



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR APRIL 9 - 15

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Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2012	2011
Wheat	10	28	30	16	16	59	31
Oats	22	47	20	6	5	80	30
Range and Pasture	11	28	29	19	13	--	--

* 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.

Summary

Most areas of Texas received rainfall last week. Areas of East and Coastal Texas received up to 2 inches of rainfall for the week while other areas observed scattered showers.

Small Grains: Irrigation was active on wheat in areas of the High Plains which received little rainfall. Dryland wheat continued to suffer due to dry, windy conditions. In many other

areas, wheat benefited from timely showers. Producers across the state continued to cut wheat and oats for hay. Other wheat and oat fields were being used for grazing. Many producers were monitoring or spraying for armyworms and aphids.

Row Crops: Much of the land preparation was completed for cotton planting in the Plains and West Texas. Some cotton producers were pre-watering while others were making planting decisions. Corn and sorghum planting was underway around the state. In South Texas, dry conditions prompted some corn, cotton, and sorghum producers to irrigate.

Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops: In the Cross Timbers, pecan trees looked to be in good shape with good catkin growth and nutlets present in most trees. Pecan producers were fertilizing and spraying zinc. In North and East Texas, vegetable fields were planted and making good progress. Most fruit trees had small fruit on them. In South Texas, cabbage harvest continued and watermelon transplants showed signs of establishment in fields. In the Trans-Pecos, fall-

Crop Progress					
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2011	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Planted	54	52	56	59
	Emerged	48	40	46	50
Cotton	Planted	18	15	12	13
Oats	Headed	80	60	61	58
Rice	Planted	65	35	84	71
	Emerged	40	15	65	50
Sorghum	Planted	52	46	54	55
Soybeans	Planted	37	21	56	45
Winter Wheat	Headed	51	35	30	25

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/.

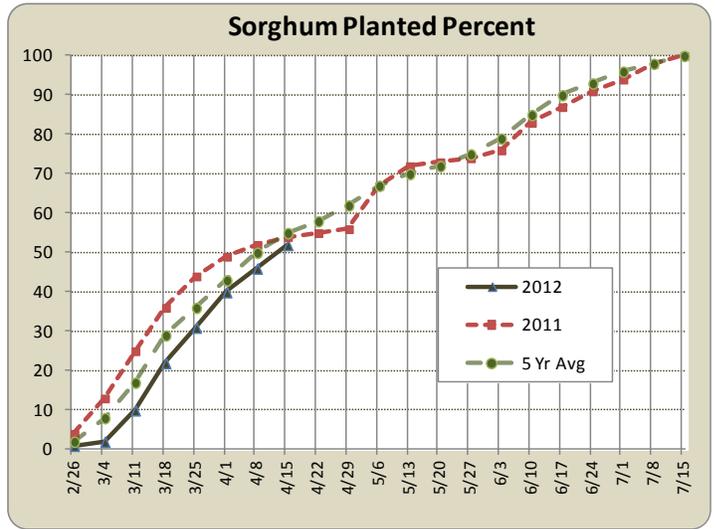
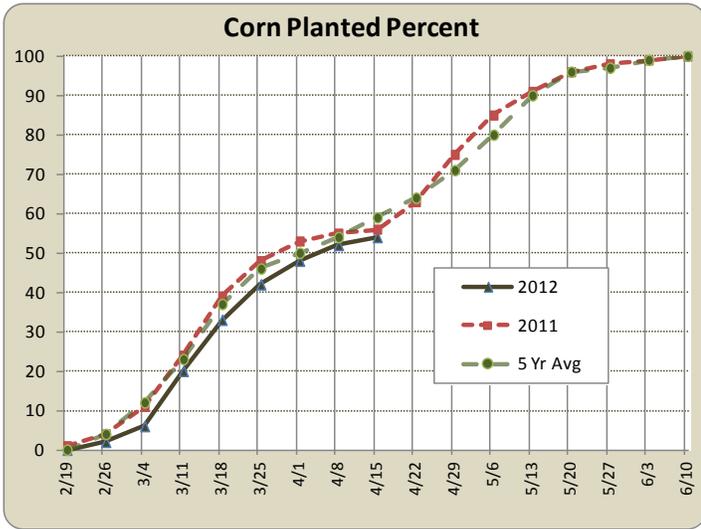
planted onions were bulbing.

Livestock, Range, and Pasture: In the High Plains and Trans-Pecos, range and pastureland remained mostly dry, with winds drying out what little moisture was received. Supplemental feeding of livestock continued in these areas. In North, Central and South Texas, most pastures were greening and supplemental feeding eased. Weed spraying was underway in many pastures. Livestock body condition was good in most areas. Spring calving, lambing, and kidding season was winding down as ranchers worked calves and sheared sheep.

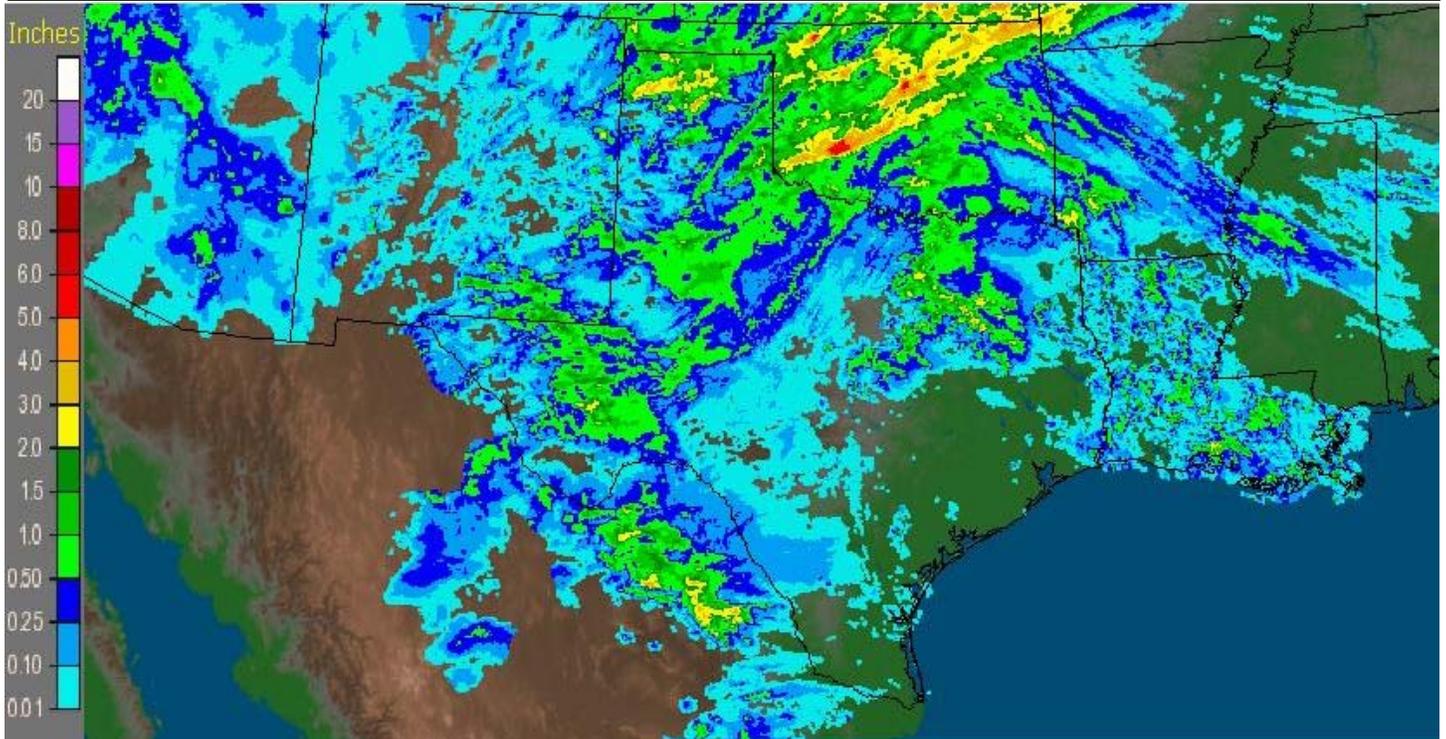
Top Soil Moisture by District															
Condition	Percent of Acreage														
	1-N	1-S	2-N	2-S	3	4	5-N	5-S	6	7	8-N	8-S	9	10-N	10-S
Very Short	49	64	35	13	3	1	4	3	72	13	0	42	0	16	45
Short	42	22	36	66	30	6	17	8	22	32	27	43	1	43	30
Adequate	9	13	29	21	64	79	62	81	6	54	68	15	73	40	22
Surplus	0	1	0	0	3	14	17	8	0	1	5	0	26	1	3

Texas Precipitation					
National Weather Service Climatic Divisions *	Inches of Accumulation **				Percent
	Previous Week (April 9 – 15, 2012)	Month-to-Date (April 1 – 15, 2012)	Year-to-Date (Jan 1 – Apr 15, 2012)	Annual Normal 1971-2000	Normal Previous Three Months (Jan, Feb, Mar)
High Plains	0.06	0.07	0.31	19.64	11
Low Rolling Plains	0.13	0.17	0.63	24.51	13
North Central Texas	0.03	0.17	2.07	35.23	27
East Texas	0.11	0.36	2.97	48.08	23
Trans-Pecos	0.06	0.08	0.17	13.19	7
Edwards Plateau	0.01	0.10	0.98	24.73	23
South Central Texas	0.10	0.11	1.50	36.21	21
Upper Coast	0.16	0.24	2.67	50.31	24
South Texas	0.03	0.08	0.73	24.08	18
Lower Valley	0.00	0.01	0.68	25.43	17

* 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: <http://water.weather.gov> and <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu>.



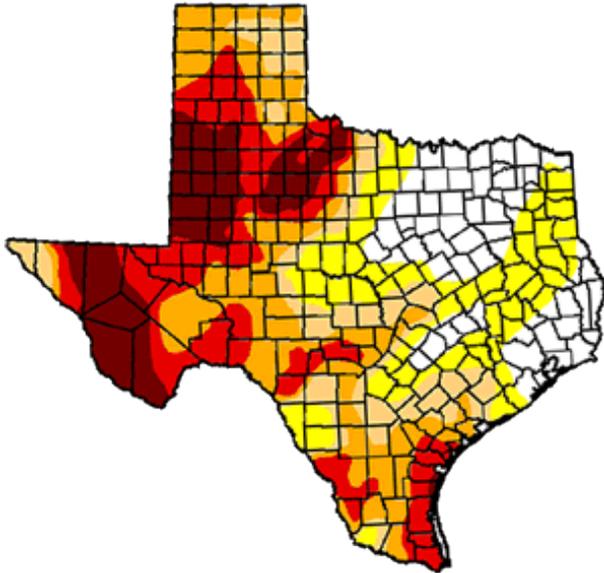
Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, April 15, 2012



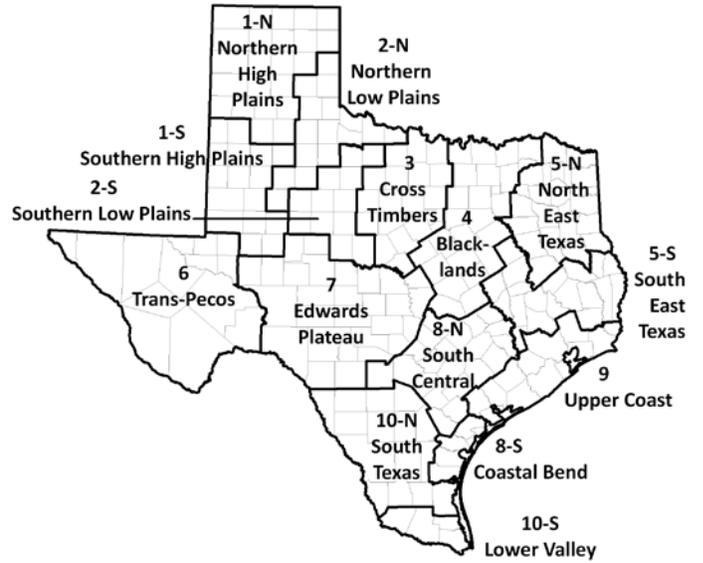
Source: National Weather Service, www.nws.noaa.gov

Drought Monitor

Valid 4/10/2012, 7:00 am EST



Texas Agricultural Districts



Intensity:



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