



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR MAY 20 – 26

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Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2013	2012
Corn	8	44	38	7	3	73	81
Rice	2	31	56	11	0	66	85
Sorghum	5	36	24	20	15	58	78
Soybeans	5	35	51	8	1	70	77
Wheat	1	6	17	27	49	26	55
Oats	1	19	48	21	11	53	79
Range and pasture	4	21	31	24	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 across the state experienced significant rainfall along with warmer temperatures. Portions of the Cross Timbers, Central Texas, and South Texas received from two to five inches of precipitation, with many other areas throughout the state receiving at least one inch. Warm temperatures and strong winds persisted throughout much of the state, creating dry conditions for those areas that did not receive much moisture last week.

Small Grains: Small grain harvest was underway in the Trans-Pecos, South

Crop Progress					
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2012	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Planted	95	84	96	97
	Emerged	79	68	83	86
	Silked (Tasseled)	26	12	43	30
Cotton	Planted	49	29	66	60
	Squaring	4	3	10	9
Peanuts	Planted	63	37	84	85
Rice	Emerged	92	91	93	92
Sorghum	Planted	77	74	90	78
	Headed	30	19	47	28
Soybeans	Planted	88	87	94	93
	Emerged	69	62	89	88
Sunflower	Planted	60	40	70	45
Winter Wheat	Headed	79	70	99	96
	Harvested	12	2	25	12
Oats	Headed	91	90	100	99
	Harvested	17	2	55	36

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/.

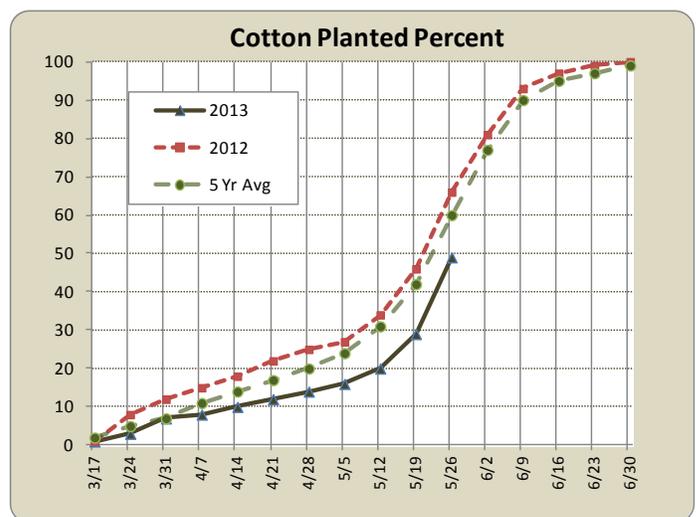
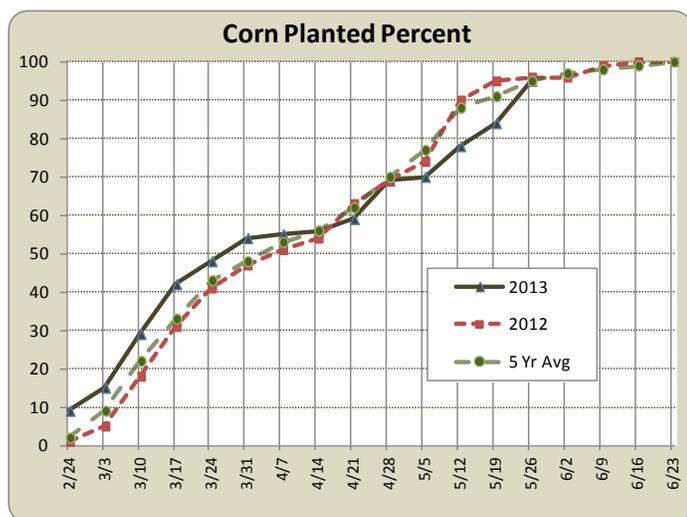
Central Texas, and the Upper Coast. Producers in the Blacklands and North East Texas commented that wheat was in good condition after recent rains. Some producers in the Plains continued to cut wheat fields for hay due to previous damage.

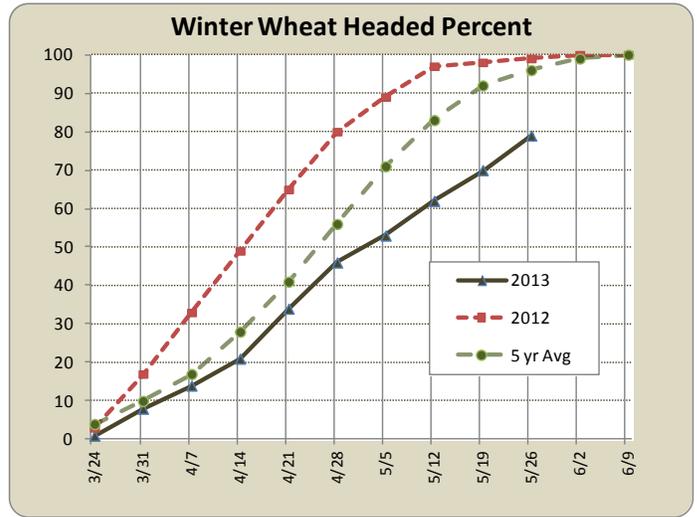
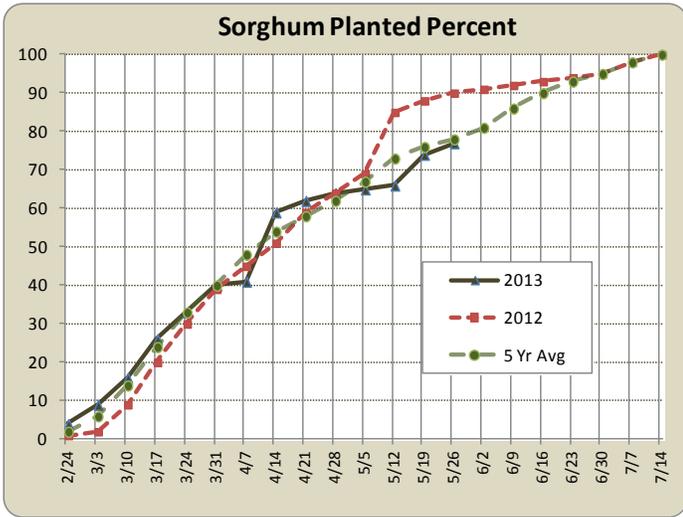
Row Crops: Row crops in South Texas made good progress, helped largely by significant rainfall. In South Central Texas, corn began to tassel and sorghum was beginning to head. Cotton planting continued in the Trans-Pecos and on irrigated fields in the High Plains, but some producers in the Low Plains waited for moisture to begin planting.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: Onion and honey dew harvest continued in the Lower Valley, while harvest was delayed in some areas due to wet conditions. Peanut planting in South Texas was underway. Pecans were being watered and fertilized in the Low Plains and Cross Timbers, and were in good condition.

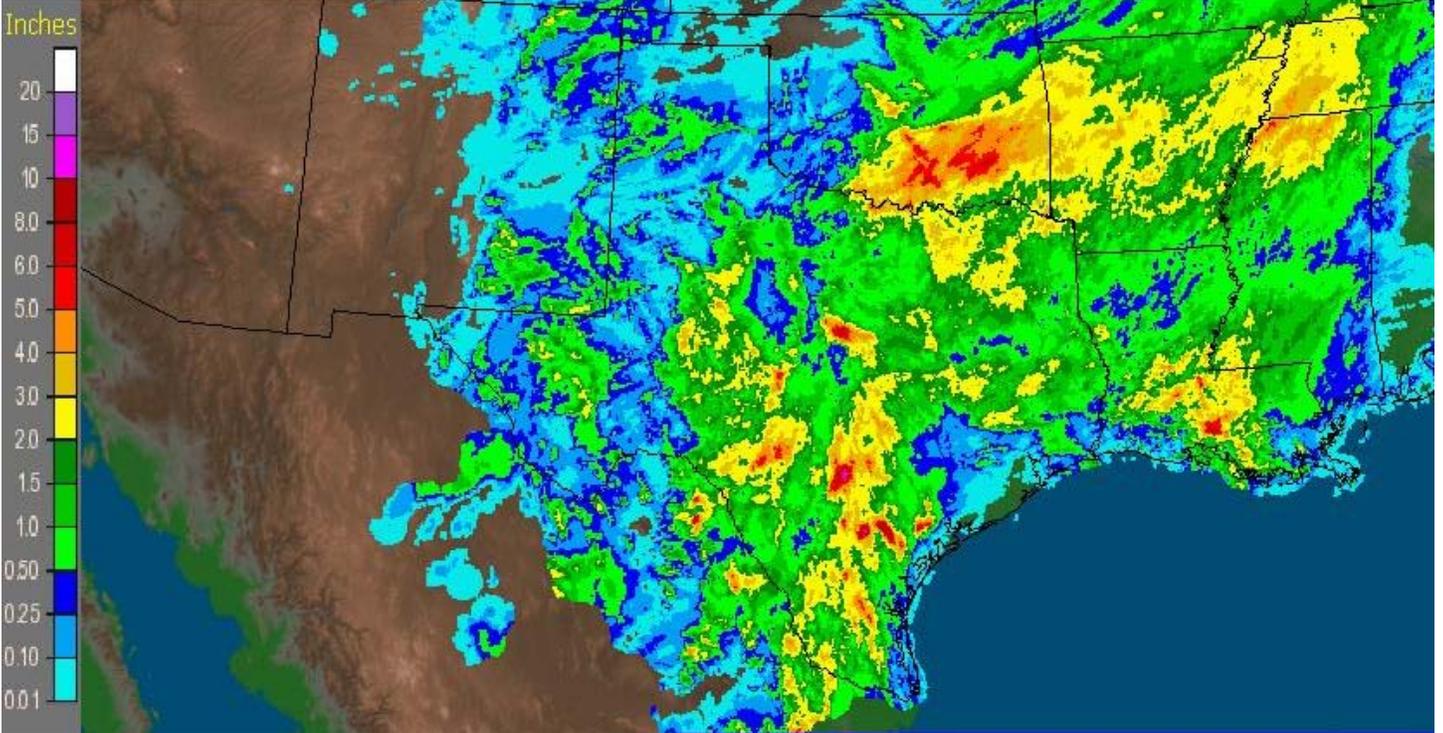
Livestock, Range and Pasture: Recent rains improved pasture and rangeland throughout much of the state, although areas of the Plains still required more moisture to see improvement. Hay was being planted in the Cross Timbers and harvest was well underway in East Texas. Rainfall in some areas of Central and South Texas were sufficient to help replenish stock tanks.

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	69	28	3	0	6	57	36	7	0
1-S	69	27	4	0	7	32	30	34	4
2-N	26	57	17	0	8-N	9	44	43	4
2-S	31	52	17	0	8-S	25	48	20	7
3	15	51	34	0	9	11	20	66	3
4	5	21	70	4	10-N	15	29	55	1
5-N	3	19	73	5	10-S	50	9	40	1
5-S	2	17	65	16	State	27	32	38	3





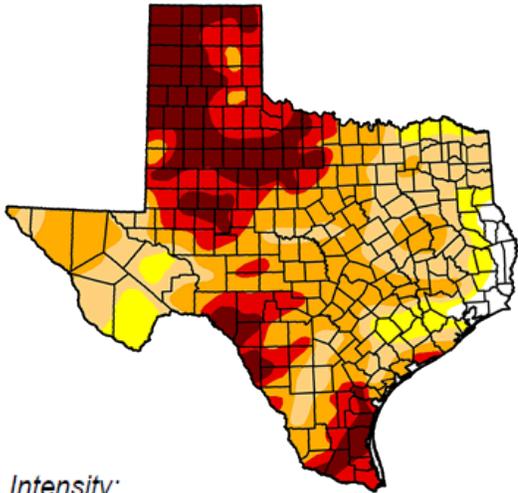
Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, May 27, 2013



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

Drought Monitor

Valid 5/21/2013, 7:00 am EST

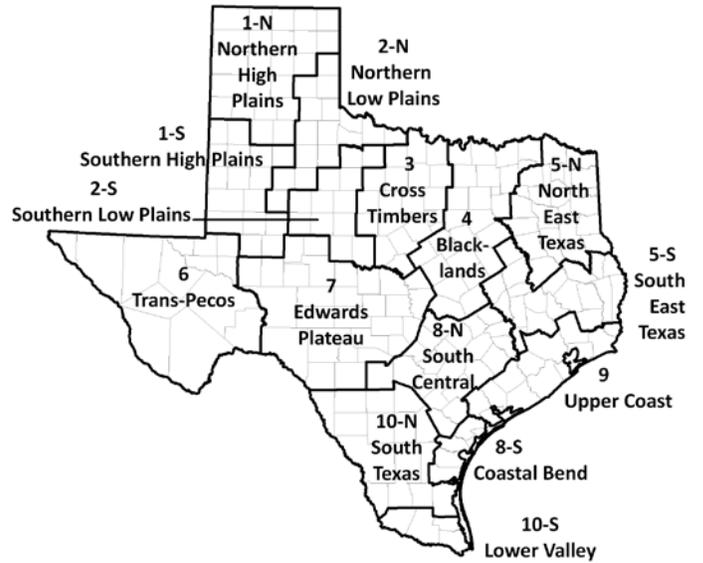


Intensity:



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

Texas Agricultural Districts



Special Note

NASS Survey Update!

In the first two weeks of June, NASS will interview producers and survey tracts of farm land across the United States to gather information that will set the foundation for estimates during the upcoming forecast season. Additionally, we will ask hog producers about their inventories and farrowing intentions for the next six months. The information will help producers, suppliers, traders, buyers, and others make informed business decisions. The results will be available beginning June 28 in the *Acreage* and other reports. **Farmers should watch for their surveys and be sure to respond. Your information matters!**