



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Summary: The week began with warm and dry weather across most of the state. As the week progressed, cooler temperatures and much-needed precipitation was received. Toward the end of the week heavy precipitation was seen in many areas of the state. Portions of the Blacklands, South East Texas and the High Plains received five or more inches of rainfall. Areas of South Texas, the Lower Valley and Trans-Pecos received up to three inches of precipitation. The rest of the state observed up to two inches of rainfall.

Small Grains: Winter wheat seeding continued throughout many areas of the state. Some early sown winter wheat was beginning to emerge in areas of the Northern High Plains. Oats seeding continued in the Southern Low Plains.

Row Crops: Corn harvest for silage was in full swing in areas of the Northern High Plains, while harvest for grain wrapped up in the Blacklands. Sugar cane aphids continued to damage sorghum in areas of the Southern Low Plains and the Edwards Plateau, while harvest was wrapping up in areas of South Texas. Cotton in the Coastal Bend progressed, while harvest was delayed in South Texas due to recent rains. Cotton stalk shredding continued in many parts of the state, where harvest was complete. The peanut crop progressed in areas of the Northern Low Plains and South Texas aided by recent rainfall. Producers in the Upper Coast had finished up harvesting rice and were flooding fields in anticipation of a ratoon crop. Soybeans in the Northern High Plains continued to drop leaves and mature.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: In South Texas, preparations for spinach and onion planting were ongoing and strawberry planting was active. Sesame progressed nicely in areas of the Coastal Bend and South Texas. In the Trans-Pecos, Pawnee pecans progressed to the shuck separation stage, while western varieties were at the dough stage.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Weaning of lambs and goats was underway in areas of the Edwards Plateau. Insects continued to damage pastures in many areas of the state. Range and pasture conditions in the Blacklands, South Texas and the Trans-Pecos were in good condition and appear to have benefitted greatly from recent rains.

Crop Progress

Stage	Percent of Acreage			
	Current	Prev. Week	Prev. Year	5 Year Avg
Corn				
Dough	100	98	98	99
Dented	93	92	93	95
Mature	75	74	80	81
Harvested	67	59	62	65
Cotton				
Setting Bolls	100	99	99	99
Bolls Opening	47	44	38	53
Harvested	16	15	10	13
Rice				
Harvested	96	90	99	97
Sorghum				
Headed	100	99	100	99
Coloring	94	93	91	86
Mature	88	87	75	72
Harvested	67	66	72	61
Soybeans				
Setting Pods	99	98	87	97
Dropping Leaves	70	58	75	81
Harvested	37	35	61	62
Sunflowers				
Harvested	79	75	31	40
Winter Wheat				
Planted	20	8	27	25
Emerged	5	N/A	2	2
Oats				
Planted	1	N/A	16	12

Crop Condition

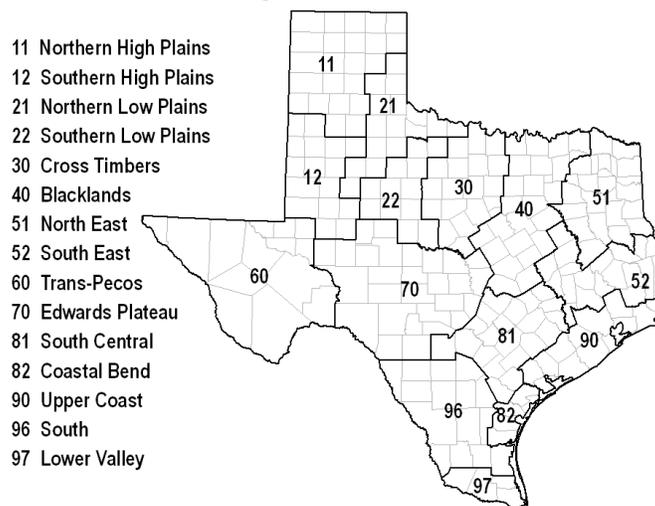
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index ¹	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2014	2013
Corn	18	49	27	5	1	81	75
Cotton	9	25	40	18	8	61	56
Peanuts	8	48	25	14	5	71	72
Rice	7	53	35	5		78	75
Sorghum	12	46	31	9	2	76	76
Soybeans	8	44	43	4	1	75	68
Range and Pasture	4	24	38	23	11	--	--

¹ 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.

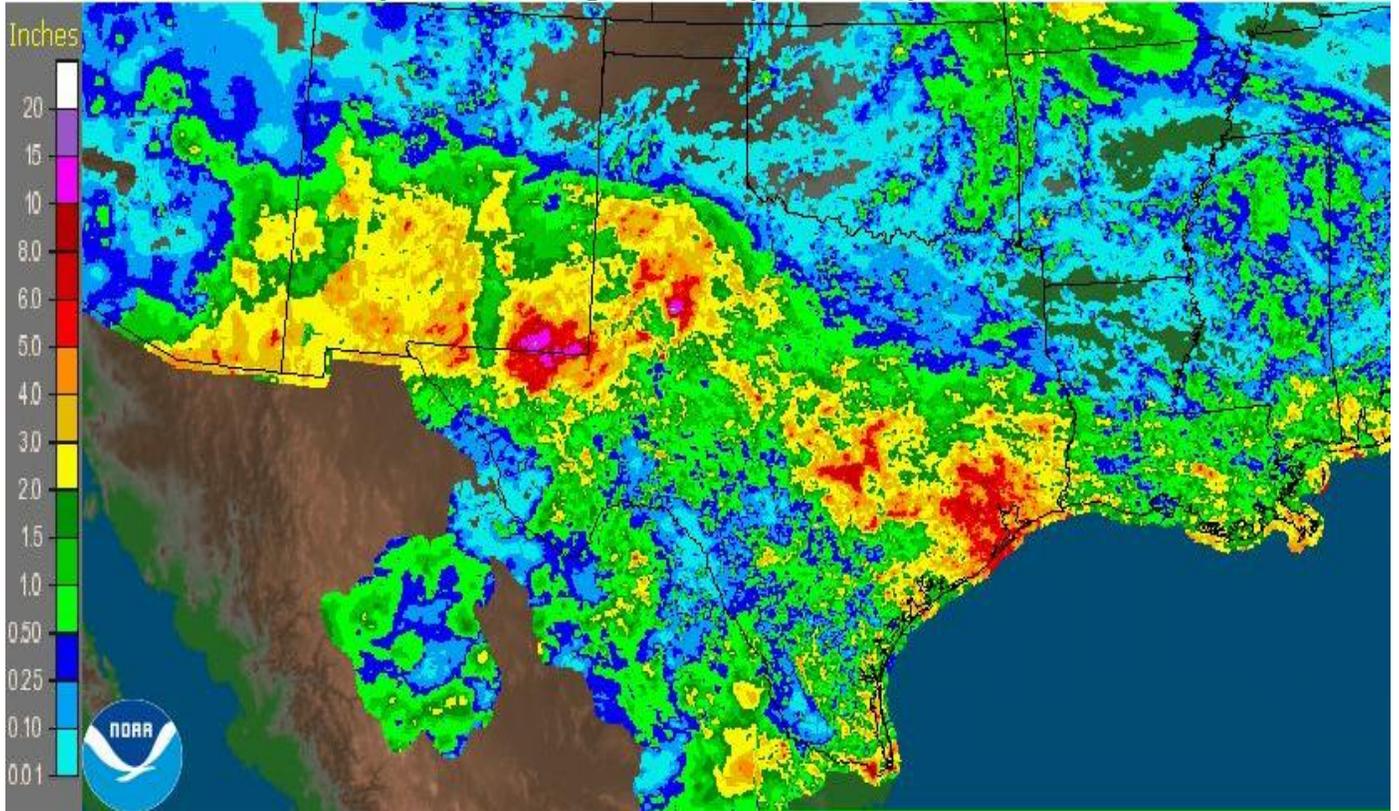
Top Soil Moisture Condition by District

District	Topsoil Moisture Condition by District				Subsoil Moisture Condition by District				Days Suitable for Fieldwork
	Percentage of Acreage				Percentage of Acreage				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
11	19	29	47	5	26	30	40	4	5.3
12	11	15	54	20	11	35	43	11	1.7
21	13	23	39	25	10	32	41	17	5.3
22	24	30	28	18	25	40	32	3	3.8
30	22	50	27	1	33	49	18	0	6.0
40	28	26	40	6	19	36	43	2	5.3
51	13	34	52	1	10	36	51	3	6.5
52	20	21	43	16	19	23	51	7	4.5
60	28	31	37	4	21	52	25	2	5.5
70	16	44	37	3	17	49	32	2	4.9
81	26	44	27	3	32	45	20	3	4.8
82	15	26	26	33	23	40	29	8	2.3
90	6	15	44	35	6	17	54	23	1.2
96	21	50	29	0	21	57	22	0	5.4
97	0	25	44	31	6	27	43	24	4.0
State	19	33	40	8	20	43	33	4	4.2

Texas Agricultural Districts



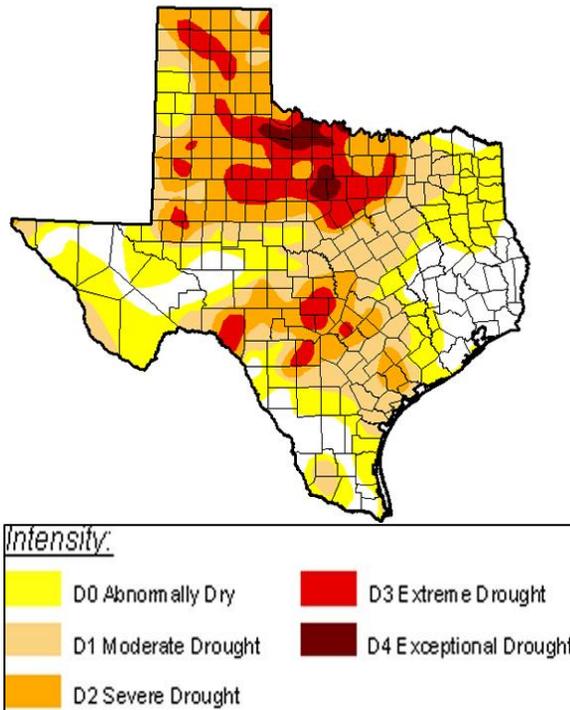
Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, September 21, 2014



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

Drought Monitor

Valid September 16, 2014



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