



# Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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**WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR MAY 13 - 19**

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Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2013	2012
Corn	6	41	39	9	5	69	83
Rice	5	23	44	27	1	59	92
Sorghum	2	28	28	20	22	50	82
Soybeans	7	44	35	13	1	72	86
Wheat	0	6	18	28	48	26	58
Oats	2	17	40	27	14	49	79
Range and Pasture	2	17	32	27	22	--	--

\* 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

Much of the state experienced rainfall and warmer temperatures last week. Portions of North, East, and Central Texas received the most precipitation, with some areas along the Texas Oklahoma border recording up to four inches. High winds and tornadoes hit parts of North Texas, causing major damage. Some areas experienced severe hail storms. Portions of West Texas, South Texas and the Plains received little or no precipitation.

Crop Progress					
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2012	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Planted	84	78	95	95
	Emerged	68	67	82	79
	Silked (Tasseled)	12	6	32	18
Cotton	Planted	29	20	46	42
	Squaring	3	2	8	6
Peanuts	Planted	37	13	74	75
Rice	Planted	100	99	96	97
	Emerged	91	89	91	90
Sorghum	Planted	74	66	88	76
	Headed	19	9	25	16
Soybeans	Planted	87	85	88	89
	Emerged	62	54	85	80
Sunflowers	Planted	40	37	65	40
Winter Wheat	Headed	70	62	98	92
	Harvested	2	0	9	5
Oats	Headed	90	89	100	98
	Harvested	2	0	14	14

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/).

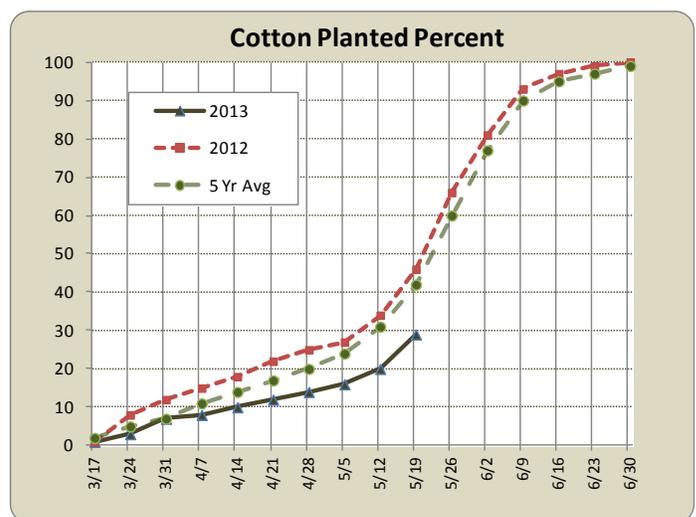
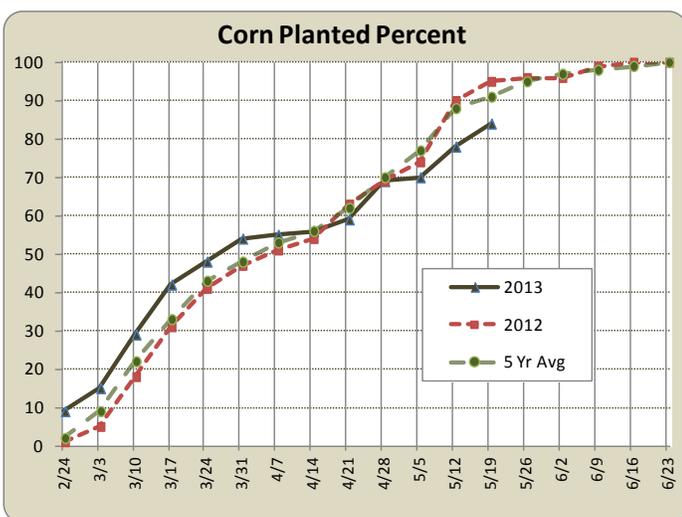
**Small Grains:** Across the Plains and North Texas, producers continued to cut much of their wheat and oat crops for hay due to previous freeze damage. Remaining wheat fields continued to mature with those under irrigation making good progress.

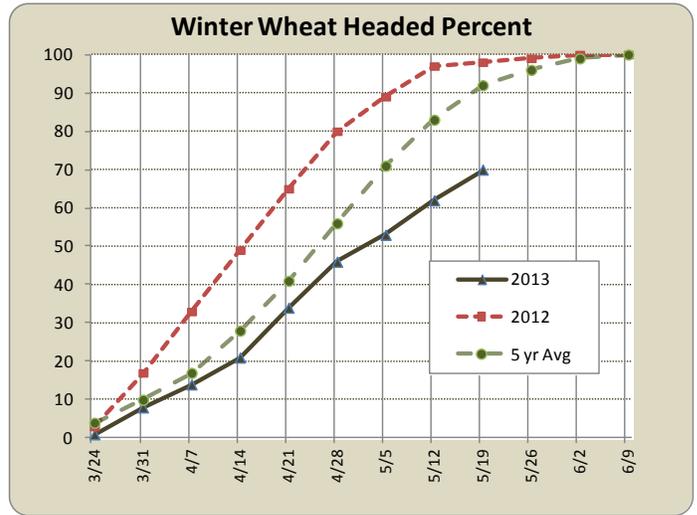
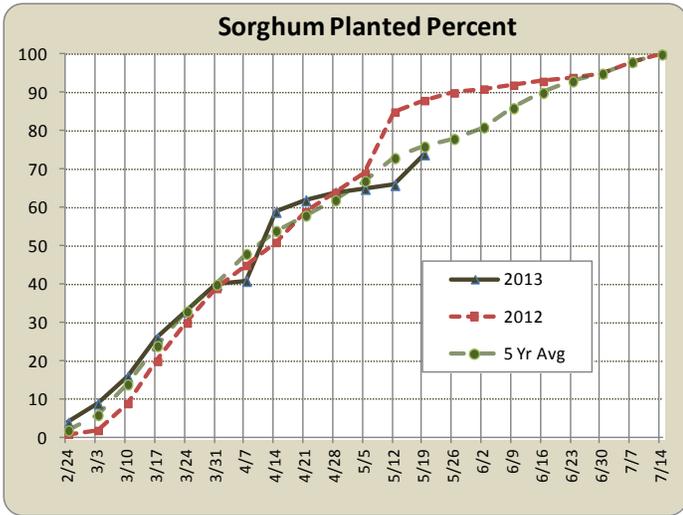
**Row Crops:** Planting of corn, cotton, and sorghum was underway across much of the state, especially on irrigated acres. Many producers had begun dry land planting, though some were waiting on more moisture to make planting decisions. Early-planted cotton was beginning to develop. In some areas, timely rains aided recently-planted crops while many other areas remained in need of additional moisture. Sunflowers in Central Texas were beginning to bloom.

**Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops:** In East Texas and the Trans-Pecos, fruit trees were showing damage from previous freeze events. Some blueberries were lost to freeze-damage as well. Blackberries continued to progress. Pecan producers were spraying orchards to control pecan nut casebearer. Potato, onion, and sweet corn harvest was underway in South Texas.

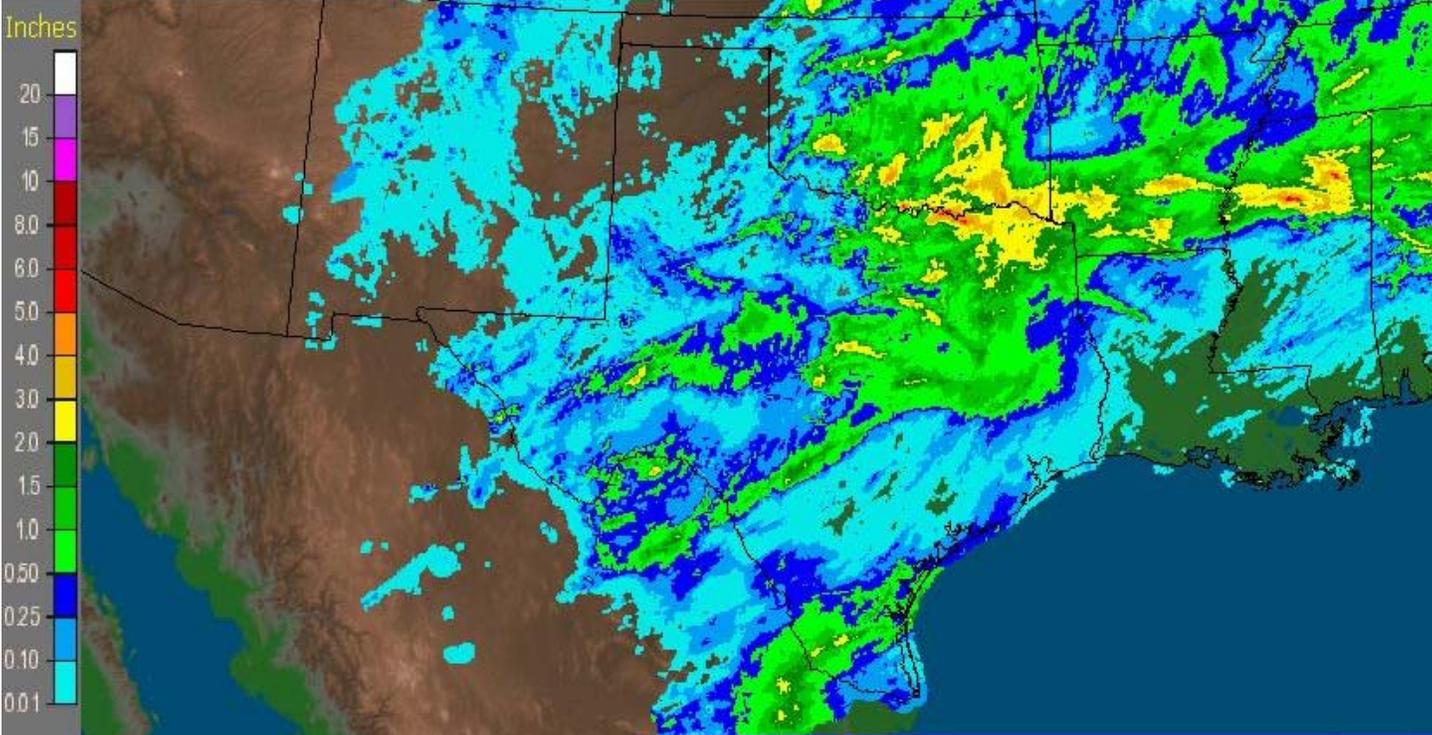
**Livestock, Range and Pasture:** In most parts of the state, range and pastureland remained in need of moisture to promote grass growth. Stock tank levels were a major concern for some producers. In areas of East and Central Texas, rainfall and warm weather aided pasture growth and many producers had begun to fertilize. Lower livestock inventories were allowing some pastures to rebound from drought. In areas of the Edwards Plateau, sheep and goats benefited from the recent growth of forbs. Fly populations were becoming a problem for some cattle producers.

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	64	32	4	0	6	67	27	6	0
1-S	62	30	8	0	7	38	35	24	3
2-N	37	54	9	0	8-N	10	43	40	7
2-S	39	60	1	0	8-S	32	48	20	0
3	17	53	30	0	9	4	23	49	24
4	8	33	51	8	10-N	31	37	32	0
5-N	5	22	71	2	10-S	50	12	34	4
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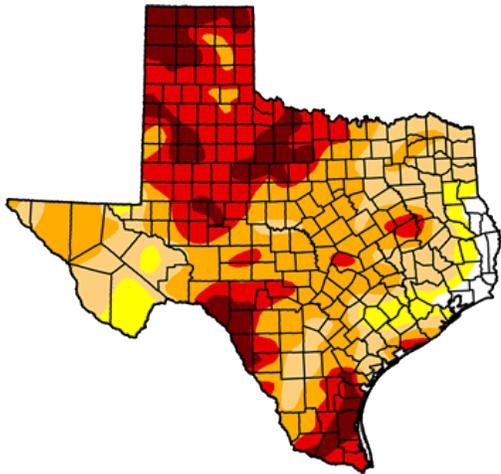
**Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, May 19, 2013**



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

# Drought Monitor

Valid 5/14/2013, 7:00 am EST

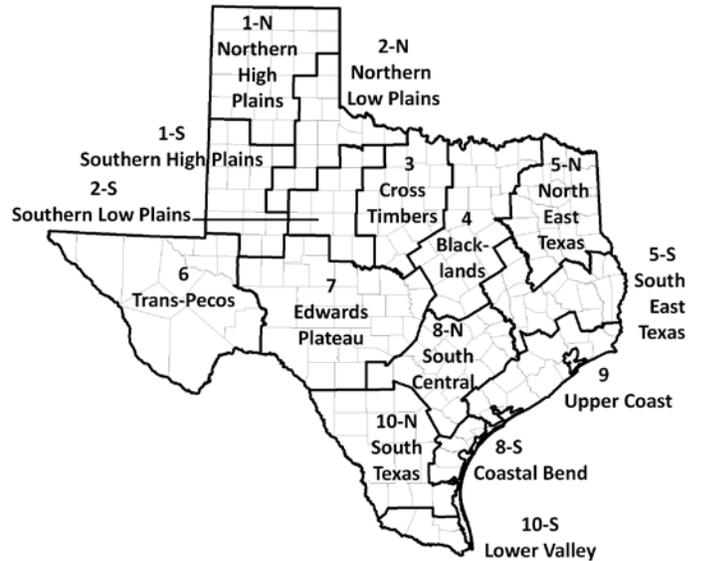


## Intensity:



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

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