



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR JANUARY 2 – 8

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Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2012	2011
Wheat	3	22	40	24	11	54	47
Oats	3	29	42	15	11	59	35
Range and Pasture	0	5	19	31	45	-	-

* 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 (January 2 – 8, 2012)	Month-to-Date (January 1 - 8, 2012)	Year-to-Date (January 1 –8, 2012)	Annual Normal 1971-2000	Normal Previous Three Months (Oct – Dec)
High Plains	0.00	0.00	0.00	19.64	14
Low Rolling Plains	0.05	0.05	0.05	24.51	16
North Central Texas	0.06	0.06	0.06	35.23	15
East Texas	0.20	0.20	0.20	48.08	12
Trans-Pecos	0.03	0.03	0.03	13.19	3
Edwards Plateau	0.04	0.04	0.04	24.73	13
South Central Texas	0.12	0.12	0.12	36.21	10
Upper Coast	0.02	0.02	0.02	50.31	8
South Texas	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.08	11
Lower Valley	0.01	0.01	0.01	25.43	4

*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 and 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	53	68	34	34	18	13	18	7	71	48	9	71	34	44	48
Short	34	6	40	52	35	43	30	39	10	39	37	22	45	32	45
Adequate	13	25	26	14	47	41	46	53	18	13	54	7	16	24	7
Surplus	0	1	0	0	0	3	6	1	1	0	0	0	5	0	0

Weekly Summary

Areas of South East Texas, the Upper Coast, the Coastal Bend, and the Lower Valley received up to 0.50 inches of rainfall, while the rest of the state observed little to no rainfall.

Crop Progress					
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2011	5 Yr Avg
Cotton	Harvested	99	98	100	98
Winter Wheat	Emerged	90	82	93	93
Oats	Emerged	97	94	89	88
Pecans	Harvested	91	34	87	83

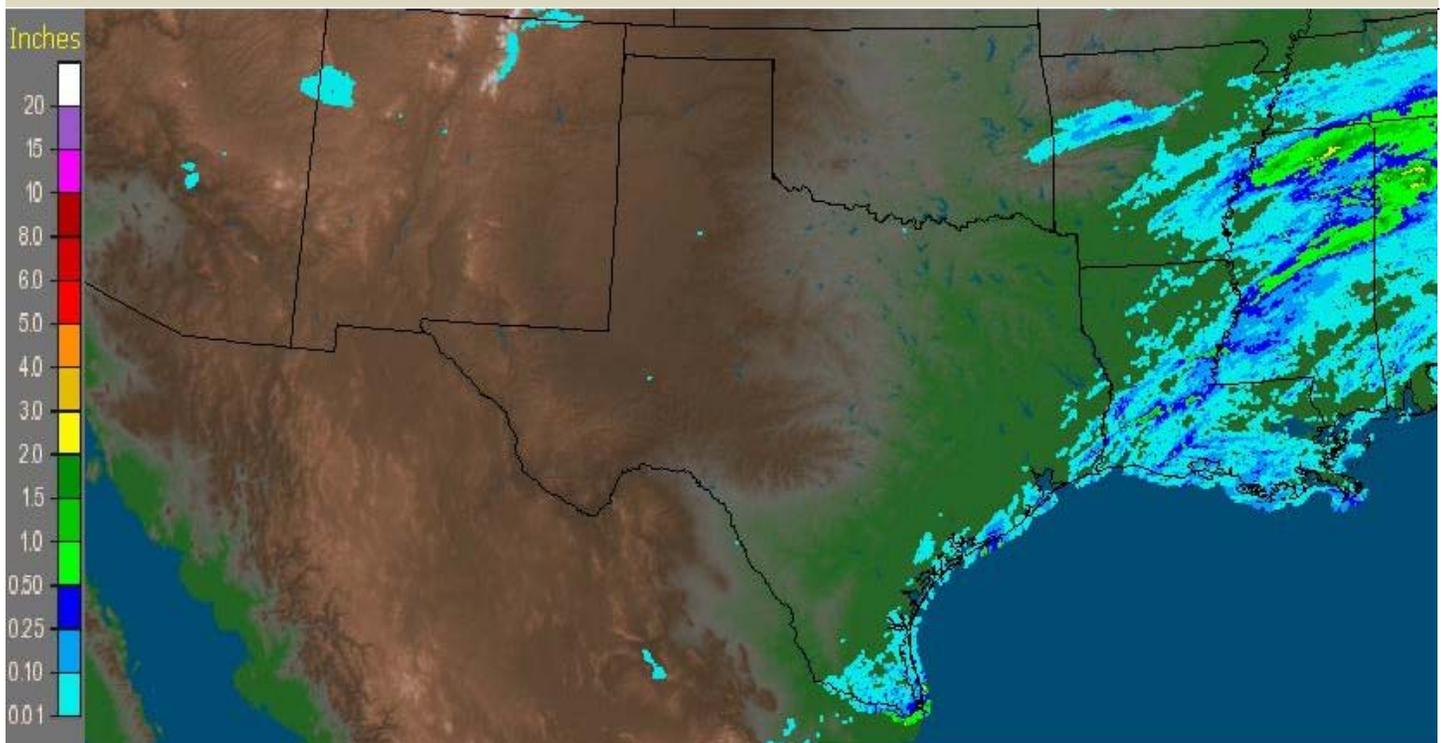
Visit our web site to view the crop progress regional maps, available at www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Texas/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/maps/.

Small Grains: Winter wheat continued to make good progress in areas of the Plains and the Trans-Pecos due to earlier rainfall; however, more moisture was needed to adequately replenish the soil. In areas of the Blacklands, producers fertilized the wheat crop. Winter wheat made good progress in areas of the Edwards Plateau and South Central Texas due to warmer temperatures and earlier rainfall.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop: In areas of the Trans-Pecos, some pecans were still falling, while across the rest of the state, harvest neared completion. Producers prepared fields for potato planting in southern areas of the state. Fall onions progressed well in areas of the Lower Valley.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Across the state, supplemental feeding to livestock was active due to earlier drought conditions. Producers searched for hay out of state due to low supplies. Earlier rainfall helped replenish some stock tanks; however, many remained low. Winter annual pastures continued to green due to earlier rainfall. In eastern areas of the state, cattle were culled and feral hogs damaged pastures.

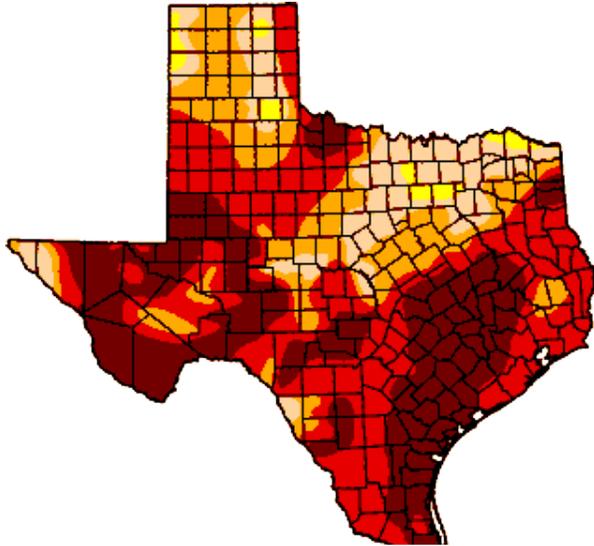
Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, January 8, 2012



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

Drought Monitor

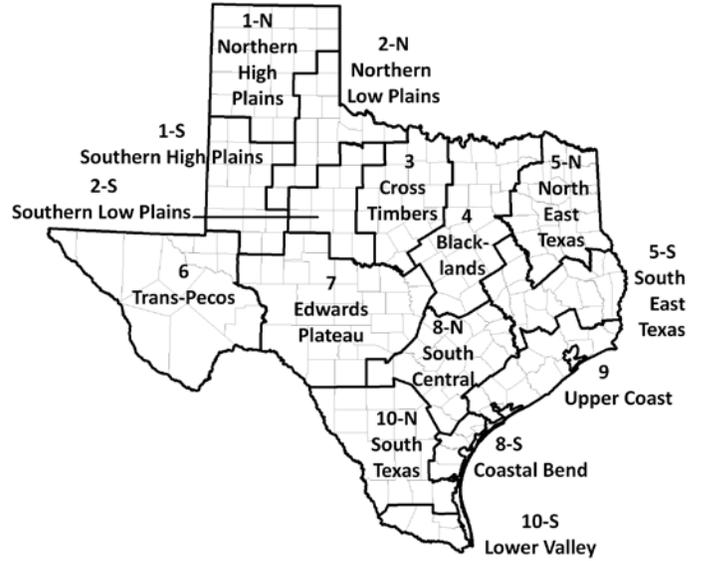
As of 1/3/2012, 7:00 am EST



Intensity:



Texas Agricultural Districts



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