



# Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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**WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER 12 - 18**

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## Summary

Dry weather conditions prevailed across much of the state last week. Portions of East and South Texas and the Trans-Pecos received scattered showers with isolated areas receiving up to 1.5 inches. Other areas received little or no precipitation.

**Small Grains:** Seeding of winter wheat continued throughout the state last week, following row crop

harvest, while oats seeding was wrapping up in most areas. Dry weather was negatively impacting recently-emerged small grains and rainfall was needed to sustain crop development. Some fields were showing signs of drought stress while others exhibited moderate growth despite dry conditions.

**Row Crops:** Harvest of row crops was in its final stages in most parts of Texas. Corn and sunflower harvest had wrapped up around the state. Cotton harvest was ongoing in the western half of the state while peanut harvest continued in East and South Texas. Sorghum and soybean harvest continued in the High Plains. Compost and manure trucks were working recently-harvested fields in preparation for spring planting.

**Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops:** Pecan harvest was ongoing in many areas as pecan crops continued to reach maturity. Some North Texas pecan producers reported a slower-than-normal harvest due to difficulties in lining up custom harvesters. In the Trans-Pecos, pumpkin harvest was wrapping up. In South Texas, dry conditions led vegetable producers to water cabbage, spinach, onions, and carrots. Cabbage and spinach harvest continued. In the Lower Valley, harvest continued on vegetables, citrus, sugarcane, and late-season cantaloupe.

**Livestock, Range, and Pasture:** Range and pastureland was reported to be in fair to good condition in many areas of the state. However dry, windy conditions were beginning to negatively impact pastures and additional rainfall was needed to replenish topsoil moisture and support winter grazing. Stock tanks and ponds were critically low or dry in some areas. Fall cattle work continued with many ranches remaining lightly stocked.

		Crop Progress			
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2011	5 Yr Avg
Cotton	Bolls Opening	99	98	100	98
	Harvested	80	71	81	65
Peanuts	Harvested	98	96	89	93
Sorghum	Mature	99	98	97	98
	Harvested	91	85	88	87
Soybeans	Harvested	95	94	97	96
Sunflowers	Harvested	91	90	89	86
Winter Wheat	Planted	94	91	90	91
	Emerged	79	74	61	72
Oats	Planted	95	91	88	90
	Emerged	85	79	67	65

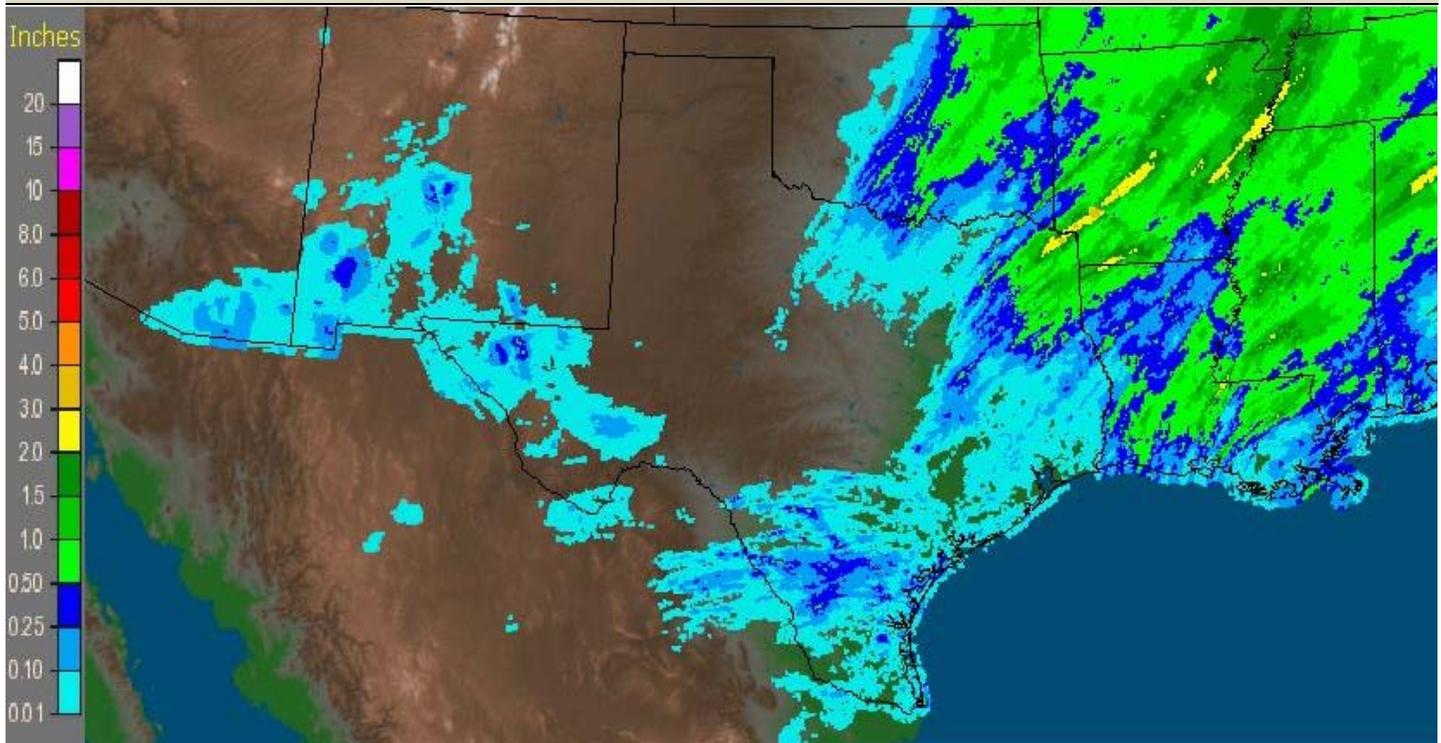
Visit our web site to view the crop progress regional maps, available at [www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics\\_by\\_State/Texas/Publications/Crop\\_Progress\\_&\\_Condition/maps/](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Texas/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/maps/).

Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2012	2011
Cotton	3	19	29	27	22	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
Wheat	4	26	45	20	5	60	45
Oats	2	20	48	18	12	54	34
Range and Pasture	2	16	33	29	20	--	--

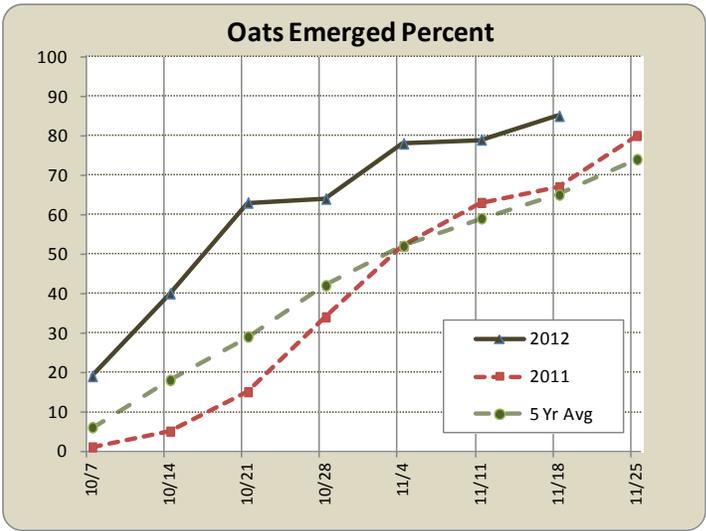
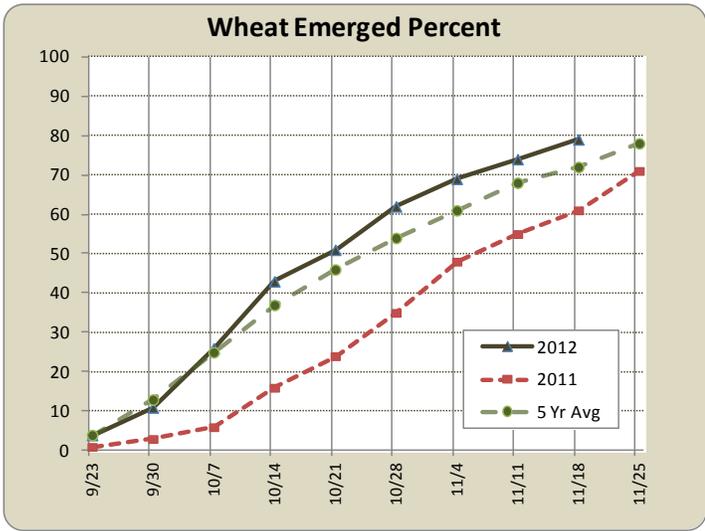
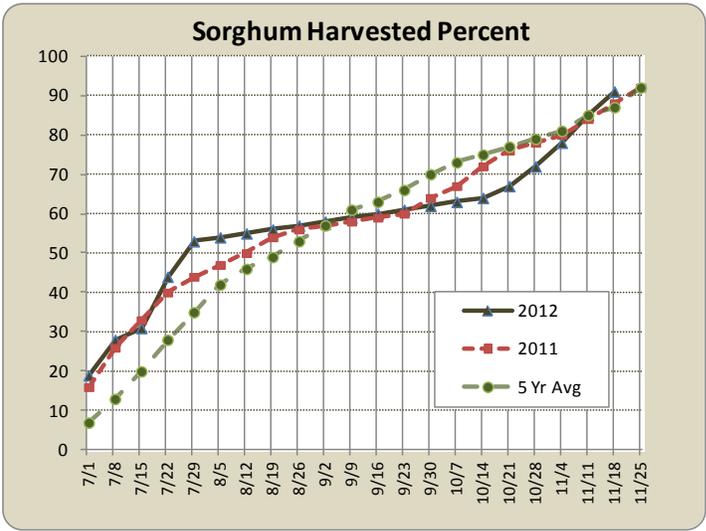
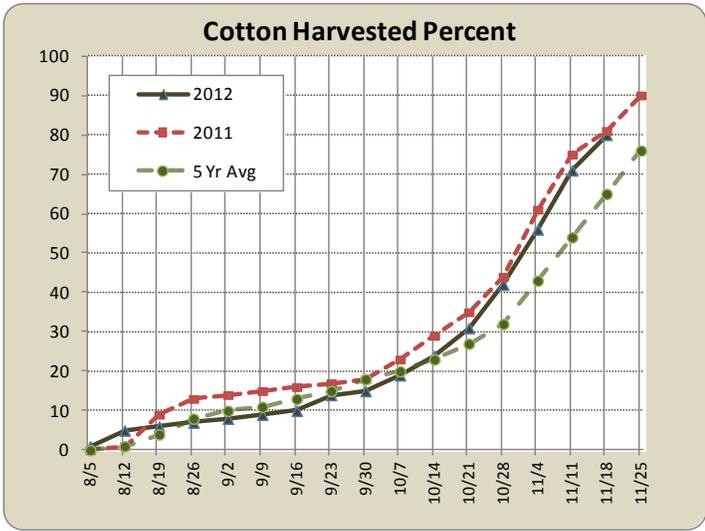
\* The formula for the condition index is  $I = (5V + 25P + 60F + 90G + 110E)/100$  where I = crop condition index and V, P, F, G, E = percentage of crop rated very poor, poor, fair, good, excellent.

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	53	39	8	0	6	39	58	3	0
1-S	34	55	11	0	7	25	52	23	0
2-N	35	44	21	0	8-N	9	46	45	0
2-S	22	62	16	0	8-S	41	45	14	0
3	24	55	21	0	9	15	50	32	3
4	26	51	23	0	10-N	33	52	15	0
5-N	7	46	46	1	10-S	70	27	3	0
5-S	11	56	31	2	State	26	51	23	0

### Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, November 18, 2012

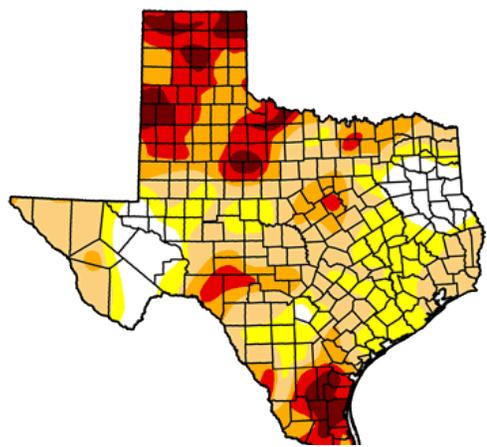


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## Drought Monitor

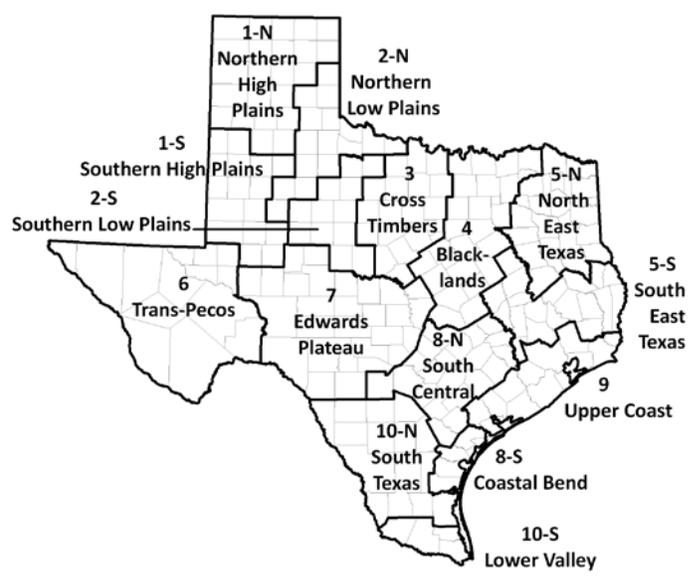
Valid 11/13/2012, 7:00 am EST



### Intensity:

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

## Texas Agricultural Districts



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