



# Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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**WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR AUGUST 5 - 11**

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## Summary

Hot temperatures prevailed across the state last week, with many areas experiencing multiple 100+ degree days and warm nights. This, in addition to lack of significant rainfall, further depleted soil moisture levels. The Northern High Plains and the Trans-Pecos received the most significant rainfall, with isolated areas receiving 2 or more inches of precipitation. Many other areas of the state received scattered showers.

**Small Grains:** Small grain producers across the state continued field work in preparation of fall seeding.

**Row Crops:** Producers in the Upper Coast continued to defoliate cotton in preparation for harvest. Some irrigated cotton in the Northern Low Plains was blooming. Cotton harvest in the Lower Valley was slightly delayed as

producers waited for fields to dry out. Corn and sorghum harvest was active throughout much of the state. Rice harvest continued in the Upper Coast. Peanuts in the Lower Valley were irrigated and there were some reports of light foliar disease. Army worm populations continued to be a concern in the Northern High Plains.

**Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops:** Blackberry and blueberry harvest was active in North East Texas, and vegetables continued to show signs of stress from excessive heat. Pecan irrigation continued in the Edwards Plateau.

Crop Progress					
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2012	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Silked (Tasseled)	95	94	98	98
	Dough	75	70	81	78
	Dent	61	60	68	66
	Mature	56	55	62	58
	Harvested	39	20	48	41
Cotton	Squaring	97	95	99	96
	Setting Bolls	69	42	85	76
	Bolls Opening	10	9	17	15
Peanuts	Pegging	98	97	95	94
Rice	Headed	99	98	94	95
	Harvested	26	6	23	34
Sorghum	Headed	83	82	83	82
	Coloring	74	73	73	66
	Mature	64	63	69	61
	Harvested	55	46	55	50
Soybeans	Blooming	95	94	88	95
	Setting Pods	61	56	83	88
	Dropping Leaves	9	0	9	2
Sunflowers	Harvested	5	3	6	1

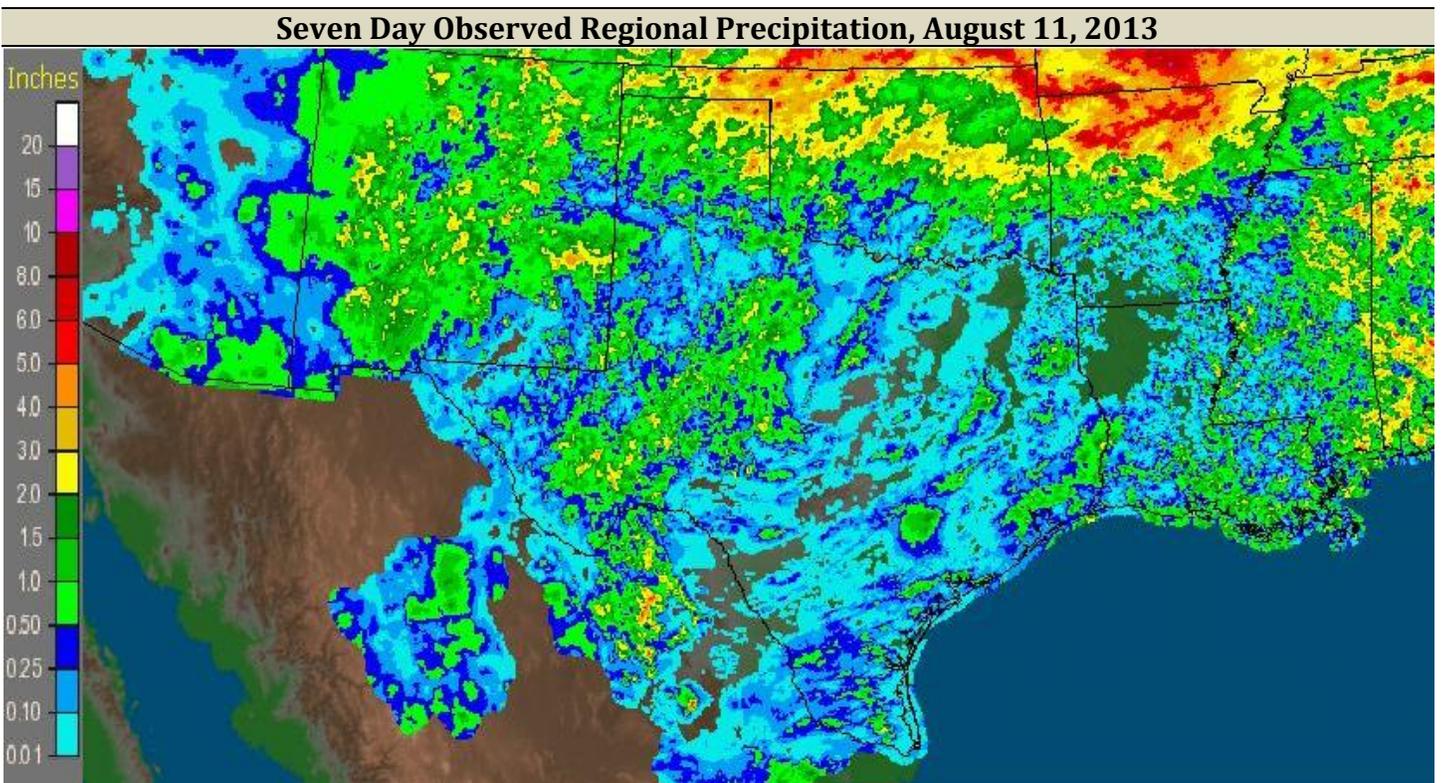
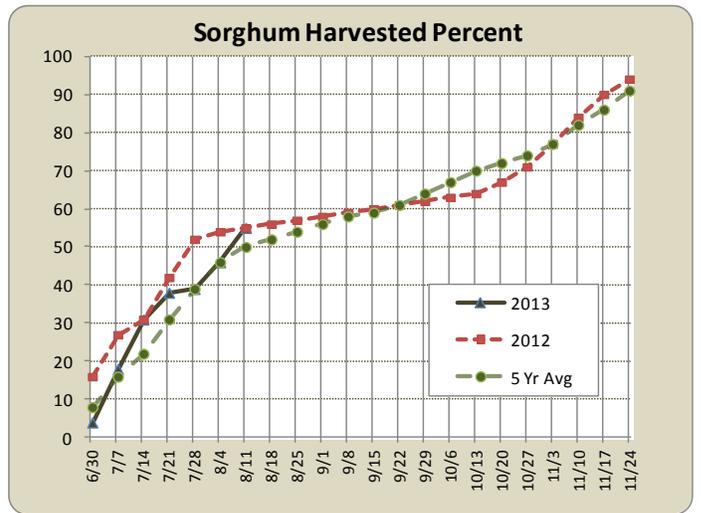
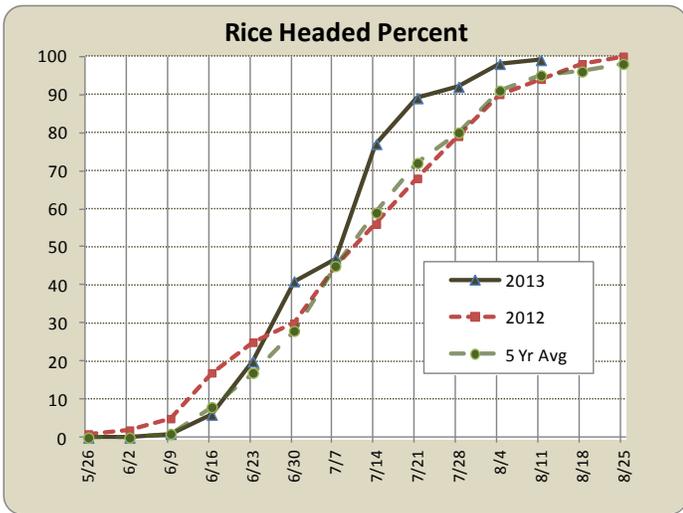
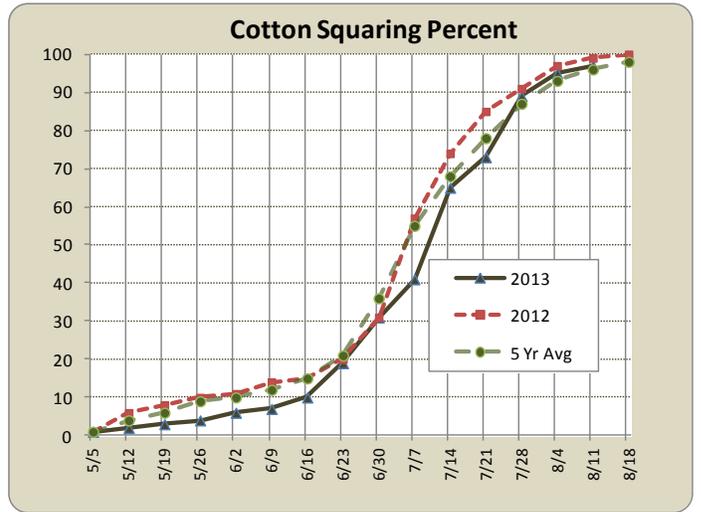
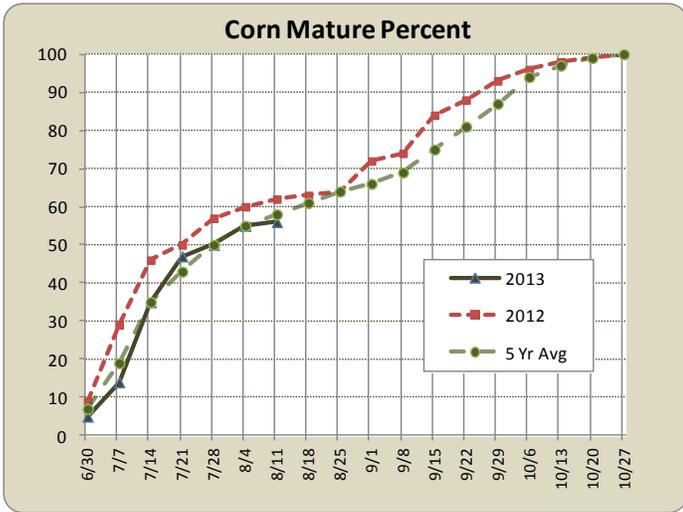
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**Livestock, Range and Pasture:** Pasture conditions across the state continued to decline from low soil moisture levels and high rates of evaporation due to hot temperatures and windy conditions. Pasture conditions continued to improve in areas of the Trans-Pecos and the Northern High Plains where adequate moisture was received. Hay harvest slowed across the state.

Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2013	2012
Corn	16	39	37	7	1	78	70
Cotton	5	26	33	20	16	55	50
Peanuts	0	52	37	8	3	71	79
Rice	14	38	46	2	0	78	78
Sorghum	12	46	33	8	1	76	68
Soybeans	9	39	44	6	2	73	68
Range and Pasture	1	14	37	30	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.

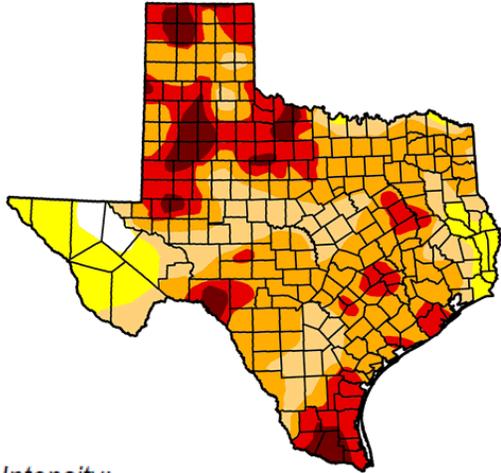
Top Soil Moisture Condition by District									
District	Percent of Acreage				District	Percent of Acreage			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
<b>1-N</b>	12	59	28	1	<b>6</b>	36	50	14	0
<b>1-S</b>	18	47	34	1	<b>7</b>	33	49	18	0
<b>2-N</b>	9	40	51	0	<b>8-N</b>	38	47	14	1
<b>2-S</b>	8	62	30	0	<b>8-S</b>	30	70	0	0
<b>3</b>	17	52	31	0	<b>9</b>	19	35	39	7
<b>4</b>	22	59	19	0	<b>10-N</b>	34	49	17	0
<b>5-N</b>	37	47	15	1	<b>10-S</b>	45	38	17	0
<b>5-S</b>	32	53	9	6	<b>State</b>	26	50	23	1



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

# Drought Monitor

Valid 8/6/2013, 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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