



# Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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**WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR AUGUST 6 – 12**

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## Summary

Portions of North Texas, the Northern Plains, and the Edwards Plateau received 1 inch of rain last week with isolated areas reporting up to 2 inches. Most other areas of the state received scattered showers.

**Small Grains:** In the High Plains, small grain farmers were applying manure in preparation for fall seeding. Some producers in the Edwards Plateau were waiting for rain before plowing fields.

**Row Crops:** Irrigated cotton made progress in the Plains and Trans-Pecos. Many fields had reached cut-out stage. Dry land cotton remained greatly in need of

moisture with abandonment of some cotton acres continuing. Corn, sorghum, and peanuts were also lacking moisture in the Plains and elsewhere. In East Texas and the Edwards Plateau, corn and sorghum harvest was in full swing. In South Texas, most peanuts were in pegging stage and irrigation was active on peanut fields.

**Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops:** Peach harvest was winding down in areas of the Cross Timbers and the Edwards Plateau. Pecan nut-fill continued in orchards around the state, with irrigation heavy in some areas and some premature nut drop being reported. Fruit harvest continued in East Texas.

**Livestock, Range, and Pasture:** Pasture conditions varied across Texas depending on recent rainfall, though in most areas, pastures were stressed and showing little growth due to high heat and lack of moisture. Hay production

		Crop Progress			
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2011	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Silked (Tasseled)	98	95	98	98
	Dough	83	71	74	79
	Dent	68	67	67	66
	Mature	62	60	61	57
	Harvested	50	35	48	34
Cotton	Squaring	99	98	97	96
	Setting Bolls	88	68	87	74
	Bolls Opening	17	16	15	14
	Harvested	5	0	1	1
Peanuts	Pegging	96	87	93	93
Rice	Headed	95	91	99	96
	Harvested	24	15	62	35
Sorghum	Headed	83	82	83	84
	Coloring	73	72	70	68
	Mature	69	68	65	58
	Harvested	55	54	50	46
Soybeans	Blooming	88	86	96	97
	Setting Pods	84	79	82	90
	Dropping Leaves	10	0	0	0
Sunflowers	Harvested	7	0	0	0

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/](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Texas/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/maps/).

continued in some areas, but at a slower-than-usual pace. Grass fires were a problem in parts of North Texas. Livestock condition was generally fair to good around the state. In the Edwards Plateau, livestock weaning was underway. Sell-off of sheep and goats slowed in some areas as ranchers prepared for fall breeding.

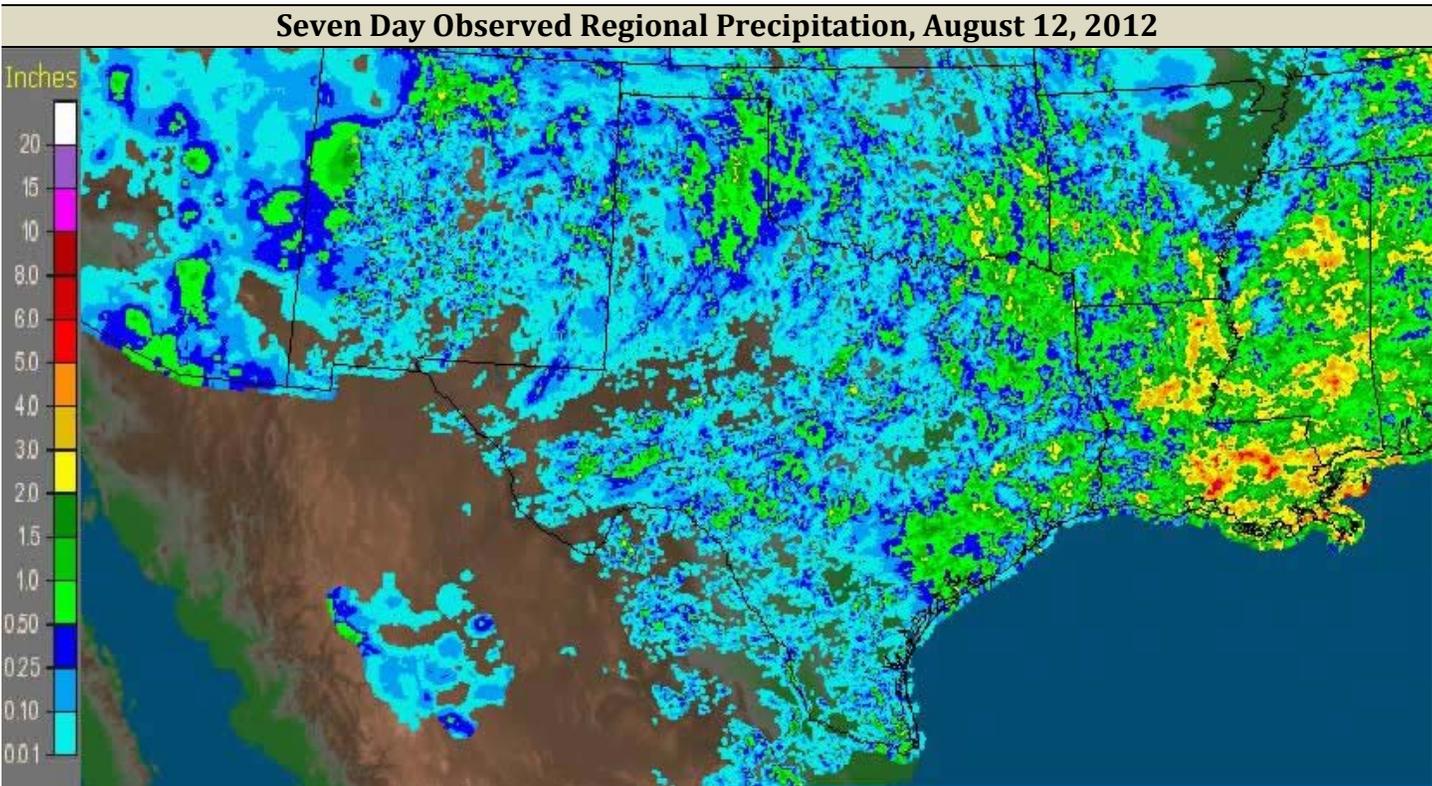
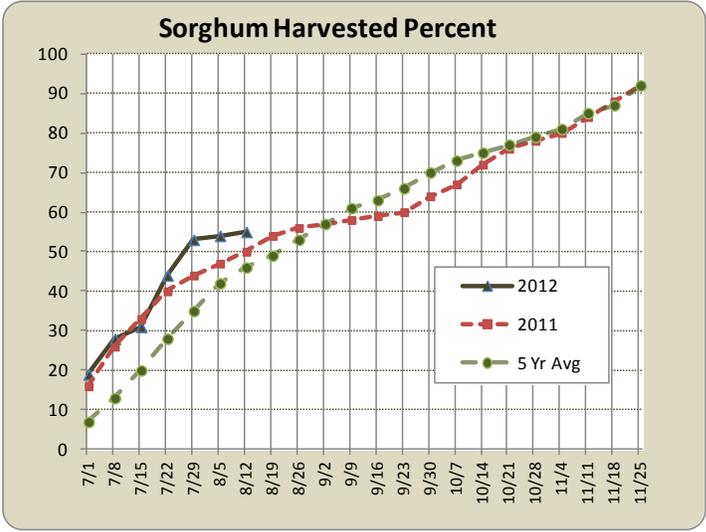
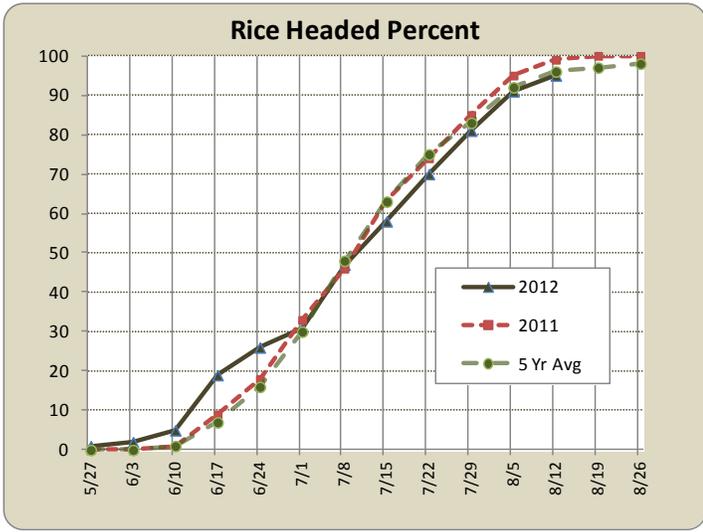
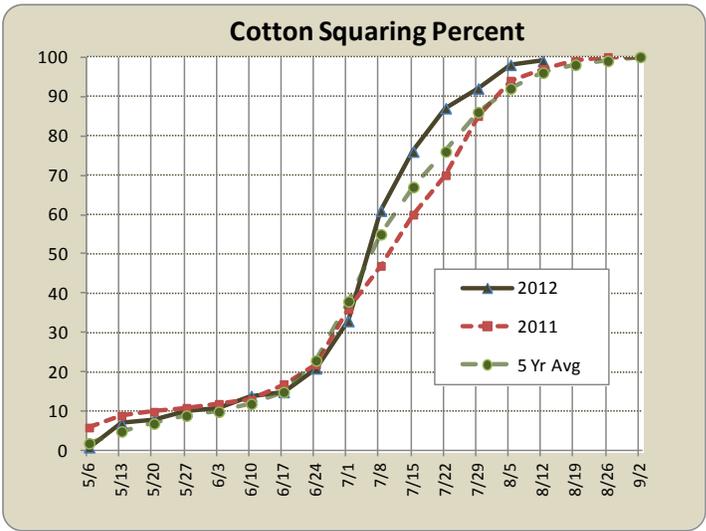
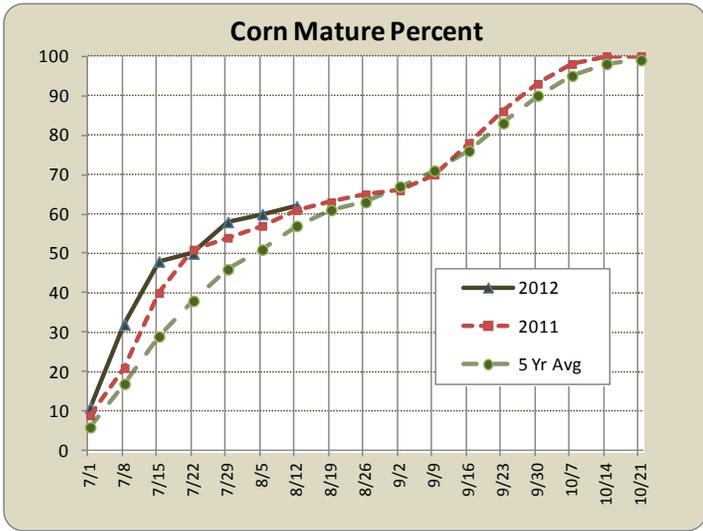
Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2012	2011
Corn	14	37	30	12	7	70	33
Cotton	5	19	33	26	17	50	36
Peanuts	8	57	30	4	1	79	45
Rice	17	55	13	8	7	78	74
Sorghum	16	33	27	15	9	68	49
Soybeans	6	33	48	12	1	68	20
Range and Pasture	1	13	31	32	23	--	--

\* 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 (Aug 6 – 12, 2012)	Month-to-Date (Aug 1 – 12, 2012)	Year-to-Date (Jan 1 – Aug 12, 2012)	Annual Normal 1971-2000	Normal Previous Three Months (May - July)
High Plains	0.04	0.07	1.28	19.64	10
Low Rolling Plains	0.05	0.05	1.83	24.51	12
North Central Texas	0.04	0.04	3.12	35.23	9
East Texas	0.06	0.06	4.79	48.08	13
Trans-Pecos	0.02	0.02	0.97	13.19	16
Edwards Plateau	0.07	0.07	2.28	24.73	15
South Central Texas	0.03	0.06	3.01	36.21	13
Upper Coast	0.04	0.13	5.80	50.31	19
South Texas	0.00	0.00	1.80	24.08	13
Lower Valley	0.04	0.04	1.62	25.43	9

\* 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>.

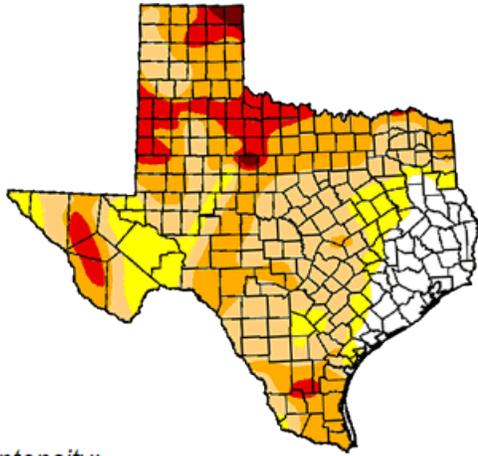
Top Soil Moisture by District															
Condition	Percent of Acreage														
	1-N	1-S	2-N	2-S	3	4	5-N	5-S	6	7	8-N	8-S	9	10-N	10-S
Very Short	66	63	65	54	42	32	15	19	39	36	12	85	2	45	53
Short	29	31	33	44	53	49	62	51	51	45	43	15	31	42	20
Adequate	5	6	2	2	5	19	23	29	10	19	45	0	60	13	25
Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	7	0	2



Source: National Weather Service, [www.nws.noaa.gov](http://www.nws.noaa.gov)

# Drought Monitor

Valid 8/7/2012, 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://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>

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