



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR JULY 22 – 28

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Summary

Scattered showers prevailed across the state. While most rainfall was limited to 1 inch or less, localized areas of the Northern Plains and the Trans-Pecos received upwards of 1.5 inches. While much of the state saw temperatures return to normal for this time of year, areas of the Trans-Pecos continued to experience milder than normal temperatures for the season.

Small Grains: Producers in the Cross Timbers prepared fields for fall seedings.

Row Crops: In the Lower Valley, producers were defoliating cotton and preparing for harvest. Cotton in the Trans-Pecos and East Texas was squaring and setting bolls. Corn progressed and neared maturity in the High

Plains, while harvest was underway in most other areas of the state. Some rice producers in South Central Texas and the Upper Coast started harvesting.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: Pecans in the Trans-Pecos were in the nut enlargement and expansion stages, while pecan growers in South Texas reported good progress with little insect pressure. Summer vegetable harvest continued in North East Texas, and producers began preparing fields for fall vegetable crops.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Pasture green-up continued and grazing conditions improved where pastures had not been previously overgrazed. Cattle conditions have similarly improved, with some producers in the Trans-Pecos and Edwards Plateau being able to reduce supplemental feeding. Hay harvest continued, and producers who saw hay fields benefit from previous moisture were expecting another cutting this year.

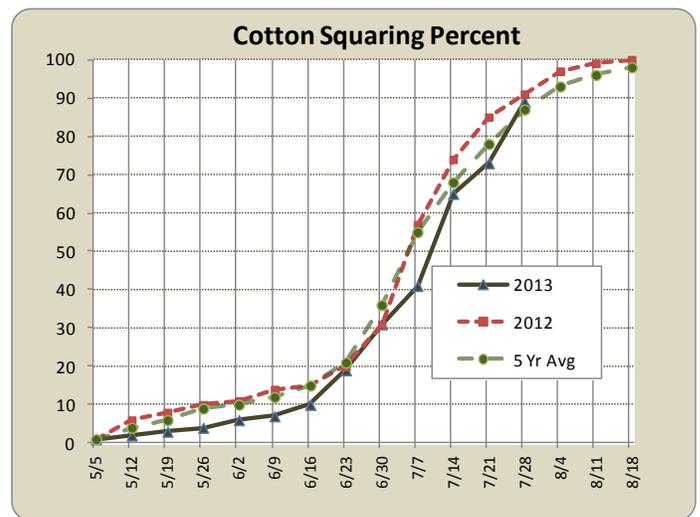
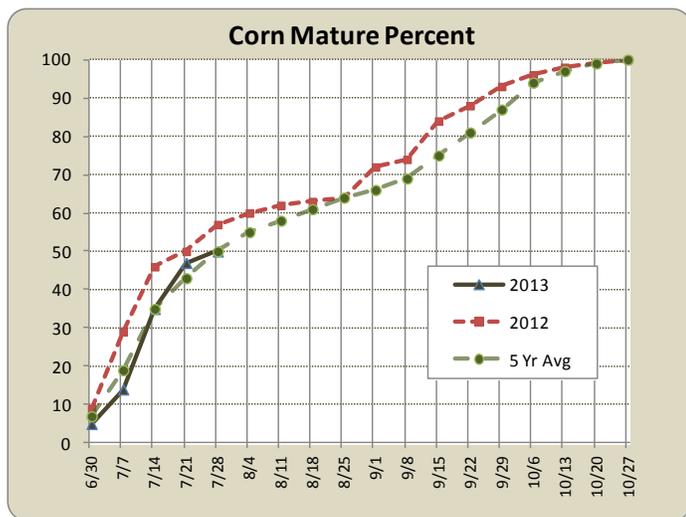
		Crop Progress			
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2012	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Silked (Tasseled)	89	84	92	92
	Dough	65	64	70	64
	Dent	58	57	66	59
	Mature	50	47	57	50
Cotton	Squaring	89	73	91	87
	Setting Bolls	26	18	46	46
	Bolls Opening	7	6	14	12
Peanuts	Pegging	94	84	73	80
Rice	Headed	92	89	79	80
	Harvested	2	0	3	3
Sorghum	Headed	80	77	81	74
	Coloring	71	69	71	64
	Mature	60	57	67	57
	Harvested	39	38	52	39
Soybeans	Blooming	91	76	81	87
	Setting Pods	45	36	60	69
Sunflowers	Harvested	1	0	0	0

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/.

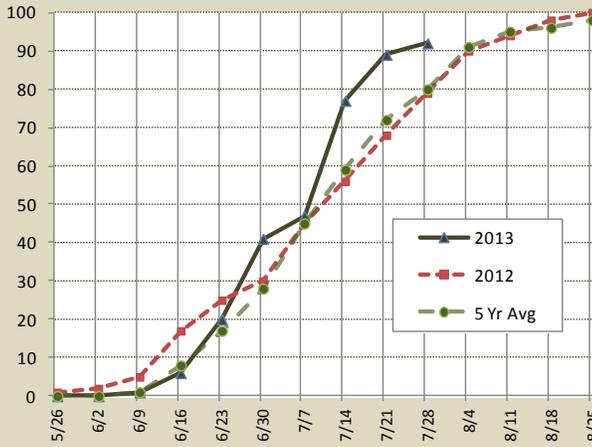
Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2013	2012
Corn	11	44	39	5	1	76	71
Cotton	4	28	36	19	13	57	59
Peanuts	0	48	38	10	4	69	76
Rice	14	31	51	4	0	75	84
Sorghum	11	46	26	8	9	72	70
Soybeans	9	37	51	3	0	75	67
Range and Pasture	3	19	35	27	16	--	--

* 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.

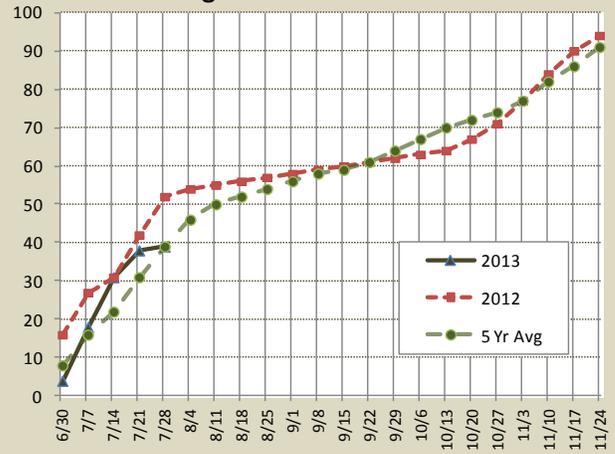
Top Soil Moisture Condition by District									
District	Percent of Acreage				District	Percent of Acreage			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
1-N	25	38	37	0	6	26	57	17	0
1-S	10	38	50	2	7	14	43	40	3
2-N	6	41	41	12	8-N	35	38	26	1
2-S	13	53	34	0	8-S	12	48	40	0
3	4	33	62	1	9	11	26	56	7
4	8	42	49	1	10-N	25	29	46	0
5-N	16	29	54	1	10-S	50	40	10	0
5-S	18	40	42	0	State	16	39	43	2



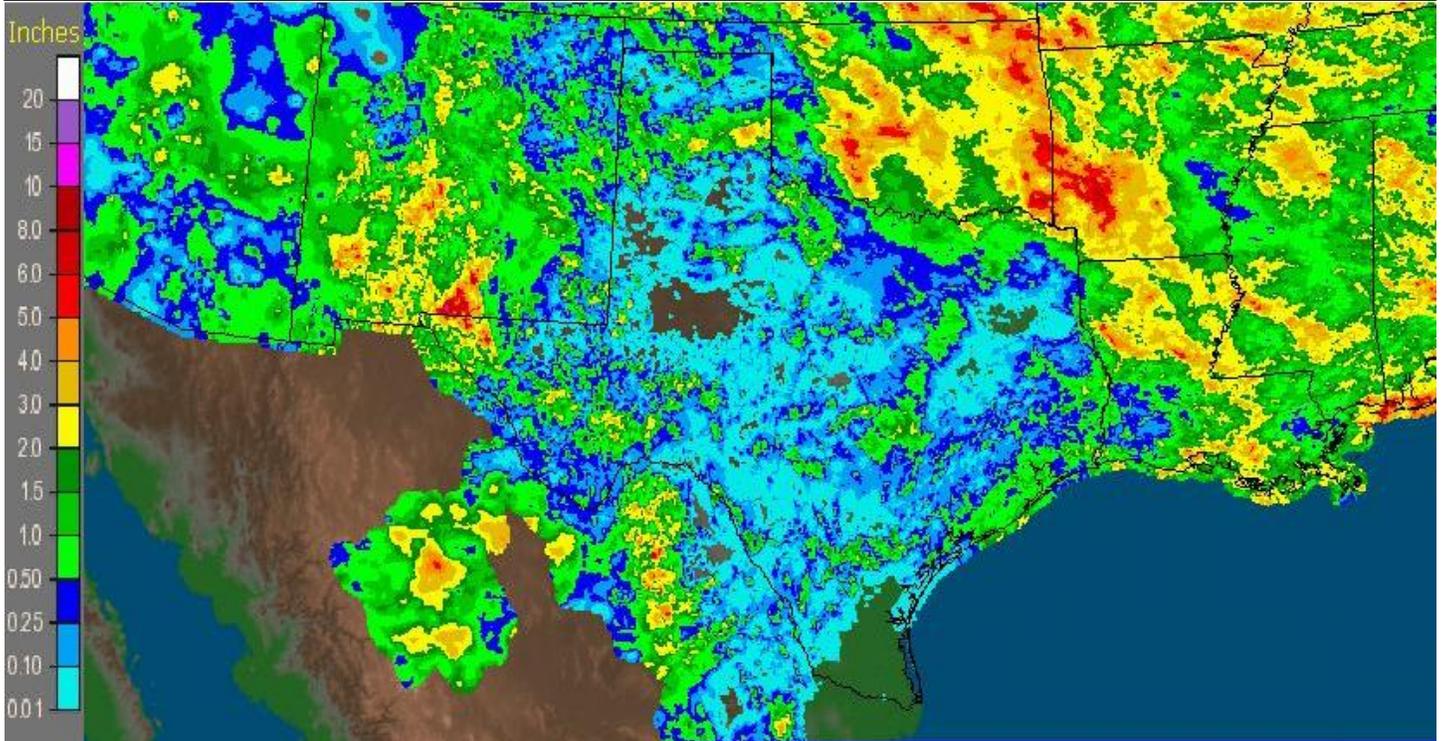
Rice Headed Percent



Sorghum Harvested Percent



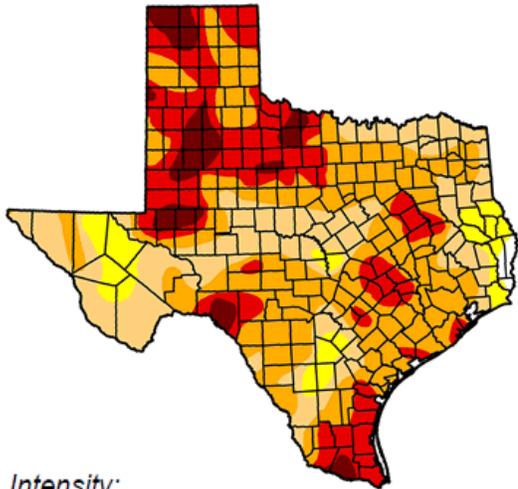
Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, July 28, 2013



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

Drought Monitor

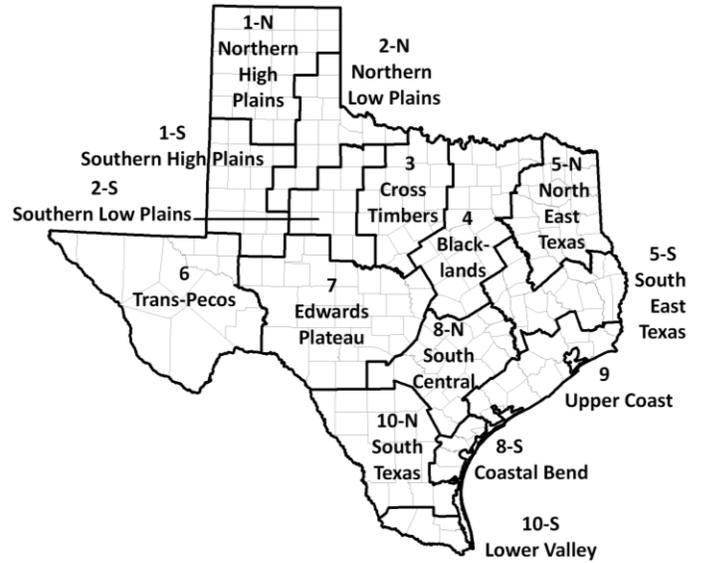
Valid 7/23/2013, 7:00 am EST



Intensity:



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