



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR JANUARY 13 - 19

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Summary

Warmer temperatures returned to many portions of the state last week. Although, small areas of the Northern High Plains, the Blacklands and South East Texas received trace amounts of precipitation, most of the state remained dry. Areas from North East Texas to the Upper Coast are 1-2 inches below normal precipitation levels for this time of the year.

Crop Progress					
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2013	5 Yr Avg
Cotton	Harvested	95	90	100	100
Winter Wheat	Emerged	93	91	95	95
Oats	Emerged	96	92	97	94
Pecans	Harvested	92	90	97	95

Small Grains: Producers in the Cross Timbers reported frost damage to a number of oat fields during the last hard freeze. The remaining oat crop needs more moisture and warmer days and nights for adequate development. Winter wheat is starting to show some signs of becoming dormant due to cold weather.

Row Crops: Preparations for corn and sorghum plantings were underway. Producers were beginning the cultivation and pre-plant fertilization in fields. Most of the cotton harvest was completed and the majority had been ginned.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: Producers in South Texas resumed cabbage harvest as additional fields matured. Farmers in the Lower Valley continued to harvest vegetables and citrus.

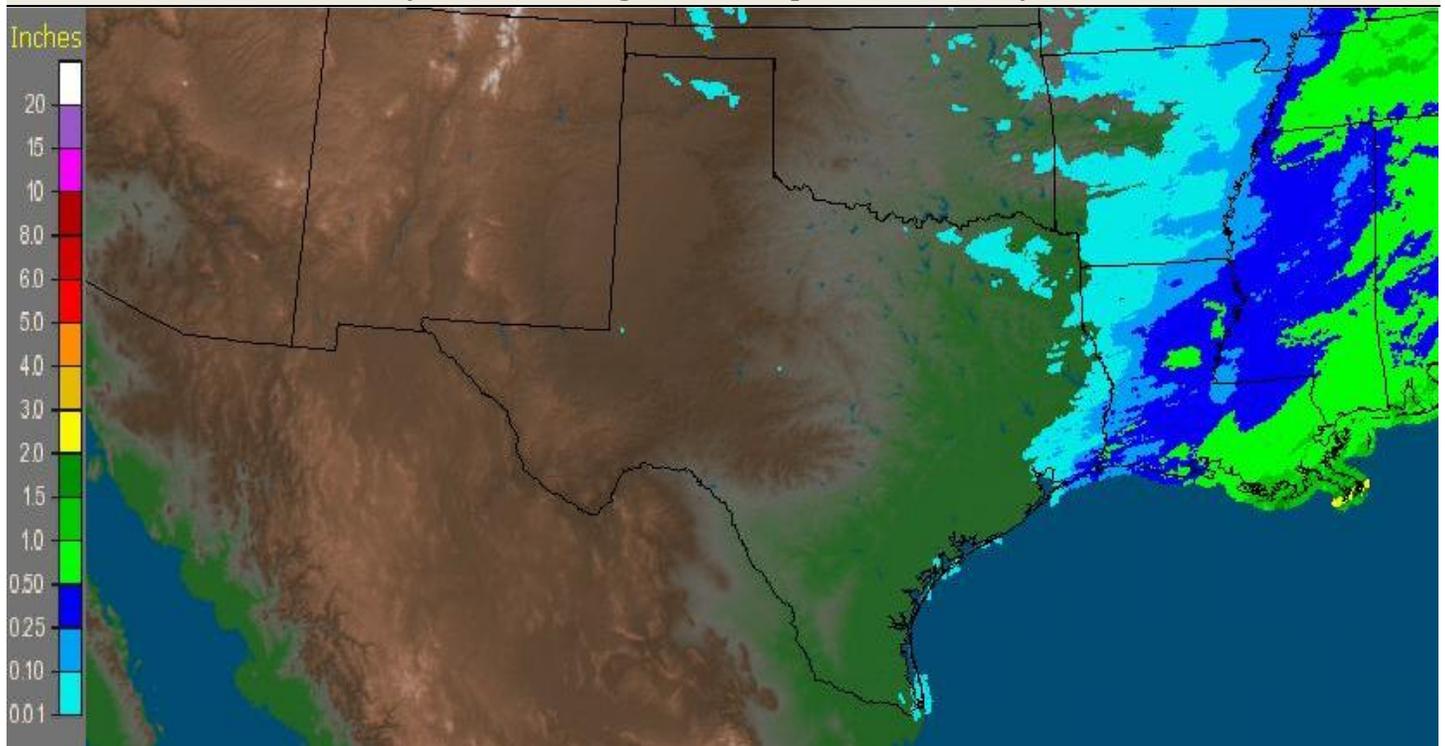
Livestock, Range and Pasture: Producers across the state were encouraged to see close to record high prices for their livestock. Ranchers in the Northern High Plains reported cattle getting good gains off of winter wheat. Range and pasture conditions continued to deteriorate, and without any rain in the coming weeks; fire danger will become a concern.

Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2014	2013
Wheat	2	21	42	25	10	--	--
Oats	11	30	38	15	6	--	--
Range and Pasture	2	17	38	31	12	--	--

* 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	42	48	10	0	6	44	33	19	4
1-S	29	57	14	0	7	15	55	30	0
2-N	53	34	13	0	8-N	9	44	47	0
2-S	42	49	9	0	8-S	9	30	54	7
3	23	53	24	0	9	4	26	64	6
4	6	21	65	8	10-N	25	56	19	0
5-N	0	11	73	16	10-S	0	32	65	3
5-S	1	18	70	11	State	24	44	30	2

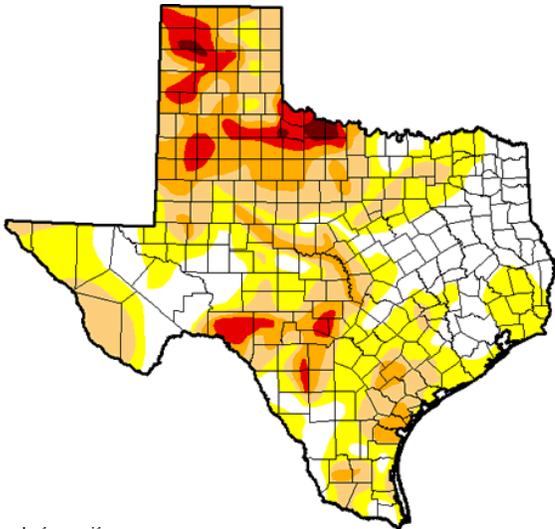
Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, January 20, 2014



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

Drought Monitor

Valid 1/14/2014, 7:00 am ET



Intensity:



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

Texas Agricultural Districts

