



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR APRIL 1 – 7

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Crop	Crop Condition						Index	
	Percent of Acreage					2013	2012	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor			
Wheat	1	16	32	29	22	43	59	
Oats	2	22	41	26	9	54	81	
Range and Pasture	1	13	28	32	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

Rain fell across much of the state last week, with some counties receiving in excess of four inches. Some areas, mainly the Northern Plains, the Trans-Pecos, South Texas, and the Lower Valley, however, received little to no relief from dry conditions, as windy conditions persisted to dry out soil moisture. Temperatures continued to vary widely, as cooler

nighttime temperatures in the Plains, the Blacklands, and North East Texas caused concerns about potential freeze damage to crops. With last week's rains, some areas also received severe weather, including hail and minor flooding.

Small Grains: Producers assessed damage to wheat and oat crops from last week's freeze events. Most freeze damage was limited; however, some producers in the Blacklands reported bigger losses. With warmer weather, higher insect populations were observed in wheat fields in the Northern Plains.

Row Crops: Hail damage was reported in South Texas and the Upper Coast, where producers were still assessing the extent of losses to crops. Rains, however, allowed producers in South Texas to hold off on irrigation. Cotton planting in

Crop	Stage	Crop Progress			
		Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2012	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Planted	55	54	51	53
	Emerged	39	25	39	37
Cotton	Planted	8	7	15	11
Rice	Planted	76	50	31	57
	Emerged	40	0	13	28
Sorghum	Planted	41	40	45	48
Soybeans	Planted	28	12	19	28
Winter Wheat	Headed	14	8	33	17
Oats	Headed	39	25	57	41

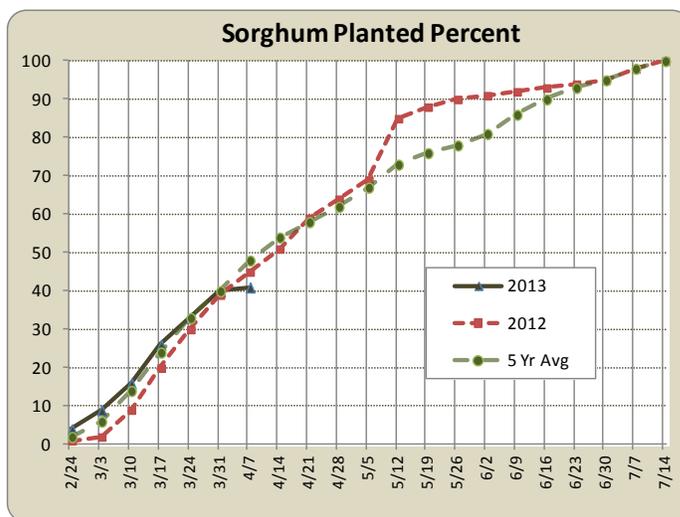
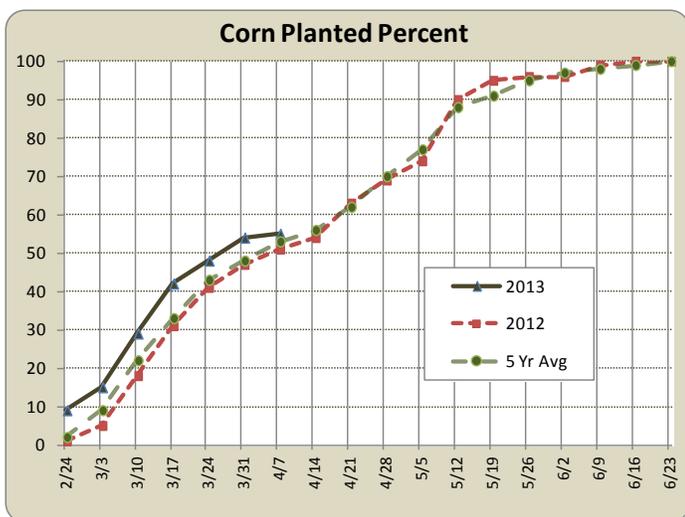
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Central to South Texas was well underway, while producers in the Edwards Plateau took advantage of recent moisture and continued planting sorghum. Recent rains slowed planting activities in the Blacklands and East Texas.

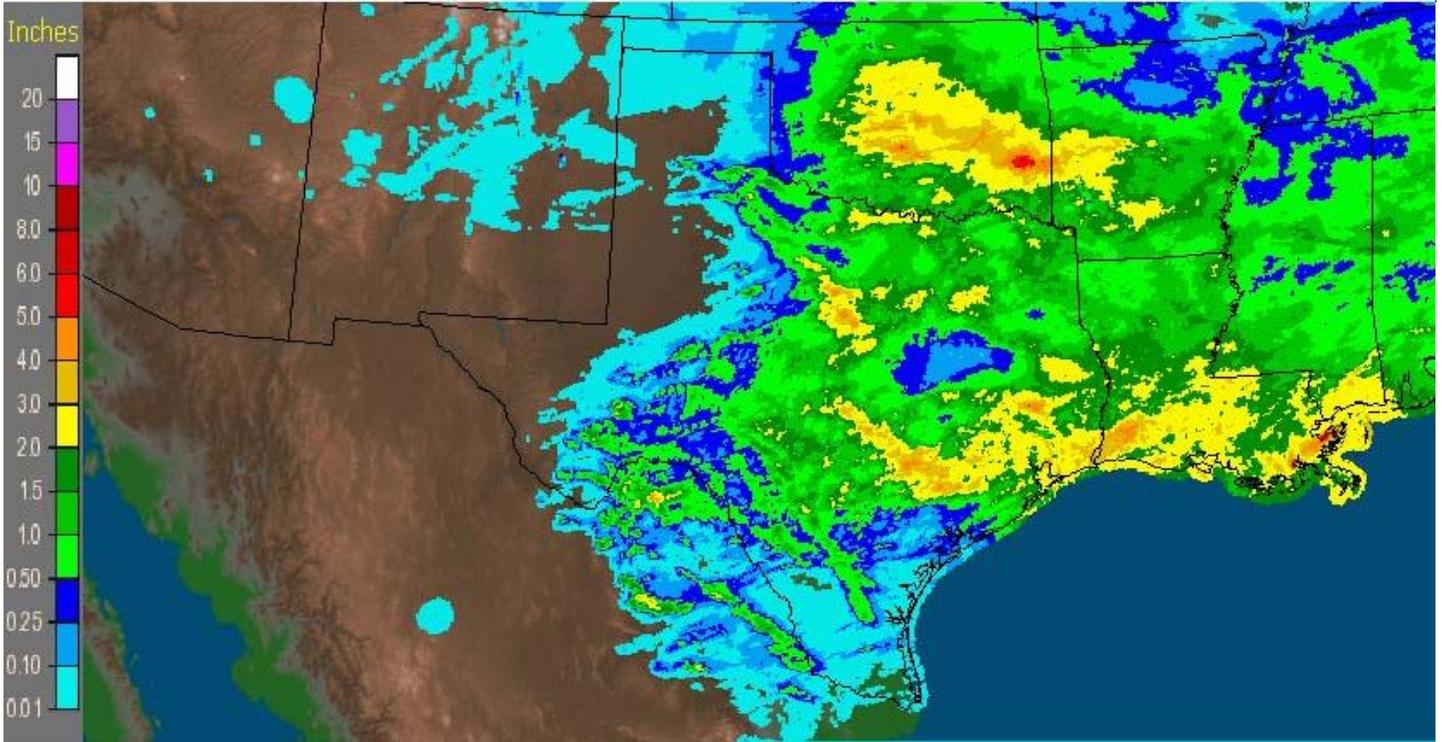
Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: Fruit trees and vegetable crops from the Cross Timbers and Blacklands to the Edwards Plateau suffered damage due to last week’s freeze events. Truck farmers in North East Texas harvested cool season vegetables and planted warm season vegetables. Harvesting of sugarcane, citrus, and vegetables continued in the Lower Valley.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Recent moisture helped pasture development across the state. Supplemental feeding continued in the Plains and southern Texas, as pasture conditions were rated as mostly poor to fair. Some producers in the Blacklands and East Texas were able to fully utilize pastures and significantly decrease supplemental feeding.

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	34	54	12	0	6	55	44	1	0
1-S	48	45	7	0	7	31	31	37	1
2-N	15	40	44	1	8-N	20	45	31	4
2-S	54	43	3	0	8-S	77	20	3	0
3	17	34	47	2	9	11	40	42	7
4	5	21	63	11	10-N	50	41	9	0
5-N	5	24	64	7	10-S	98	2	0	0
5-S	12	29	52	7	State	26	36	34	4



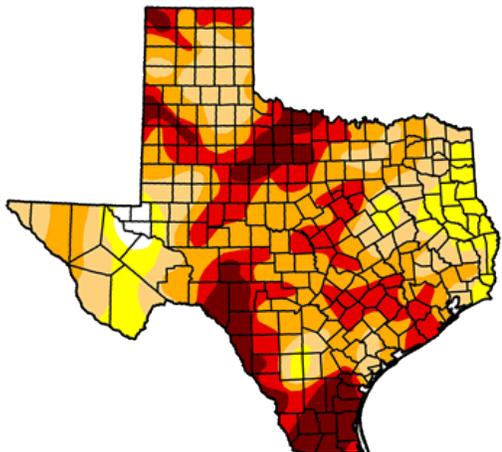
Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, April 7, 2013



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

Drought Monitor

Valid 4/2/2013, 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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