



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR APRIL 29 –MAY 5

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Crop	Crop Condition						Index	
	Percent of Acreage					2013	2012	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor			
Corn	2	39	43	10	6	66	80	
Rice	0	12	59	29	0	53	71	
Sorghum	1	27	26	18	28	47	77	
Wheat	1	6	19	28	46	27	55	
Oats	2	22	39	27	10	53	80	
Range and Pasture	2	15	30	27	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

Cool and dry conditions prevailed across much of the state last week. Central and Coastal Texas received up to two inches of rain, while large portions of North Texas, the Panhandle, and the Plains received little or no precipitation.

Small Grains: Winter wheat continued to suffer across much of the Plains due to dry, windy conditions combined with overnight freezes. While producers still expect to harvest some of their wheat for grain, many fields were being

baled for hay. Insurance adjusters were busy evaluating fields. In East and South Texas, wheat was generally in better condition with many fields reaching the heading stage.

Row Crops: Cool, dry weather also affected spring planting of row crops. Producers around North Texas and the Plains continued to prepare fields and equipment, but many were waiting on warmer temperatures to put seed in the ground.

Crop	Stage	Crop Progress			
		Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2012	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Planted	70	69	74	77
	Emerged	61	60	60	63
Cotton	Planted	16	14	27	24
	Squaring	1	0	1	1
Peanuts	Planted	5	3	14	26
Rice	Planted	97	96	92	94
	Emerged	87	83	83	81
Sorghum	Planted	65	64	69	67
Soybeans	Planted	74	55	73	76
	Emerged	40	15	44	47
Sunflowers	Planted	28	23	35	28
Winter Wheat	Headed	53	45	89	71
Oats	Headed	84	76	98	90

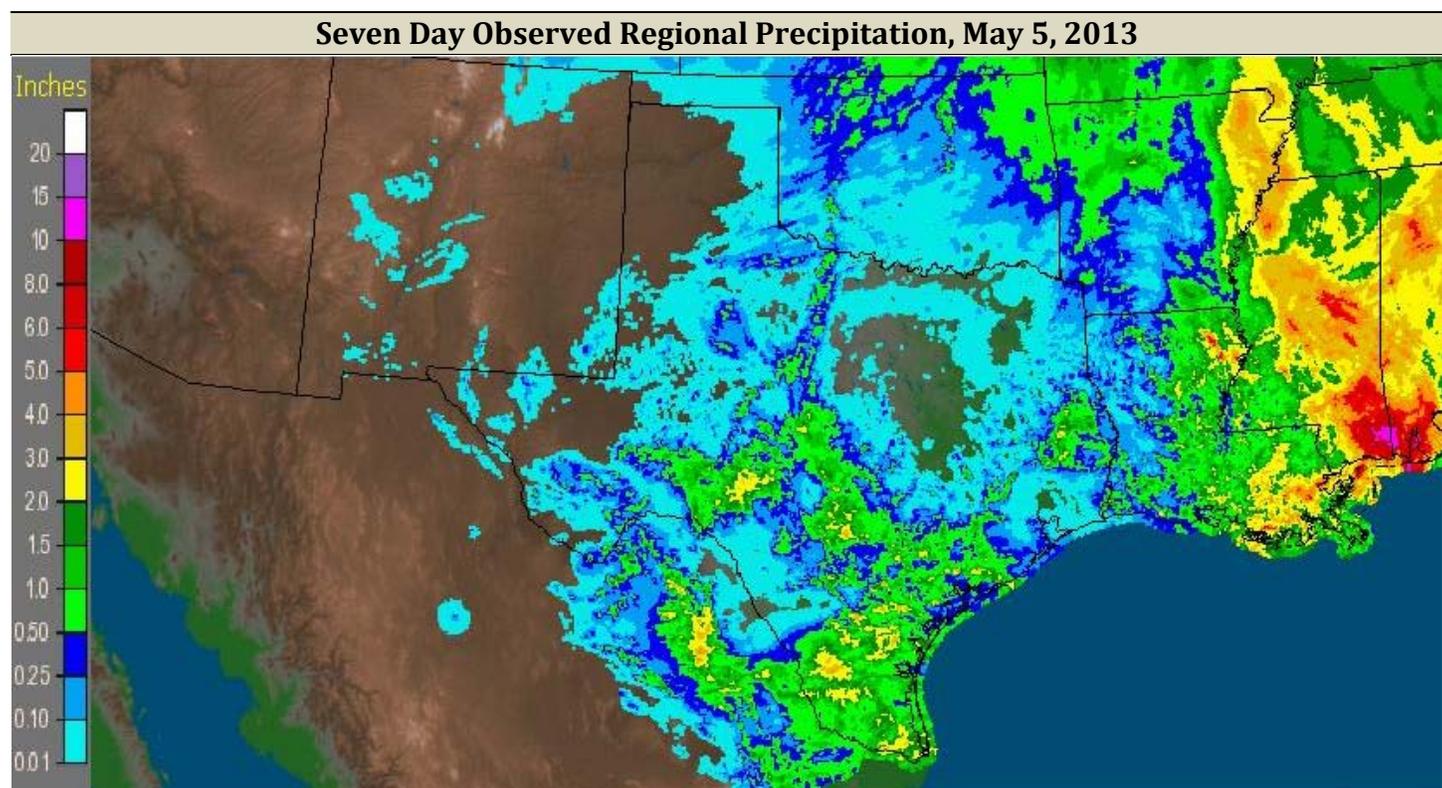
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In Central and South Texas, rainfall aided the development of corn and cotton. Irrigated corn and sorghum progressed well.

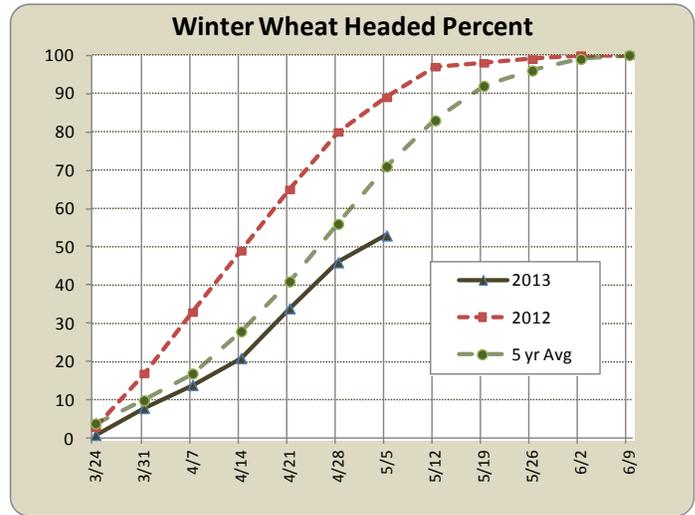
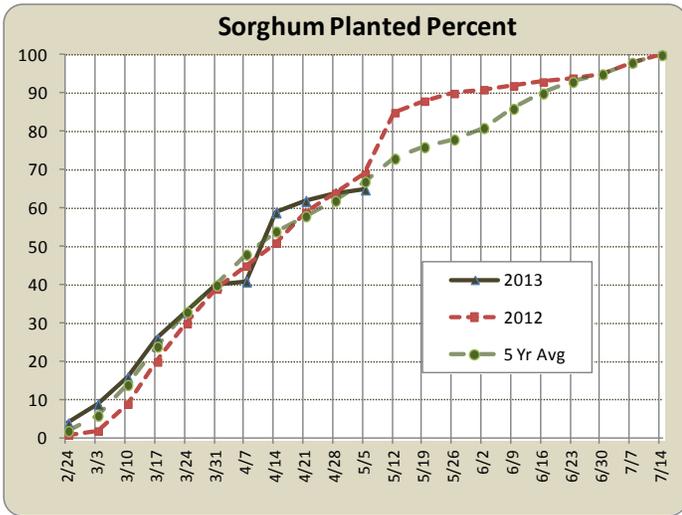
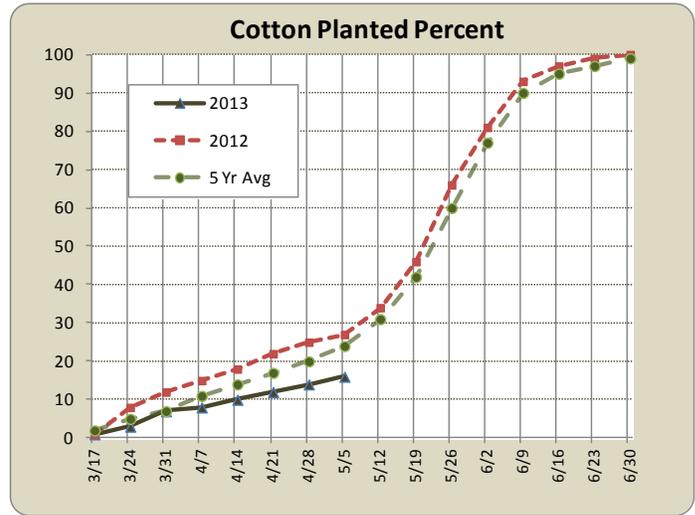
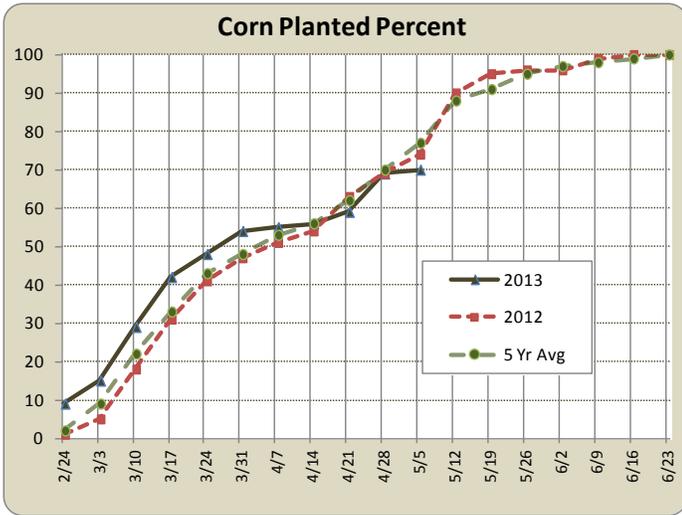
Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: Planting of vegetables continued in East Texas, while cool temperatures slowed down vegetable growth. Onion harvest was underway in North East Texas. In areas of the Trans-Pecos, pecan trees were at pollination stage and fall-planted onions were bulbing. Potato and onion crops were reaching maturity in South Texas with harvest expected to begin soon. Harvest of citrus and vegetables continued in the Lower Valley.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: In areas of Central and South Texas, rainfall improved pasture condition, but more rainfall was needed to sustain grass growth. Winter grasses were maturing and some were being cut for hay. Across much of the Plains and West Texas, range and pastureland remained in need of moisture. Lack of pasture growth forced many livestock producers to either supplement or sell off stock. Due to limited grazing, cattle condition ranged from poor to good.

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	68	30	2	0	6	68	31	1	0
1-S	73	21	6	0	7	47	31	22	0
2-N	32	44	22	2	8-N	9	52	36	3
2-S	59	40	1	0	8-S	10	80	10	0
3	15	53	32	0	9	4	22	57	17
4	14	36	50	0	10-N	43	25	32	0
5-N	4	33	60	3	10-S	50	25	22	3
5-S	6	39	51	4	State	32	36	30	2

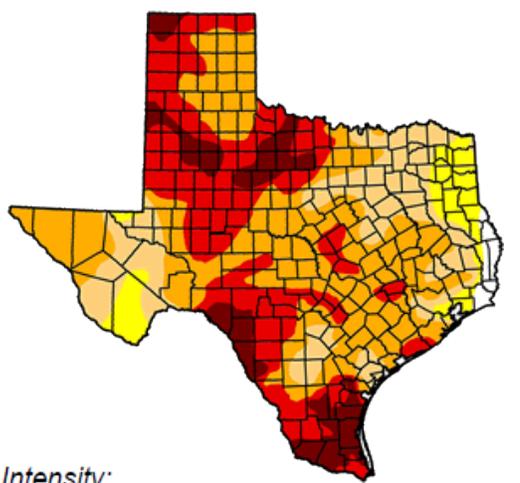


Source: National Weather Service, www.nws.noaa.gov



Drought Monitor

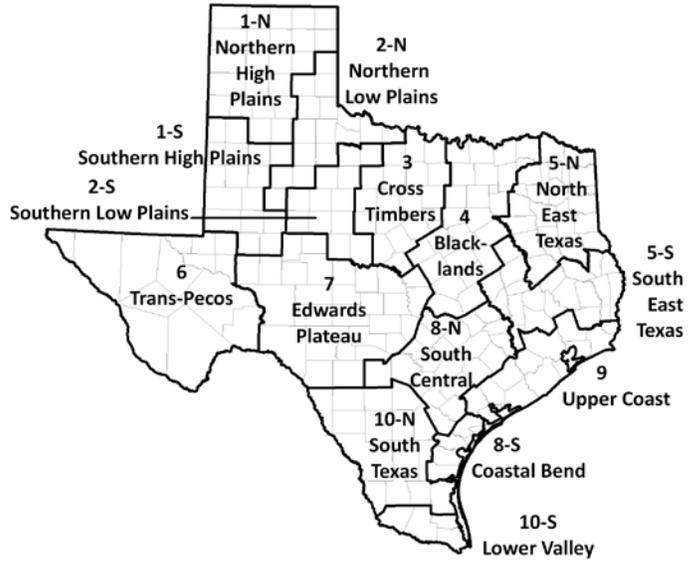
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Intensity:

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

Texas Agricultural Districts



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

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There are only a few weeks left to complete and return the 2012 Census of Agriculture. Because time is running out, NASS may contact you or farmers in your area by phone or in person to collect information for the Census. ***Help ensure you and your industry have the most complete set of agricultural statistics available for your country and county.*** For more information or for help filling out your Census form, visit www.agcensus.usda.gov or call (888) 424-7828.