



# Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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**WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR JULY 8 – 14**

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## Summary

Hot and dry conditions persisted across the state. Areas of the High Plains, the Lower Valley and the Upper Coast received from 1 inch to 2 inches of rain. Scattered showers totaling less than 1 inch were observed in other parts of the state. The Southern High Plains, the Trans-Pecos and the Edwards Plateau received little to no measurable rainfall.

**Small Grains:** Small grain harvest neared completion in the Northern High Plains with very little left to harvest. Around the state, post-harvest plowing of wheat fields continued.

**Row Crops:** Dry land corn and sorghum in the Cross Timbers were harvested for silage earlier than anticipated, due to the hot and dry conditions. There were reports of corn drying up in the fields. The harvest of early planted sorghum neared

completion in the Coastal Bend, however, late planted sorghum was under stress and recovery was uncertain at week's end. Irrigated crops were doing well, but irrigation systems were struggling to keep up with the demands of the crops. Irrigated cotton in the Northern Low Plains continued to make good progress, while dry land cotton was slightly behind maturity due to limited soil moisture. Peanut crops continued to progress and irrigation had been increased in South Texas. Grasshopper infestation increased tremendously in the Blacklands and North East Texas.

Crop Progress					
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2012	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Silked (Tasseled)	72	67	82	78
	Dough	62	51	67	59
	Dent	55	38	62	52
	Mature	35	14	46	35
Cotton	Squaring	65	41	74	68
	Setting Bolls	13	11	24	21
	Bolls Opening	2	0	6	4
Peanuts	Pegging	66	23	52	54
Rice	Headed	77	47	56	59
Sorghum	Planted	100	99	100	100
	Headed	61	60	64	62
	Coloring	55	49	57	55
	Mature	45	31	50	42
	Harvested	31	18	31	22
Soybeans	Blooming	66	57	70	75
	Setting Pods	19	0	9	23
Sunflowers	Planted	98	93	98	88
Winter Wheat	Harvested	98	84	100	98
Oats	Harvested	99	98	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/](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Texas/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/maps/).

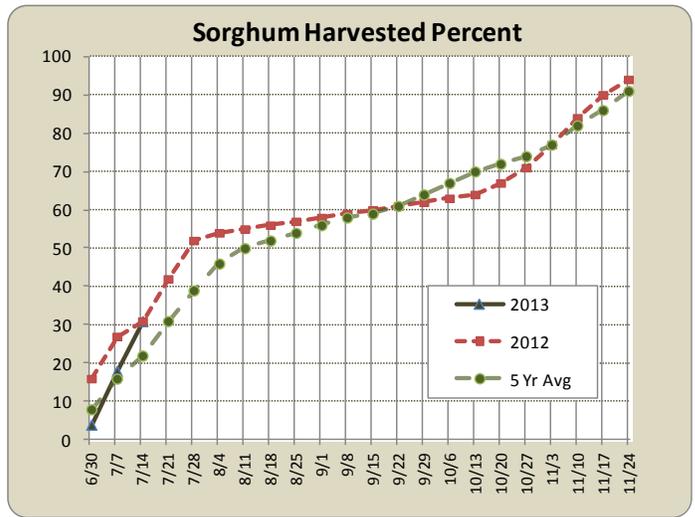
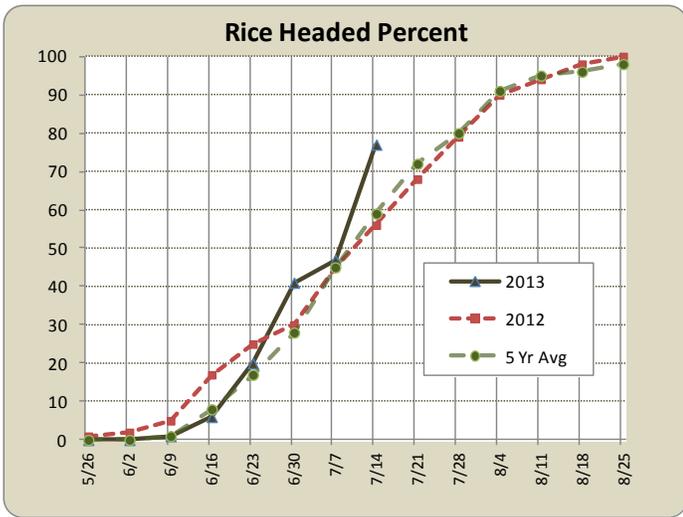
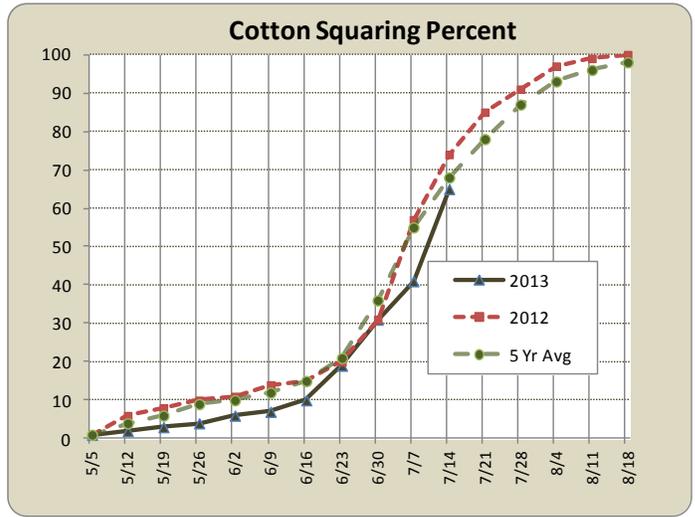
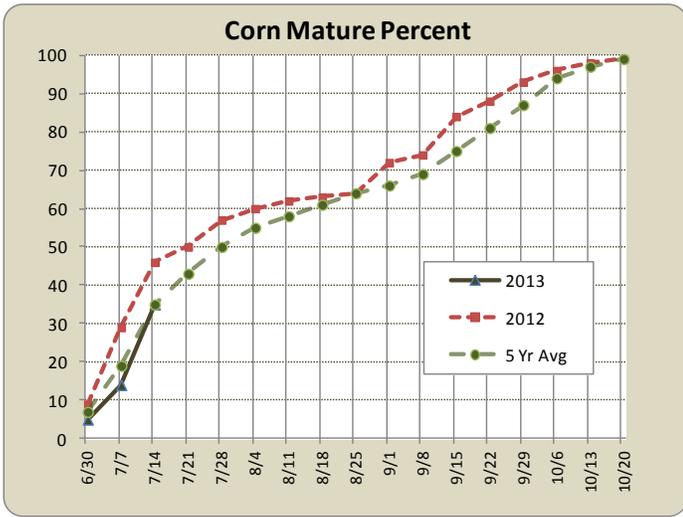
**Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops:** North East Texas producers continued to harvest vegetables, and farmers in the Edwards Plateau harvested summer fruit. In South Texas, watermelon harvest was active and onion harvest was complete. Pecan crops needed heavy irrigation, but continued to progress well.

**Livestock, Range and Pasture:** Range and pastures across the state were rated mostly fair. Conditions continued to decline due to hot, dry weather and increasing grasshopper populations. Hay production continued, especially across the Blacklands, North East Texas, the Upper Coast and South Texas.

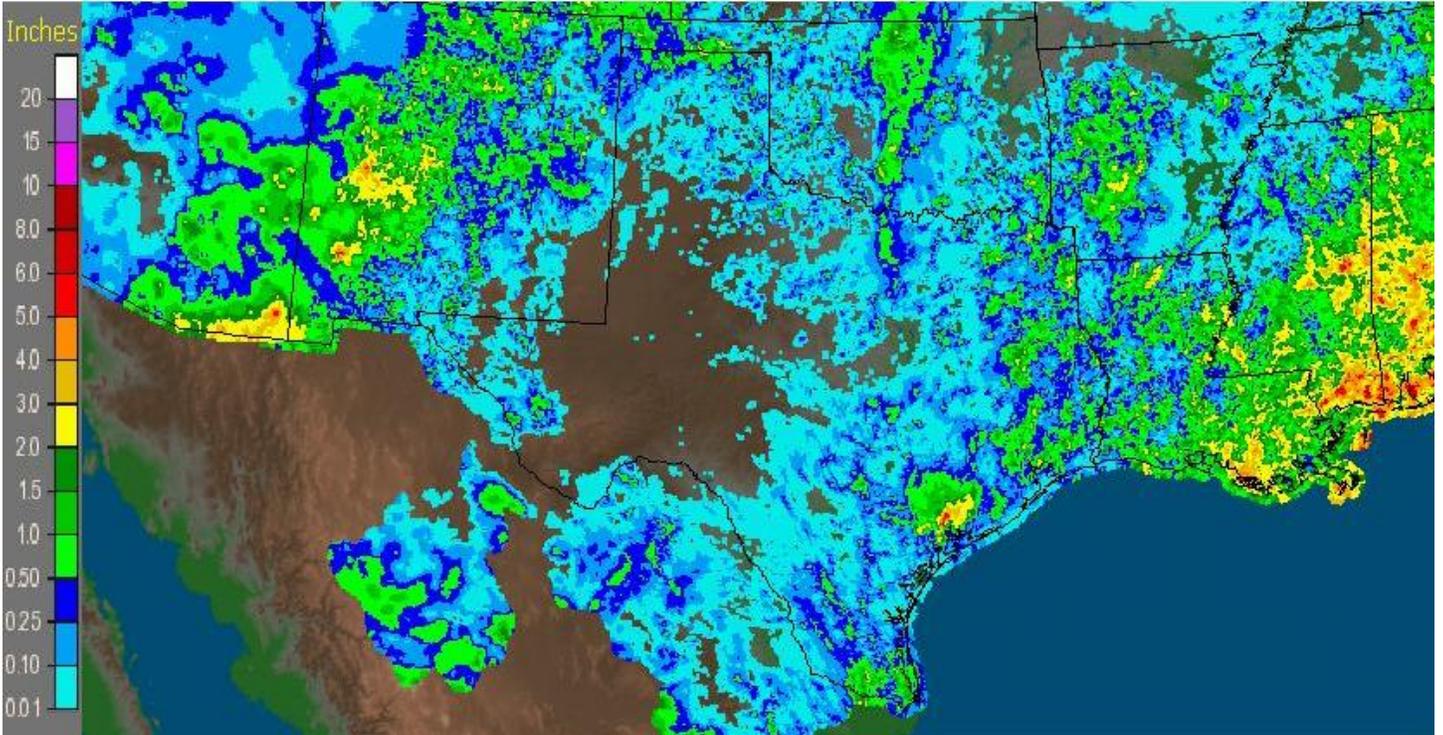
Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2013	2012
Corn	10	38	40	10	2	72	75
Cotton	3	23	35	23	16	52	61
Peanuts	0	57	30	9	4	72	71
Rice	16	33	49	2	0	77	84
Sorghum	9	35	32	13	11	64	70
Soybeans	2	39	50	6	3	69	73
Wheat	1	7	17	25	50	26	59
Oats	1	22	44	22	11	53	79
Range and Pasture	1	12	30	32	25	--	--

\* 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.

Top 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	52	35	13	0	6	58	41	1	0
1-S	38	37	24	1	7	39	39	21	1
2-N	31	51	16	2	8-N	34	54	12	0
2-S	24	74	2	0	8-S	67	22	8	3
3	49	39	12	0	9	13	43	41	3
4	28	50	21	1	10-N	19	66	15	0
5-N	26	41	33	0	10-S	26	46	28	0
5-S	30	51	18	1	State	34	46	19	1



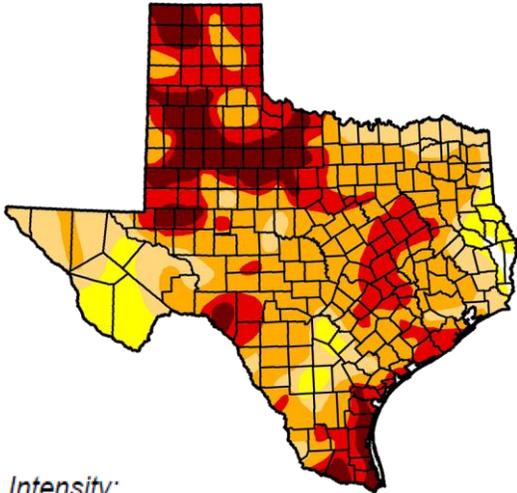
**Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, July 14, 2013**



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

# Drought Monitor

Valid 7/9/2013, 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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