



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Weekly Summary for April 6 - April 12

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Areas of the Panhandle and West Texas received scattered showers last week, while much of East, Central, and South Texas experienced significant rainfall and warm temperatures. Parts of South Texas received four inches of precipitation or more for the week.

Small Grains: Winter wheat continued to progress well in most areas, aided by recent rains. However, irrigation was active in areas with little precipitation. Some producers reported issues with rust.

Row Crops: Cotton field preparations were ongoing in areas of the Plains and West Texas. Corn and sorghum planting was delayed in parts of East Texas

due to wet field conditions, though many other fields were dry enough for field work. Corn was beginning to emerge in areas of South Texas. In the Coastal Bend, rice planting was underway with some delays due to wet fields.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: Vegetable planting continued in East Texas. In the Lower Valley, vegetables and citrus continued to make progress with harvest continuing. Bud break on pecans had reached fifty percent in areas of West Texas.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Rainfall and warm temperatures aided pasture growth across much of the state and grazing of cattle was more prominent. Livestock were mostly reported to be in good condition and supplemental feeding had slowed in some areas. However, many areas were still in need of moisture to maintain pasture growth and fill stock tanks.

Stage		Crop Progress			
		Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev. Week	Prev. Year	5 Year Avg
Corn					
	Planted	46	37	57	54
	Emerged	22	8	34	41
Cotton					
	Planted	5	1	11	12
Rice					
	Planted	42	21	58	66
	Emerged	7	N/A	28	40
Sorghum					
	Planted	39	23	51	51
Soybeans					
	Planted	3	N/A	14	34
Winter Wheat					
	Headed	22	7	15	22
Oats					
	Headed	7	6	25	45

Crop Condition

Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index ¹	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2015	2014
Wheat	10	42	36	9	3	73	---
Oats	9	49	30	9	3	74	---
Range and Pasture	13	38	34	11	4	---	---

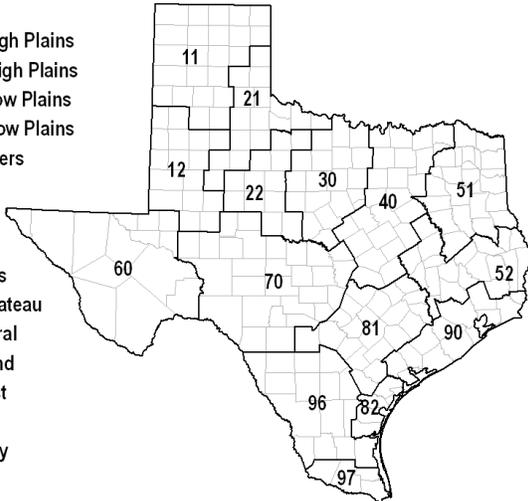
¹ The formula for the condition index is $I = (5V + 25P + 60F + 90G + 110E)/100$ where I = crop condition index and V, P, F, G, E = percentage of crop rated very poor, poor, fair, good, excellent.

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	31	33	34	2	30	45	25	0	6.4
12	16	34	48	2	10	41	47	2	6.8
21	7	46	41	6	8	48	42	2	6.2
22	4	57	36	3	4	24	68	4	5.8
30	2	18	78	2	10	23	66	1	5.6
40	1	4	76	19	1	4	79	16	5.4
51	6	5	45	44	6	7	46	41	5.0
52	2	8	45	45	2	9	43	46	4.4
60	24	27	43	6	19	20	49	12	6.8
70	12	24	55	9	10	28	53	9	6.4
81	1	12	78	9	1	13	83	3	5.1
82	0	1	50	49	0	1	47	52	6.2
90	0	2	64	34	0	1	64	35	4.2
96	0	25	61	14	1	36	59	4	5.7
97	0	2	60	38	0	3	59	38	5.8
State	11	24	53	12	10	26	54	10	5.9

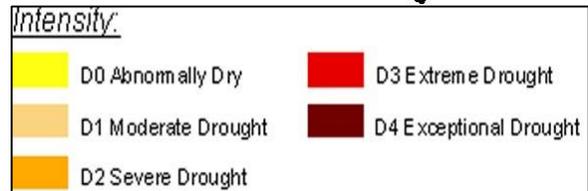
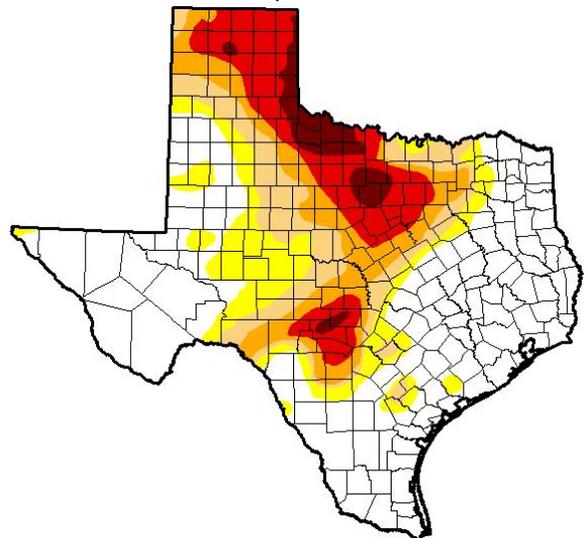
Texas Agricultural Districts

- 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



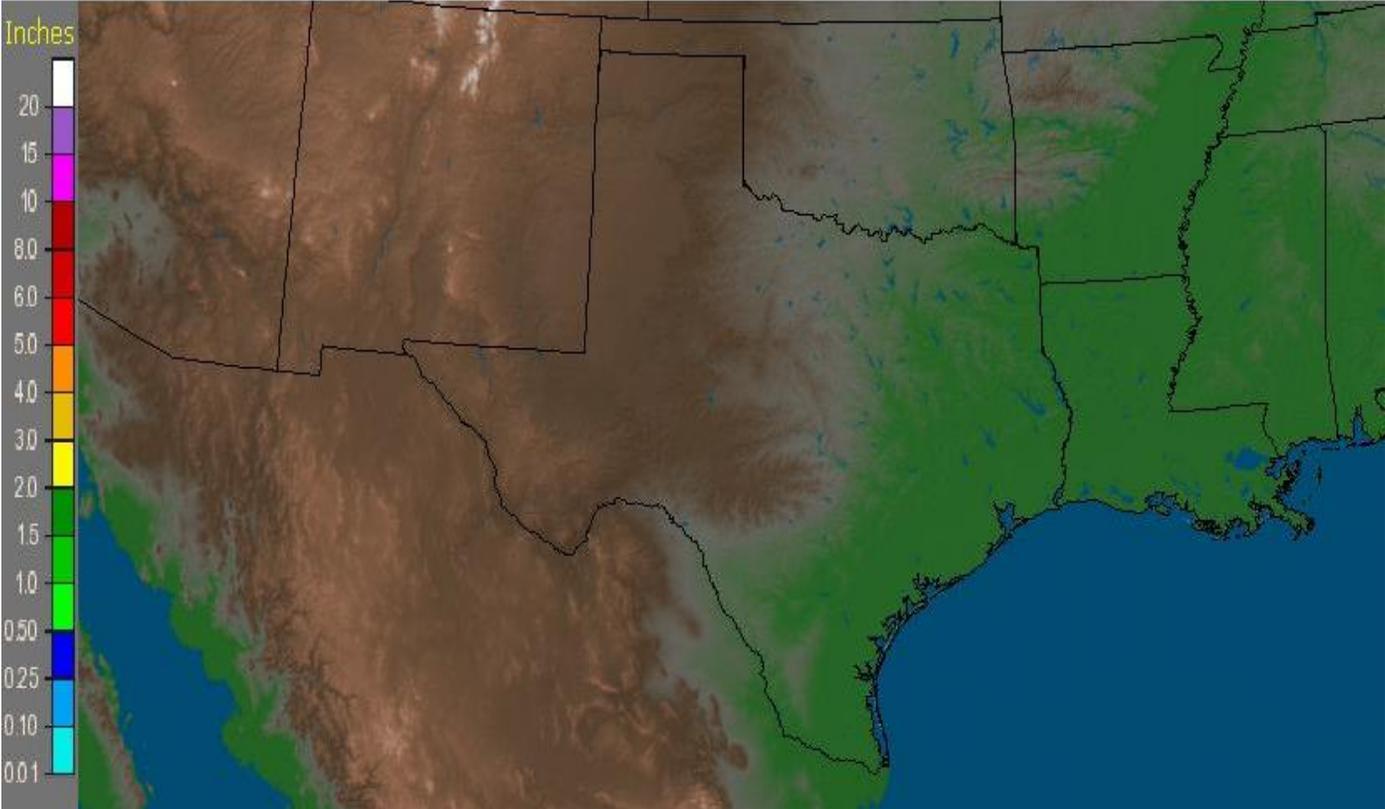
Drought Monitor

Valid April 7, 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 12, 2015



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