



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR AUG 29 – SEP 4

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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	78
Cotton	0	12	25	23	40	34	80
Peanuts	0	15	35	37	13	44	92
Rice	13	43	34	2	8	74	79
Sorghum	2	20	35	27	16	49	75
Soybeans	0	1	9	26	64	16	71
Range and pasture	0	1	3	15	81	---	---

* 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 29 – Sep 4, 2011	Month-to-Date Aug 1 - 31, 2011	Year-to-Date Jan 1 – Sep 4, 2011	Annual Normal 1971-2000	Normal Previous Three Months (May - July)
High Plains	0.02	0.19	1.43	19.64	9
Low Rolling Plains	0.01	0.09	0.92	24.51	8
North Central Texas	0.00	0.13	4.53	35.23	21
East Texas	0.05	0.14	6.05	48.08	21
Trans-Pecos	0.00	0.15	0.44	13.19	5
Edwards Plateau	0.01	0.16	2.02	24.73	13
South Central Texas	0.00	0.00	2.54	36.21	12
Upper Coast	0.08	0.14	6.55	50.31	24
South Texas	0.00	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	80	94	96	78	82	96	88	96	75	90	94	68	80	99	76
Short	16	5	4	22	18	4	11	4	24	9	6	32	10	1	21
Adequate	4	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	6	0	3
Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0

Weekly Summary

Areas of the Plains and East Texas received up to 2 inches of rainfall, while the rest of the state observed scattered showers.

Small Grains: Wheat land preparation made good progress due to cooler temperatures and improving soil moisture retention in areas of the Plains and South Texas.

Row Crops: Corn irrigation and insect infestation slowed in areas of the Plains, while corn harvest continued. Cotton setting bolls was stressed due to lack of moisture received in

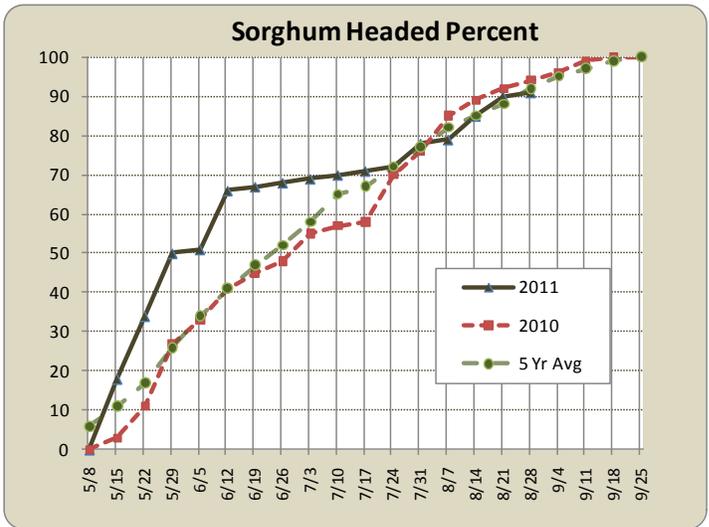
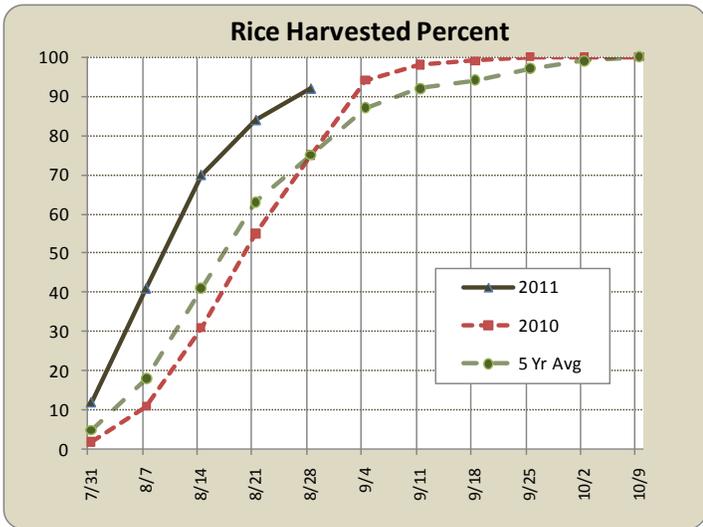
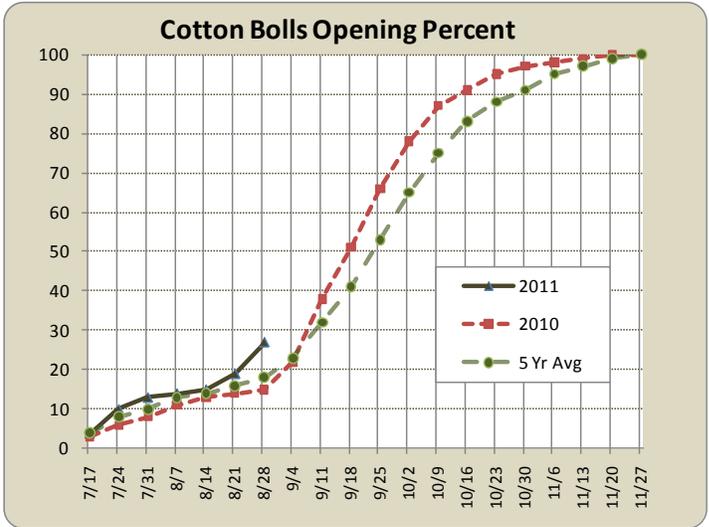
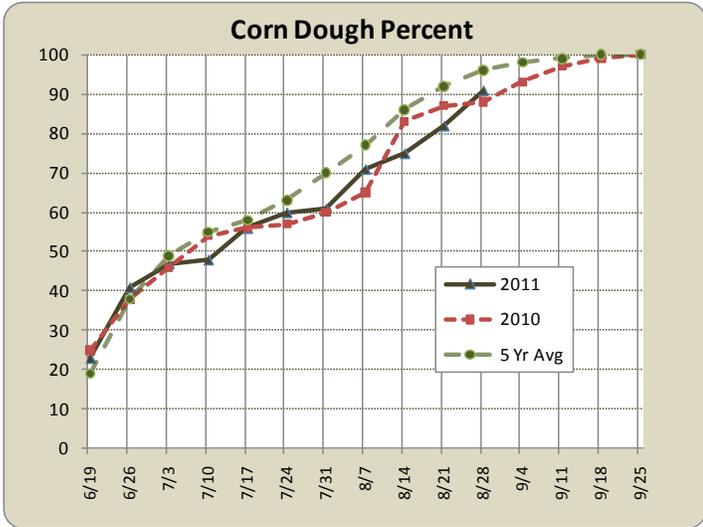
earlier stages of cotton growth in areas of the Plains. Sorghum headed out in areas of the Northern High Plains. In areas of the Northern Plains, producers prepared to defoliate cotton. Cotton harvest made good progress in areas of the Blacklands. In areas of the Trans-Pecos, cotton bolls opened early and leaves showed signs of burn damage. Producers continued to bale previously harvested rice fields in areas of the Upper Coast. Cotton harvest progressed well in southern areas of the state due to open dry weather. Irrigated peanuts made good progress in areas of South Texas.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop: Fall vegetable land preparation and citrus irrigation were active in areas of the Lower Valley.

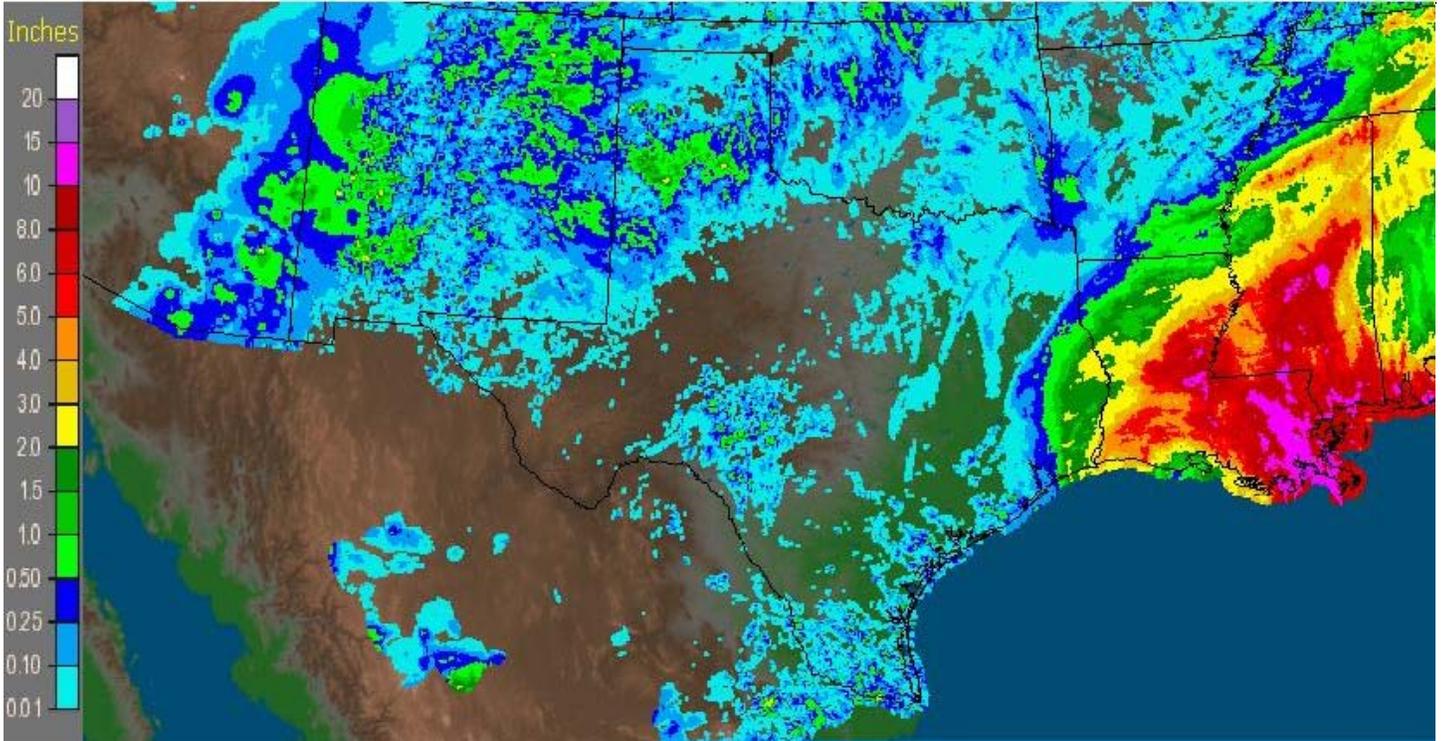
Crop Progress					
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2010	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Dough	92	91	93	98
	Dent	79	78	81	91
	Mature	66	65	58	69
	Harvested	53	52	43	59
Cotton	Setting Bolls	98	97	96	94
	Bolls Opening	38	27	22	23
	Harvested	14	13	9	11
Peanuts	Pegging	100	99	100	99
Rice	Harvested	93	92	94	87
Sorghum	Headed	95	91	96	95
	Coloring	73	72	79	76
	Mature	69	68	56	65
	Harvested	57	56	44	59
Soybeans	Setting Pods	100	99	100	79
	Dropping Leaves	89	69	76	54
	Harvested	38	33	37	40
Sunflowers	Harvested	39	11	36	17

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/.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Cattle continued to be liquidated at high rates due to depleted forage and water sources in most areas of the state. Producers continued to import hay to replenish supplies; however, freight costs were a concern. Producers were in need of rain to plant winter forages across most areas of the state. In areas of the Plains and Cross Timbers, forages greened due to earlier rainfall; however, more rainfall was needed for continued growth. Fire danger remained high across the state, while wild fires were active due to windy conditions.



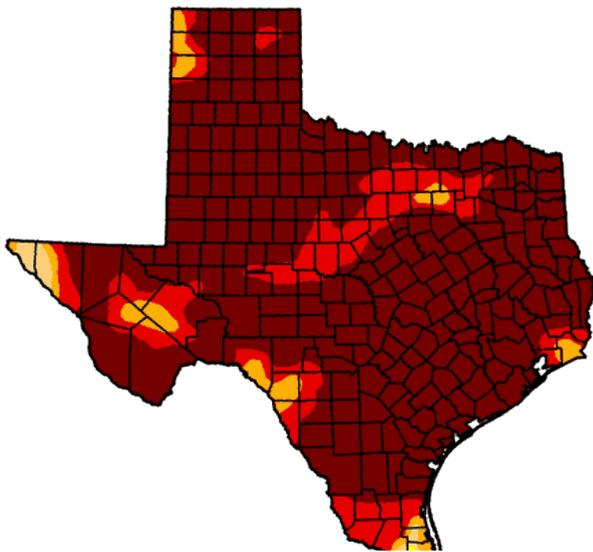
Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, September 5, 2011



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

Drought Monitor

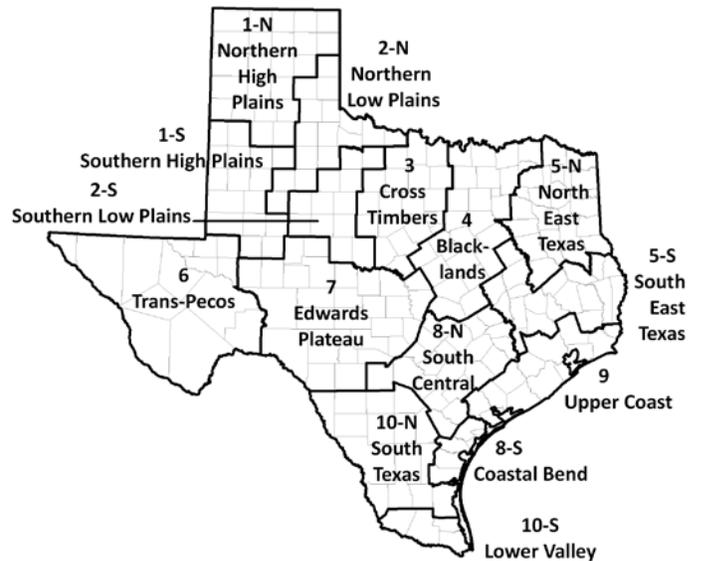
As of 8/30/2011, 7:00 am EST



Intensity:



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