



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR JULY 23 – 29

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Summary

Precipitation was spotty around the state last week, as most areas of the state only received traces or rainfall. Portions of Central and West Texas recorded up 1.5 to 3 inches of rainfall. Grasshopper populations increased and were a major problem for many producers around the state.

Small Grains: In the Northern High Plains, wheat producers continued field preparations for fall planting.

Row Crops: In the Northern High Plains, cotton under pivots continued setting squares. However, dry land cotton in the same area

suffered due to lack of moisture, as some fields experienced early cut-out. Corn in the Northern High Plains was also heat stressed, as irrigation could not meet the demand for water in some areas. In the Northern Low Plains and Coastal Bend, there were increased reports of acres being disastered out by insurance companies. Cotton was blooming across many fields in the Southern Low Plains. In the Blacklands and South Central Texas, corn harvest was in full swing.

Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops: In areas that received rainfall, pecan progress benefited from the moisture, as nuts began enlarging. In areas of South Texas, vegetable harvest continued to wind down.

Livestock, Range, and Pasture: Livestock were generally in good condition across most areas of the state. Hay harvest continued in many areas. Fair hay yields were reported in North East Texas despite the problems with armyworms and excessive weeds. Recent rains accompanied with mild temperatures resulted in good improvements to pastures in South

		Crop Progress			
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2011	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Silked (Tasseled)	93	88	91	94
	Dough	70	69	61	64
	Dent	66	65	60	57
	Mature	58	50	54	46
	Harvested	17	0	13	6
Cotton	Squaring	92	87	85	86
	Setting Bolls	48	35	50	44
	Bolls Opening	15	9	12	10
Peanuts	Pegging	74	67	78	83
Rice	Headed	81	70	85	83
	Harvested	3	0	9	3
Sorghum	Headed	81	78	76	76
	Coloring	71	70	68	65
	Mature	67	65	63	55
	Harvested	53	44	44	35
Soybeans	Blooming	82	78	84	90
	Setting Pods	64	36	59	72
Sunflowers	Planted	100	99	98	91

* Revised.

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/.

Central Texas, but some fields in other areas remained in poor to fair condition due drought conditions. There were reports of lightning that caused two fires in the Northern Low Plains that contributed to over 3500 acres of pasture and rangeland being burned.

Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2012	2011
Corn	12	38	35	10	5	71	31
Cotton	6	28	35	21	10	59	37
Peanuts	5	54	35	5	1	76	48
Rice	24	53	18	3	2	86	77
Sorghum	16	36	26	14	8	70	41
Soybeans	7	23	61	8	1	67	22
Range and Pasture	4	18	34	26	18	--	--

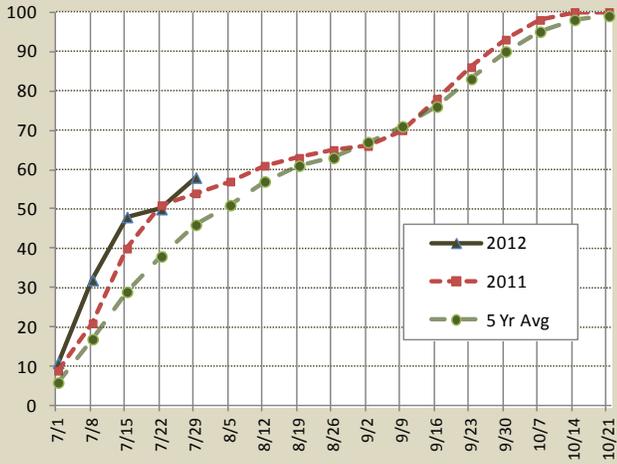
* The formula for the condition index is $I = (5V + 25P + 60F + 90G + 110E)/100$ where I = crop condition index and V, P, F, G, E = percentage of crop rated very poor, poor, fair, good, excellent.

Texas Precipitation					
National Weather Service Climatic Divisions *	Inches of Accumulation **				Percent
	Previous Week (July 23 – 29, 2012)	Month-to-Date (July 1 – 29, 2012)	Year-to-Date (Jan 1 – Jul 29, 2012)	Annual Normal 1971-2000	Normal Previous Three Months (April - June)
High Plains	0.02	0.15	1.21	19.64	12
Low Rolling Plains	0.10	0.23	1.78	24.51	12
North Central Texas	0.03	0.25	3.08	35.23	8
East Texas	0.07	0.69	4.73	48.08	11
Trans-Pecos	0.14	0.30	0.95	13.19	17
Edwards Plateau	0.06	0.36	2.21	24.73	12
South Central Texas	0.01	0.60	2.95	36.21	8
Upper Coast	0.12	1.68	5.67	50.31	11
South Texas	0.05	0.42	1.80	24.08	9
Lower Valley	0.01	0.35	1.58	25.43	8

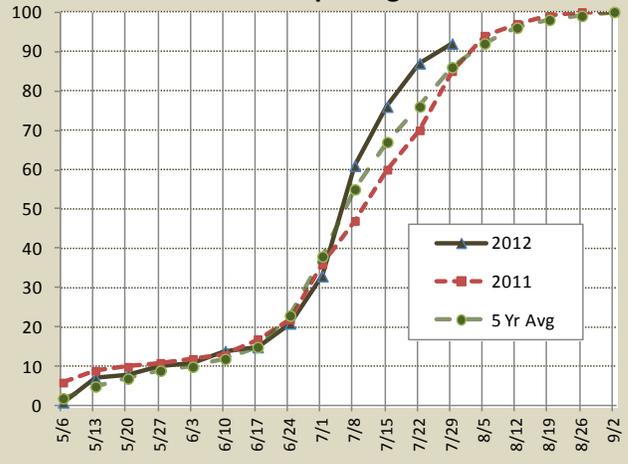
* High Plains: 1-N, 1-S; Low Rolling Plains: 2-N, 2-S; North Central Texas: 3, 4; East Texas: 5-N, 5-S. Trans-Pecos: 6; Edwards Plateau: 7; South Central Texas: 8-N, 8-S; Upper Coast: 9; South Texas: 10-N; Lower Valley: 10-S. ** Average of all stations reporting precipitation data. For more information, 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	48	52	47	50	28	22	10	4	34	23	2	53	2	39	35
Short	43	28	49	38	59	50	50	24	37	48	36	27	12	26	16
Adequate	9	19	4	10	13	28	39	63	27	26	60	17	70	35	45
Surplus	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	9	2	3	2	3	16	0	4

Corn Mature Percent



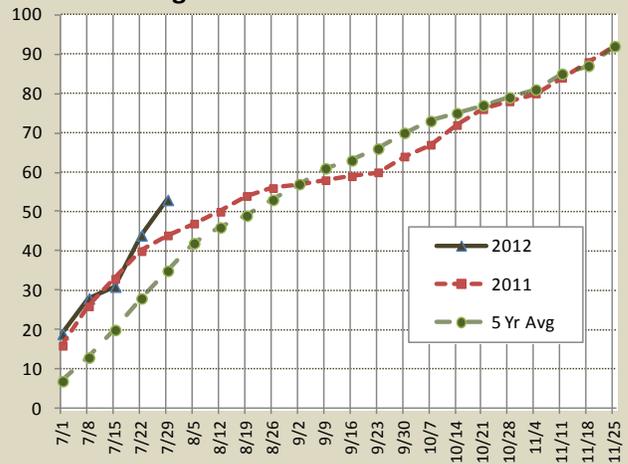
Cotton Squaring Percent



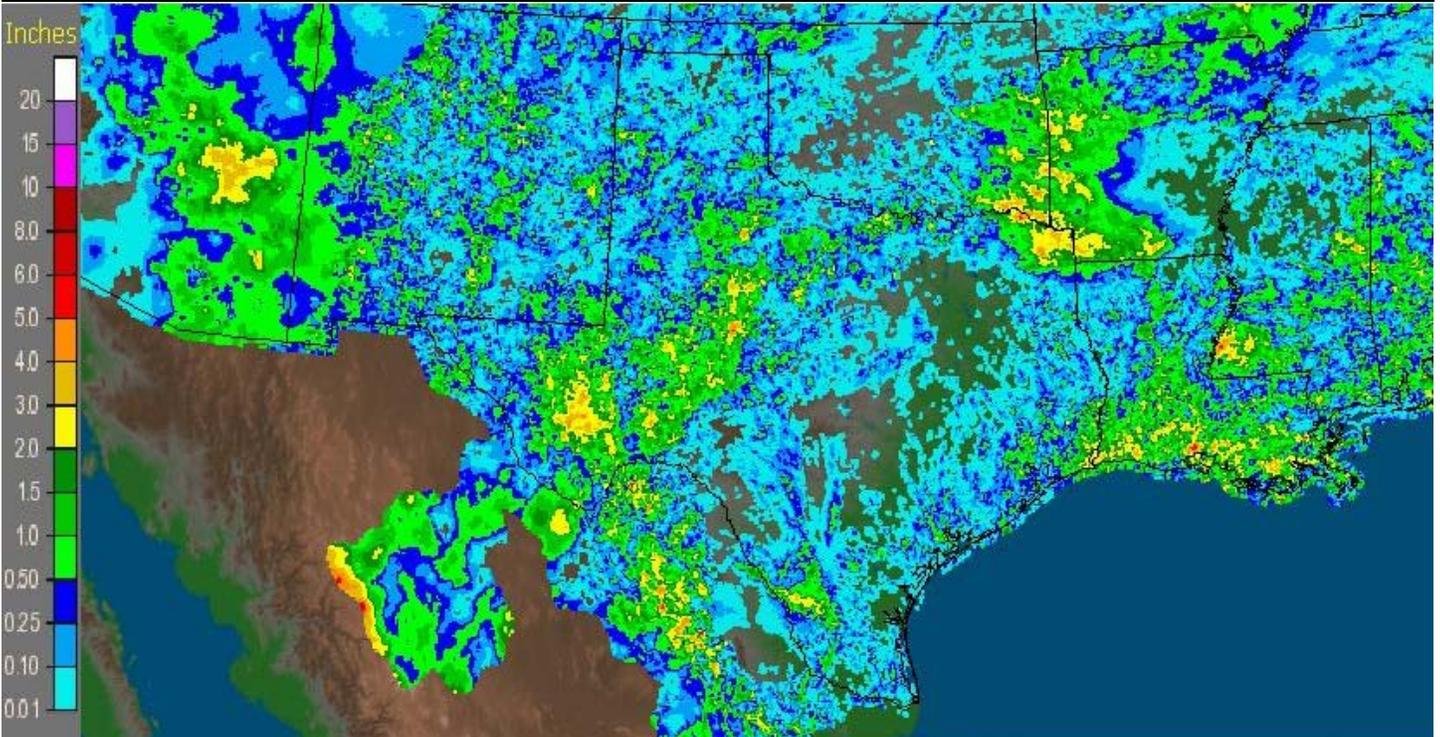
Rice Headed Percent



Sorghum Harvested Percent



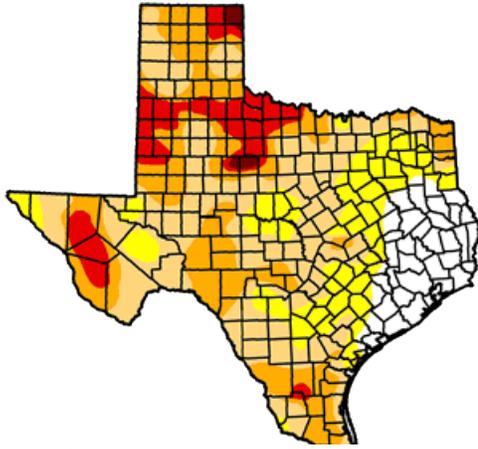
Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, July 29, 2012



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

Drought Monitor

Valid 7/24/2012, 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>

Texas Agricultural Districts

