

Texas Crop Weather



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Crop Progress Table - November 14, 2004

Crop	2004	2003	Average 1999-2003
	<i>Percent</i>		
Corn			
Harvested	98	100	100
Cotton			
Bolls Opening	90	97	99
Harvested	41	52	59
Peanuts			
Harvested	60	77	70
Sorghum			
Mature	98	90	97
Harvested	78	76	88
Wheat			
Planted	90	92	90
Emerged	80	80	74
Other Field Crops			
Planted			
Oats	97	93	85
Harvested			
Pecans	45	40	33
Soybeans	94	98	97
Sunflowers	82	91	96

Crop Condition Table - November 14, 2004

Item	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very poor
	<i>Percent</i>				
Cotton	20	42	25	9	4
Peanuts	28	51	17	4	0
Wheat	42	43	13	2	0
Range & Pasture . .	13	46	31	8	2

Agricultural Summary: Across the plains conditions moderated somewhat during early to mid week and allowed some producers the opportunity to continue harvest. Planting remained on hold in most areas as adequate drying out had not occurred. Conditions across the central portions of the state remained mostly wet and planting of small grains was on hold. In southern locations conditions were mostly fair with mild temperatures during most of the week. In these areas remaining harvest was almost complete. Some planting of vegetables occurred in a few isolated locations in the winter garden area. Dormancy in range and pastures continued and growth of winter grasses was off to a good start in some areas. In late week widespread heavy rainfall with some localized flooding occurred over many areas of the state. Some snow showers were also reported across a few areas of the plains. Insect populations were present in some grain fields, but no major outbreaks were reported. Sickness in livestock remained minimal.

Field Crops Report

Small Grains: Growth and development continued in earlier planted grain fields. Additional plantings remained on hold in most areas. Drying out was needed as some producers were concerned over the possibility of

drowning out in their fields. Green bugs remained a problem in some locations and control measures were being applied when conditions were favorable. Problems with grubs were being noticed in a few locations. Grazing small grains was active, but bogging and trampling was a problem in the wettest areas. Statewide, wheat condition was rated at 93 percent of normal, compared with 56 percent last year.

Corn: Harvest was mostly completed in early to mid week, however a few locations remained muddy and further drying out will be necessary especially in areas that received additional rainfall in late week.

Cotton: Cotton harvest was slow at best during early to mid week as conditions remained muddy in many areas. Stringing out and possible losses were a major problem for many producers and concerns were heavy over quality of remaining cotton still in the fields. Ginning activities remained active, however some modules could not be moved due to extremely muddy conditions. Re-growth continued to be a problem for some producers in areas where stalk destruction has not been possible. Statewide, cotton condition was rated at 77 percent of normal, compared with 54 percent last year.

Sorghum: Remaining harvest was active during early week as producers were rushing to get finished ahead of the next storm system that arrived in late week. Yields were reported to be mostly favorable.

Peanuts: Peanut harvest was active during early week as conditions allowed. Remaining peanut vines were declining rapidly across the plains and digging was a major concern to some producers. Harvest in southern locations was nearing completion and yields were reported as average. Statewide, peanut condition was rated at 88 percent of normal, compared with 82 percent last year.

Rice: Harvest of the ratoon crop moved ahead and was nearing completion in most remaining locations.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop Report

In the **Rio Grande Valley** good progress continued on early planted vegetables. Harvest of early citrus and sugarcane remained active.

In the **San Antonio-Winter Garden**, land preparation continued, but stalled during late week as the result of widespread rainfall. Some planting was also reported during early week. Harvest of cabbage moved ahead in early week and harvest of early spinach should begin soon. Onions and carrots made good progress.

In **East Texas**, land preparation was active where possible. Harvest of sweet potatoes was winding down.

In the **High Plains** land preparation was mostly on hold during the week.

In the **Trans Pecos** land preparation for next year's crops was active.

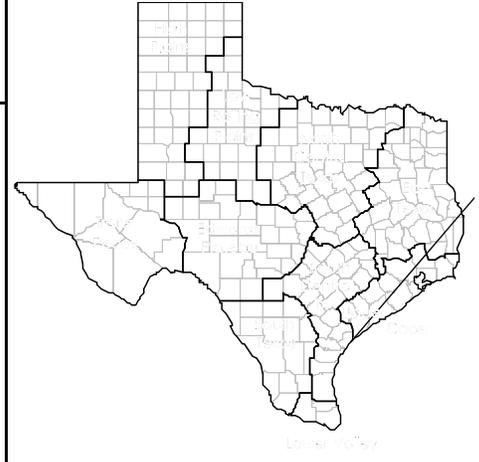
Pecans: Pecan conditions continued to be variable across the state. Wet conditions in some areas continued to slow harvest, however statewide harvest efforts were moving ahead. Many producers reported acceptable yields.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Generally, range and pastures across the state remained in excellent condition, however forage production was mostly inactive as winter approached. Some pastures were excessively wet and bogging and trampling was a problem for some producers. Supplemental feeding of livestock became active in some locations, especially where weather conditions were cold and wet. Concern over the possibility of prussic acid was expressed in some locations. Hay production remained active in a few locations; however quality could be lower than desired. Some producers have indicated that hay supplies could run low by winter's end, but generally producers have enjoyed a good hay season.

Weather Information Table ¹

National Weather Service Climatic Divisions	Previous week (Nov 8 - 14) Accumulation	Month-to-date (Nov 1 - 14) Accumulation	Year-to-date (Jan 1 - Nov 14) Accumulation	1961-90 Annual Normal	Previous three months (Aug - Oct) Percent of Normal
High Plains	1.30	1.94	24.58	18.87	143
Low Rolling Plains	1.40	2.29	23.80	23.78	74
North Central Texas	0.74	1.32	34.83	34.00	104
East Texas	0.06	1.61	39.60	45.69	81
Trans Pecos	0.71	0.93	17.82	12.96	132
Edwards Plateau	1.39	1.53	27.06	24.01	116
South Central Texas	0.59	1.07	31.69	34.48	92
Upper Coast	0.01	4.33	49.13	47.63	67
South Texas	0.58	0.70	21.07	23.49	93
Lower Valley	0.55	0.66	25.65	25.34	100



¹ Average of all stations reporting precipitation data.

Top Soil Moisture by District - November 7, 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	2	2	0	1	0	1	3	0	4	1	0	3	0	3	0
Short	3	10	8	10	16	5	3	0	29	28	4	55	5	45	70
Adequate	67	62	82	64	79	65	68	89	67	70	78	42	95	44	30
Surplus	28	26	10	25	5	29	26	11	0	1	18	0	0	8	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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