



# Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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**WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR OCTOBER 15 – 21**

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## Summary

Much of the state received rainfall last week. Large portions of Southeast Texas and the Upper Coast recorded up to one inch of precipitation for the week while other areas observed scattered showers.

**Small Grains:** Winter wheat and oats seeding was in full swing around the state. Some producers were watering recently established fields while others benefited from timely rains. Emerging small grains were generally making good growth and livestock were grazing on some fields. Armyworm pressure was reported in areas of North and Central Texas, prompting producers to scout fields.

**Row Crops:** Cotton harvest continued to wind down in East and South Texas. Many producers were destroying cotton stalks and preparing fields for small grains seeding. In the Plains and West Texas, cotton harvest was in full swing. Light frost helped bolls to open in some areas. Some dry land cotton was being zeroed out and destroyed due to lack of precipitation. High Plains producers continued to harvest corn, sorghum, and sunflowers. Soybean harvest continued in the Plains and North Texas while peanut harvest was underway in the Plains and South Texas.

**Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops:** Pecans continued to mature as harvest of early varieties was underway in some areas. Many producers were expecting a good crop, though some reported lower quality due to hot, dry conditions during the summer. In South Texas, cabbage planting continued and earlier planted cabbage fields made good progress. Spinach planting was starting to wind down with spinach plants beginning to emerge. Fall cucumber development progressed with little insect pressure reported.

		Crop Progress			
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2011	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Mature	99	98	100	99
	Harvested	95	88	93	88
Cotton	Bolls Opening	92	88	94	88
	Harvested	31	24	35	27
Peanuts	Harvested	55	34	59	45
Sorghum	Coloring	98	97	96	96
	Mature	91	87	88	87
	Harvested	67	64	76	77
Soybeans	Dropping Leaves	98	92	96	97
	Harvested	89	80	86	87
Sunflowers	Harvested	65	62	80	62
Winter Wheat	Planted	74	67	60	73
	Emerged	51	43	24	46
Oats	Planted	81	64	50	65
	Emerged	63	40	15	29

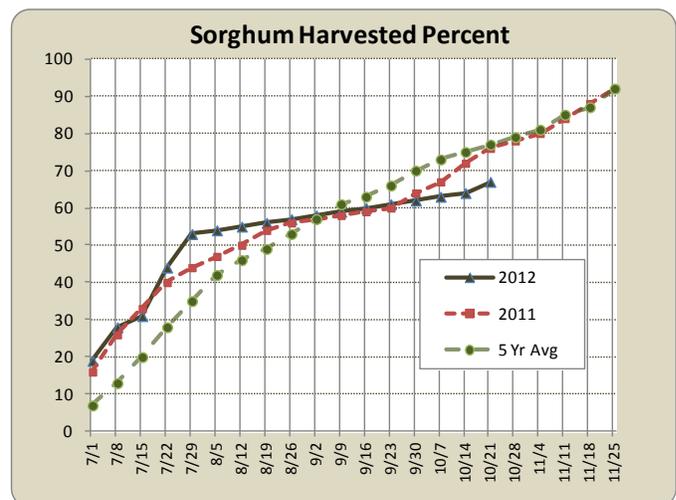
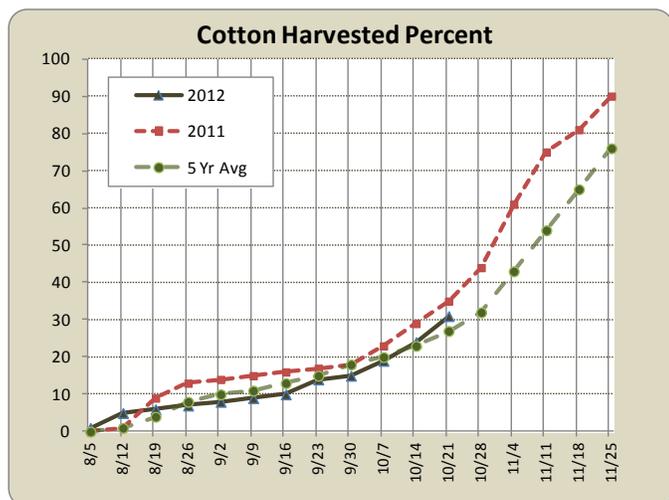
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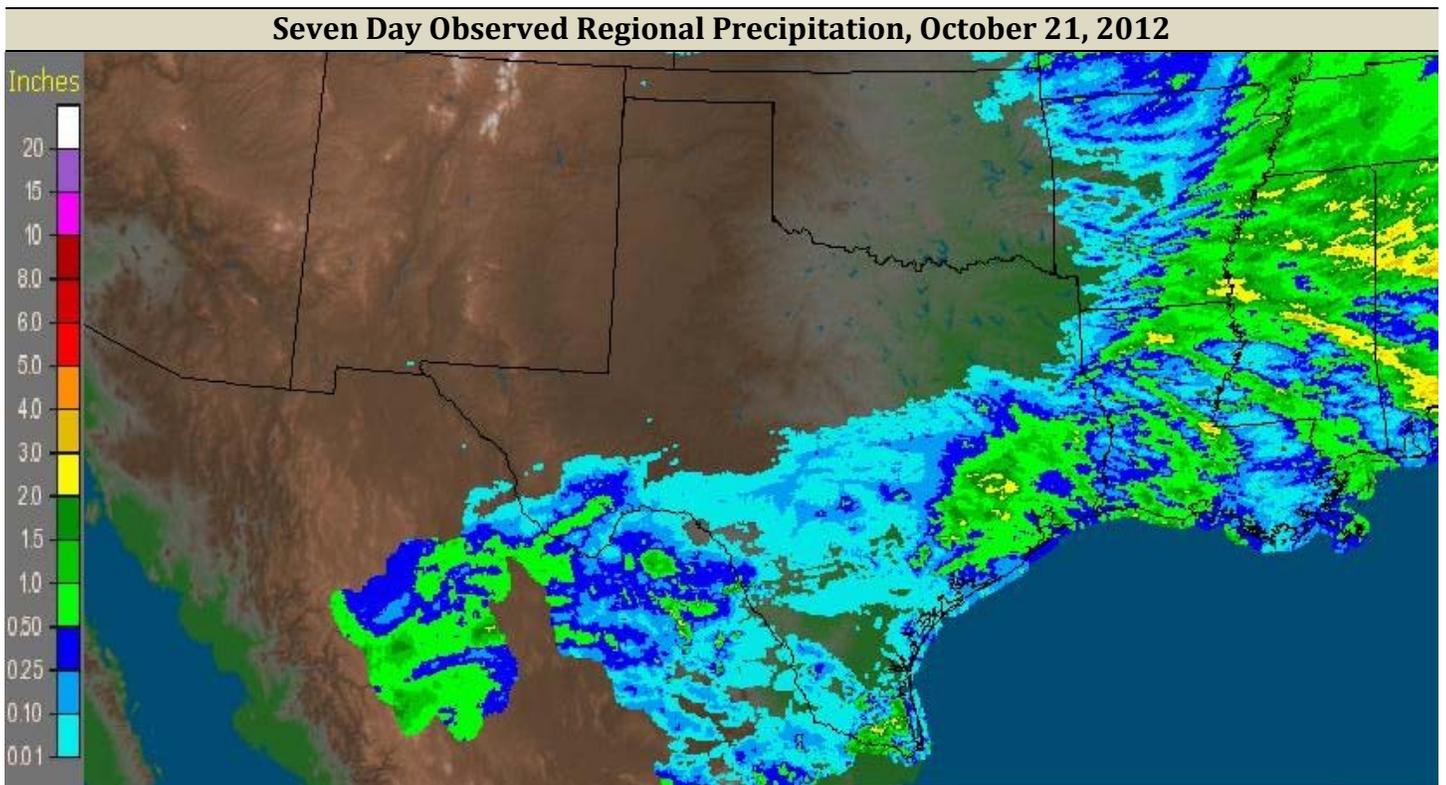
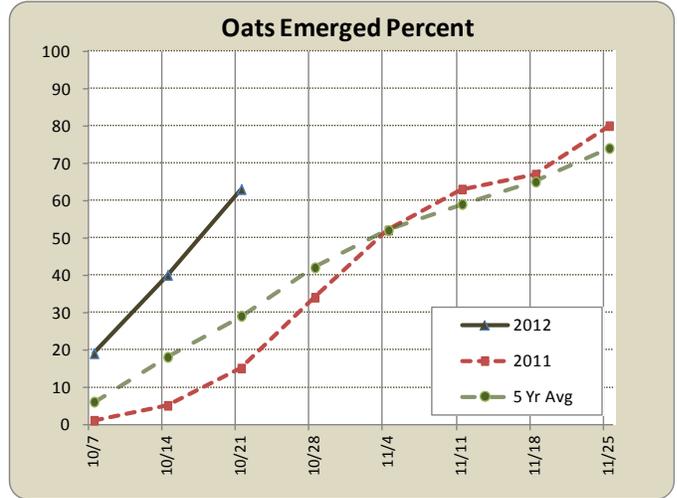
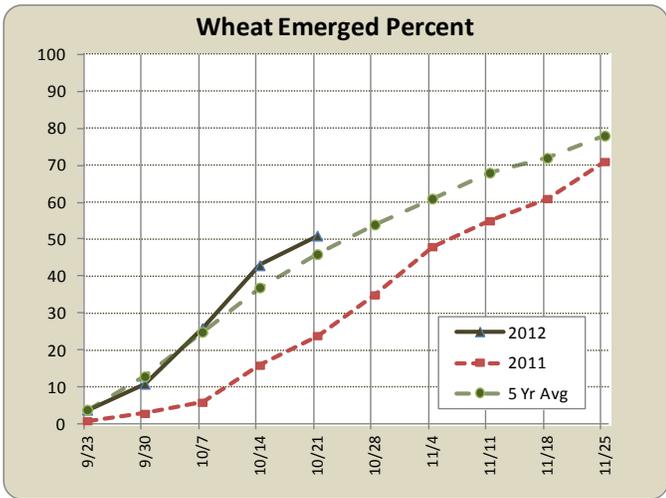
**Livestock, Range, and Pasture:** Pasture and rangeland remained in fair to good condition in most areas, aided by rainfall and limited grazing. Fall forage growth was generally good. Many producers were spraying to control armyworms. Feral hogs were a problem, particularly in Northeast Texas, and some producers were having success with trapping efforts. Livestock were in mostly good condition as fall cattle work continued. Hay cutting and baling continued in preparation for winter cattle feeding.

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	29	28	21	46	34
Peanuts	5	47	33	11	4	71	45
Sorghum	16	33	27	15	9	68	49
Soybeans	6	31	50	12	1	68	18
Range and Pasture	4	23	32	24	17	--	--

\* 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.

Tops Soil Moisture Condition by District									
District	Percent of Acreage				District	Percent of Acreage			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
1-N	39	44	17	0	6	21	48	31	0
1-S	35	35	30	0	7	10	32	56	2
2-N	21	39	38	2	8-N	3	20	75	2
2-S	9	39	48	4	8-S	40	50	10	0
3	7	51	40	2	9	3	18	73	6
4	11	34	53	2	10-N	21	49	30	0
5-N	2	34	62	2	10-S	47	34	13	6
5-S	2	34	62	2	State	15	35	48	2

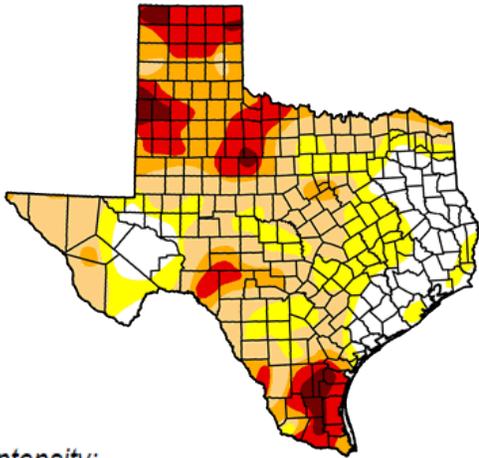




Source: National Weather Service, [www.nws.noaa.gov](http://www.nws.noaa.gov)

# Drought Monitor

Valid 10/16/2012, 7:00 am EST



## Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Drought - Moderate
- D2 Drought - Severe
- D3 Drought - Extreme
- D4 Drought - Exceptional

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

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