

Texas Crop Weather



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Crop Progress Table - June 6, 2004

| Crop | 2004 | 2003 | Average 1999-2003 |
|--------------------------|----------------|------|----------------------|
| | <i>Percent</i> | | |
| Corn | | | |
| Planted | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Emerged | 97 | 99 | 98 |
| Silked | 46 | 47 | 48 |
| Cotton | | | |
| Planted | 83 | 75 | 81 |
| Squaring | 16 | 17 | 15 |
| Peanuts | | | |
| Planted | 96 | 90 | 87 |
| Rice | | | |
| Emerged | 99 | 100 | 99 |
| Sorghum | | | |
| Planted | 79 | 68 | 73 |
| Headed | 34 | 30 | 33 |
| Wheat | | | |
| Headed | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Harvested | 33 | 34 | 31 |
| Other Field Crops | | | |
| Planted | | | |
| Soybeans | 87 | 89 | 90 |
| Sunflowers | 65 | 68 | 74 |

Crop Condition Table - June 6, 2004

| Item | Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Very poor |
|---------------------|----------------|------|------|------|-----------|
| | <i>Percent</i> | | | | |
| Corn | 30 | 45 | 22 | 2 | 1 |
| Cotton | 13 | 40 | 35 | 9 | 3 |
| Peanuts | 13 | 59 | 25 | 2 | 1 |
| Rice | 12 | 68 | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Sorghum | 23 | 43 | 26 | 6 | 2 |
| Wheat | 5 | 32 | 34 | 21 | 8 |
| Range & Pasture ... | 14 | 39 | 27 | 13 | 7 |

Agricultural Summary: Conditions were generally hot, windy, and stormy across large areas of the state for the week. Storms late in the week brought damaging winds and hailstorms across areas of the Plains, North Central, and East Texas. East Texas regions saw most of the rainfall, accumulating over 2 inches in some areas. Areas receiving little to no rainfall were continuing irrigation. Irrigation had begun in other areas due to high temperatures and winds. Field work increased in drier areas, especially pesticide applications, as insect pressure rose in cotton and other crops. Sandfighting had begun in the High Plains to guard against wind erosion. Haying continued in several areas, and wheat harvest was underway in most areas.

Field Crops Report

Small Grains: Wheat harvest remained active across the state. Harvest continued in the Northern High Plains. Harvest had begun in the Southern High Plains. Harvest was complete in areas of the Coastal Bend region. Some areas of the Southern Low Plains, Blacklands, and portions of North East Texas

saw damage from high winds, rain, and hail. Dryland wheat was rated in poor condition in the Plains, but irrigated crops were in great shape. Statewide, wheat condition was rated at 60 percent of normal compared with 42 percent last year.

Corn: Corn conditions were reported mostly excellent. South Central and Coastal fields were doing extremely well, but will need moisture soon. In the Cross Timbers, corn was filling fast, although silage yields may have been below average. In the Blacklands, acreage was approaching silk stage. Statewide, corn condition was rated at 87 percent of normal compared with 60 percent last year.

Cotton: The Plains' cotton was at all stages. Irrigated acreage was looking good with some stands reported at 4 leaf stage. Some dryland cotton fields were still in need of moisture to come up. Producers of dryland cotton in the Southern High Plains may be replanting due to wind damage. Several producers still awaited planting as the insurance date approached. Fields in the Northern Low Plains had been planted and had just enough moisture to break soil. Rain was still needed for further growth. Planting continued and neared completion on the Edwards Plateau. Areas previously at a stagnant stage along the Coast were seeing improvement as growing conditions improved. Pressure from thrip and fleahoppers was reported across the state. Statewide, cotton condition was rated at 74 percent of normal compared with 54 percent last year.

Sorghum: Planting of Sorghum was active in the Plains, while in the Cross Timbers, Blacklands, and Edwards Plateau, sorghum made good progress. South Central sorghum was heading with some fields blooming. Along the Upper Coast, there was also good progress with minimal threat of midge reported. Excellent plant development across the state was evident, as harvest approached in the Lower Valley. Statewide, sorghum condition was rated at 81 percent of normal compared with 64 percent last year.

Peanuts: Planting continued in South Texas, while fields were holding in the Plains with the extent of wind damage during the week not yet assessed. Statewide, peanut condition was rated at 83 percent of normal compared with 79 percent last year.

Rice: Statewide, rice condition was rated at 86 percent of normal compared with 91 percent last year.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop Report

Pecans: Cross Timbers pecan trees were looking good with some trees having 4-5 nuts per cluster. On the Edwards Plateau, web worms had become an issue, but trees had gotten through the first generation of casebearers. Irrigation began on pecans in the South Texas region for the first time this growing season.

In the **Rio Grande Valley**, onion harvest was complete, while harvest of melons, sugarcane, and carrots continued.

In the **San Antonio-Winter Garden**, harvest of cabbage and green beans continued.

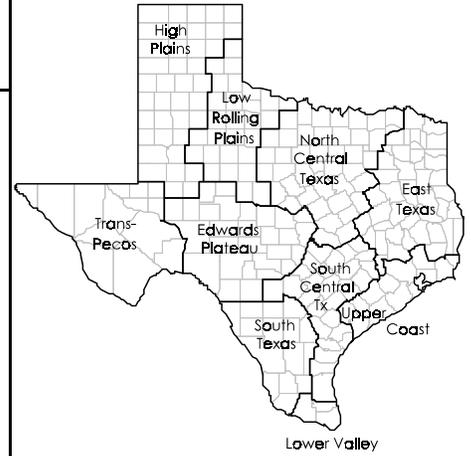
In **East Texas**, Apricot harvest was complete, while some hail damage to peach orchards in the Cross Timbers region was reported. Early planting of garden varieties was evident, while peppers were harvested and beans looked good.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Range and pastures were in great condition in areas receiving rainfall. Areas lacking moisture were seeing drying of pasture and range land. Supplemental feeding continued. Cattle conditions remained excellent. On the Edwards Plateau, lambs and kids were being shipped as spring shearing came to an end. Stock tanks were still in need of runoff across the state. Haying continued in all regions and marketing of livestock was extremely active as prices remained high.

Weather Information Table ¹

| National Weather Service Climatic Divisions | Previous week (May 31 - Jun 6) Accumulation | Month-to-date (May 1 - 31) Accumulation | Year-to-date (Jan 1 - Jun 6) Accumulation | 1961-90 Annual Normal | Previous three months (Mar - May) Percent of Normal |
|---|---|---|---|-----------------------|---|
| High Plains | 0.70 | 0.39 | 7.78 | 18.87 | 101 |
| Low Rolling Plains | 1.48 | 0.51 | 10.64 | 23.78 | 82 |
| North Central Texas | 2.53 | 1.36 | 15.25 | 34.00 | 64 |
| East Texas | 1.41 | 4.39 | 21.53 | 45.69 | 87 |
| Trans Pecos | 0.14 | 0.50 | 5.82 | 12.96 | 224 |
| Edwards Plateau | 0.24 | 0.85 | 9.96 | 24.01 | 109 |
| South Central Texas | 0.82 | 3.84 | 14.14 | 34.48 | 103 |
| Upper Coast | 0.85 | 8.60 | 25.00 | 47.63 | 144 |
| South Texas | 0.02 | 1.62 | 8.44 | 23.49 | 115 |
| Lower Valley | 0.20 | 1.47 | 9.44 | 25.34 | 151 |



¹ Average of all stations reporting precipitation data.

Top Soil Moisture by District - June 6, 2004 *

| Condition | 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 |
|------------|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|----|------|------|
| | Percent of Acreage | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Very Short | 54 | 16 | 17 | 9 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 12 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Short | 29 | 50 | 48 | 33 | 30 | 15 | 4 | 15 | 65 | 47 | 29 | 54 | 54 | 39 | 70 |
| Adequate | 17 | 26 | 35 | 56 | 59 | 70 | 79 | 75 | 18 | 41 | 63 | 44 | 46 | 55 | 30 |
| Surplus | 0 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 13 | 17 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

* High Plains: 1-N, 1-S; Low Rolling Plains: 2-N, 2-S; North Central Plains: 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.

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