



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR MARCH 4 – 10

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Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2013	2012
Wheat	1	17	38	28	16	47	53
Oats	2	23	44	22	9	55	79
Range and pasture	1	9	29	35	26	--	--

* 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

The Plains experienced warmer temperatures after the previous week's snowfall, and areas in the Cross Timbers and Blacklands received some precipitation. Rainfall remained scarce, however, across the rest of the state as high winds continued to deplete topsoil moisture.

Crop Progress					
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2012	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Planted	29	15	18	22
Sorghum	Planted	16	9	9	14

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: Producers from the Plains to North East Texas top dressed small grain crops and began to apply pesticides as warmer conditions caused some wheat fields to green up. In the Trans-Pecos, oat planting was underway.

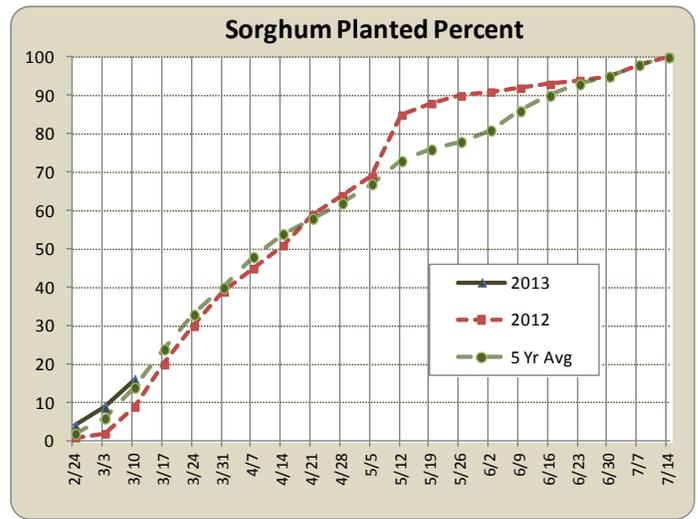
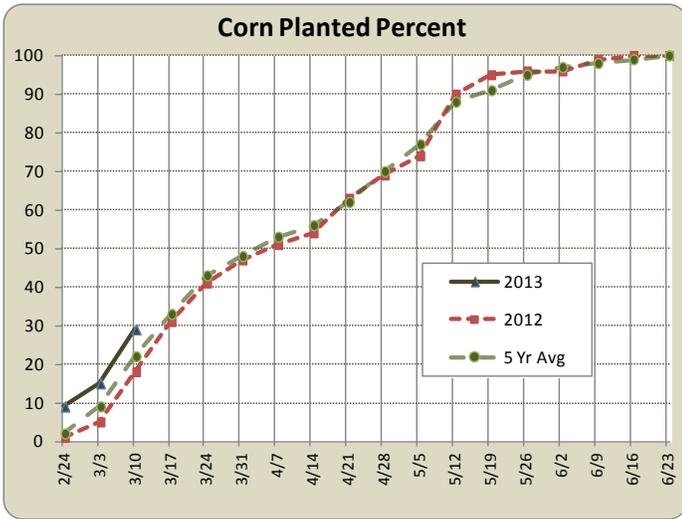
Row Crops: Corn planting began in the Trans-Pecos last week, while, elsewhere in the state, planting activities continued despite dry conditions. Producers in the Low Plains were preparing for cotton planting.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: Fruit trees began blooming in parts of the Northern Plains. While vegetable planting slowed in North East Texas due to lack of moisture, spring vegetable crops in the Lower Valley progressed. Producers in the Trans-Pecos started to plant chiles.

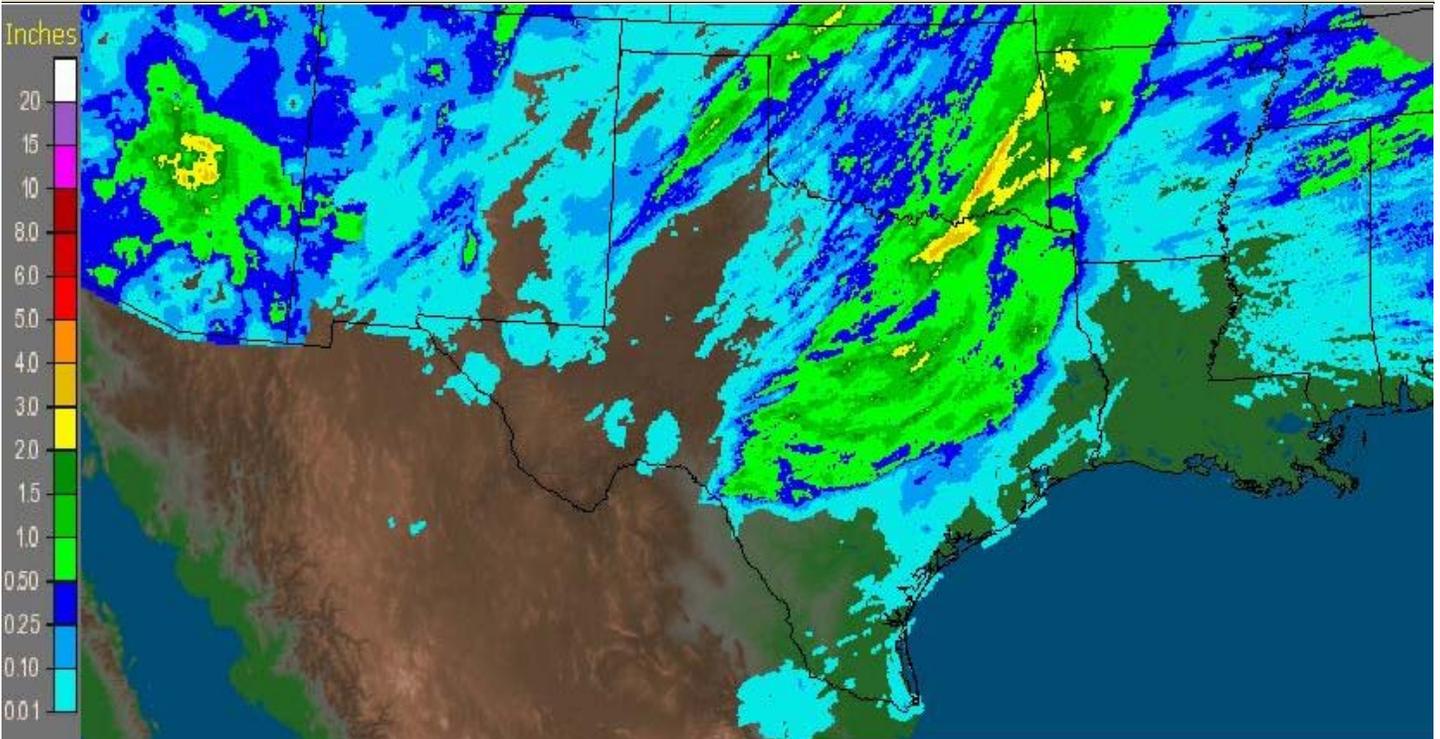
Livestock, Range and Pasture: Producers grazed livestock on winter wheat and oats in an effort to allow pasture to recover from dry conditions. Spring calving season began for some in the Northern Plains. In most areas, pastures were in need of additional moisture.

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	36	44	20	0	6	62	38	0	0
1-S	36	38	26	0	7	47	40	12	1
2-N	19	31	48	2	8-N	25	54	21	0
2-S	45	41	13	1	8-S	87	10	3	0
3	28	53	19	0	9	6	35	47	12
4	6	41	52	1	10-N	48	45	7	0
5-N	12	28	53	7	10-S	92	8	0	0
5-S	5	38	53	4	State	28	40	30	2



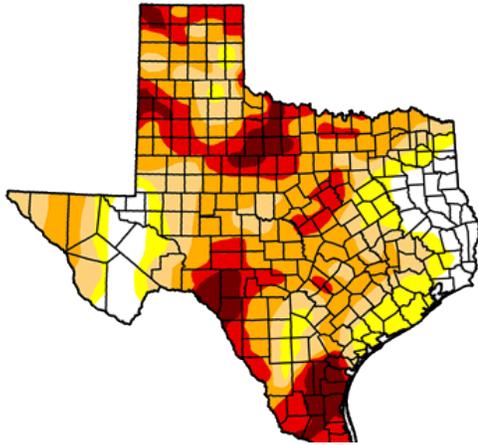
Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, March 10, 2013



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

Drought Monitor

Valid 3/5/2013, 7:00 am EST



Intensity:



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

Texas Agricultural Districts

