



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR JULY 15 – 21

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Summary

Rainfall and cooler temperatures occurred throughout the state. Areas of the High Plains, the Trans-Pecos, and South Texas received up to 1 inch of rain. Totals in areas of the Cross Timbers, Southern Low Plains, and the Edwards Plateau ranged from 5 inches up to 10 inches for the week. Cooler temperatures and light winds helped moisture soak into the ground, providing a much-needed boost to soil moisture levels.

Small Grains: Wheat harvest was complete for the state. Preparations for fall seedings were underway as weather permitted.

Row Crops: Corn and sorghum harvest activities in East Texas, South Central, South Texas, and the Upper Coast slowed

due to rainfall. Irrigated cotton in the High Plains benefitted from the rain, and some producers were able to limit irrigation for a few days. Producers were concerned about accumulating adequate heat units. Cotton was flowering and had begun to set bolls in the Blacklands and East Texas.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: Showers hampered watermelon harvest in South Texas. In the Edwards Plateau, pecans benefitted from recent moisture and some producers were able to turn off irrigation pumps.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Pastures across the state greatly benefitted from significant rainfall. In areas with good runoff, stock tank and pond levels improved. Hay conditions improved, and producers were optimistic that rains would boost chances of multiple cuttings this year.

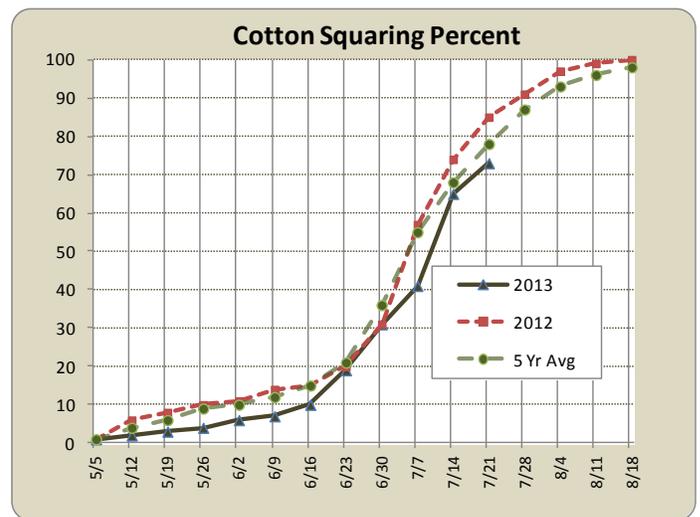
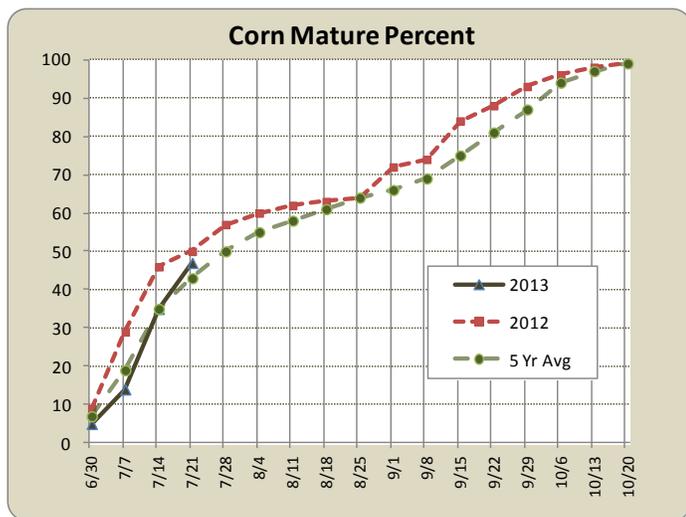
		Crop Progress			
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2012	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Silked (Tasseled)	84	72	87	85
	Dough	64	62	69	62
	Dent	57	55	65	57
	Mature	47	35	50	43
Cotton	Squaring	73	65	85	78
	Setting Bolls	18	13	34	31
	Bolls Opening	6	2	9	8
Peanuts	Pegging	84	66	65	67
Rice	Headed	89	77	68	72
Sorghum	Headed	77	61	76	67
	Coloring	69	55	68	60
	Mature	57	45	63	50
	Harvested	38	31	42	31
Soybeans	Blooming	76	66	77	82
	Setting Pods	36	19	32	49
Sunflowers	Planted	100	98	98	90
Winter Wheat	Harvested	100	98	100	99
Oats	Harvested	100	99	100	99

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/.

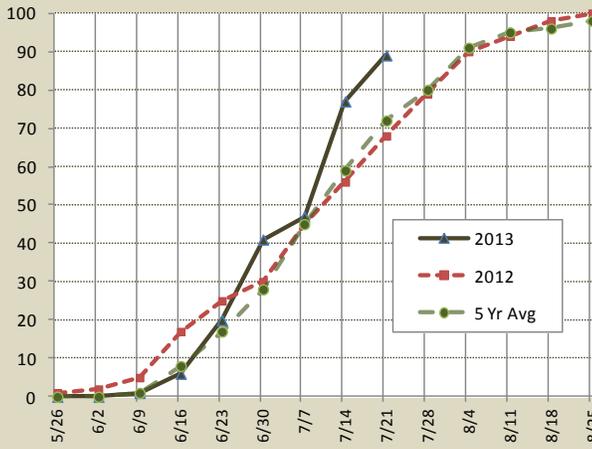
Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2013	2012
Corn	13	37	43	6	1	75	75
Cotton	4	22	36	21	17	52	61
Peanuts	0	52	34	9	5	70	71
Rice	14	31	51	4	0	75	84
Sorghum	11	42	31	8	8	71	70
Soybeans	4	37	49	9	1	69	73
Range and Pasture	1	17	36	28	18	--	--

* 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	38	37	23	2	6	31	44	25	0
1-S	9	26	61	4	7	12	30	44	14
2-N	4	38	46	11	8-N	20	43	33	4
2-S	4	46	28	22	8-S	0	25	75	0
3	2	25	69	4	9	8	24	55	13
4	12	33	54	1	10-N	8	44	47	1
5-N	12	28	57	3	10-S	30	50	20	0
5-S	12	49	39	0	State	14	35	46	5



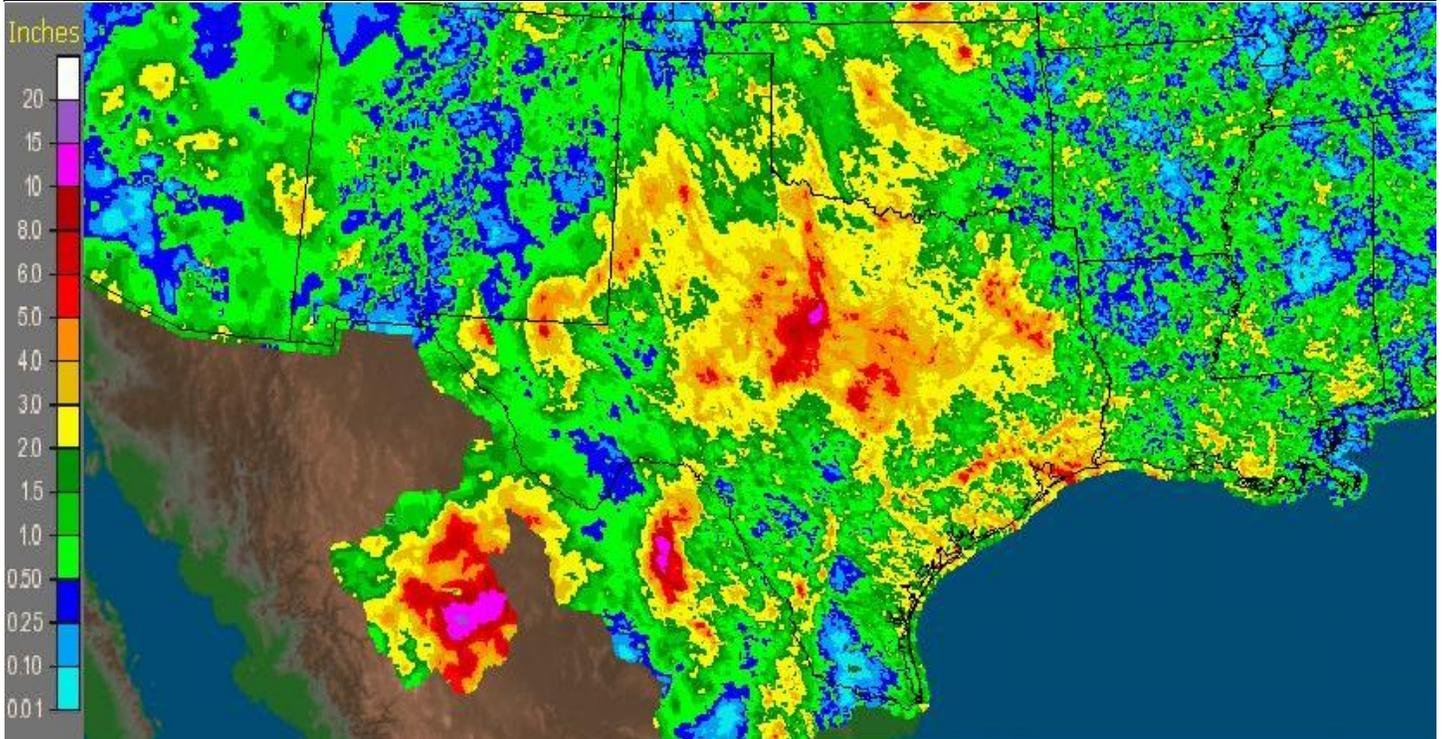
Rice Headed Percent



Sorghum Harvested Percent



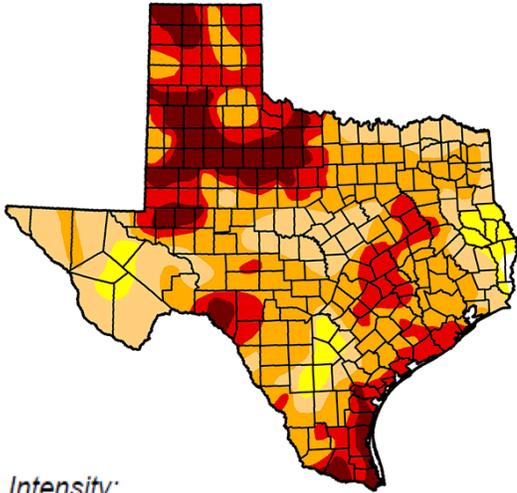
Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, July 21, 2013



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

Drought Monitor

Valid 7/16/2013, 7:00 am EST



Intensity:



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

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