



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR AUGUST 22 – 28

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Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2011	2010
Corn	0	10	22	35	33	33	83
Cotton	1	13	26	22	38	36	80
Peanuts	0	18	42	29	11	49	91
Rice	13	43	34	2	8	74	75
Sorghum	2	20	35	27	16	49	75
Soybeans	0	1	7	23	69	14	73
Range and pasture	0	0	2	19	79	---	---

* 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.

Texas Precipitation					
National Weather Service Climatic Divisions *	Inches of Accumulation **				Percent
	Previous Week Aug 22 – 28, 2011	Month-to-Date Aug 1 - 28, 2011	Year-to-Date Jan 1 – Aug 28, 2011	Annual Normal 1971-2000	Normal Previous Three Months (May - July)
High Plains	0.04	0.19	1.41	19.64	9
Low Rolling Plains	0.01	0.09	0.91	24.51	8
North Central Texas	0.01	0.13	4.53	35.23	21
East Texas	0.09	0.14	6.00	48.08	21
Trans-Pecos	0.01	0.15	0.44	13.19	5
Edwards Plateau	0.01	0.15	2.01	24.73	13
South Central Texas	0.00	0.00	2.54	36.21	12
Upper Coast	0.14	0.14	6.47	50.31	24
South Texas	0.02	0.02	1.45	24.08	12
Lower Valley	0.00	0.00	2.35	25.43	29

*High Plains: 1-N, 1-S; Low Rolling Plains: 2-N, 2-S; North Central Texas: 3, 4; East Texas: 5-N, 5-S. Trans-Pecos: 6; Edwards Plateau: 7; South Central Texas: 8-N, 8-S; Upper Coast: 9; South Texas: 10-N; Lower Valley: 10-S.

**Average of all stations reporting precipitation data. For more information, please visit the following web sites: water.weather.gov and www.drought.unl.edu/dm/monitor.html.

Top Soil Moisture by District															
Condition	Percent of Acreage														
	1-N	1-S	2-N	2-S	3	4	5-N	5-S	6	7	8-N	8-S	9	10-N	10-S
Very Short	82	91	98	54	79	91	80	91	71	86	87	62	64	93	58
Short	16	7	2	42	20	9	19	9	27	13	13	38	24	5	33
Adequate	2	2	0	4	1	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	9	2	9
Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0

Weekly Summary

Areas of South East Texas, the Upper Coast, and the Coastal Bend received up to 2 inches of rainfall, while the rest of the state observed scattered showers.

Small Grains: Wheat producers prepared land but were in need of moisture for fall planting in northern areas of the state.

Row Crops: Progress of the corn crop was hindered by very dry conditions in areas of the Northern High Plains. In areas of the Plains, irrigated cotton boll development continued to make good progress; however, non-irrigated cotton bolls opened early due to very dry

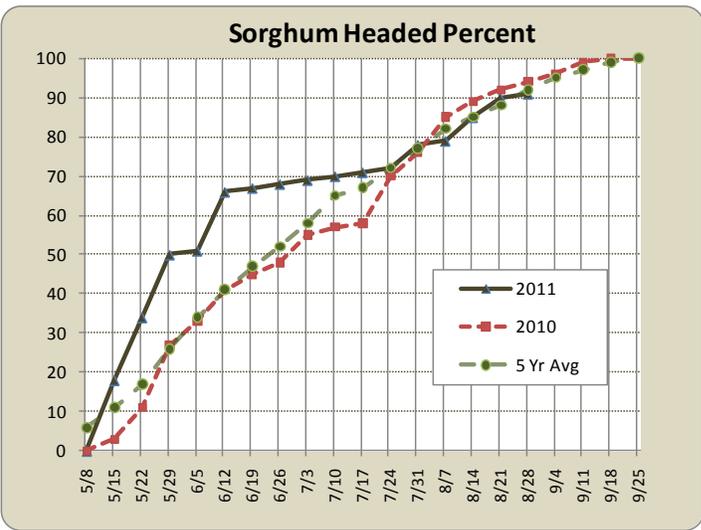
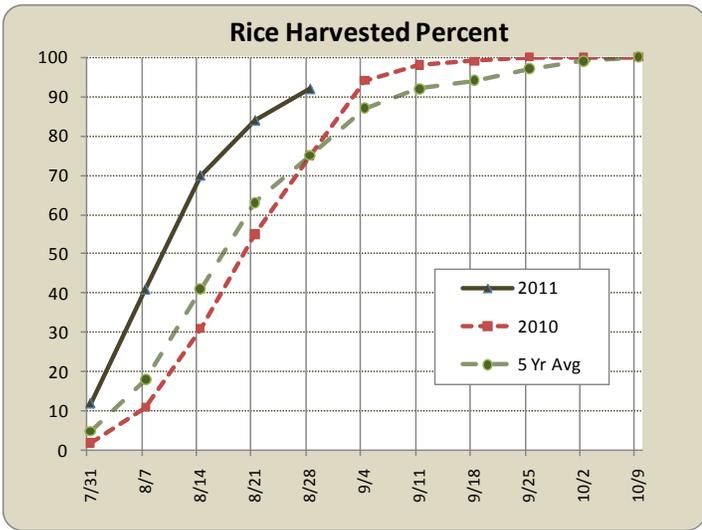
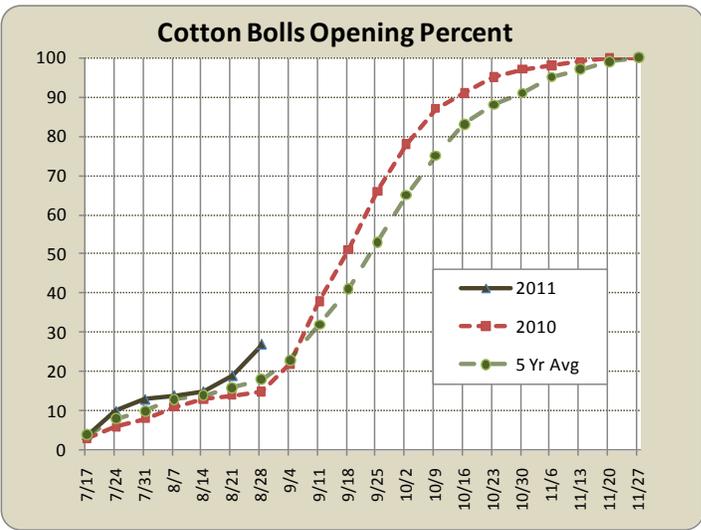
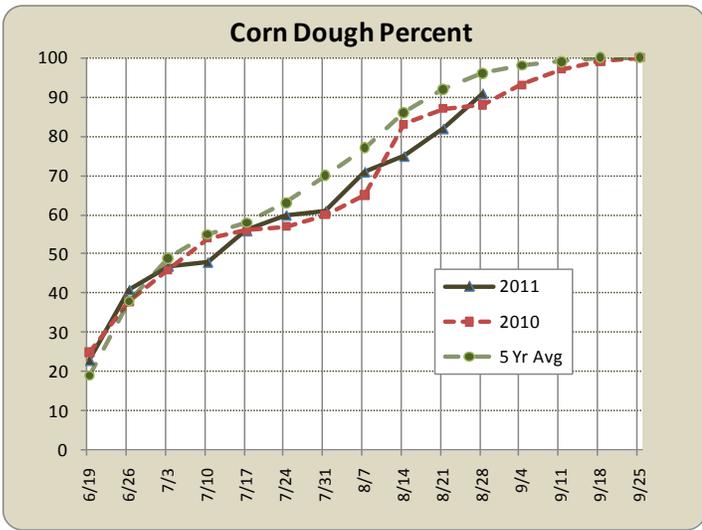
conditions. The peanut crop was in need of moisture in areas of the Southern Low Plains, while the irrigated peanut crop made good progress in areas of South Texas. In areas of the Blacklands, the cotton crop was damaged due to consecutive days of high temperatures and low moisture. Producers baled some soybean fields in areas of South Central Texas and some previously harvested rice fields in areas of the Upper Coast to replenish hay stocks. Harvested cotton was delivered to gins in areas of the southern part of the state.

Crop Progress					
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2010	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Silked	100	99	100	100
	Dough	91	82	88	96
	Dent	78	74	71	84
	Mature	65	64	57	65
	Harvested	52	51	37	54
Cotton	Squaring	100	99	100	99
	Setting bolls	97	96	94	90
	Bolls opening	27	19	15	18
	Harvested	13	12	6	8
Peanuts	Pegging	99	98	100	99
Rice	Harvested	92	84	75	75
Sorghum	Headed	91	90	94	92
	Coloring	72	71	73	72
	Mature	68	67	55	91
	Harvested	56	55	42	55
Soybeans	Blooming	100	99	100	100
	Setting pods	99	98	100	78
	Dropping leaves	69	45	66	45
	Harvested	33	0	18	24
Sunflowers	Harvested	11	8	21	10

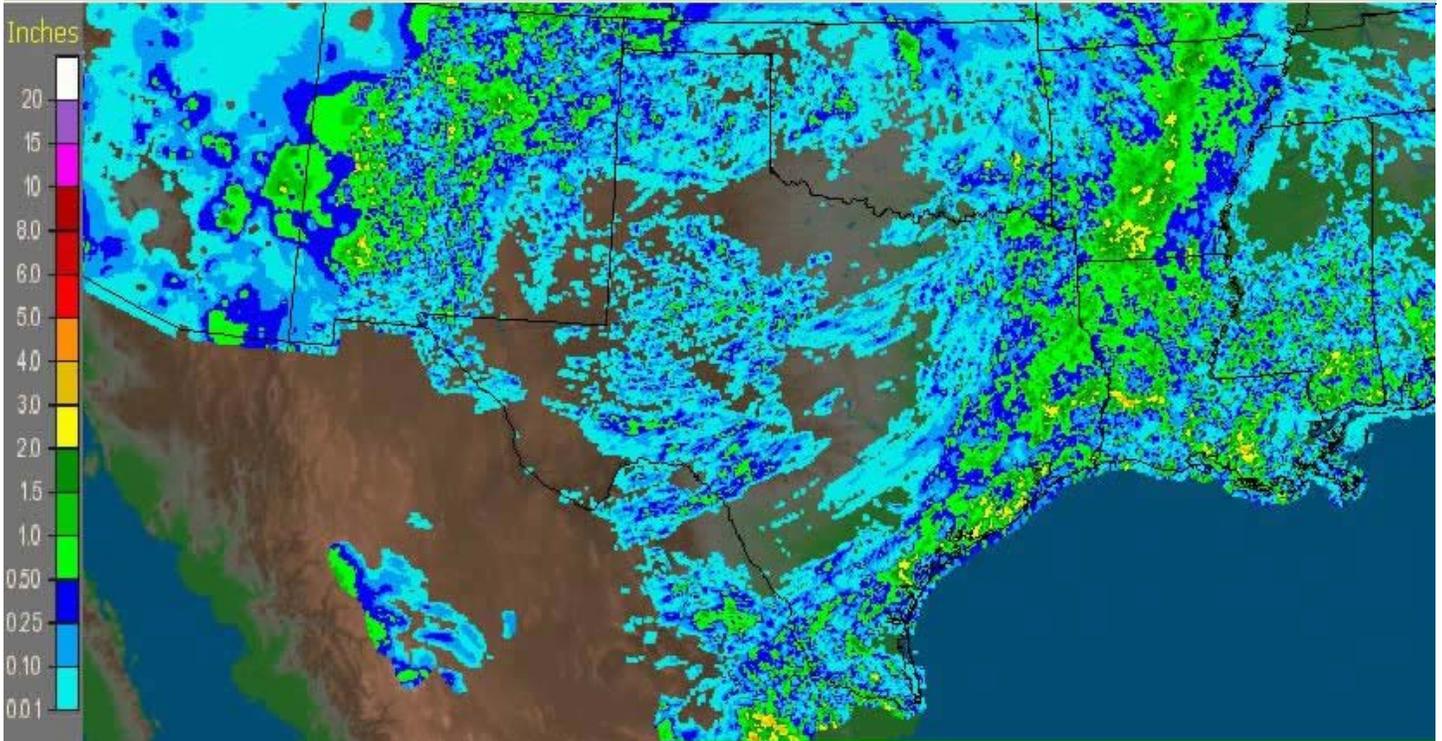
Visit our web site to view the crop progress regional maps, available at www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Texas/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/maps/.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop: Fall vegetable planting continued to slow in areas of North East Texas. Pecan trees continued to drop nuts early due to low moisture in areas of the Trans-Pecos. Onion, cabbage and spinach land preparation were active in areas of South Texas.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Producers imported water and hay for livestock due to drought conditions in areas of the eastern part of the state. Livestock producers replenished some hay stocks with baled corn and grain sorghum stalks in areas of the Blacklands. Livestock continued to be liquidated, while supplemental feeding was active for remaining herds in most areas of the state. Trees continued to prematurely shed leaves and pastures remained brown in most areas of the state. Winter pasture seed was in short supply in areas of East Texas. Fire danger remained high across the state, while grass fires were active in North East Texas and the Trans-Pecos.



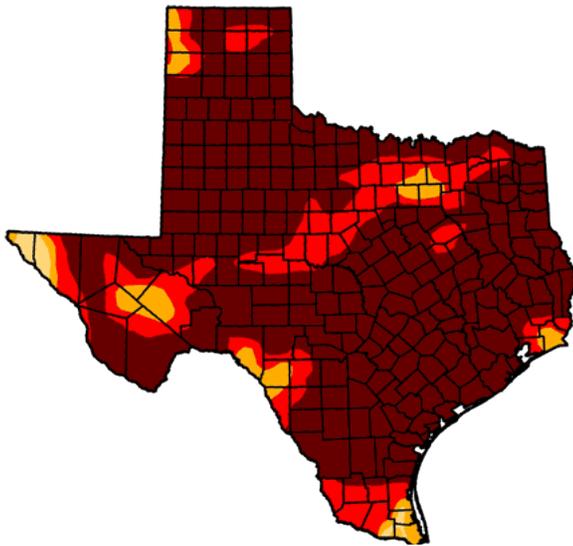
Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, August 28, 2011



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

Drought Monitor

As of 8/23/2011, 7:00 am EST



Intensity:



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

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