



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR MAY 21 - 27

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Summary

Parts of North Texas, the Panhandle and the Trans-Pecos received rainfall last week with totals reaching three inches or more in isolated areas. Most other areas of Texas experienced warm and dry conditions.

Small Grains: Dry weather across much of the state allowed producers to continue small grain harvest last week. Wheat harvest was beginning to wrap up in some areas. In areas of North Texas, wet field conditions temporarily halted small grain harvest. Fungal diseases and armyworms were reported in some wheat fields.

Row Crops: Cotton and sunflower planting was active in the Plains as corn

planting wound down. In parts of Central Texas, corn and cotton progressed well due to recent rains followed by warm, sunny weather. Elsewhere, recently planted row crops remained in need of rainfall. In South Texas, peanut planting was underway and producers were preparing for sunflower harvest. Irrigation was active on corn, cotton and sorghum fields.

Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops: Fruit and vegetable harvest was underway in East Texas. Blueberry and blackberry harvest was just beginning. In South Texas, cabbage, onion and cantaloupe harvest continued. Pecans and peaches continued to progress well, with some reports of smaller-than-normal peach size in the Low Plains.

Livestock, Range, and Pasture: Range and pastureland was in need of moisture in many areas. Winds were quickly drying out pastures in East Texas. Warm and cool season grasses were thin due to dry conditions and grazing pressure. Livestock condition was generally good in most areas with supplemental feeding active in parts of South Texas. Feral hogs were a problem for some producers in East Texas.

		Crop Progress			
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2011	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Planted	96	95	98	97
	Emerged	83	82	87	88
	Silked (Tasseled)	44	34	35	27
Cotton	Planted	69	48	59	60
	Squaring	12	8	11	9
Oats	Headed	100	100	99	99
	Harvest (Grain)	61	16	52	32
Peanuts	Planted	85	77	87	85
Rice	Planted	98	96	99	99
	Emerged	93	92	82	91
	Headed	1	0	0	0
Sorghum	Planted	90	89	74	75
	Headed	50	26	45	27
Soybeans	Planted	95	88	95	93
	Emerged	90	86	93	87
Sunflowers	Planted	71	67	47	41
	Harvest (Grain)	27	17	18	8

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/.

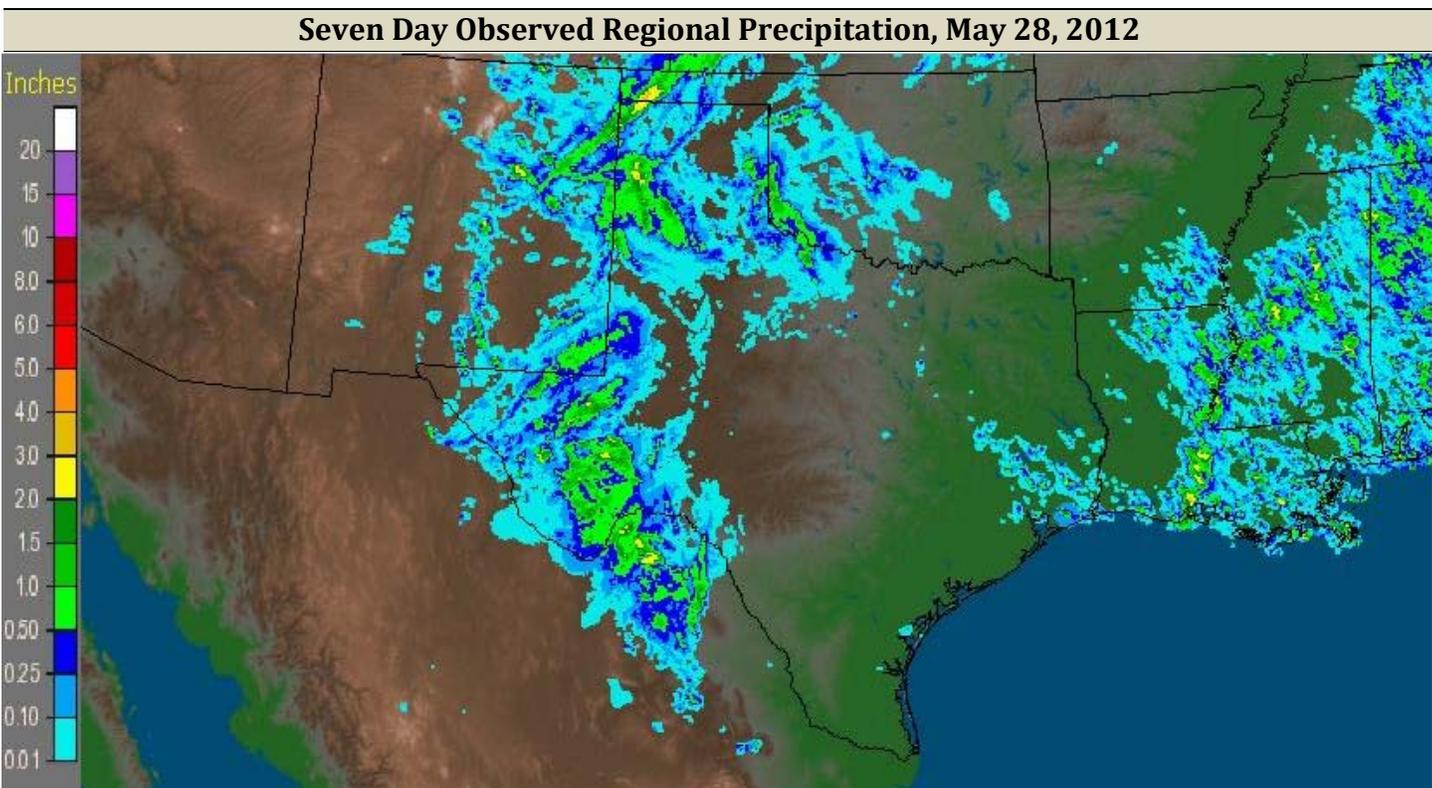
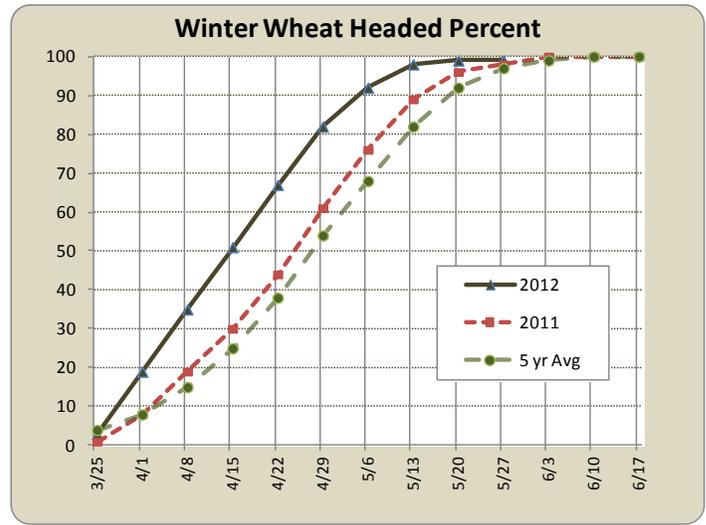
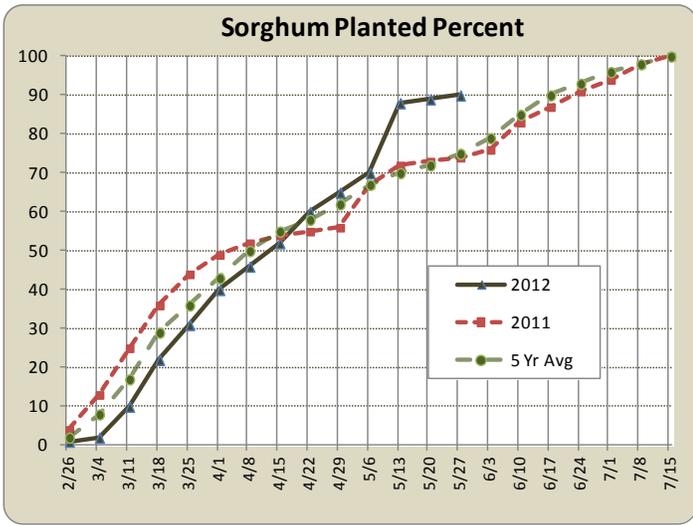
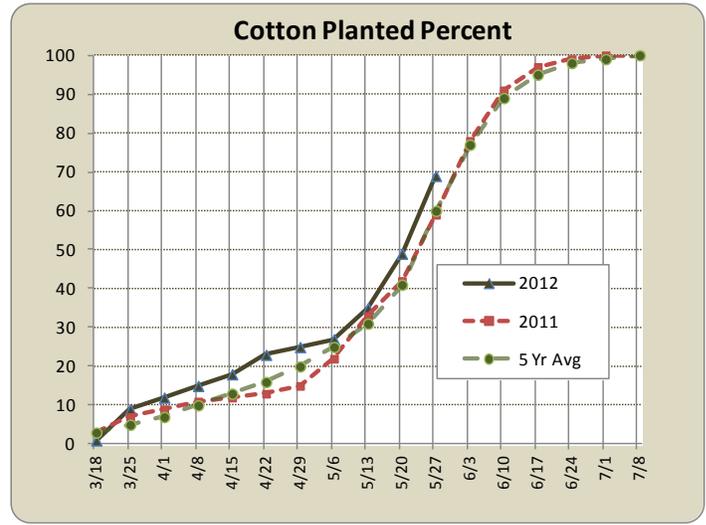
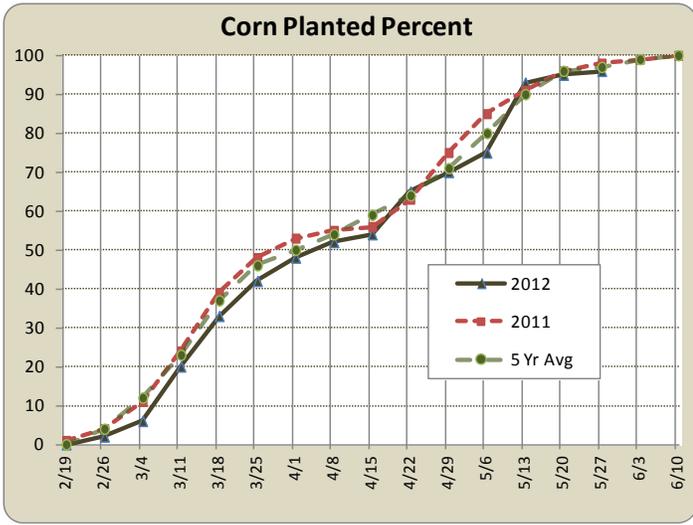
Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2012	2011
Corn	15	49	32	4	0	81	53
Cotton	16	38	44	2	0	79	57
Peanuts	11	19	70	0	0	71	56
Rice	4	78	18	0	0	85	73
Sorghum	11	57	21	7	4	78	51
Soybeans	4	55	38	2	1	77	64
Wheat	9	25	28	20	18	55	26
Oats	26	35	28	7	4	79	27
Range and Pasture	3	26	36	22	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.

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	45	21	44	10	14	8	6	8	37	5	4	27	13	20	15
Short	29	60	38	49	58	56	55	54	39	38	33	48	34	39	16
Adequate	26	19	18	40	28	35	36	37	24	52	57	22	50	39	69
Surplus	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	1	0	5	6	3	3	2	0

Texas Precipitation					
National Weather Service Climatic Divisions *	Inches of Accumulation **				Percent
	Previous Week (May 21 – 27, 2012)	Month-to-Date (May 1 – 27, 2012)	Year-to-Date (Jan 1 – May 27, 2012)	Annual Normal 1971-2000	Normal Previous Three Months (Feb - Apr)
High Plains	0.03	0.25	0.65	19.64	13
Low Rolling Plains	0.00	0.23	0.92	24.51	12
North Central Texas	0.00	0.28	2.36	35.23	16
East Texas	0.00	0.41	3.48	48.08	21
Trans-Pecos	0.07	0.34	0.55	13.19	13
Edwards Plateau	0.00	0.70	1.71	24.73	17
South Central Texas	0.00	0.53	2.08	36.21	15
Upper Coast	0.01	0.58	3.56	50.31	24
South Texas	0.00	0.60	1.35	24.08	16
Lower Valley	0.00	0.23	1.16	25.43	22

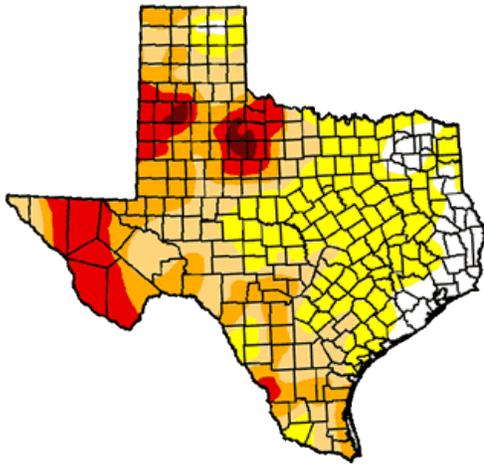
* High Plains: 1-N, 1-S; Low Rolling Plains: 2-N, 2-S; North Central Texas: 3, 4; East Texas: 5-N, 5-S. Trans-Pecos: 6; Edwards Plateau: 7; South Central Texas: 8-N, 8-S; Upper Coast: 9; South Texas: 10-N; Lower Valley: 10-S. ** Average of all stations reporting precipitation data. For more information, 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 5/22/2012, 7:00 am EST

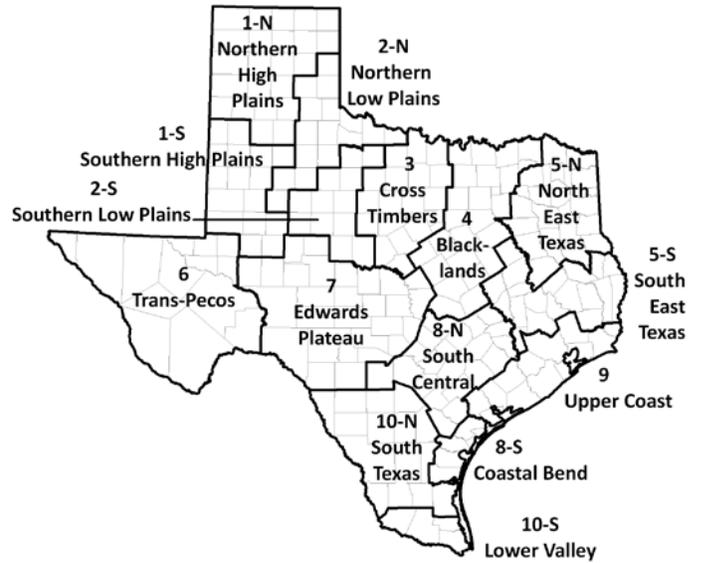


Intensity:



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

Texas Agricultural Districts



Coming soon – NASS’s annual June surveys on crops and livestock. In the first two weeks of June, NASS will survey about 140,000 U.S. producers and visit 42,000 tracts of farm land to collect information. Responses to these surveys provide the foundation for estimates in the upcoming growing year and will first be released in the Acreage and other reports on June 29. Watch for the survey and be sure to respond. ***Your information matters!***