



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER 24 – 30

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Summary

Most parts of the state received rainfall last week. Portions of East and West Texas recorded six inches or more for the week, while most other areas experienced scattered showers.

Small Grains: Winter wheat and oats seeding was in full swing around the state with an increase in seeding in some areas due to recent rains. Rainfall also aided recently seeded and emerged wheat. For producers who had not yet seeded, land preparation was underway.

		Crop Progress			
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2011	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Dough	100	99	100	100
	Dent	98	97	99	99
	Mature	94	88	93	90
	Harvested	75	69	73	73
Cotton	Bolls Opening	71	61	78	63
	Harvested	15	14	18	18
Peanuts	Harvested	6	4	14	16
Rice	Harvested	98	97	100	98
Sorghum	Headed	100	99	99	99
	Coloring	90	83	86	90
	Mature	76	75	73	77
	Harvested	62	61	64	70
Soybeans	Dropping Leaves	82	79	93	90
	Harvested	67	62	78	73
Sunflowers	Harvested	44	41	63	46
Winter Wheat	Planted	43	30	22	38
	Emerged	11	4	3	13
Oats	Planted	40	23	14	31

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: Cotton harvest continued across the eastern half of the state while in areas of West Texas and the Plains, harvest was just getting underway. Many producers were making plans to defoliate cotton in the bolls opening stage. Corn, sorghum and sunflower harvest continued in the Plains but had wrapped up in most other areas. Peanut harvest was underway in areas of Northeast Texas and the High Plains. Soybeans continued to mature in the High Plains while harvest was active in East Texas.

Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops: Harvest of summer potatoes and pumpkins was underway in parts of the High Plains. In South Texas, cabbage continued to develop and producers were able to turn off irrigation systems. In the Lower Valley, fall vegetable planting and early-season citrus harvest continued. Sugarcane producers were making plans to begin harvesting soon.

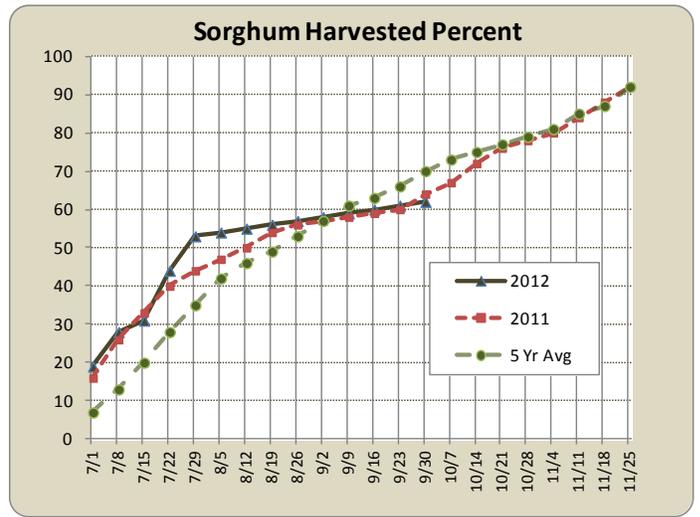
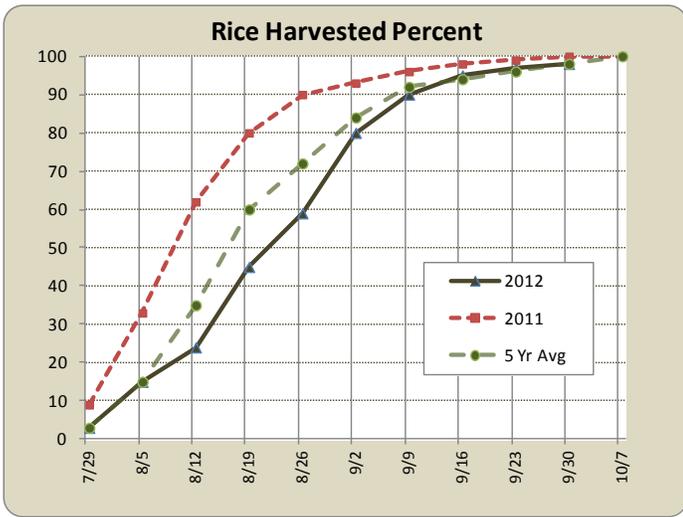
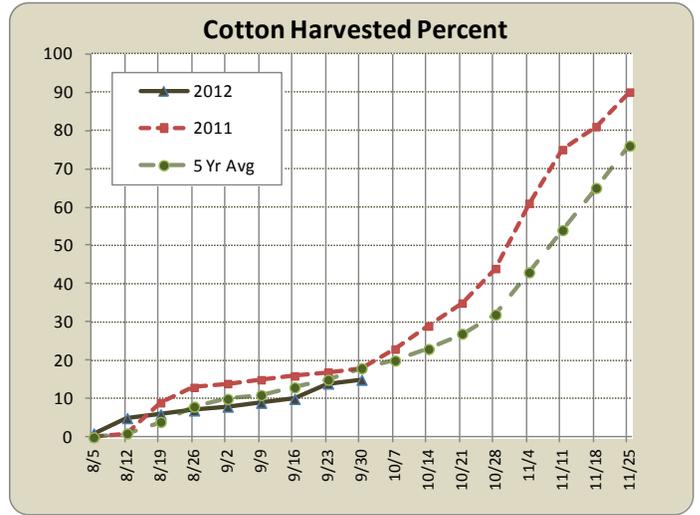
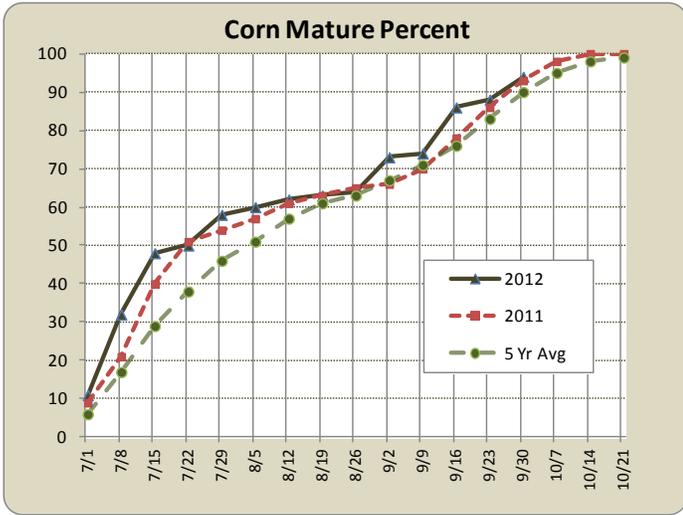
Livestock, Range, and Pasture: Range and pasture condition showed signs of improvement around the state last week. Rainfall aided grass growth and soil moisture levels. In East Texas, hay continued to be cut with some producers reporting a surplus of hay supplies. Producers continued to combat pests in pastures and hayfields and several reported problems with feral hogs. Overall, livestock were in good condition. Sheep and goat herds in the Edwards Plateau benefited from the recent greening of pastures. Fall ranch work was underway with producers weaning, culling, and vaccinating herds and shipping stockers.

Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2012	2011
Corn	14	37	30	12	7	70	33
Cotton	4	19	29	29	19	47	35
Peanuts	10	45	36	9	0	75	44
Rice	18	32	38	10	2	74	74
Sorghum	16	33	27	15	9	68	49
Soybeans	6	31	50	12	1	68	18
Range and Pasture	3	16	33	27	21	--	--

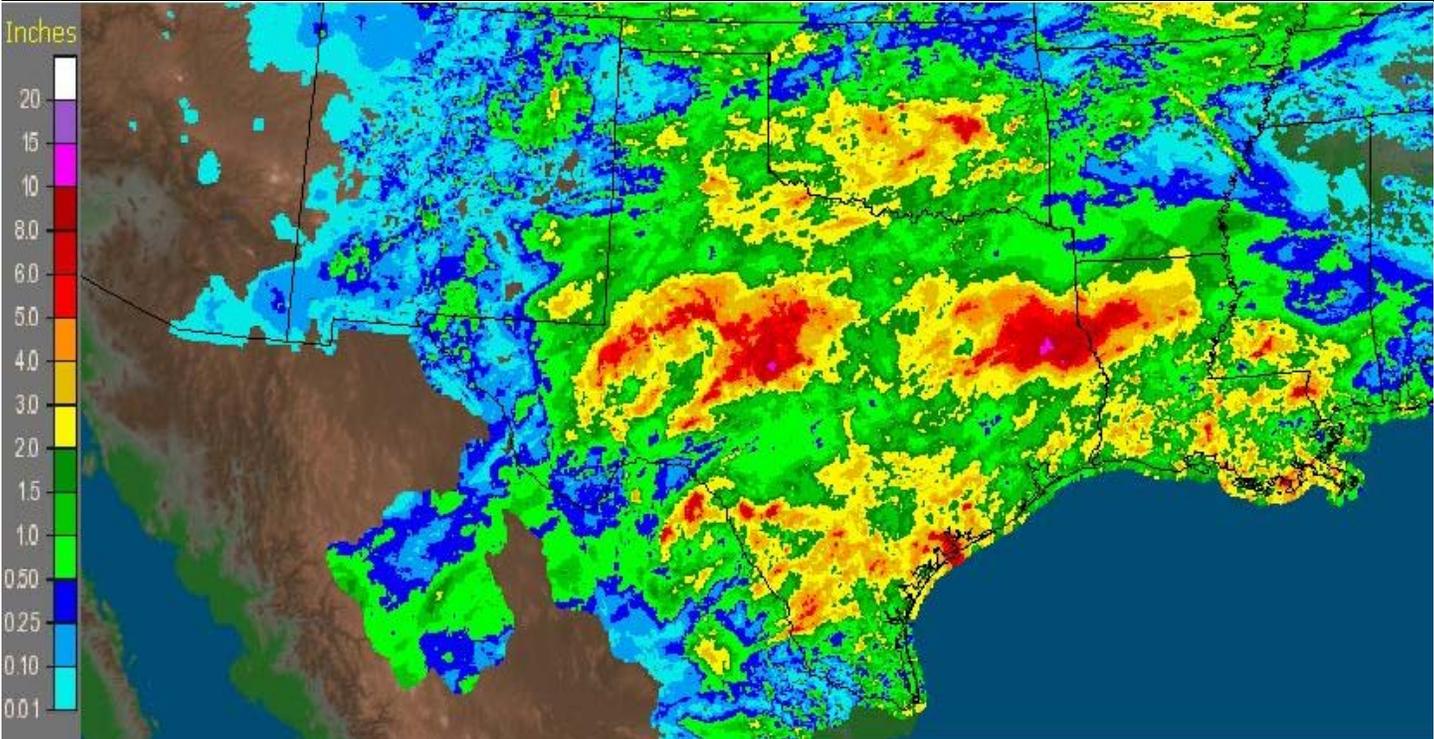
* The formula for the condition index is $I = (5V + 25P + 60F + 90G + 110E)/100$ where I = crop condition index and V, P, F, G, E = percentage of crop rated very poor, poor, fair, good, excellent.

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	39	33	27	17	17	19	7	6	14	17	8	60	15	32	70
Short	40	27	30	31	37	37	30	50	40	36	29	40	22	39	12
Adequate	20	32	34	26	39	39	50	40	45	37	62	0	59	29	18
Surplus	1	8	9	26	7	5	13	4	1	10	1	0	4	0	0

The Texas precipitation table is unavailable this week.



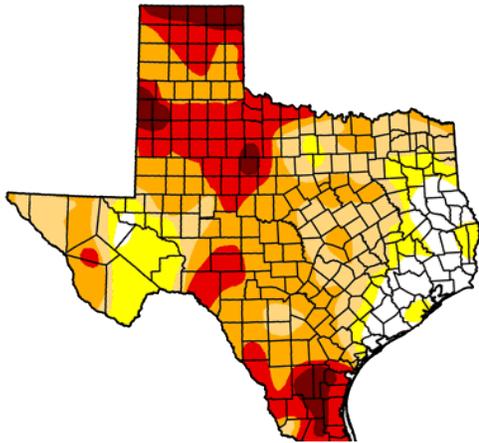
Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, September 30, 2012



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

Drought Monitor

Valid 9/25/2012, 7:00 am EST



Intensity:

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

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

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