



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR OCTOBER 24 - 30

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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	73
Cotton	0	12	25	25	38	34	77
Peanuts	0	19	34	24	23	45	86
Sorghum	2	20	35	27	16	49	75
Soybeans	0	1	11	28	60	18	67
Wheat	2	19	41	18	20	49	59
Range and pasture	0	1	10	24	65	--	--

* 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 (Oct 24 - 30, 2011)	Month-to-Date (Oct 1 - 30, 2011)	Year-to-Date (Jan 1 - Oct 30, 2011)	Annual Normal 1971-2000	Normal Previous Three Months (Jul - Sep)
High Plains	0.08	0.21	1.77	19.64	11
Low Rolling Plains	0.09	0.46	1.49	24.51	5
North Central Texas	0.05	0.69	5.39	35.23	4
East Texas	0.06	0.32	6.50	48.08	10
Trans-Pecos	0.00	0.04	0.60	13.19	6
Edwards Plateau	0.00	0.39	2.61	24.73	9
South Central Texas	0.00	0.31	3.02	36.21	4
Upper Coast	0.05	0.32	7.13	50.31	17
South Texas	0.00	0.26	1.90	24.08	8
Lower Valley	0.00	0.03	2.46	25.43	4

*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	60	79	37	16	21	52	69	57	84	45	62	80	73	48	76
Short	32	6	48	52	40	36	27	37	16	40	34	20	18	36	17
Adequate	8	14	15	32	38	10	4	6	0	15	3	0	7	16	7
Surplus	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0

Weekly Summary

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

Small Grains: Dry land winter wheat seeding progressed well due to improved soil moisture in areas of the Northern Plains. Emerging winter wheat continued to make good progress due to recent precipitation. In areas of the Cross Timbers, producers continued to seed winter

wheat and oats. In areas of the Blacklands, emerging winter wheat progressed well due to recent rainfall; however, more moisture was needed. Early planted winter wheat and oats in areas of North East Texas and the Edwards Plateau made good progress. In areas of the Upper Coast, the ratoon rice harvest continued to progress well.

Row Crops: Cotton harvest was delayed in areas of the Northern Plains due to snow showers. Cotton gins were in full swing in areas of the Plains. Cotton defoliation was active in areas of the Cross Timbers; however, some cotton was damaged due to a recent frost. Cotton harvest continued to make good progress in areas of the Trans-Pecos and the Edwards Plateau. Peanut harvest continued in areas of the Low Plains and South Texas; however, the crop was damaged due to earlier drought conditions.

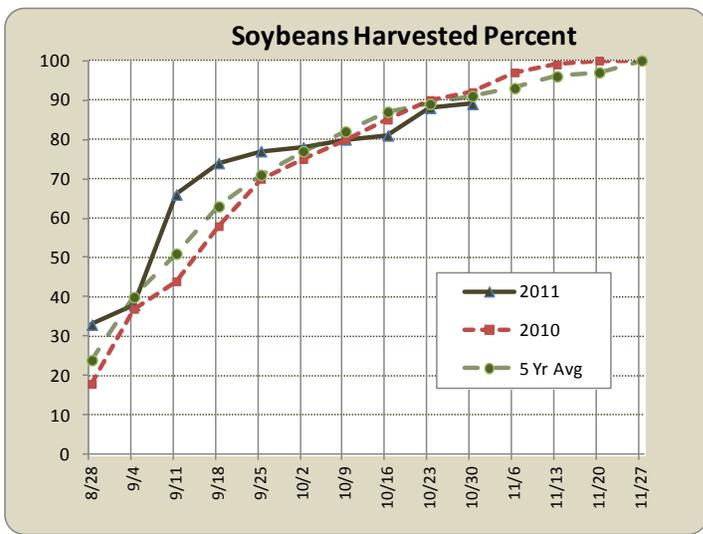
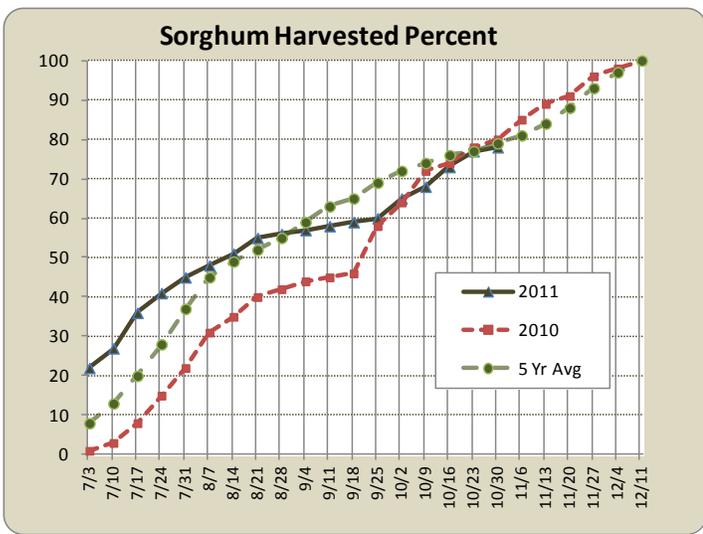
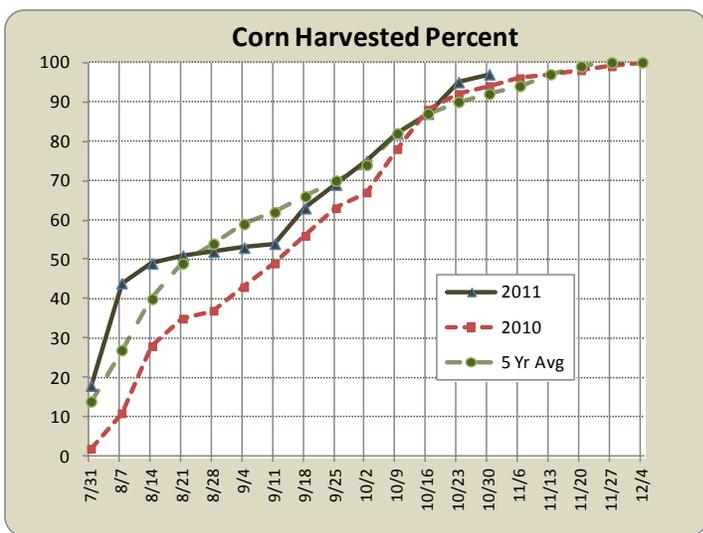
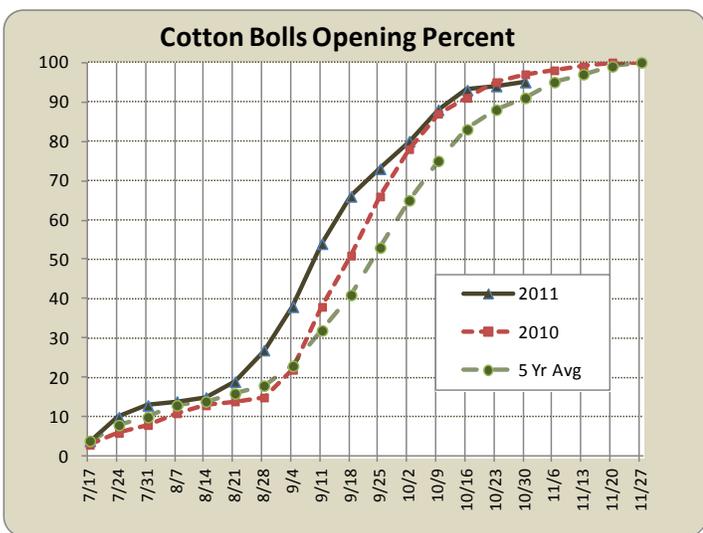
Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop: Pecan nuts continued to drop prematurely due to windy conditions in areas of the Trans-Pecos. Pecan harvest was active in areas of South Texas; however, earlier drought conditions damaged

Crop Progress					
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2010	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Harvested	97	95	94	92
Cotton	Bolls Opening	95	94	97	91
	Harvested	47	37	44	31
Oats	Planted	72	52	82	81
	Emerged	41	18	48	50
Peanuts	Harvested	60	59	76	57
Sorghum	Coloring	98	97	100	98
	Mature	91	90	98	90
	Harvested	78	77	80	79
Soybeans	Dropping Leaves	97	96	100	99
	Harvested	89	88	92	91
Sunflowers	Harvested	82	80	93	66
Winter Wheat	Planted	74	63	84	82
	Emerged	39	26	58	62

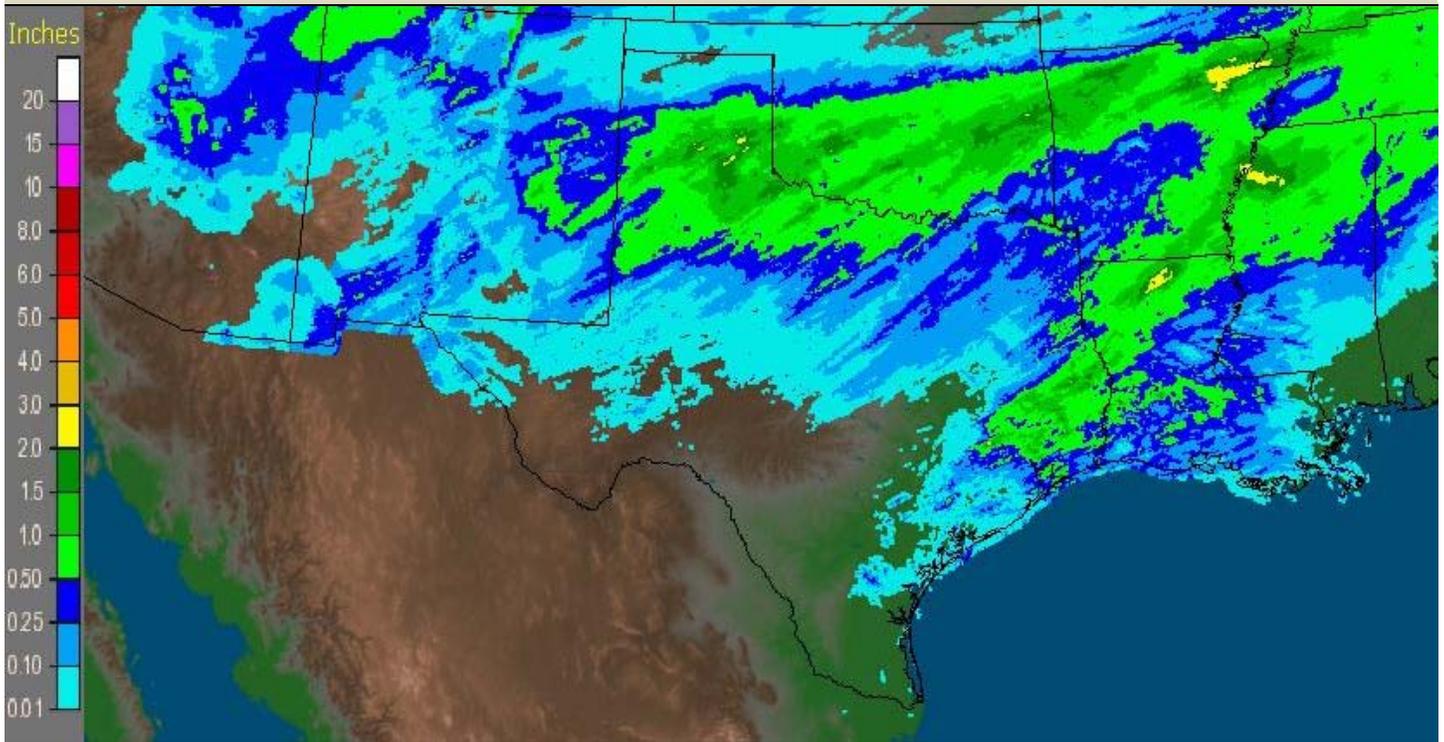
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nut development. In southern areas of the state, irrigated spinach, cabbage, and onions made good progress. Sugarcane and orange harvest was active in areas of the Lower Valley.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Producers continued supplemental feeding of livestock on emerging pastures and small grain fields across the state. Cattle continued to be culled across the state to align with feed and forage shortages for the winter. Recent rainfall across the state helped replenish some stock tanks for the winter; however, more rainfall was needed. Hay supplies remained short across the state; however, hay fields made good progress in some areas of the state and producers anticipated replenishing stocks for the winter. Army worms and feral hogs continued to damage warm and cool season pastures in eastern areas of the state. A cold front brought precipitation to the northeastern area of the state; however, burn bans remained in effect. Producers continued to plant cool season grasses across the state, while emerging grasses made good progress due to recent moisture.



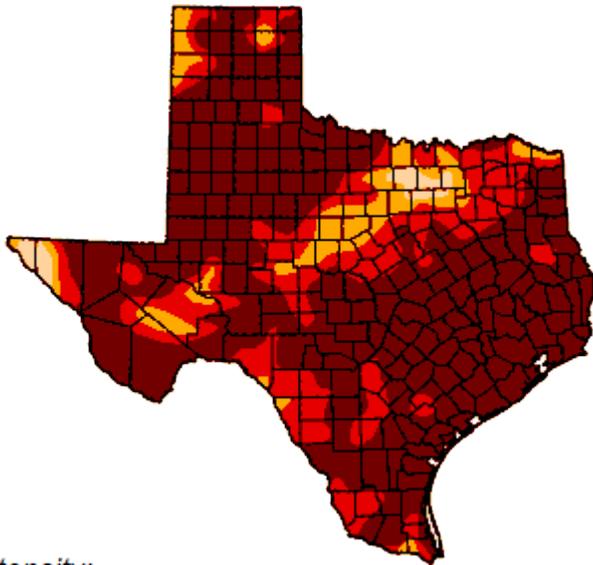
Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, October 30, 2011



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

Drought Monitor

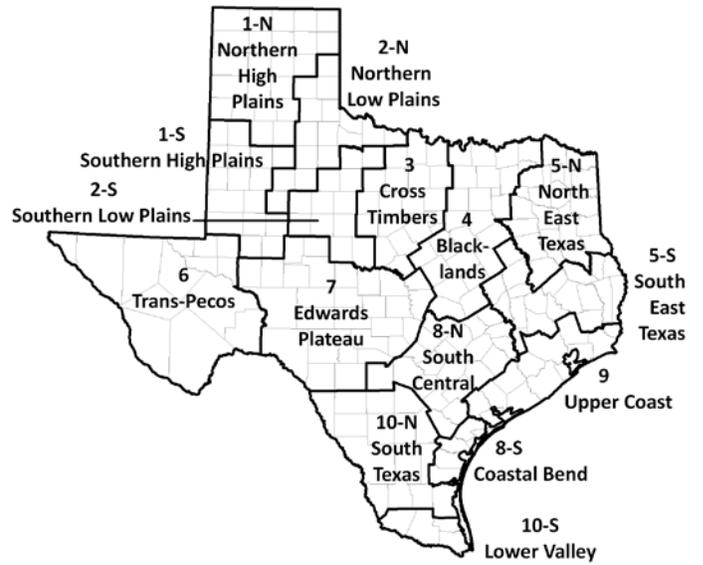
As of 10/25/2011, 7:00 am EST



Intensity:

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

Texas Agricultural Districts



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