



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR MAY 7 - 13

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Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2012	2011
Corn	13	54	27	5	1	80	52
Rice	17	76	7	0	0	91	74
Sorghum	10	58	23	6	3	79	51
Soybeans	6	74	18	1	1	84	58
Wheat	8	26	27	20	19	54	26
Oats	21	44	24	6	5	79	25
Range and Pasture	5	29	31	21	14	--	--

* 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. Portions of South and West Texas received up to six inches of rain while other areas of the state observed scattered showers.

Small Grains: Hay production was in full swing around the state. A lot of wheat and oats were being green chopped or baled for hay. Many grain producers were harvesting or getting ready to harvest with several reporting above average yields. In the High Plains, irrigated wheat was in good condition, while dryland wheat remained in need of moisture. In parts of North Texas, small grain harvest was put on hold due to rain.

Crop Progress					
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2011	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Planted	93	75	91	90
	Emerged	80	60	67	71
	Silked	18	0	13	6
Cotton	Planted	35	27	33	31
	Squaring	7	1	9	5
Peanuts	Planted	58	16	58	55
Rice	Planted	94	93	94	96
	Emerged	87	84	80	85
Sorghum	Planted	88	70	72	70
	Headed	16	0	13	10
Soybeans	Planted	85	74	85	85
	Emerged	77	47	75	67
Sunflowers	Planted	50	36	32	32
Winter Wheat	Headed	98	90	89	82
Oats	Headed	99	98	94	94

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/.

Row Crops: In parts of the Northern Plains, dry conditions prevented the planting of row crops, though many producers were busy with land preparations and chemical applications. Some were able to begin planting irrigated cotton and peanuts. In most other areas of the state, rainfall helped to improve the condition of corn, cotton, and sorghum and soybeans. Planting was temporarily halted in parts of Central Texas due to heavy rainfall. In parts of the Southern Plains, cool soil temperatures delayed planting and slowed crop progress.

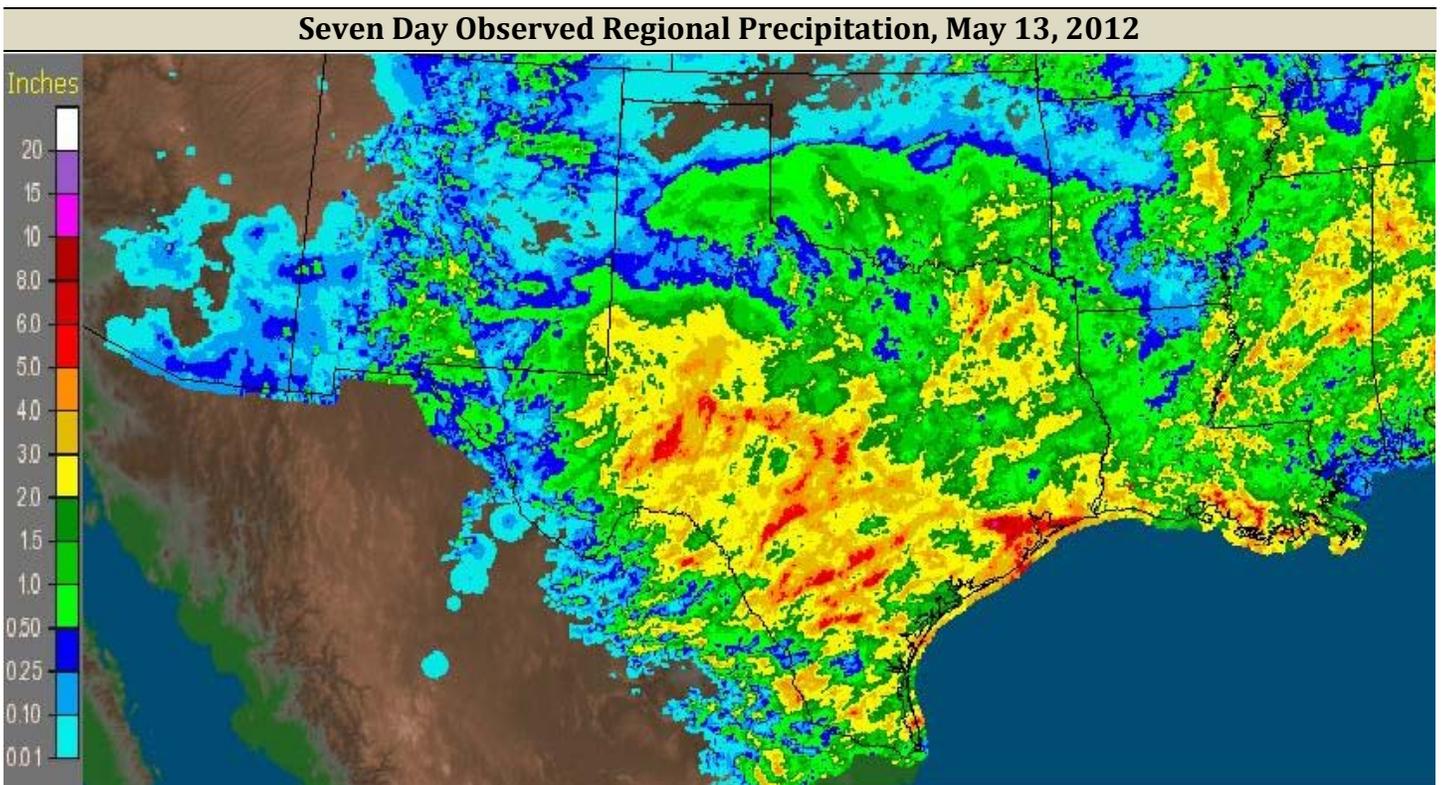
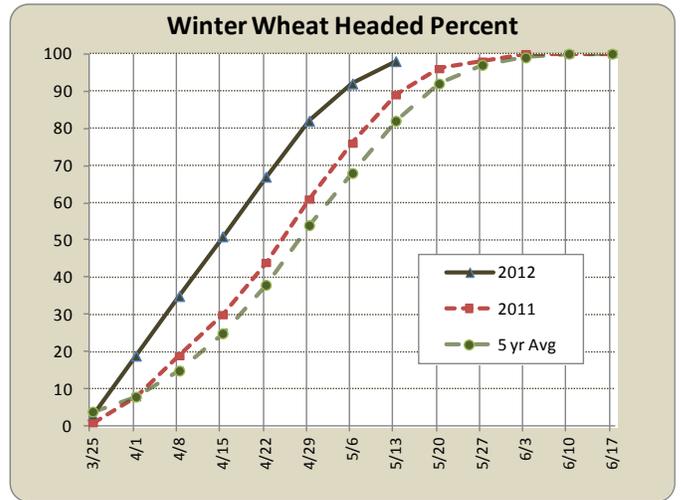
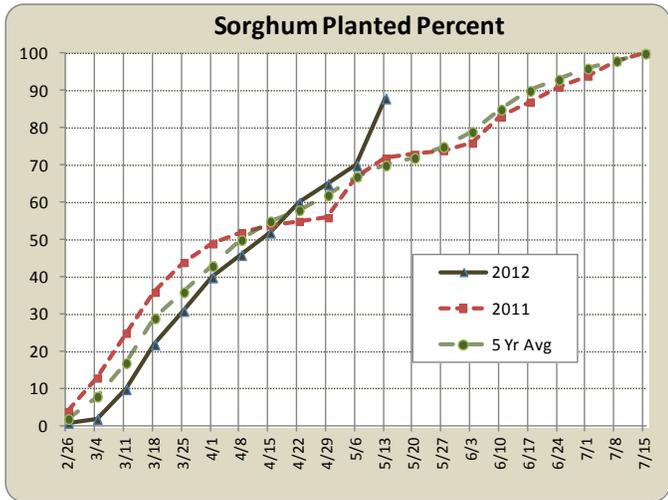
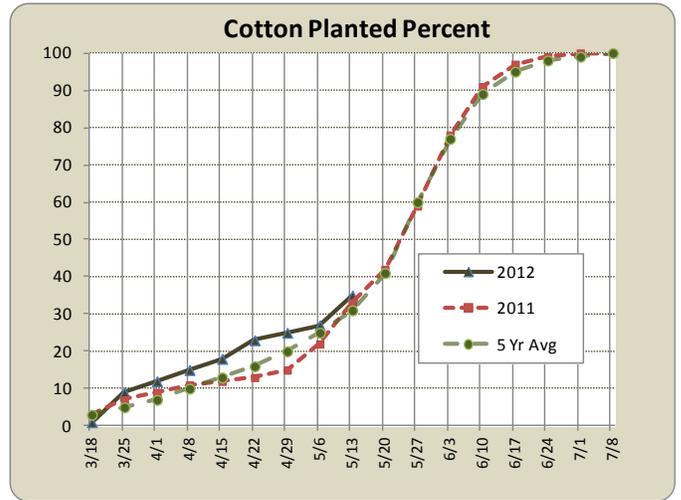
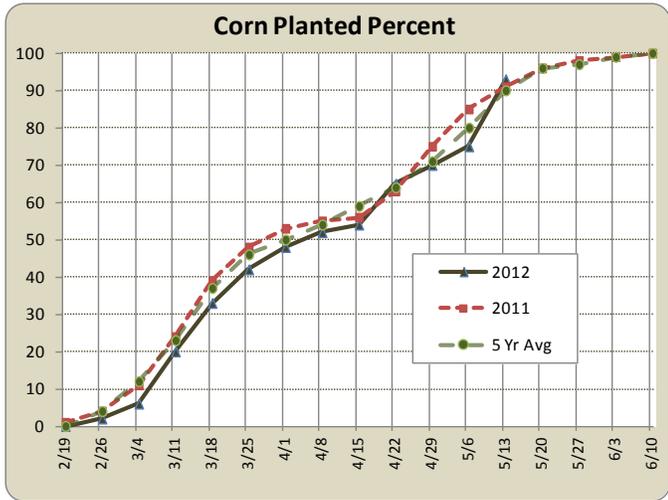
Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops: In North and East Texas, peaches and pecans continued to progress well. Blueberry and blackberry condition was generally good with harvest approaching. In the Lower Valley, harvest of vegetables and melons slowed, and melons appeared to be in very good condition. Onion harvest was delayed in the Edwards Plateau and South Texas due to wet fields.

Livestock, Range, and Pasture: Range and pastureland remained dry in areas of the Plains. Supplemental feeding resumed. In East and South Texas, pastures and stock tanks benefited from rain showers. Some producers concerned with the threat of wildfire applied herbicides to control weed and brush growth. Horn flies on cattle were also becoming a problem. Shearing and marking of sheep was wrapping up as producers made plans to ship soon.

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	43	31	46	6	12	2	4	8	34	5	0	25	14	29	15
Short	47	41	18	29	44	30	16	53	29	19	16	32	14	16	12
Adequate	9	28	36	60	44	64	72	36	35	62	78	33	64	38	64
Surplus	1	0	0	5	0	4	8	3	2	14	6	10	8	17	9

Texas Precipitation					
National Weather Service Climatic Divisions *	Inches of Accumulation **				Percent
	Previous Week (May 7 – 13, 2012)	Month-to-Date (May 1 – 13, 2012)	Year-to-Date (Jan 1 – May 13, 2012)	Annual Normal 1971-2000	Normal Previous Three Months (Feb - Apr)
High Plains	0.16	0.16	0.56	19.64	13
Low Rolling Plains	0.17	0.18	0.87	24.51	12
North Central Texas	0.22	0.26	2.34	35.23	16
East Texas	0.34	0.36	3.43	48.08	21
Trans-Pecos	0.21	0.21	0.42	13.19	13
Edwards Plateau	0.57	0.63	1.64	24.73	17
South Central Texas	0.34	0.40	1.95	36.21	15
Upper Coast	0.56	0.57	3.55	50.31	24
South Texas	0.44	0.45	1.20	24.08	16
Lower Valley	0.22	0.22	1.15	25.43	22

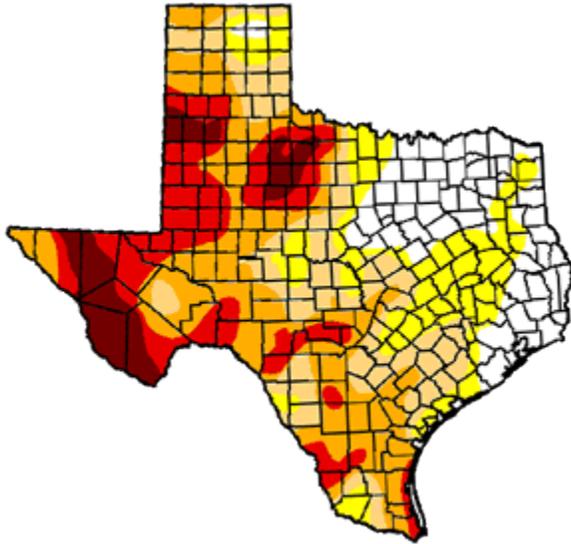
* High Plains: 1-N, 1-S; Low Rolling Plains: 2-N, 2-S; North Central Texas: 3, 4; East Texas: 5-N, 5-S. Trans-Pecos: 6; Edwards Plateau: 7; South Central Texas: 8-N, 8-S; Upper Coast: 9; South Texas: 10-N; Lower Valley: 10-S. ** Average of all stations reporting precipitation data. For more information, please visit the following web sites: <http://water.weather.gov> and <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu>.



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

Drought Monitor

Valid 5/8/2012, 7:00 am EST



Intensity:

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

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

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