



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR FEBRUARY 10 - 16

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Summary

The week began with cold fronts and ice in some areas of the state followed by warmer temperatures toward the end of the week. Only parts of North East Texas and the Upper Coast saw up to 1 inch of precipitation. While the remainder of the state only received trace amounts, if any at all. According to the most recent Drought Monitor, Texas is rated mostly in a moderate drought, with parts of the Panhandle in a severe to extreme drought.

Small Grains:

Small grains in the Cross Timbers show severe signs of drought. The recent cold fronts in the Blacklands took a toll on wheat fields, causing them to grow at a slow pace. Oat fields have been set back due to the recent freezing temperatures.

Row Crops: Corn planting in the Upper Coast has been delayed due to the limited amount of soil moisture. Producers in the Northern High Plains are preparing their fields for corn, sorghum and cotton planting.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop: Spring vegetable planting is under way in the Lower Valley. The spring vegetable crop looks promising as long as there are no late freezes. The onion crop is progressing well. Spinach harvest was very active in the Upper Coast.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Cattle producers in the Northern High Plains welcomed the warmer temperatures as they prepare for the spring calving season. Supplemental feeding continued. Pasture and ponds are in need of significant moisture across the state.

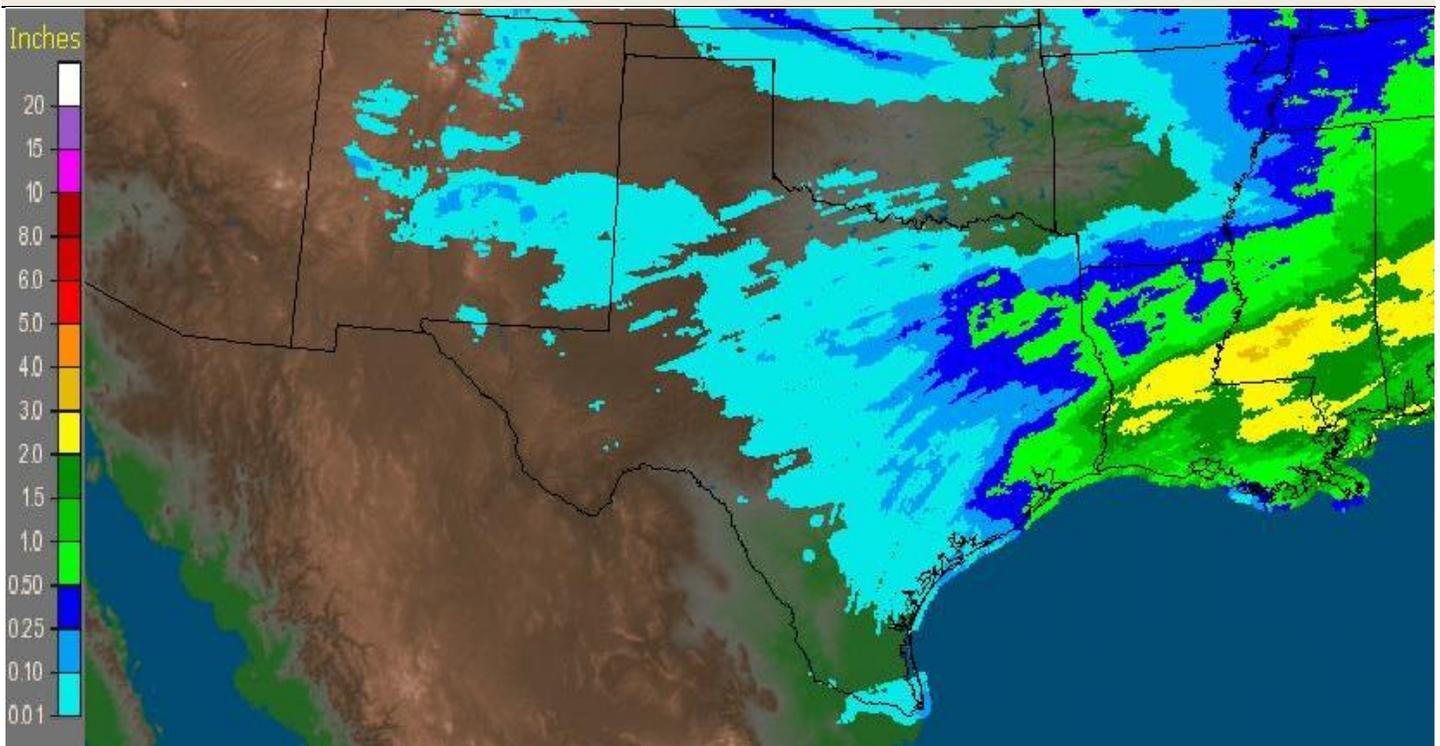
Crop Progress					
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2013	5 Yr Avg
Winter Wheat	Emerged	99	98	97	99
Oats	Emerged	100	99	100	98
Pecans	Harvested	99	98	100	100

Crop Condition					
Crop	Percent of Acreage				
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor
Wheat	2	15	39	31	13
Oats	10	27	36	18	9
Range and Pasture	2	13	34	32	19

* 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	46	12	0	6	53	30	15	2
1-S	28	55	17	0	7	27	48	25	0
2-N	30	37	28	5	8-N	16	46	37	1
2-S	39	50	11	0	8-S	19	54	25	2
3	18	53	27	2	9	7	23	67	3
4	11	39	47	3	10-N	40	45	15	0
5-N	2	13	74	11	10-S	0	36	62	2
5-S	1	11	71	17	State	28	42	28	2

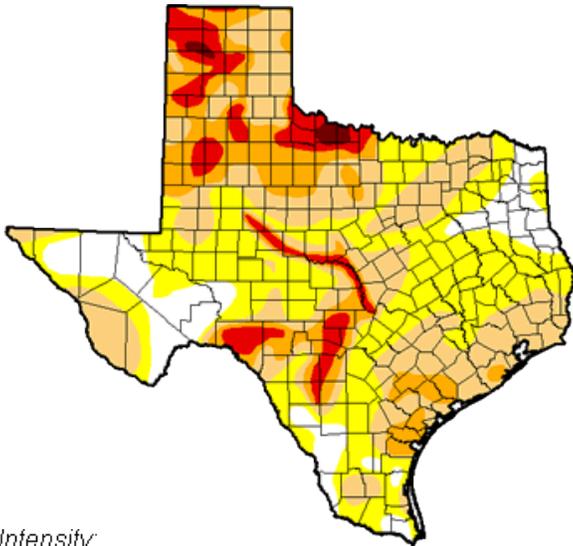
Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, February 17, 2014



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

Drought Monitor

Valid 2/11/2014, 7:00 am ET



Intensity:



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

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