



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Weekly Summary for March 30 - April 5

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Warm and windy conditions were reported throughout the state. Traces of precipitation were experienced in most of the state with isolated areas of South Texas receiving up to 8 inches of rainfall. Areas of the Cross Timbers, the Blacklands, and East Texas experienced 0.1 to 2 inches of precipitation.

Small Grains: Wheat progressed throughout the state. However, some issues with cutworms, army worms, and greenbugs were reported in areas of the Northern High Plains. Oats were reported to be in good condition in South Texas.

Crop Progress				
Stage	Percent of Acreage			
	Current	Prev. Week	Prev. Year	5 Year Avg
Corn				
Planted	37	20	50	50
Emerged	8	3	25	31
Cotton				
Planted	1	N/A	9	10
Rice				
Planted	21	N/A	35	47
Sorghum				
Planted	23	11	29	40
Winter Wheat				
Headed	7	2	9	14
Oats				
Headed	6	5	9	30

Row Crops: Producers in areas of the High Plains and Northern Low Plains were finishing preparation for cotton planting, while in South Texas cotton planting continued. Corn planting began in areas of the Cross Timbers, the Blacklands, and the South East. Sorghum planting resumed in the Coastal Bend.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: Vegetable planting in South East Texas was active. Favorable weather conditions allowed for harvesting of citrus and vegetables to in the Lower Valley. Pecans in the Cross Timbers and the Blacklands were in the bud break stage.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Supplemental feeding continued in South Texas. Livestock conditions were rated fair to good. Warmer weather aided pasture growth throughout the state.

Crop Condition

Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index ¹	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2015	2014
Wheat	10	44	35	8	3	74	--
Oats	10	48	31	8	3	75	--
Range and Pasture	12	38	35	11	4	--	--

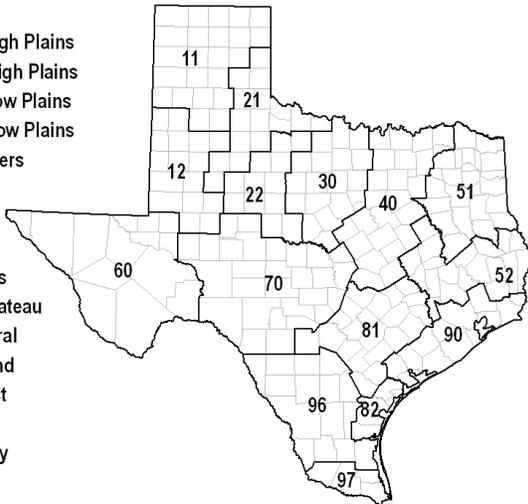
¹ The formula for the condition index is $I = (5V + 25P + 60F + 90G + 110E)/100$ where I = crop condition index and V, P, F, G, E = percentage of crop rated very poor, poor, fair, good, excellent.

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	22	44	34	0	18	52	30	0	6.6
12	10	41	48	1	10	50	40	0	6.9
21	7	62	29	2	8	56	36	0	6.5
22	2	42	55	1	4	24	68	4	5.7
30	4	15	78	3	12	23	64	1	5.8
40	1	3	66	30	2	5	78	15	4.9
51	6	5	46	43	6	6	49	39	5.6
52	2	8	39	51	2	9	42	47	5.8
60	26	28	40	6	20	20	48	12	7.0
70	10	20	62	8	10	24	58	8	6.3
81	1	13	79	7	1	12	84	3	6.1
82	0	1	56	43	0	1	54	45	6.2
90	0	3	61	36	0	2	63	35	4.5
96	2	21	69	8	1	37	61	1	5.0
97	0	8	56	36	3	11	50	36	6.5
State	8	27	53	12	8	30	53	9	6.1

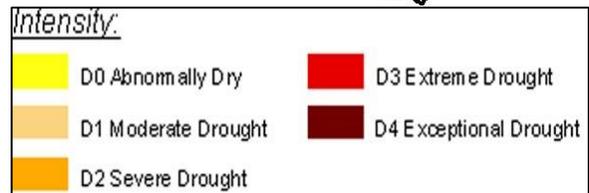
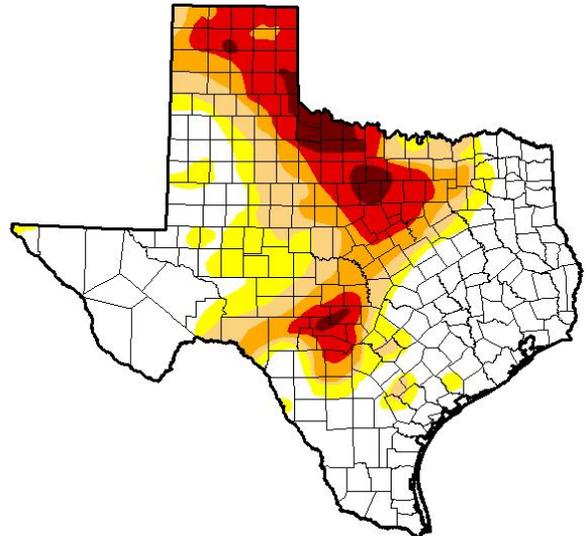
Texas Agricultural Districts

- 11 Northern High Plains
- 12 Southern High Plains
- 21 Northern Low Plains
- 22 Southern Low Plains
- 30 Cross Timbers
- 40 Blacklands
- 51 North East
- 52 South East
- 60 Trans-Pecos
- 70 Edwards Plateau
- 81 South Central
- 82 Coastal Bend
- 90 Upper Coast
- 96 South
- 97 Lower Valley



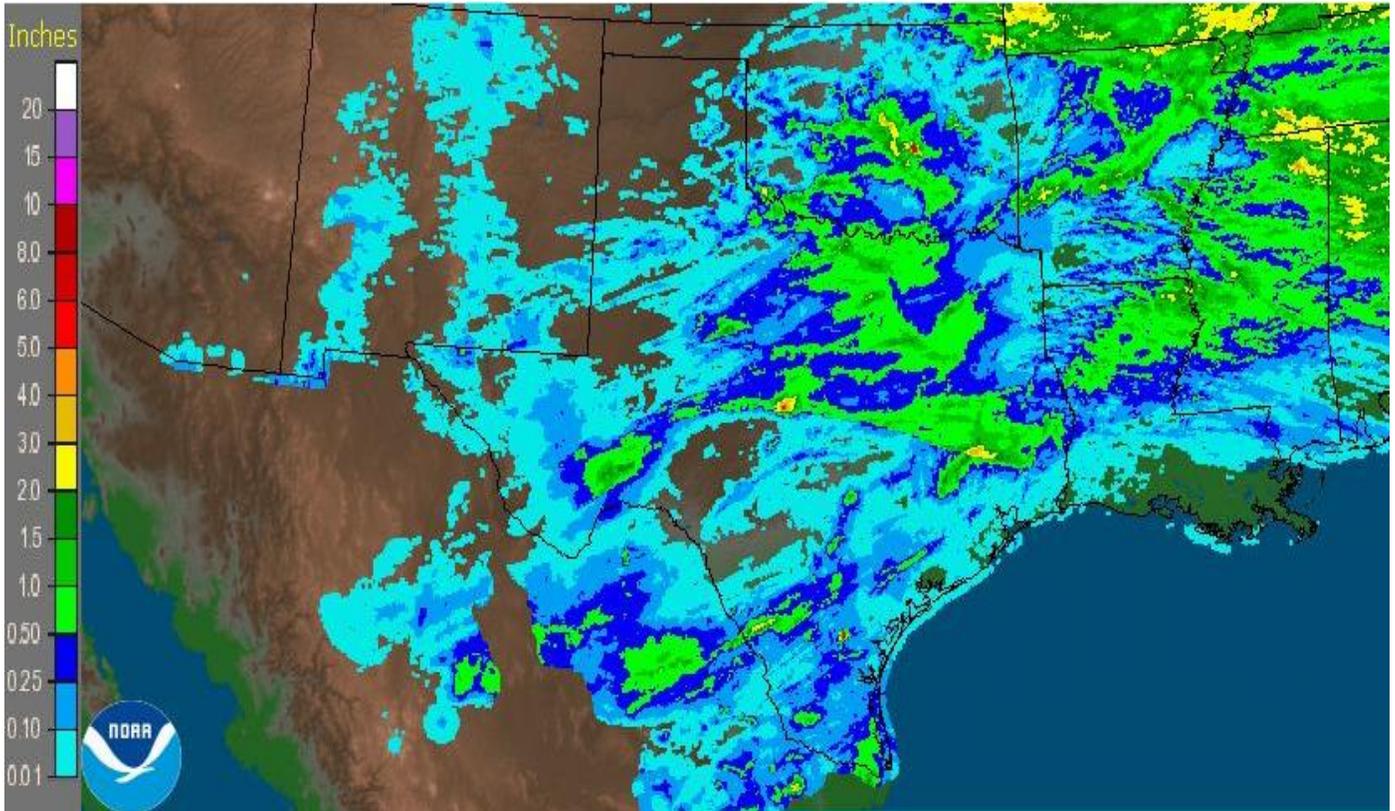
Drought Monitor

Valid March 31, 2015



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

Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, April 5, 2015



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