



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Weekly Summary for October 19-October 25

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Crop Progress

Heavy rainfall was reported across most of the state last week. Areas of the Blacklands received upwards six inches with isolated areas recording upwards of 20 inches of rainfall. In areas of the Upper Coast, South Central and East Texas precipitation reached upwards of six inches, with isolated areas in the Upper Coast and South Central Texas reaching upwards of 10 inches. Across the rest of the state precipitation ranged from trace amounts to upwards of 3.0 inches of rain, with some areas of the Northern High Plains and Southern Low Plains receiving upwards of six inches. Hail was reported in areas of the Trans-Pecos.

Small Grains

Winter wheat and oat seeding continued, with some delays being experienced in areas of the Northern High Plains, the Southern Low Plains, the Cross Timbers, and the Blacklands due to past weeks rains. Recent moisture contributed to the continued development of wheat and oats.

Stage	Percent of Acreage			
	Current	Prev. Week	Prev. Year	5 Year Avg
Corn				
Mature	98	90	95	98
Harvested	77	75	77	90
Cotton				
Bolls Opening	93	92	85	91
Harvested	37	28	29	34
Peanuts				
Harvested	42	34	37	57
Sorghum				
Mature	93	89	93	93
Harvested	80	74	76	76
Soybeans				
Dropping Leaves	98	97	88	96
Harvested	80	75	58	82
Sunflowers				
Harvested	75	74	86	76
Winter Wheat				
Planted	67	63	76	75
Emerged	44	35	57	49
Oats				
Planted	71	56	79	72
Emerged	30	20	29	41

Row Crops:

Widespread rain delayed cotton harvest in the Plains. Some cotton fields in areas of the Trans-Pecos suffered damaged due to hail storms, while in areas of the Southern Low Plains cotton producers sprayed fields with boll opener and desiccants. Cotton harvest is currently at 37 percent, 8 points above previous year, and 3 points above normal. Corn and sorghum continued to progress across areas of the Northern High Plains, but harvest was delayed in many areas due to rainfall. Corn harvest is currently at 77 percent, 13 points behind normal.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops:

In areas of the Lower Valley fall vegetable crops continued to make progress, as planting remained active. Pecan orchards suffered damage due to recent hail storm in areas of the Trans-Pecos, while in South Texas pecan harvest continued.

Livestock, Range and Pasture:

Livestock remain in good condition across most of the state, with some livestock producers continuing supplemental feeding in areas of North East Texas. Range and pasture conditions and stock tank levels improved with last week's rainfall. In areas of North East Texas issues with feral hogs were on the rise.

Crop Condition

Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index ¹	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2015	2014
Corn	15	41	33	8	3	75	81
Cotton	4	34	43	14	5	65	60
Peanuts	7	58	34	1	0	81	71
Sorghum	16	51	24	6	3	80	76
Soybeans	5	28	42	22	3	62	75
Wheat	22	25	33	13	7	70	71
Range and Pasture	3	18	35	27	17	--	--

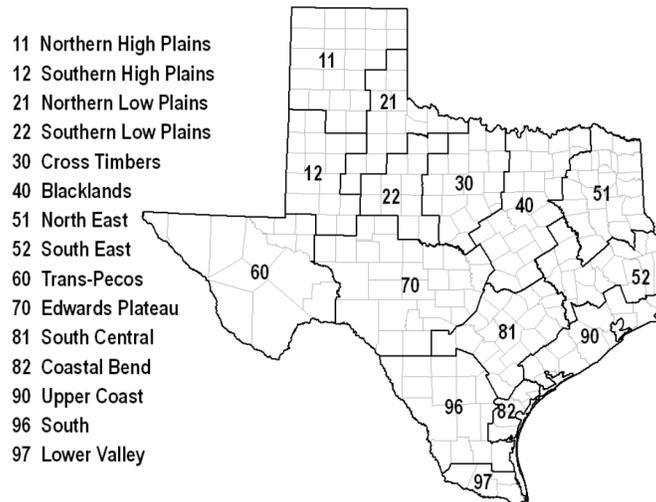
¹The formula for the condition index is $I = (5V + 25P + 60F + 90G + 110E)/100$ where I = crop condition index and V, P, F, G, E = percentage of crop rated very poor, poor, fair, good, excellent.

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Top Soil Moisture Condition by District

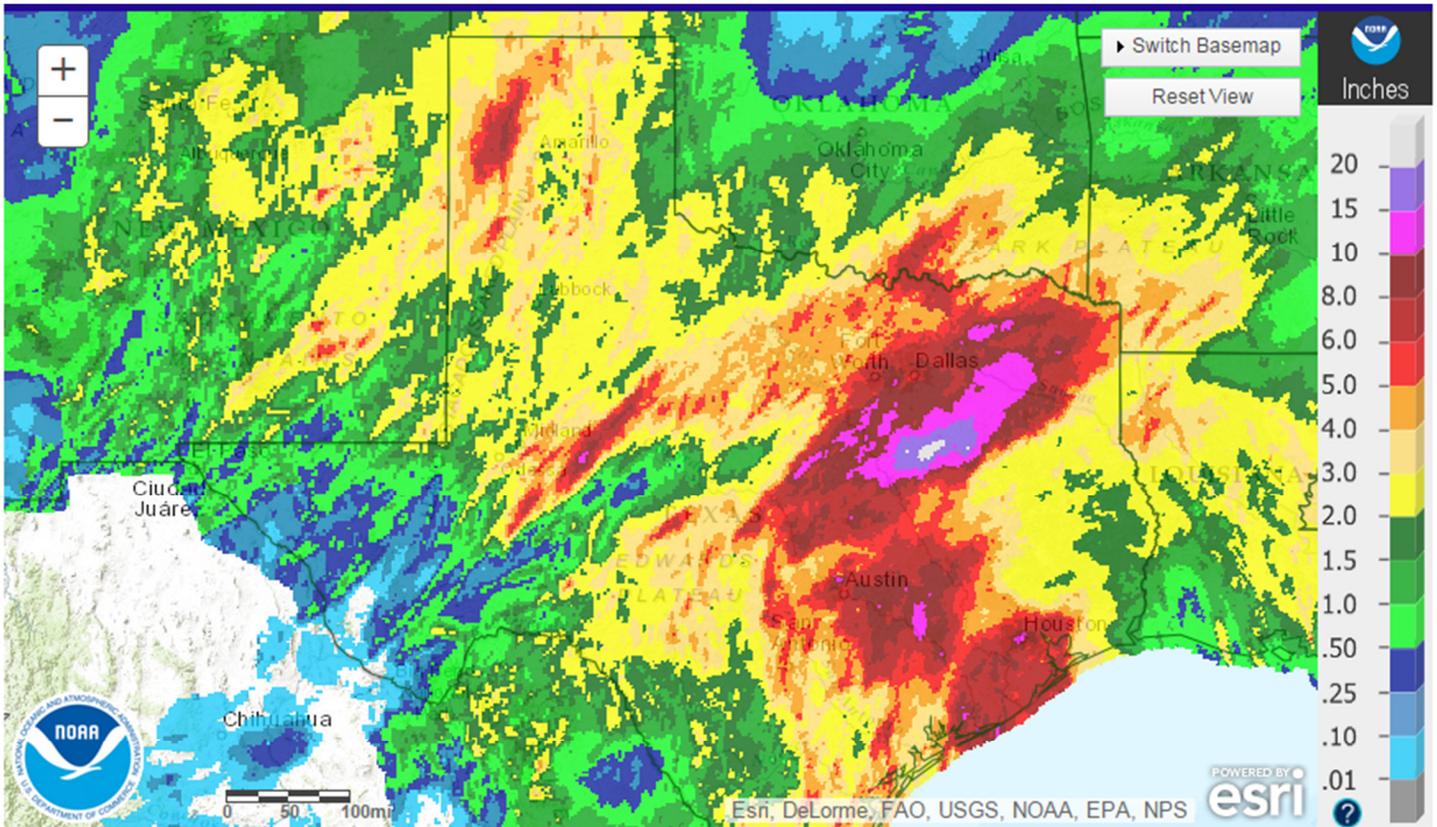
District	Topsoil Moisture Condition by District				Subsoil Moisture Condition by District				Days Suitable for Fieldwork
	Percentage of Acreage				Percentage of Acreage				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
11	0	16	55	29	3	23	64	10	3.3
12	4	17	49	30	2	29	54	15	2.6
21	4	23	61	12	10	36	45	9	4.9
22	17	25	27	31	17	29	43	11	4.5
30	11	22	65	2	16	33	50	1	5.1
40	39	18	15	28	22	35	23	20	5.3
51	29	19	33	19	25	18	44	13	5.8
52	33	25	30	12	35	32	24	9	6.0
60	19	17	60	4	14	19	64	3	5.2
70	27	42	26	5	23	51	26	0	4.9
81	24	17	36	23	16	43	29	12	5.6
82	3	7	29	61	2	30	62	6	5.0
90	10	22	62	6	9	50	33	8	5.5
96	17	14	63	6	10	27	61	2	4.5
97	0	19	55	26	0	2	72	26	7.0
State	13	19	45	23	11	30	48	11	4.4

Texas Agricultural Districts



Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, October 25, 2015

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



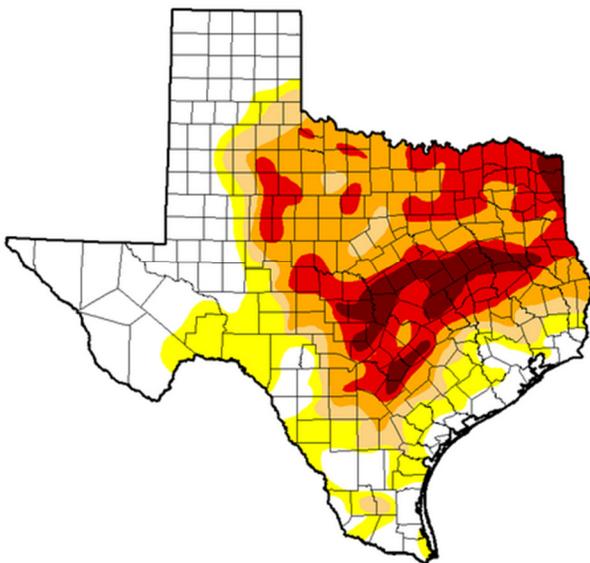
Drought Monitor Valid October 20, 2015

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

U.S. Drought Monitor Texas

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Week	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current 2015-10-20	34.75	65.25	50.28	41.88	21.40	5.52
Last Week 2015-10-13	36.47	63.53	47.03	31.88	13.89	1.42
3 Months Ago 2015-07-21	95.82	4.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 2014-12-30	34.37	65.63	44.68	25.73	11.70	3.17
Start of Water Year 2015-09-29	34.51	65.49	38.32	17.55	6.27	0.00
One Year Ago 2014-10-21	29.97	70.03	48.56	27.50	11.53	2.88

Estimated Population in Drought Areas: **15,093,347**

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Intensity:

- D0 (Abnormally Dry)
- D2 (Severe Drought)
- D4 (Exceptional Drought)
- D1 (Moderate Drought)
- D3 (Extreme Drought)

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying [text summary](#) for forecast statements.

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