



# Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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**WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR APR 28 – MAY 4**

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## Summary

Hot and humid conditions prevailed across much of the state last week. The Northern High Plains and large areas reaching from the Upper Coast all the way to South Texas received trace amounts of precipitation. Remaining areas of the state received little to no precipitation. Later in the week, cooler temperatures began to move across the state.

**Small Grains:** Winter wheat continued to suffer across much of the High Plains due to dry and windy conditions. Producers in the Edwards Plateau baled freeze damaged wheat. In

South Texas and Coastal Bend, wheat harvest approached rapidly.

**Row Crops:** The lack of sufficient sub-soil moisture delayed cotton planting in areas of the Southern Low Plains. Corn was being replanted in areas of the Cross Timbers that received significant freeze damage. Soybeans continued to emerge across the Blacklands. Sorghum conditions improved in many areas of South Texas. Sunflowers in the Northern High Plains were damaged from recent dust storms.

**Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop:** Peach conditions in the Cross Timbers continued to improve. Planting of vegetables continued in North East Texas, but cool temperatures slowed growth. In North East Texas signs of insect damage were seen on vegetables and ornamental plants. Potato and onion harvest gained momentum in South Texas. Vegetables, sugarcane and citrus continued to be harvested in the Lower Valley.

**Livestock, Range and Pasture:** Dry conditions across the state caused pasture conditions to deteriorate. In the Northern and Southern High Plains, hot windy weather increased wildfire danger, cause further herd reductions, and saw stock tank water levels continue to dwindle.

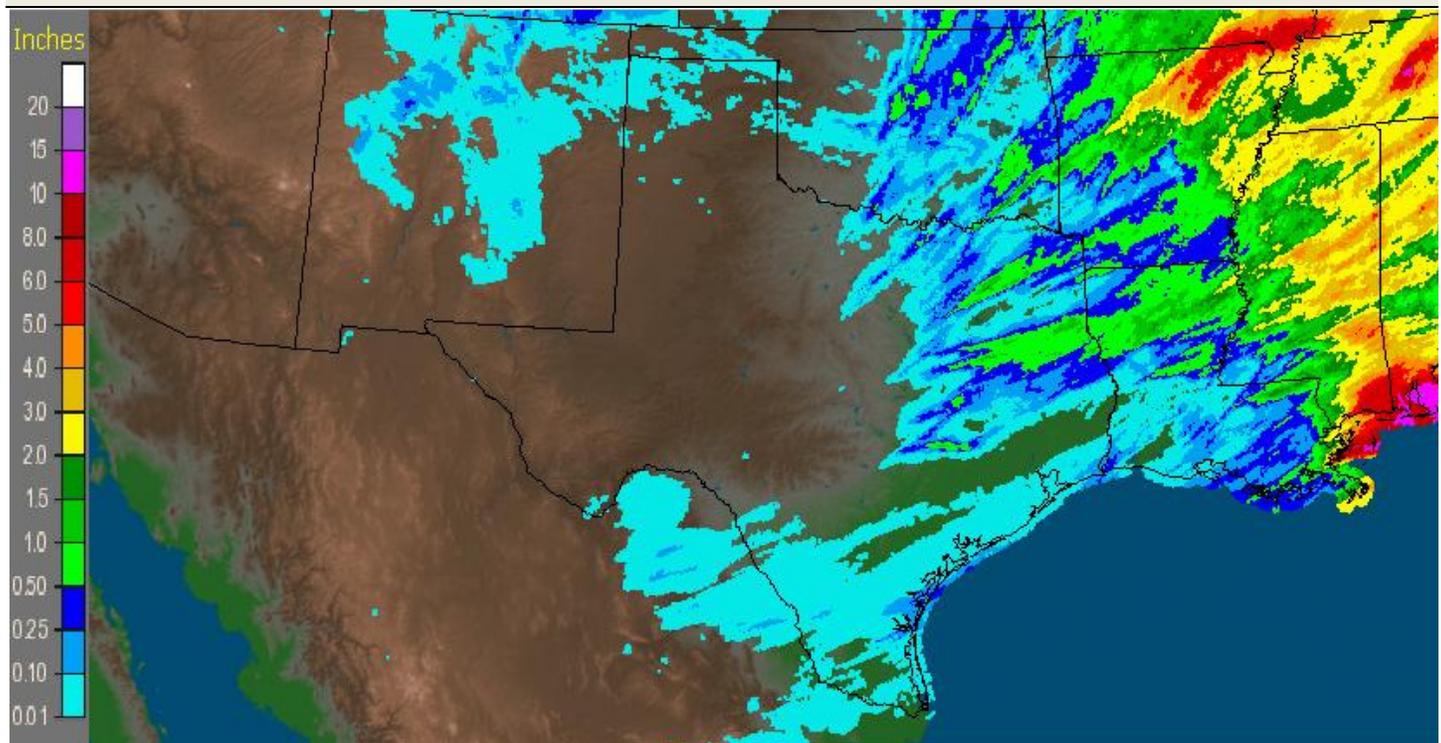
		Crop Progress			
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2013	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Planted	73	64	70	76
	Emerged	58	55	61	63
Cotton	Planted	16	15	16	22
	Squaring	1	0	1	1
Peanuts	Planted	7	2	5	21
Rice	Planted	85	79	97	94
	Emerged	75	66	86	80
Sorghum	Planted	68	67	65	66
Soybeans	Planted	28	27	71	73
	Emerged	15	4	36	42
Sunflower	Planted	17	15	27	31
Winter Wheat	Headed	59	50	52	68
Oats	Headed	81	70	83	89

Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2014	2013
Corn	4	19	67	9	1	64	63
Rice	5	36	53	4	2	71	71
Sorghum	8	28	42	16	6	64	0
Wheat	1	12	23	33	31	36	36
Oats	6	27	34	22	11	57	58
Range and Pasture	3	23	35	23	16	--	--

\* 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	72	25	3	0	6	55	30	14	1
1-S	58	38	4	0	7	47	37	16	0
2-N	69	25	5	1	8-N	25	54	21	0
2-S	56	41	3	0	8-S	29	40	26	5
3	35	56	9	0	9	10	34	53	3
4	23	39	37	1	10-N	36	50	14	0
5-N	4	18	65	13	10-S	3	83	14	0
5-S	17	37	38	8	State	44	38	17	1

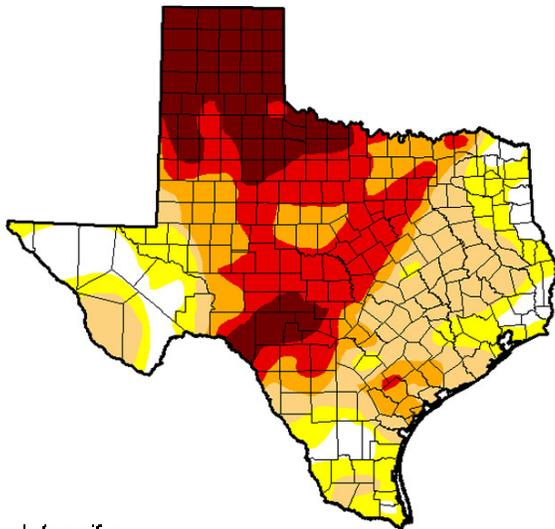
### Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, May 4, 2014



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

# Drought Monitor

Valid 4/29/2014, 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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