



# Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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**WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR AUGUST 13 – 19**

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## Summary

Much of the state received rainfall last week. Portions of Northeast Texas recorded four inches or more for the week while most other areas received scattered showers.

**Small Grains:** Wheat and oat producers continued to cultivate fields in preparation for fall seeding. Rainfall in some areas helped to soften the ground for plowing.

**Row Crops:** Corn and Sorghum harvest was active in areas of North and Central Texas while harvest had wrapped up in South Texas and the Lower Valley. Rice harvest continued in Southeast Texas. Irrigated

cotton made good progress in the High Plains where producers continued irrigation. Dry land cotton condition varied widely. Some producers reported problems with insects. In the Blacklands and South Texas, some cotton defoliation was taking place. Cooler temperatures improved conditions in some parts of the state.

**Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops:** Pecans continued to mature with some producers reporting limb breakage due to heavy crops. In the Lower Valley, preparations for fall vegetable planting were underway.

**Livestock, Range, and Pasture:** Pasture condition remained poor in many areas as a result of overgrazing and inadequate moisture. Some hayfields remained extremely dry as well, bringing hay production to a halt. However, rainfall brought improvement to range and pastureland in areas of East and Central Texas. Some livestock producers

		Crop Progress			
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2011	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Silked (Tasseled)	99	98	99	99
	Dough	84	83	80	87
	Dent	69	68	73	74
	Mature	63	62	63	61
	Harvested	51	50	50	45
Cotton	Squaring	100	99	99	98
	Setting Bolls	92	88	94	82
	Bolls Opening	18	17	18	15
	Harvested	6	5	9	4
Peanuts	Pegging	99	96	97	96
Rice	Headed	98	95	100	97
	Harvested	45	24	80	60
Sorghum	Headed	84	83	89	88
	Coloring	74	73	71	70
	Mature	70	69	66	60
	Harvested	56	55	54	49
Soybeans	Blooming	89	88	98	99
	Setting Pods	86	84	93	95
	Dropping Leaves	33	10	32	21
Sunflowers	Harvested	12	7	6	3

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/).

were running low on water for their herds and many producers continued to have trouble finding grazing land. In the Edwards Plateau, fall calving had begun.

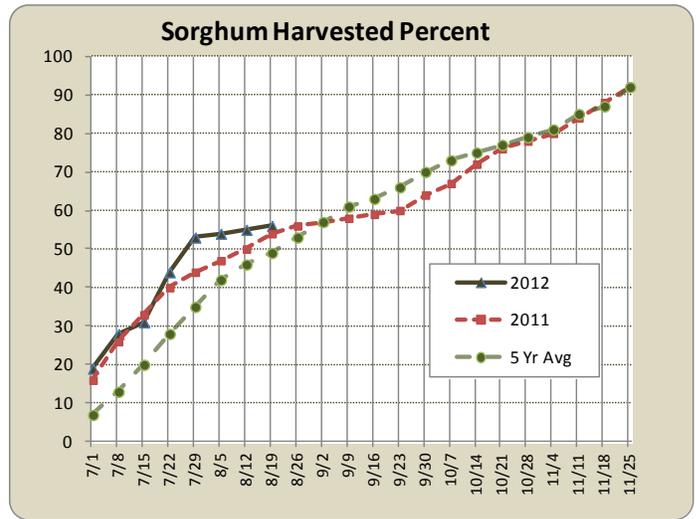
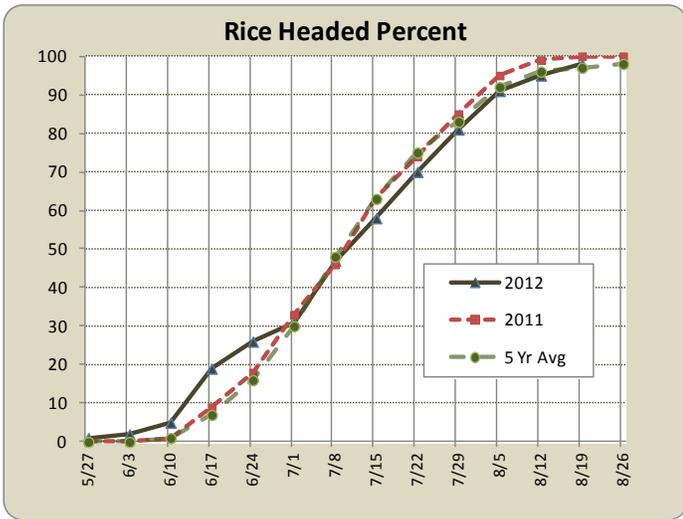
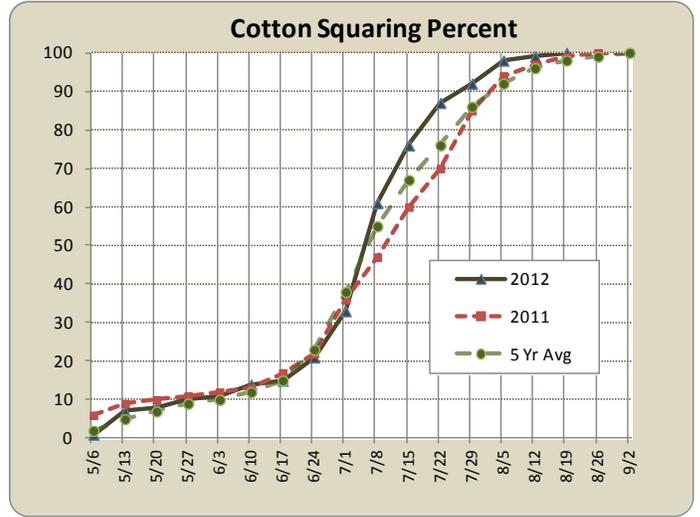
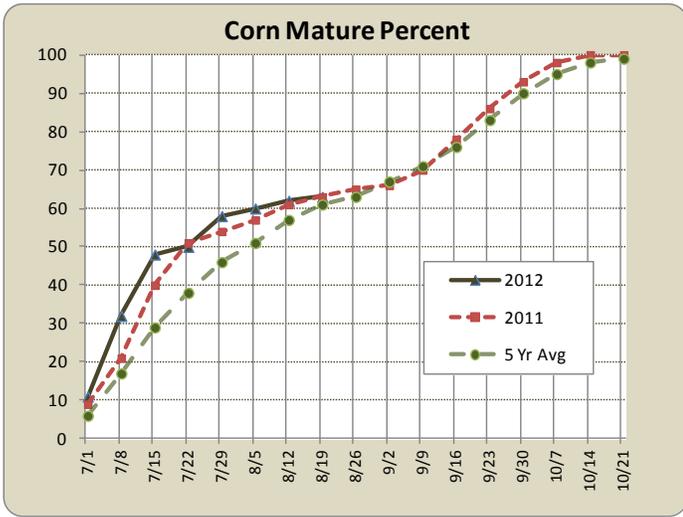
Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2012	2011
Corn	14	37	30	12	7	70	33
Cotton	4	18	32	27	19	48	35
Peanuts	7	61	27	3	2	80	44
Rice	11	46	30	8	5	74	74
Sorghum	16	33	27	15	9	68	49
Soybeans	7	41	39	11	2	71	18
Range and Pasture	2	14	30	31	23	--	--

\* 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.

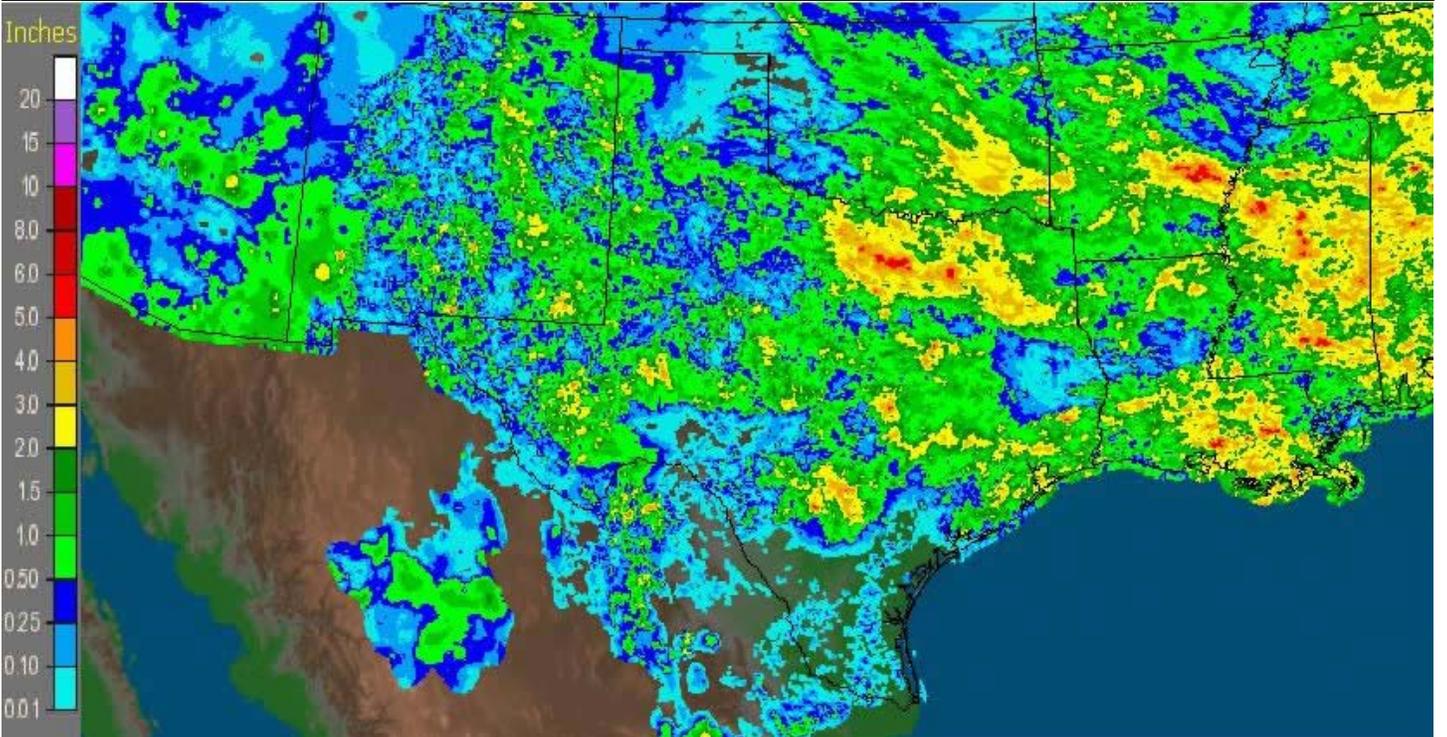
Texas Precipitation					
National Weather Service Climatic Divisions *	Inches of Accumulation **				Percent
	Previous Week (Aug 13 – 19, 2012)	Month-to-Date (Aug 1 – 19, 2012)	Year-to-Date (Jan 1 – Aug 19, 2012)	Annual Normal 1971-2000	Normal Previous Three Months (May - July)
High Plains	0.08	0.15	1.36	19.64	10
Low Rolling Plains	0.11	0.16	1.94	24.51	12
North Central Texas	0.30	0.34	3.42	35.23	9
East Texas	0.20	0.26	4.99	48.08	13
Trans-Pecos	0.10	0.12	1.07	13.19	16
Edwards Plateau	0.11	0.18	2.39	24.73	15
South Central Texas	0.14	0.20	3.15	36.21	13
Upper Coast	0.25	0.38	6.05	50.31	19
South Texas	0.05	0.05	1.85	24.08	13
Lower Valley	0.02	0.06	1.64	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	51	53	55	31	34	15	13	34	39	16	66	5	51	57
Short	32	35	38	45	50	27	42	43	49	43	46	27	14	34	15
Adequate	2	13	9	0	19	39	43	43	17	18	38	7	72	15	25
Surplus	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	9	0	3



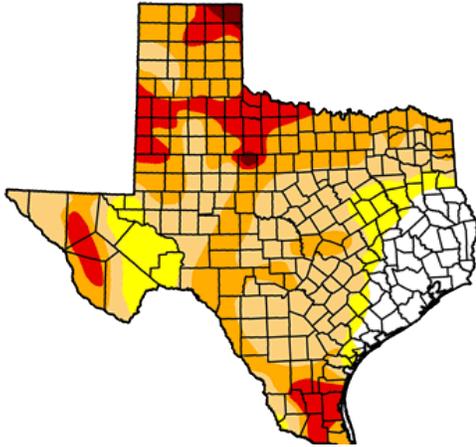
## Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, August 19, 2012



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

# Drought Monitor

Valid 8/14/2012, 7:00 am EST



## Intensity:



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

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