



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR FEBRUARY 11 - 17

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Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2013	2012
Wheat	1	13	37	26	23	43	56
Range and pasture	1	15	31	30	23	--	--

* 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

Precipitation fell over the north panhandle to eastern parts of the state with most counties receiving less than an inch of rainfall. Some areas in East Texas received an inch or more, whereas West, Central and South Texas experienced little to no rainfall with high winds and dry conditions.

Crop Progress					
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2012	5 Yr Avg
Winter Wheat	Emerged	97	0	99	98

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/.

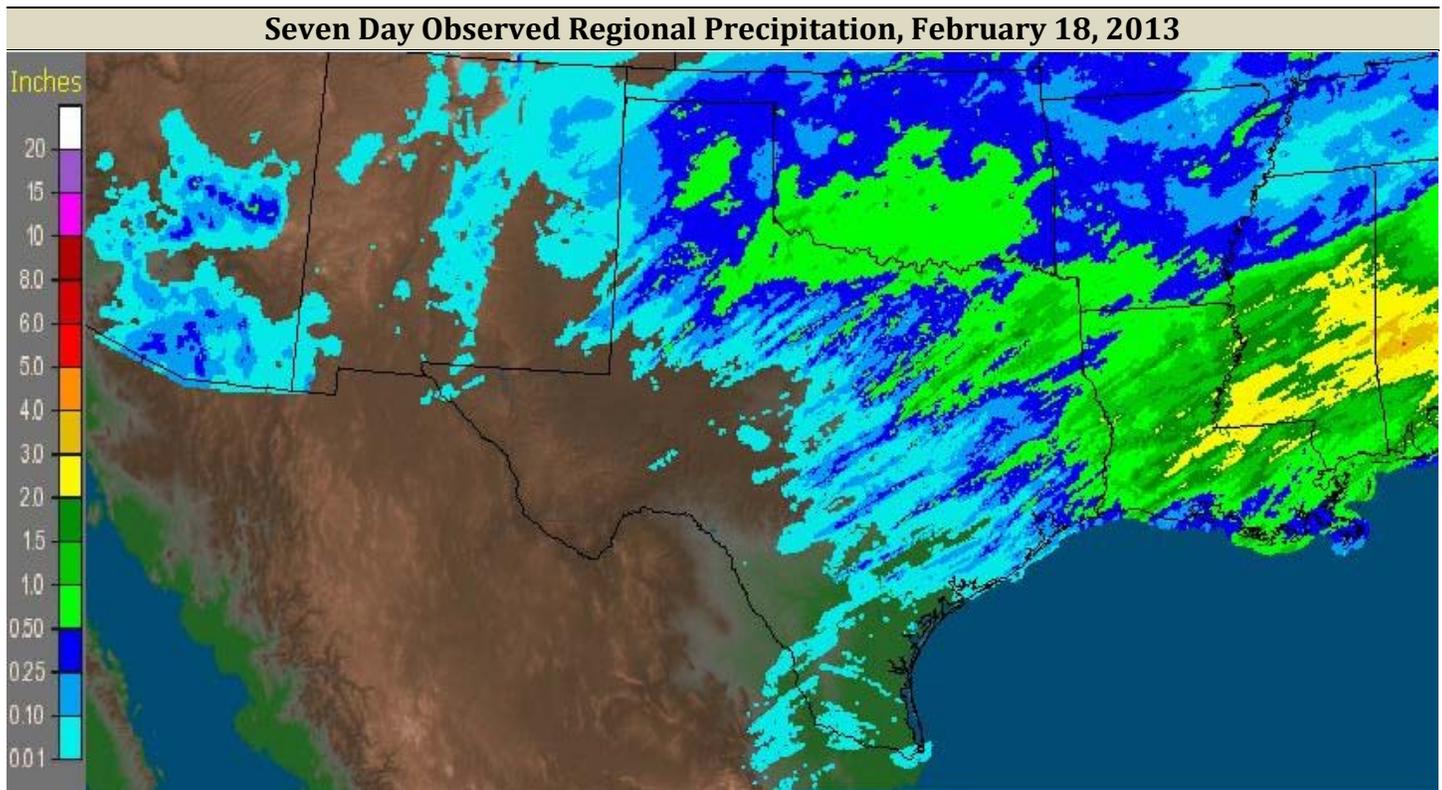
Small Grains: Wheat conditions across much of the state were fair to poor, with most areas in need of additional moisture. Due to recent precipitation, however, the Blacklands and East Texas saw small grains respond positively and show moderate growth. Areas in South Texas that have been irrigating saw positive results, as well.

Row Crops: Producers in the Northern and Southern Plains regions were preparing for spring seeded crops. Parts of the Blacklands and East Texas applied fertilizer ahead of last week's rain in preparation for planting, whereas producers in parts of the Upper Coast and South Texas were already planting corn and grain sorghum.

Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops: In East Texas, fruit producers were pruning trees. Warm weather was causing some fruit trees to bud and bloom early. In the Trans-Pecos, some pecan growers were irrigating orchards. In South Texas, irrigation was active on cabbage, carrots, spinach, and onions. Harvest of spinach for fresh market and processing was underway while cabbage harvest was just beginning in some fields. Harvest of vegetables, citrus, and sugarcane continued in the Lower Valley.

Livestock, Range, and Pasture: Dry conditions left pasture and rangeland in poor condition across much of the western and southern portions of the state. Snowfall was received in parts of the Plains but overall, more precipitation was needed to improve topsoil moisture and stock tank levels. In East Texas, rainfall over the past few weeks replenished soil moisture and improved forage growth in many pastures. Spring calving activities were underway. Livestock were reported to be in fair to good condition in most areas with many herds benefiting from hay and protein supplementation.

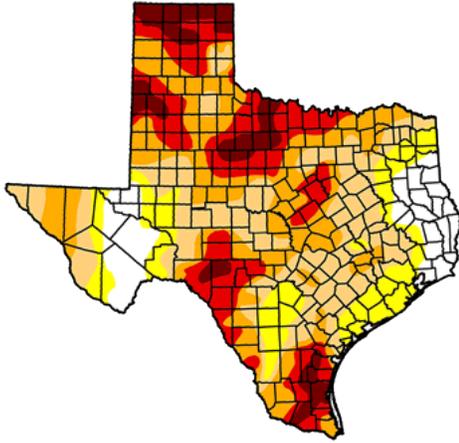
Tops Soil Moisture Condition by District									
District	Percent of Acreage				District	Percent of Acreage			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
1-N	47	42	11	0	6	47	50	3	0
1-S	48	39	13	0	7	47	40	13	0
2-N	57	31	12	0	8-N	22	45	33	0
2-S	50	50	0	0	8-S	82	13	5	0
3	28	54	18	0	9	2	15	65	18
4	9	33	48	10	10-N	41	33	26	0
5-N	2	17	67	14	10-S	91	8	1	0
5-S	2	22	72	4	State	29	34	33	4



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

Drought Monitor

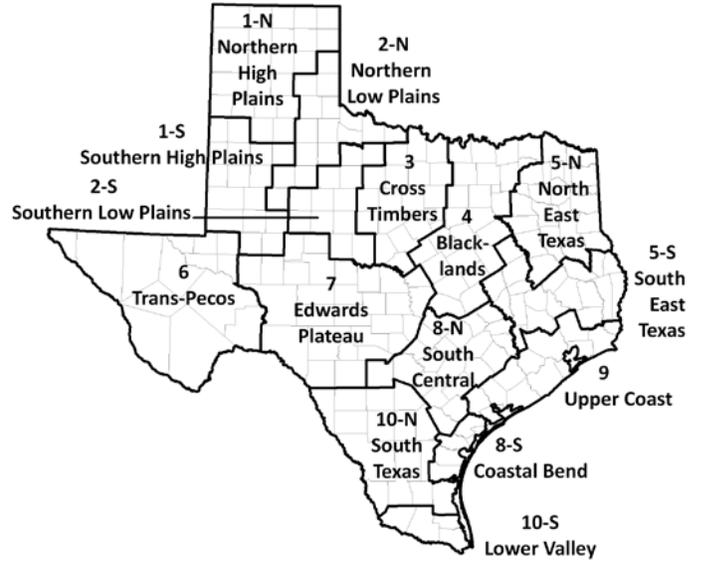
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Intensity:



Texas Agricultural Districts



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