



# Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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**WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER 11 - 17**

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## Summary

Many areas from the Northern High Plains to South East Texas experienced freezing temperatures last week. High winds depleted soil moisture in the Panhandle. Most areas of the state received little to no precipitation during the week.

**Small Grains:** Winter wheat and oat seeding continued throughout the state. Areas of the Blacklands and East Texas resumed seeding as fields dried out from previous moisture. Irrigation was active on wheat fields in the Plains, and dry land wheat was showing drought stress. Field preparations and seeding activities in East Texas and the Upper Coast were delayed by recent rains.

**Row Crops:** Cotton and peanut harvest were ongoing last week. Rice producers in the Upper Coast were harvesting ratoon crops. Wet conditions from previous moisture continued to delay field work in some areas of the state.

**Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops:** Pecan harvest continued in the Edwards Plateau and the Cross Timbers. In South Texas, baby spinach harvest started in some early planted fields, cabbage harvest was active, and onions and processing spinach made good progress. In the Lower Valley, sugarcane, vegetable and citrus harvest continued, and fall vegetable crops progressed. Guar was being harvested by some producers in the Coastal Bend with varying yields and quality reported.

**Livestock, Range and Pasture:** Freezing nighttime temperatures across much of the state significantly slowed or halted warm season forage growth. Producers continued to turn livestock onto early planted small grain fields. Hay was being cut in South Central Texas and South Texas. Livestock were in good condition across the state, and some areas that received previous heavy rains reported having full stock ponds.

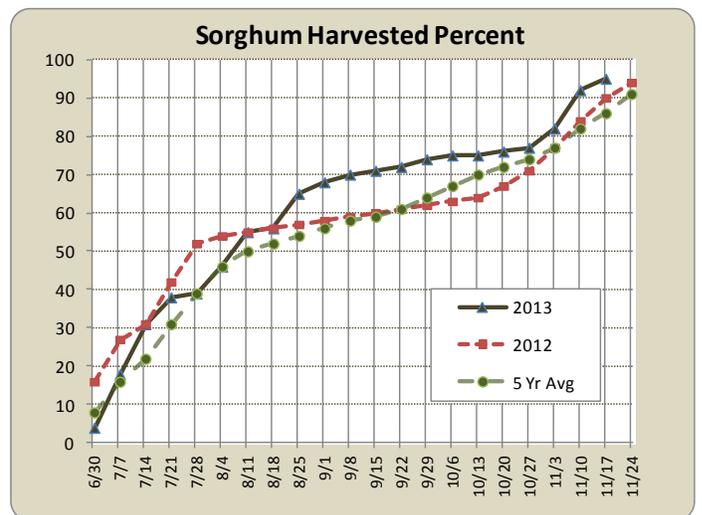
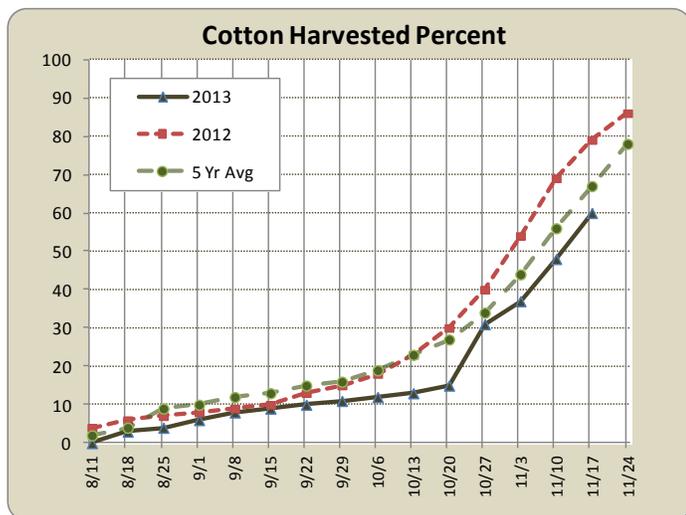
Crop Progress					
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week *	2012	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Harvested	99	98	100	98
Cotton	Bolls Opening	99	97	99	98
	Harvested	60	48	79	67
Peanuts	Harvested	97	92	98	92
Sorghum	Mature	100	99	99	99
	Harvested	95	92	90	86
Soybeans	Dropping Leaves	99	98	100	98
	Harvested	92	91	95	95
Sunflowers	Harvested	76	62	91	86
Winter Wheat	Planted	93	89	94	91
	Emerged	79	74	78	74
Oats	Planted	88	86	94	91
	Emerged	78	73	84	69

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	2013	2012
Corn	13	41	35	10	1	75	70
Cotton	4	25	39	19	13	56	46
Peanuts	2	52	36	7	3	73	71
Sorghum	12	46	33	8	1	76	68
Soybeans	7	30	50	11	2	68	68
Wheat	8	29	40	16	7	63	60
Oats	15	47	35	2	1	80	54
Range and Pasture	4	28	38	21	9	--	--

\* 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.

Top 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	34	51	14	1	6	40	53	7	0
1-S	29	52	19	0	7	10	30	58	2
2-N	37	52	11	0	8-N	5	20	68	7
2-S	13	66	21	0	8-S	5	36	54	5
3	18	37	43	2	9	1	13	73	13
4	2	8	79	11	10-N	3	42	55	0
5-N	0	6	83	11	10-S	16	70	14	0
5-S	0	10	66	24	State	14	31	49	6



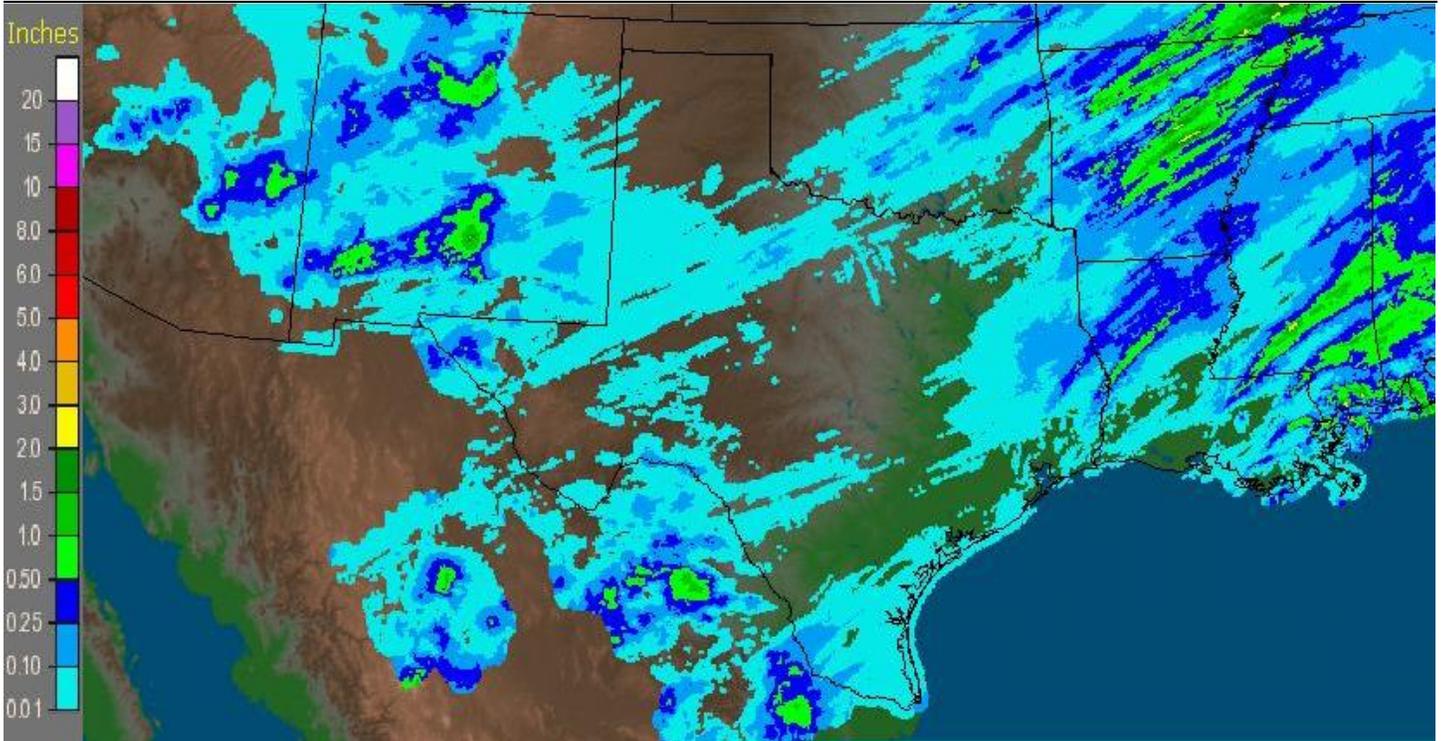
### Wheat Emerged Percent



### Oats Emerged Percent



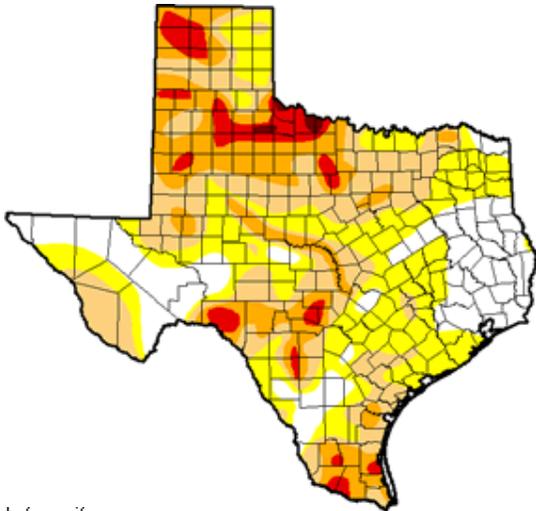
### Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, November 17, 2013



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

# Drought Monitor

Valid 11/12/2013, 7:00 am ET



## Intensity:



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

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