



# Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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**WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER 5 - 11      ISSUE TX-CW3611      RELEASED SEPTEMBER 12, 2011**

Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2011	2010
Corn	0	10	22	35	33	33	73
Cotton	0	12	24	24	40	33	79
Peanuts	0	15	37	34	14	45	92
Rice	13	43	34	2	8	74	79
Sorghum	2	20	35	27	16	49	78
Soybeans	0	1	11	28	60	18	63
Range and pasture	0	1	3	14	82	---	---

\* 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 Sep 5 -11, 2011	Month-to-Date Sep 1 - 11, 2011	Year-to-Date Jan 1 - Sep 11, 2011	Annual Normal 1971-2000	Normal Previous Three Months (Jun - Aug)
High Plains	0.00	0.02	1.43	19.64	10
Low Rolling Plains	0.00	0.01	0.92	24.51	5
North Central Texas	0.00	0.00	4.53	35.23	8
East Texas	0.00	0.05	6.05	48.08	15
Trans-Pecos	0.00	0.00	0.44	13.19	7
Edwards Plateau	0.00	0.00	2.02	24.73	9
South Central Texas	0.00	0.00	2.54	36.21	8
Upper Coast	0.00	0.08	6.55	50.31	22
South Texas	0.00	0.00	1.45	24.08	10
Lower Valley	0.00	0.00	2.35	25.43	30

\*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: [water.weather.gov](http://water.weather.gov) and [www.drought.unl.edu/dm/monitor.html](http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm/monitor.html).

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	82	93	97	73	84	97	92	90	88	88	92	70	74	99	77
Short	15	6	3	26	16	3	8	9	12	12	8	30	18	1	23
Adequate	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	0	0
Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0

**Weekly Summary**

Areas of the Plains received up to a half inch of rainfall, while the rest of the state observed little to no precipitation.

**Small Grains:** In areas of the Plains, producers diverted irrigation to wheat fields to begin planting; however, planting on non-irrigated wheat fields was delayed due to very dry soil conditions. Producers prepared land for planting wheat and oats in areas of the Cross Timbers and the Blacklands.

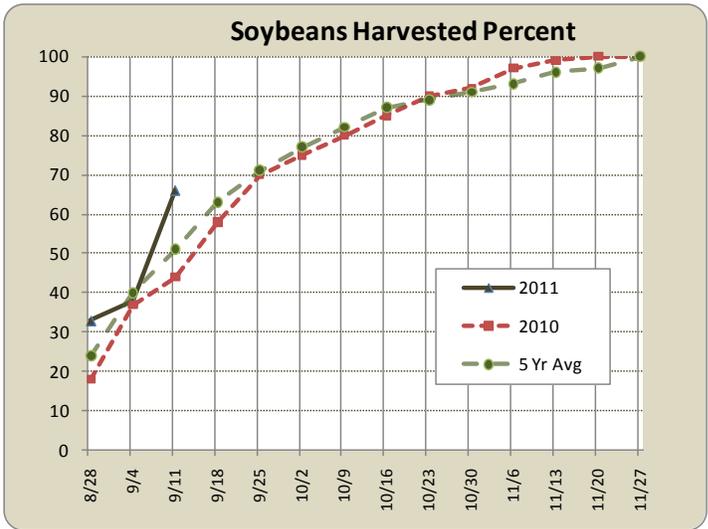
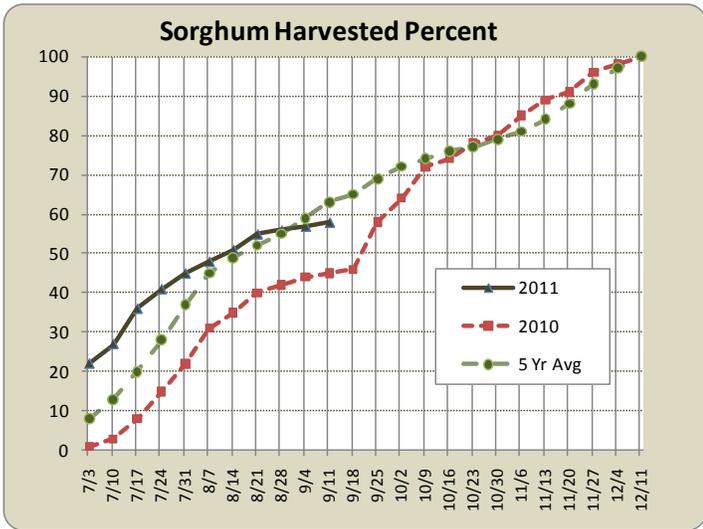
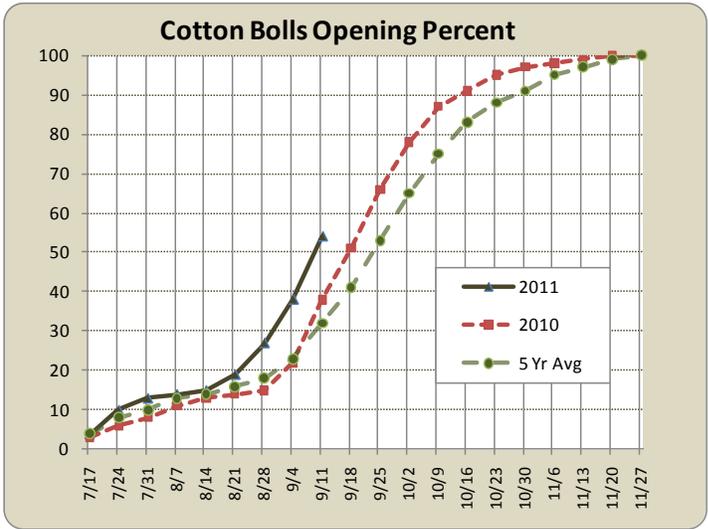
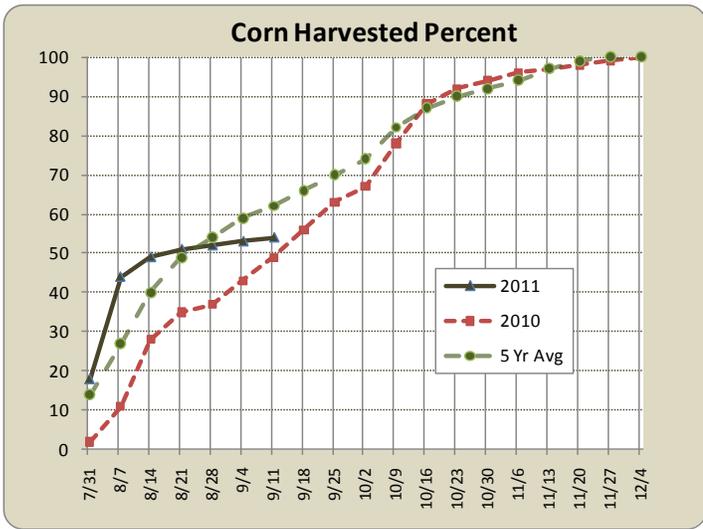
**Row Crops:** Cotton setting bolls, in areas of the Northern High Plains, was in need of warmer weather and more moisture for growth. Due to severe drought damage, producers abandoned portions of their corn acreage in some areas of the High Plains. Cotton defoliation was active in areas of the Low Plains as producers prepared for harvest. Cotton harvest continued in areas of the Blacklands; however, some fields were abandoned due to dry conditions. Some cotton in the Trans-Pecos was damaged due to boll rot. Cotton harvest continued in southern areas of the state. In areas of South Texas, the irrigated peanut crop continued to make good progress.

**Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop:** Some pecan trees in the Trans-Pecos continued to drop nuts early due to lack of moisture; however, pecans in the gel stage made good progress. Land preparation for spinach, cabbage, onion, and carrot planting was active.

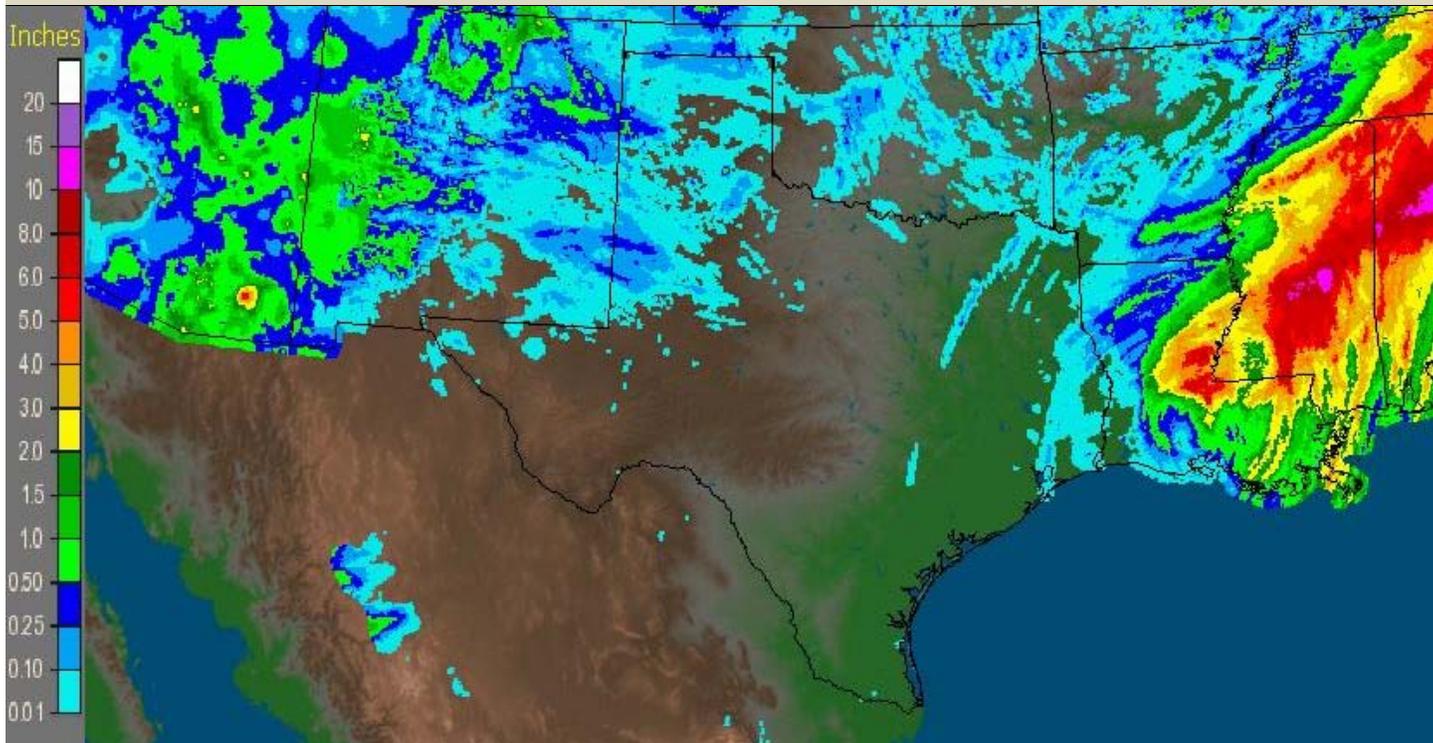
Crop Progress					
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2010	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Dough	93	92	97	99
	Dent	80	79	91	95
	Mature	72	66	71	75
	Harvested	54	53	49	62
Cotton	Setting bolls	99	98	97	97
	Bolls opening	54	38	38	32
	Harvested	15	14	10	12
Rice	Harvested	97	93	98	92
Sorghum	Headed	96	95	99	97
	Coloring	74	73	86	81
	Mature	70	69	60	68
	Harvested	58	57	45	63
Soybeans	Dropping leaves	90	89	80	61
	Harvested	66	38	44	51
Sunflowers	Harvested	40	39	52	24
Winter Wheat	Planted	2	0	8	9

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/).

**Livestock, Range and Pasture:** Livestock liquidation and supplemental feeding continued in most areas of the state. Hay continued to be scarce in most areas of the state and continued to be imported from other states. Winter pasture planting slowed in most areas of the state due to lack of rainfall. Livestock producers in most areas of the state were in need of rainfall for fall forage growth and stock pond replenishment. Large wild fires were burning in areas of the Edwards Plateau, Central, South Central and East Texas, while fire danger continued to increase in most areas of the state.



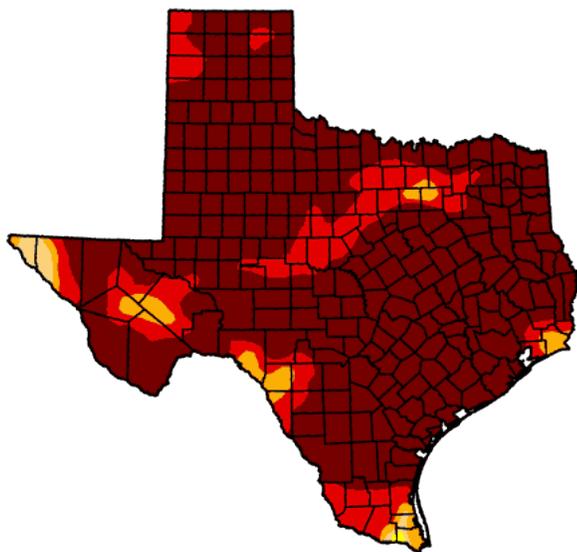
## Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, September 11, 2011



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

## Drought Monitor

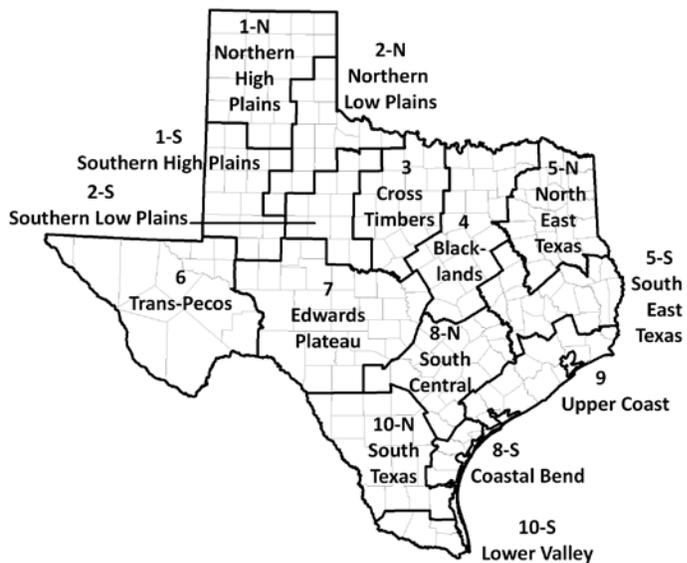
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### Intensity:



## Texas Agricultural Districts



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