



# Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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**WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR MAY 6 – 12**

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Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2013	2012
Corn	1	36	48	10	5	65	80
Rice	0	12	67	21	0	56	91
Sorghum	2	27	40	13	18	55	79
Wheat	2	7	18	25	48	28	54
Oats	2	19	39	29	11	51	79
Range and Pasture	2	16	30	28	24	--	--

\* 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

Most areas of the state received much needed rainfall last week. Areas of the Blacklands, South Central, and East Texas received from one to five inches. Additionally some areas experienced heavy thunderstorms with hail, high winds, and localized flooding. Other areas received up to an inch. Temperatures began to warm up across the state.

**Small Grains:** Some reports were received of wheat harvest beginning in the southern part of the state. The wheat crop progressed in the Blacklands and East

Texas and was mostly headed. In the Plains and the Cross Timbers, many small grain fields were being cut and baled for hay.

Crop Progress					
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2012	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Planted	78	70	90	88
	Emerged	67	61	77	71
	Silked (Tasseled)	6	0	15	7
Cotton	Planted	20	16	34	31
	Squaring	2	1	6	4
Peanuts	Planted	13	5	52	54
Rice	Planted	99	97	94	96
	Emerged	89	87	87	86
Sorghum	Planted	66	65	85	73
	Headed	9	0	14	7
Soybeans	Planted	85	74	83	84
	Emerged	54	40	73	67
Sunflowers	Planted	37	28	48	33
Winter Wheat	Headed	62	53	97	83
Oats	Headed	89	84	99	94

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/](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Texas/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/maps/).

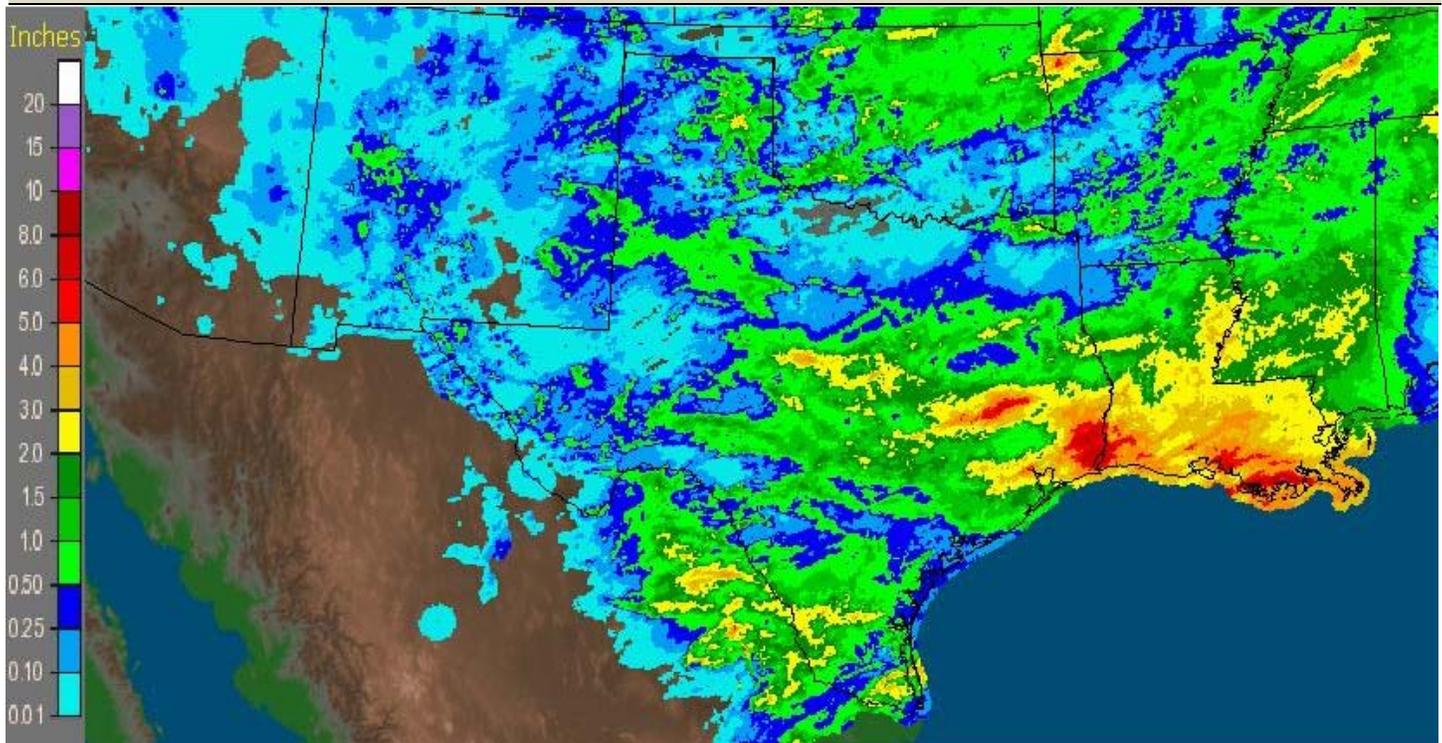
**Row Crops:** Many cotton farmers in the Plains were still waiting on warmer temperatures and additional moisture to begin planting. Corn and sorghum in the Blacklands and North East Texas improved following previous freeze and hail events. Some early-planted cotton in the Edwards Plateau was replanted due to extended cooler temperatures. Some damage was reported to corn crops across Central Texas from a hail storm and high winds.

**Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops:** Vegetable harvest continued in the Lower Valley. Producers in South Texas began harvesting potatoes, and some prepared to harvest sweet corn. Peanut planting was underway in the Southern High Plains. Pecans in the Southern High Plains and the Edwards Plateau received zinc treatments.

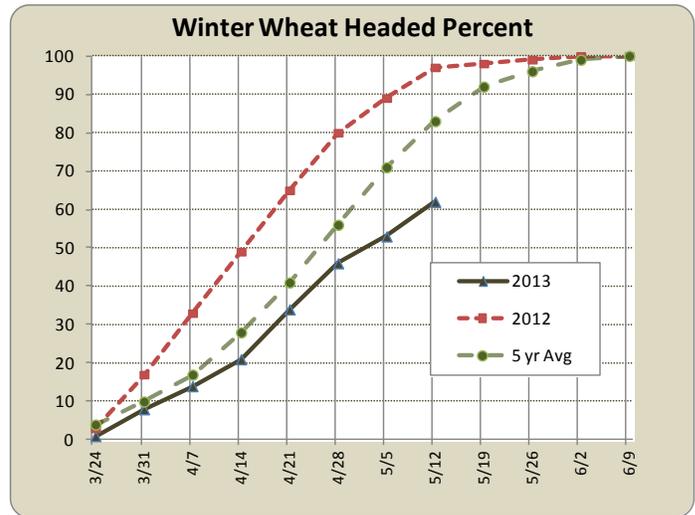
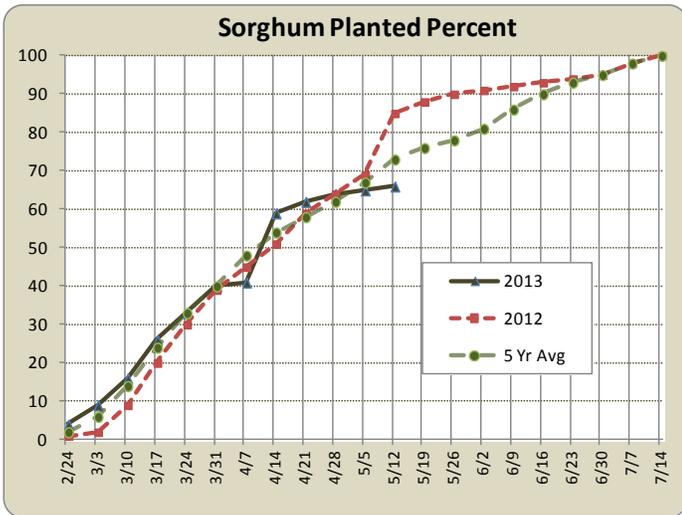
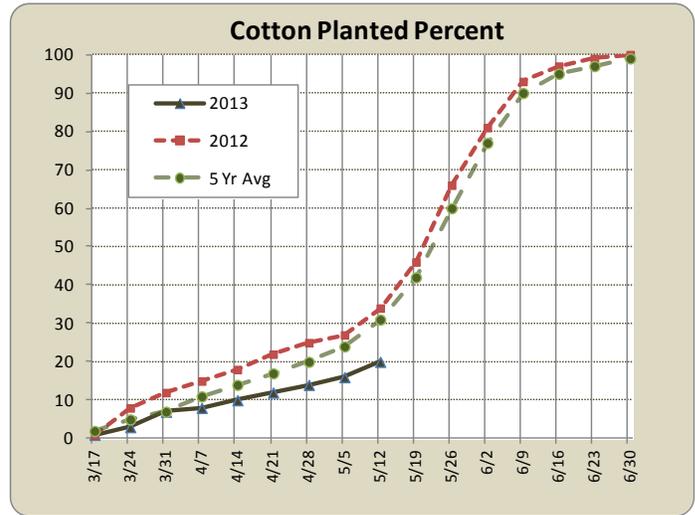
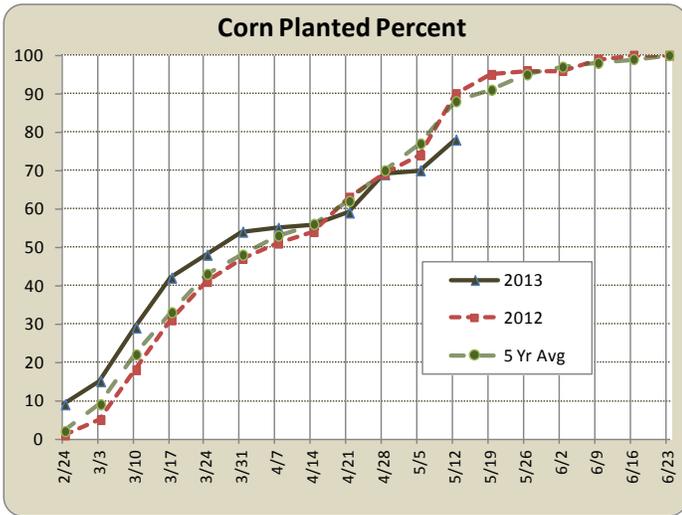
**Livestock, Range and Pasture:** Bermuda grass in the Cross Timbers, the Blacklands, and East Texas showed slow growth due to continued cooler temperatures. Some hay crops were planted in the Edwards Plateau after receiving moisture. Pasture conditions in South Texas improved notably with recent rains and cooler weather, but still required more 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	61	34	5	0	6	64	36	0	0
1-S	70	22	7	1	7	38	38	24	0
2-N	27	51	22	0	8-N	8	43	41	8
2-S	47	51	2	0	8-S	40	33	24	3
3	25	50	25	0	9	16	18	63	3
4	6	42	52	0	10-N	45	27	28	0
5-N	3	37	59	1	10-S	50	25	19	6
5-S	4	33	55	8	State	31	37	30	2

Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, May 5, 2013

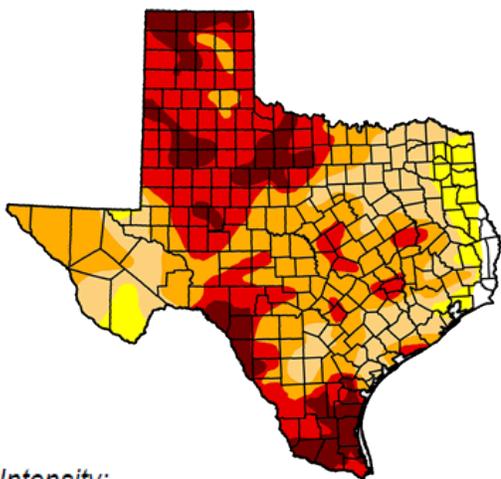


Source: National Weather Service, [www.nws.noaa.gov](http://www.nws.noaa.gov)



## Drought Monitor

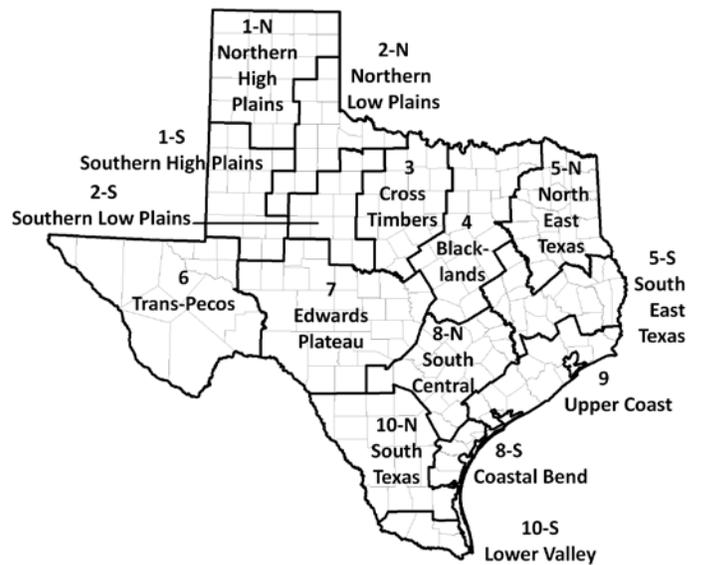
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### Intensity:



## Texas Agricultural Districts



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

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