



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR MARCH 25 – 31

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Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2013	2012
Wheat	1	15	35	34	15	45	58
Oats	5	22	37	24	12	54	82
Range and Pasture	1	11	25	43	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.

Summary

Many areas experienced nighttime freezing temperatures last week, causing concern among producers about possible crop damage. Weather conditions across the state continued to be dry and windy, with most areas receiving less than one half inch of precipitation. Areas of the Blacklands and North East Texas experienced up to two inches of rainfall. Some areas saw severe weather with high winds and hail.

Crop Progress					
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2012	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Planted	54	48	47	48
	Emerged	25	12	28	25
Cotton	Planted	7	3	12	7
Rice	Planted	50	21	4	35
Sorghum	Planted	40	33	39	40
Soybeans	Planted	12	6	6	15
Winter Wheat	Headed	8	1	17	10
Oats	Headed	25	15	37	22

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/.

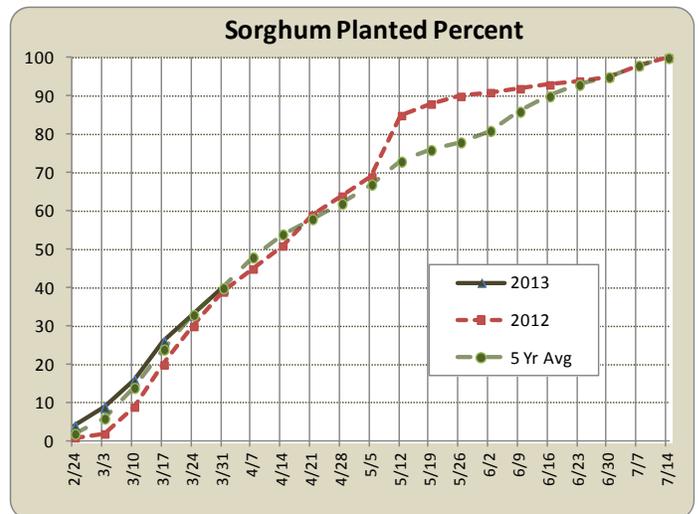
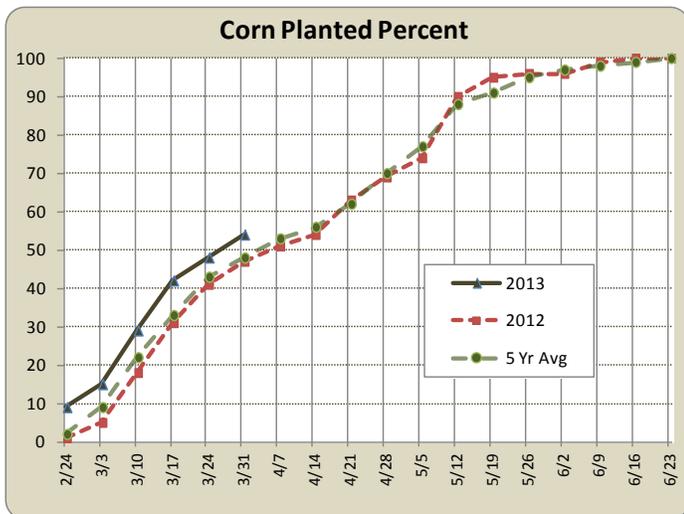
Small Grains: Winter wheat and oat crop conditions were mostly fair to poor as soil moisture continued to be short across most of the state. Irrigated wheat producers continued to apply irrigation water due to dry conditions. Dry land wheat in the Blacklands and North East Texas mostly had adequate soil moisture as of the end of the week.

Row Crops: Land preparation for corn, sorghum, and cotton planting continued in the Plains, where producers listed fields and pre-watered in advance of planting the 2013 cotton crop. Corn and sorghum planting continued to progress in the Upper Coast and South Texas.

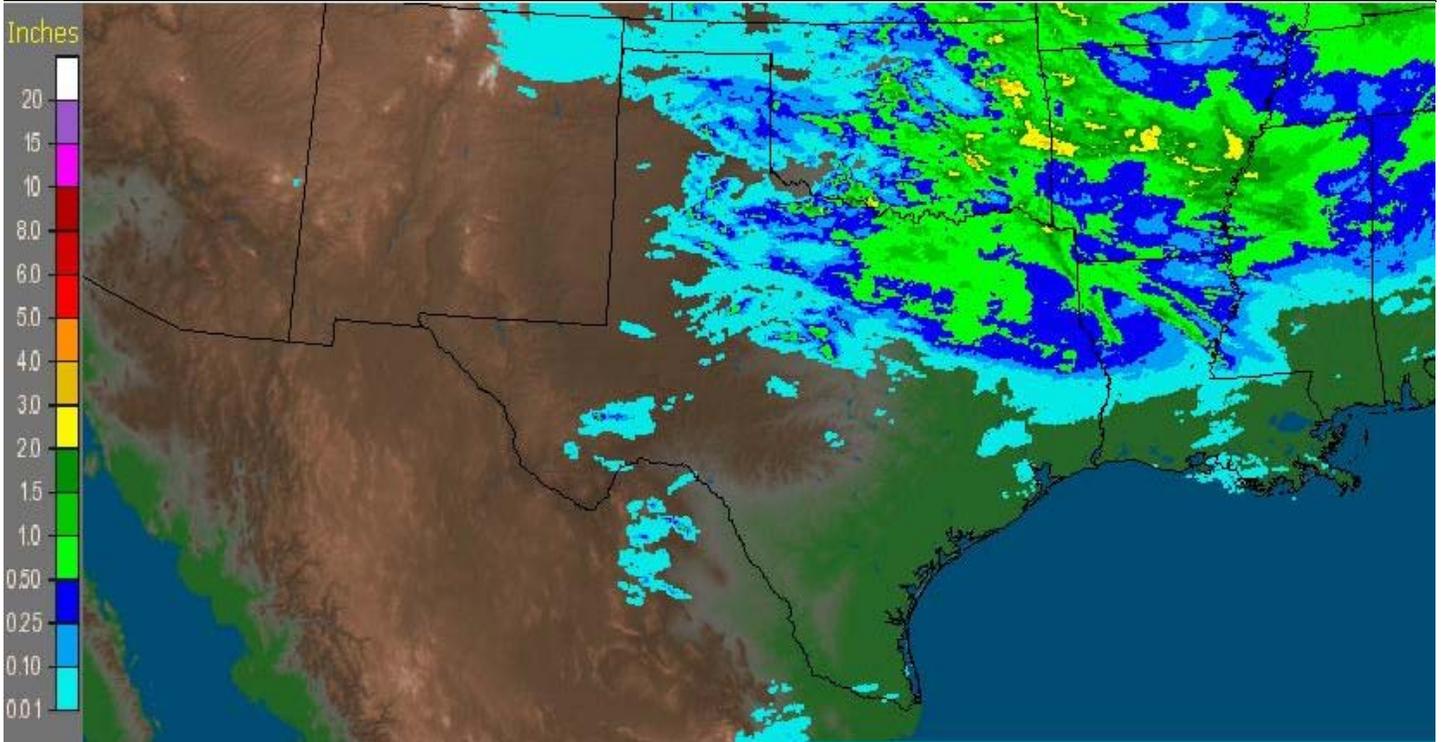
Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: Producers were evaluating potential damage to fruit trees and vegetable crops after having nighttime freezing temperatures last week. Some damage was reported in North East Texas to warm season vegetable crops. Potato crops flowered in the Upper Coast, while spinach harvesting resumed in South Texas. Onion and cabbage crops also made progress.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Livestock producers continued to graze cattle on wheat and oats as pasture conditions remained poor across much of the state. Supplemental feeding of hay continued, helping cattle to remain in good condition. Some producers in South East Texas prepared hay fields for planting.

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	58	42	0	0	6	82	15	3	0
1-S	16	60	24	0	7	13	65	22	0
2-N	0	77	23	0	8-N	23	64	13	0
2-S	33	67	0	0	8-S	67	25	8	0
3	0	80	20	0	9	12	33	46	9
4	0	35	65	0	10-N	78	19	3	0
5-N	0	20	47	33	10-S	90	10	0	0
5-S	15	55	30	0	State	30	46	21	3



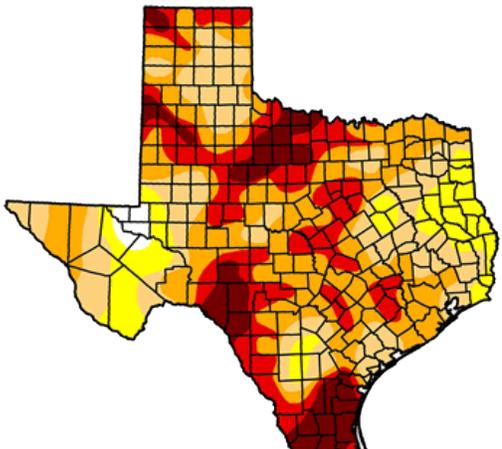
Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, March 31, 2013



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

Drought Monitor

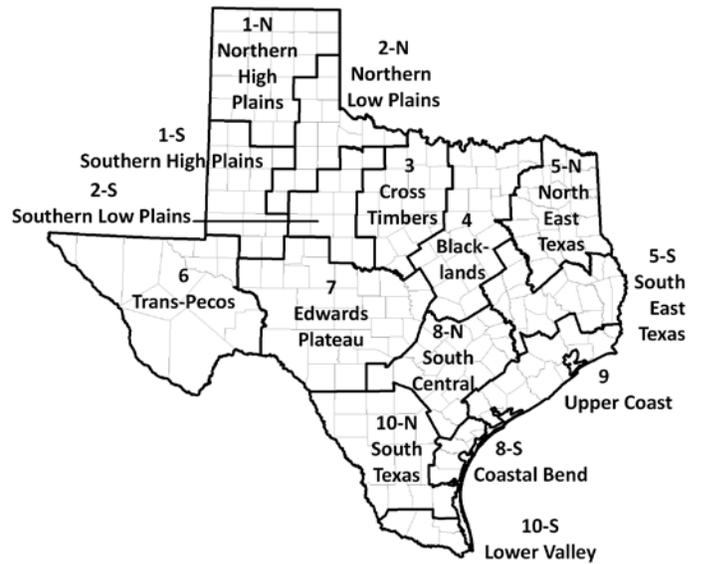
Valid 3/26/2013, 7:00 am EST



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/>