.43	8

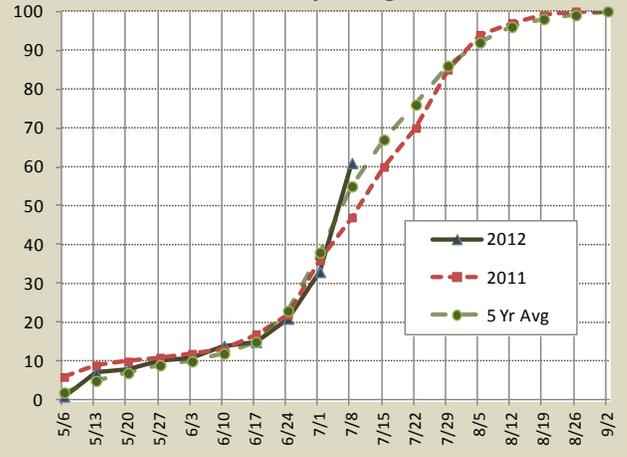
* High Plains: 1-N, 1-S; Low Rolling Plains: 2-N, 2-S; North Central Texas: 3, 4; East Texas: 5-N, 5-S. Trans-Pecos: 6; Edwards Plateau: 7; South Central Texas: 8-N, 8-S; Upper Coast: 9; South Texas: 10-N; Lower Valley: 10-S. ** Average of all stations reporting precipitation data. For more information, 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	39	48	42	41	16	12	26	16	46	32	23	50	17	46	18
Short	41	35	51	38	64	51	46	55	45	43	58	33	33	42	36
Adequate	19	17	7	18	20	35	28	27	9	24	19	17	32	12	41
Surplus	1	0	0	3	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	18	0	5

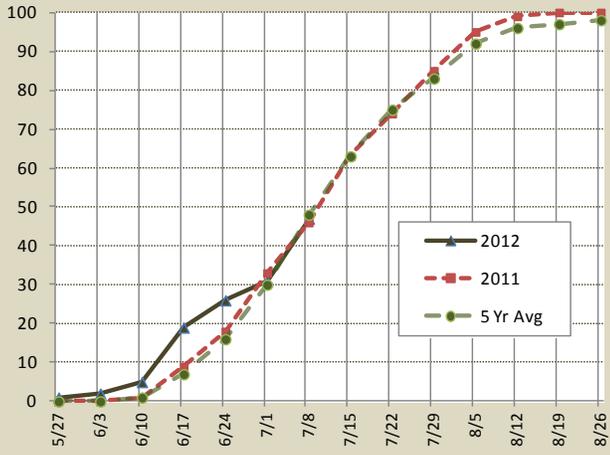
Corn Mature Percent



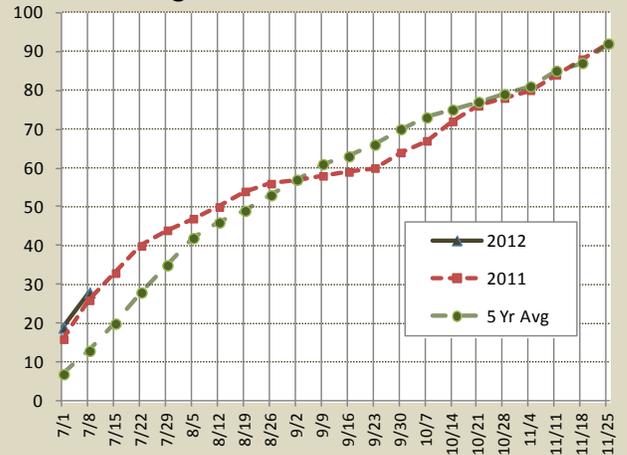
Cotton Squaring Percent



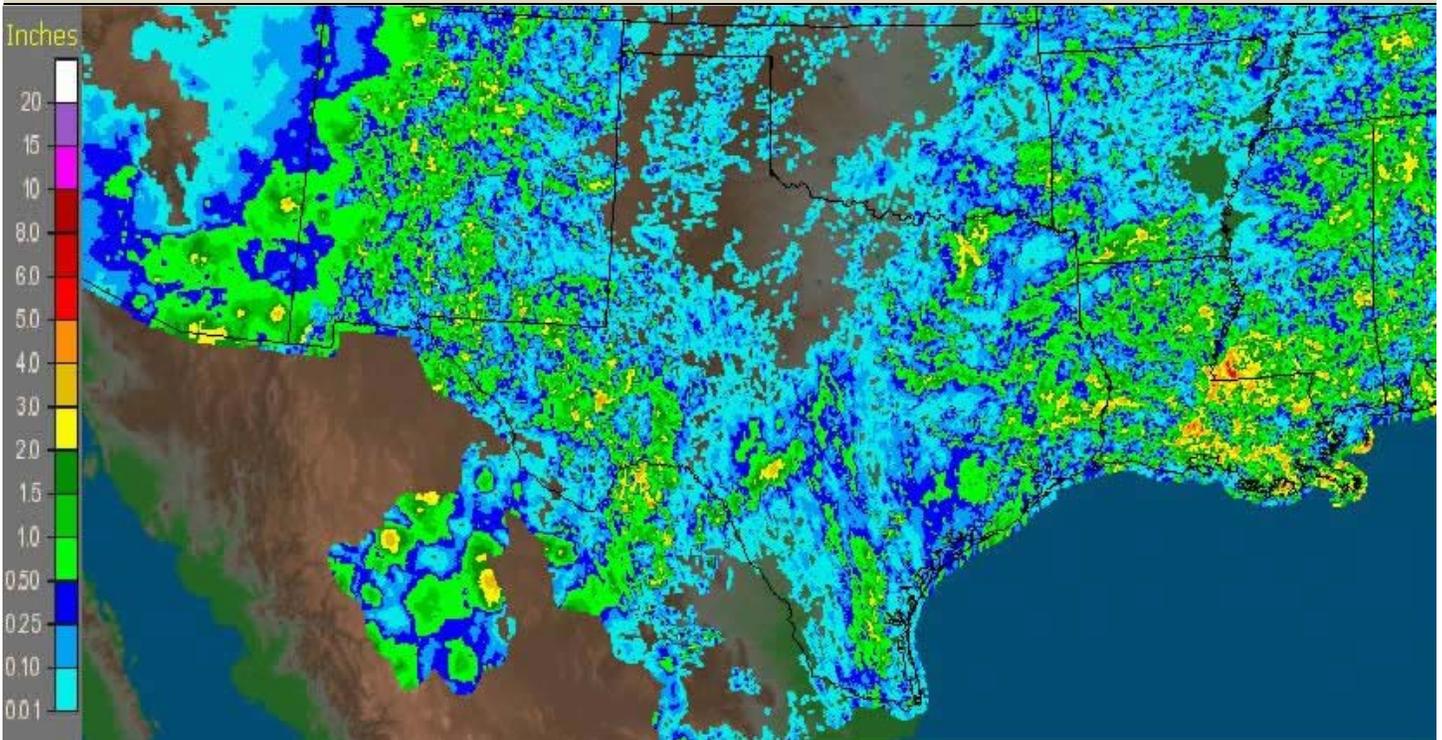
Rice Headed Percent



Sorghum Harvested Percent



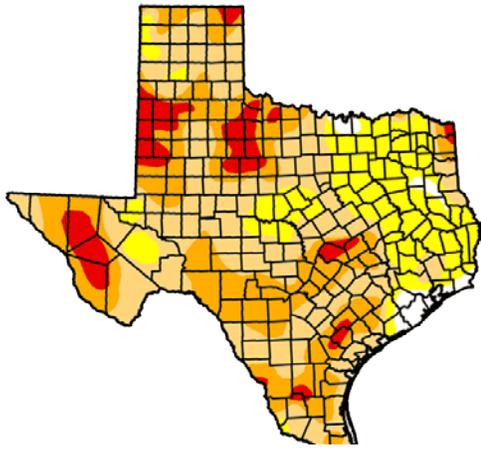
Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, July 8, 2012



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

Drought Monitor

Valid 7/3/2012, 7:00 am EST



Intensity:



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

Texas Agricultural Districts

