



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Weekly Summary for July 20- July 26

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Areas of the Northern High Plains and the Trans – Pecos received three inches or more of rainfall, while the Southern Low Plains, the Cross Timbers and the Blacklands received up to an inch of precipitation. The rest of the state received little to no measurable rainfall.

Small Grains: The 2015 winter wheat and oat harvest were complete for the most part, with only a couple of areas still remaining to be harvested. Preparations were underway for the 2016 crops.

Row Crops: In areas of the Northern High Plains and South Texas, peanuts continued the pegging stage. Producers in some areas of the Southern High Plains and the Blacklands reported sugar cane infestation in sorghum fields. Sorghum harvest progressed in areas of the Southern High and Low Plains. Cotton fields were blooming and setting bolls in the Trans-Pecos and the Northern High Plains. Cotton in South Texas progressed to the bolls opening stage of development. Corn continued to mature in the Blacklands and South East Texas, with some producers preparing for harvest in South Central Texas and South Texas. Soil moisture for soybeans deteriorated due to hot, dry conditions in the Upper Coast.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: Field preparations for fall vegetable plantings continued in North East Texas. Hot temperatures had caused fruit conditions in the Blacklands to deteriorate. Pecans in the Trans – Pecos progressed due to recent irrigation.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Range and pasture remained adequate across most of the state. Recent rainfall in the Northern Plains improved pasture and range last week. Livestock remained in good condition across the state, while parasites, and flies were still being reported in some areas.

Crop Progress				
Stage	Percent of Acreage			
	Current	Prev. Week	Prev. Year	5 Year Avg
Corn				
Silked	84	75	96	91
Dough	64	54	77	66
Dented	50	40	69	60
Mature	33	23	37	45
Cotton				
Squaring	79	68	82	85
Setting Bolls	29	22	29	37
Bolls Opening	7	6	6	8
Peanuts				
Pegging	52	34	50	72
Rice				
Headed	79	63	78	80
Sorghum				
Headed	85	66	89	79
Coloring	55	49	72	67
Mature	40	33	57	58
Harvested	20	14	32	36
Soybeans				
Planted	96	95	100	100
Emerged	86	85	100	100
Blooming	71	57	65	80
Setting Pods	44	31	45	52
Sunflowers				
Planted	100	98	100	99
Winter Wheat				
Harvested	99	97	100	100
Oats				
Harvested	100	97	98	99

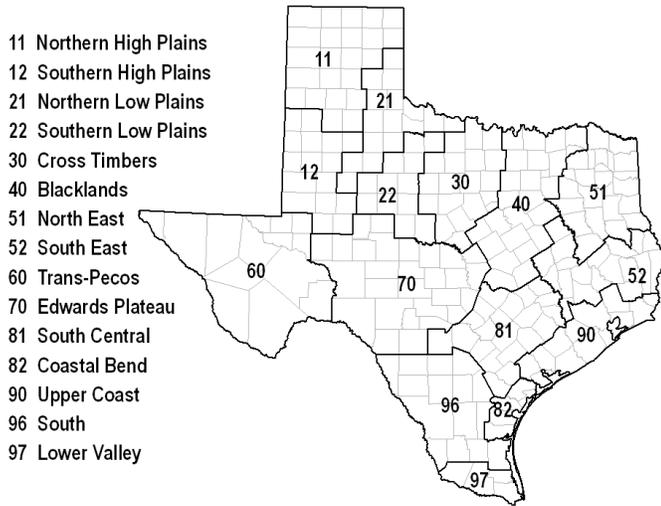
Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index ¹	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2015	2014
Corn	13	50	26	7	4	77	79
Cotton	7	42	41	9	1	72	65
Peanuts	8	48	43	1	0	78	75
Rice	10	43	41	2	4	75	77
Sorghum	15	53	23	4	5	79	75
Soybeans	6	54	32	7	1	76	75
Wheat	9	38	33	15	5	68	---
Oats	5	32	30	18	15	58	60
Range and Pasture	13	49	29	6	3	---	---

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

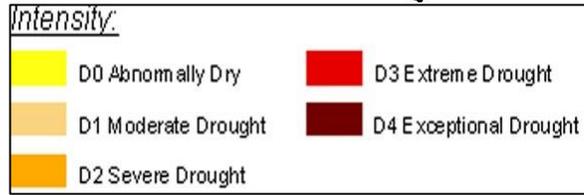
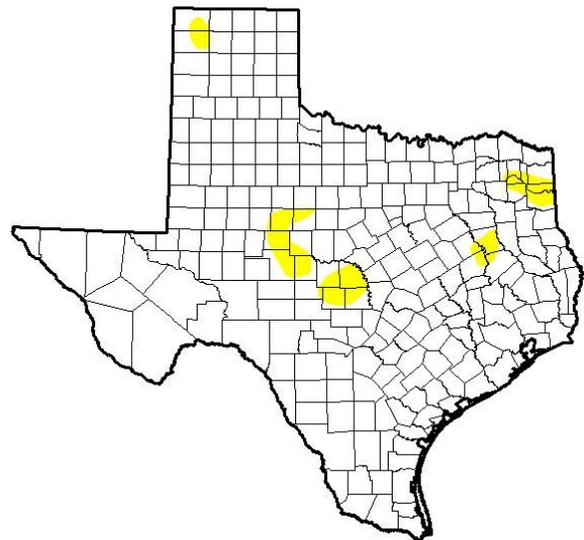
District	Topsoil Moisture Condition by District				Subsoil Moisture Condition by District				Days Suitable for Fieldwork
	Percentage of Acreage				Percentage of Acreage				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
11	5	18	74	3	4	19	75	2	5.4
12	2	33	50	15	2	32	52	14	6.8
21	5	49	45	1	0	29	70	1	6.8
22	2	35	59	4	0	15	80	5	6.7
30	1	17	71	11	0	13	72	15	6.5
40	12	43	45	0	6	28	66	0	6.8
51	15	39	42	4	10	37	48	5	6.7
52	12	45	34	9	2	47	42	9	6.8
60	25	23	52	0	32	24	44	0	6.8
70	14	32	50	4	9	24	60	7	6.1
81	6	37	46	11	1	31	63	5	6.8
82	6	27	63	4	0	17	73	10	7.0
90	3	60	32	5	3	34	60	3	6.9
96	13	53	33	1	0	57	43	0	6.8
97	0	72	24	4	0	7	87	6	7.0
State	6	35	54	5	3	26	66	5	6.5

Texas Agricultural Districts



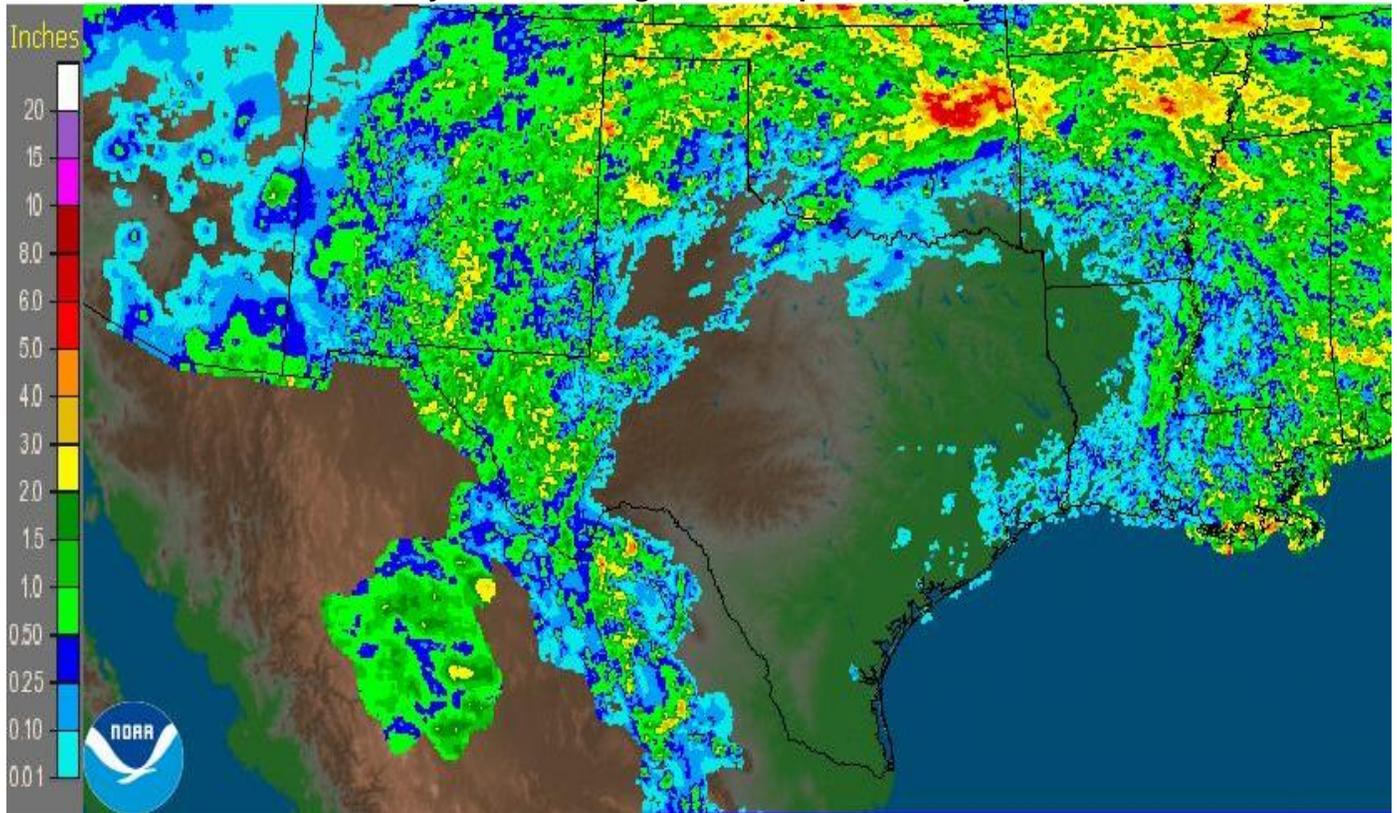
Drought Monitor

Valid July 21, 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, July 26, 2015



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