



# Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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**WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR APRIL 22 - 28**

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Crop	Crop Condition						Index	
	Percent of Acreage					2013	2012	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor			
Corn	2	35	46	11	6	64	85	
Rice	0	4	53	43	0	46	84	
Sorghum	1	19	28	9	43	39	79	
Wheat	0	7	25	29	39	31	57	
Oats	2	20	38	28	12	51	80	
Range and Pasture	2	13	29	28	28	--	--	

\* 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

Southern Texas received much sought-after rainfall last week. Areas from South Texas and the Lower Valley through the Upper Coast and South Central Texas recorded from one half to three inches of precipitation. Cooler-than-normal conditions persisted across the state, with areas from the Northern High Plains down to the Upper Coast experiencing nighttime freezing temperatures. Conditions in the Panhandle remained dry and windy.

Crop	Stage	Crop Progress			
		Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2012	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Planted	69	59	69	70
	Emerged	60	53	57	59
Cotton	Planted	14	12	25	20
Peanuts	Planted	3	0	4	7
Rice	Planted	96	91	88	90
	Emerged	83	77	74	75
Sorghum	Planted	64	62	64	62
Soybeans	Planted	55	44	67	68
	Emerged	15	0	21	18
Sunflowers	Planted	23	14	27	22
Winter Wheat	Headed	45	34	80	56
Oats	Headed	76	67	97	84

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/).

**Small Grains:** Freezing temperatures late in the week compounded earlier damage. Producers in areas of the Plains, the Cross-Timbers, and the Blacklands prepared to bale freeze damaged wheat. Wheat in East Texas headed out and was in good condition. Some producers in South Texas cut wheat and oats that were damaged by previous hail storms for hay.

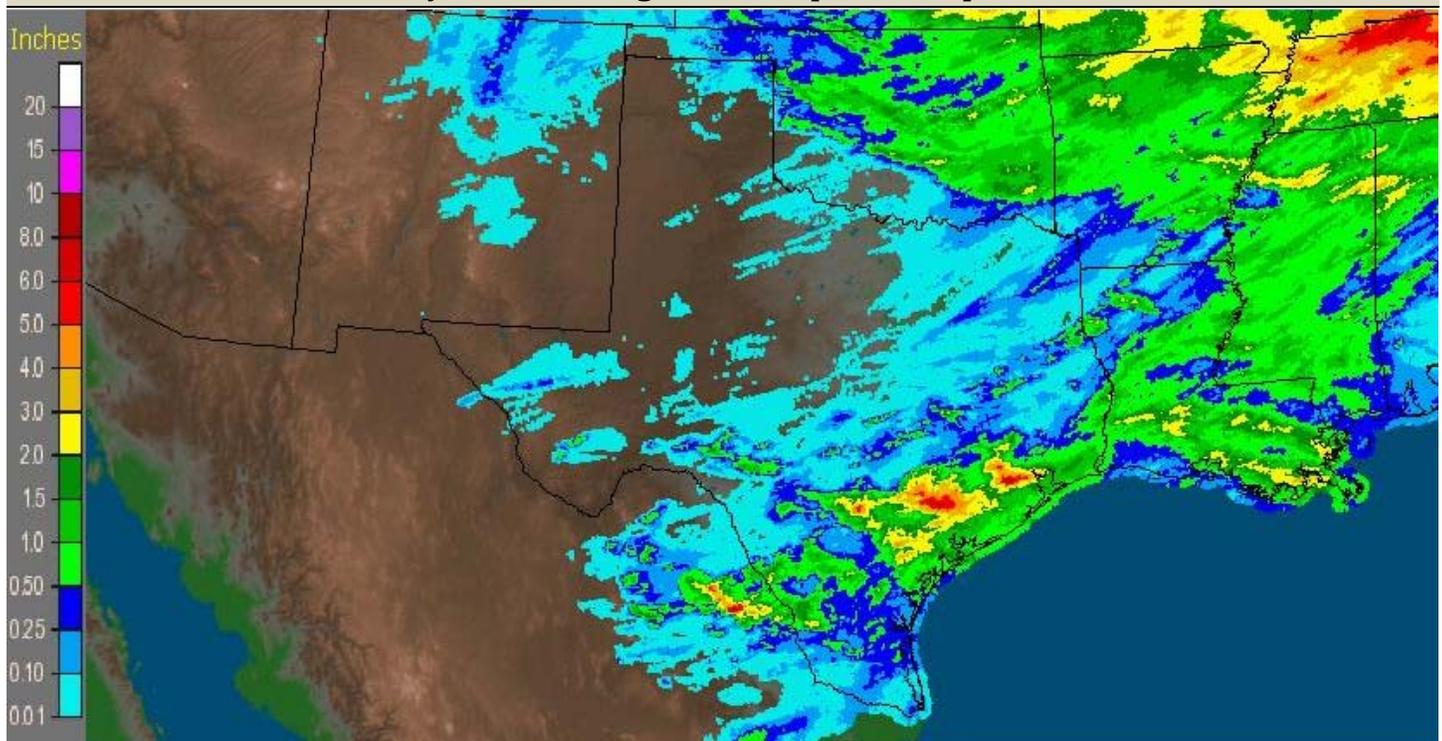
**Row Crops:** Crop progress across the state was slowed by cool temperatures. Some producers in the Blacklands, South East Texas, and South Central Texas reported damage to corn and sorghum from nighttime freeze events. Cotton planting continued in the Blacklands. Some producers in the Upper Coast replanted cotton fields due to excessive freeze damage.

**Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops:** Vegetable and citrus crops continued to be harvested in South Texas and the Lower Valley. Watermelons in South Texas were reported to be slow to develop due to cool temperatures. Some producers in the Plains and East Texas reported that fruit crops suffered serious freeze damage.

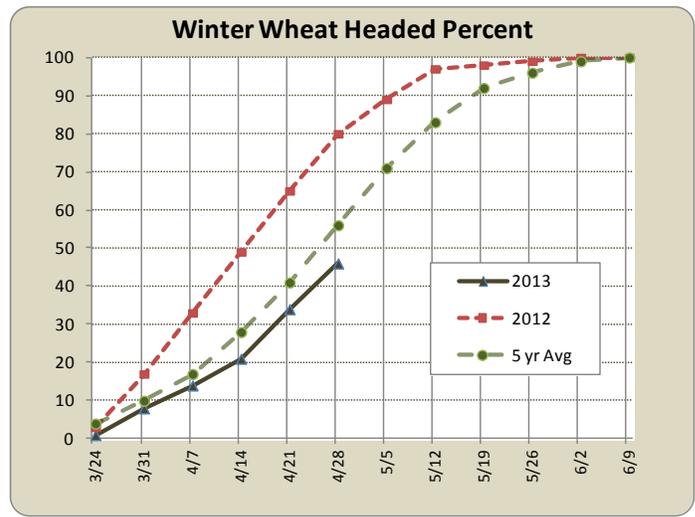
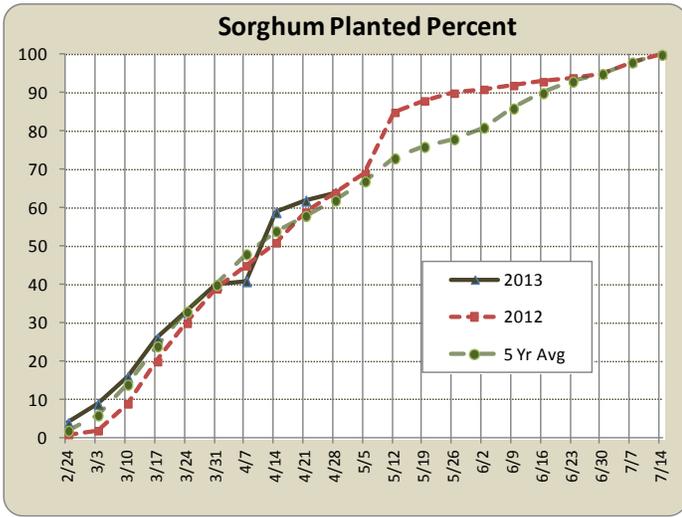
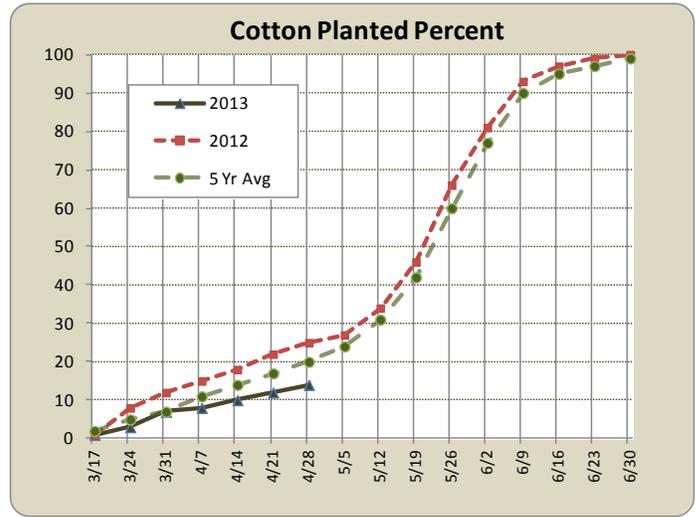
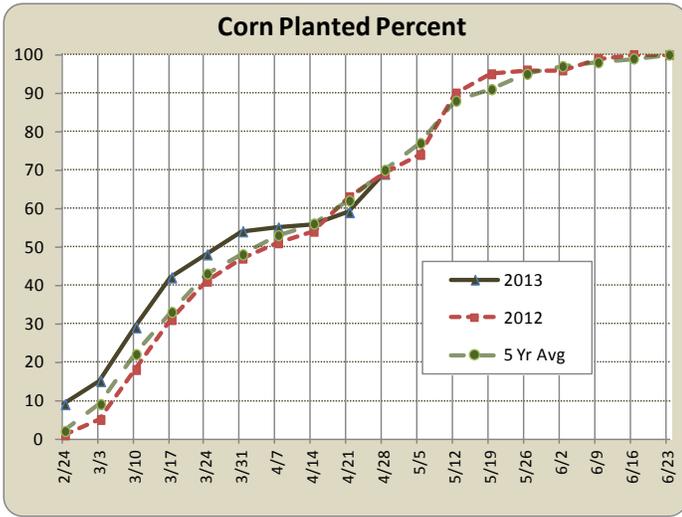
**Livestock, Range and Pasture:** Sorghum sudan was being planted in the Southern Low Plains and the Cross Timbers for grazing and hay. Cold temperatures across the state slowed growth of summer pasture grasses. Cattle conditions in the Blacklands and East Texas were good, with producers able to utilize pastures in combination with supplemental feeding. Many pastures in the Plains, South Texas, and the Lower Valley remained in poor condition.

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	62	33	5	0	6	59	40	1	0
1-S	70	25	5	0	7	48	33	19	0
2-N	29	37	34	0	8-N	21	50	28	1
2-S	63	37	0	0	8-S	50	25	15	10
3	16	46	38	0	9	20	20	43	17
4	9	27	63	1	10-N	67	24	9	0
5-N	3	19	75	3	10-S	75	0	19	6
5-S	9	31	56	4	State	36	32	30	2

**Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, April 28, 2013**

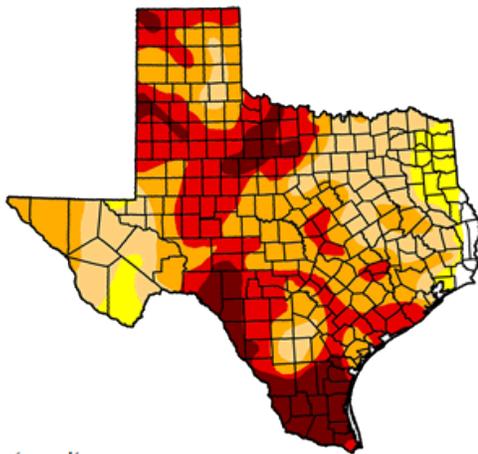


Source: National Weather Service, [www.nws.noaa.gov](http://www.nws.noaa.gov)



## Drought Monitor

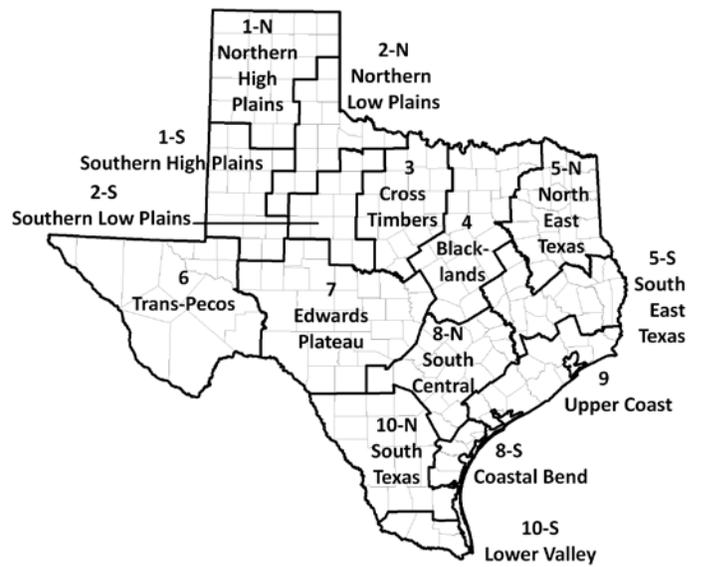
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### Intensity:

- 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/>