



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR AUGUST 12 - 18

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Summary

Most areas of the state received rain last week, while areas of the Plains and the Upper Coast received 2 inches or more. Temperatures across the Panhandle and in the Trans-Pecos were cooler than average with several days not breaking 90 degrees. Some hail damage was reported in the Northern Plains from thunderstorms that dropped up to 7 inches of rain in some areas.

Small Grains: Land preparations continue across the state in advance of fall seedings. A few producers in the Northern High Plains and the Edwards Plateau had begun seeding winter wheat.

Row Crops: Cotton harvest was active in the Lower Valley and the Coastal Bend. Bolls opened and cotton continued to mature in South Texas and the Upper Coast. Cotton in the Northern and Southern Low Plains was blooming. Sunflowers in the Northern High Plains matured, and some producers began harvesting in the Blacklands. Corn and sorghum harvest was active across the state, with some sorghum being baled. Rice harvest continued in the Upper Coast. Peanuts in South Texas progressed under irrigation but showed some signs of mild disease pressure. Some cotton fields in the Northern High Plains were treated for army worm infestations.

Crop Progress					
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2012	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Silked (Tasseled)	98	95	99	99
	Dough	78	75	84	86
	Dent	62	61	69	71
	Mature	57	56	63	61
	Harvested	47	39	51	50
Cotton	Squaring	98	97	100	98
	Setting Bolls	83	69	91	85
	Bolls Opening	12	10	18	16
	Harvested	3	0	6	4
Peanuts	Pegging	99	98	99	98
Rice	Headed	100	99	98	96
	Harvested	48	26	42	55
Sorghum	Headed	86	83	84	85
	Coloring	75	74	74	68
	Mature	65	64	70	62
	Harvested	56	55	56	52
Soybeans	Blooming	96	95	89	96
	Setting Pods	72	61	86	92
	Dropping Leaves	26	9	30	20
Sunflowers	Harvested	10	5	11	5

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/.

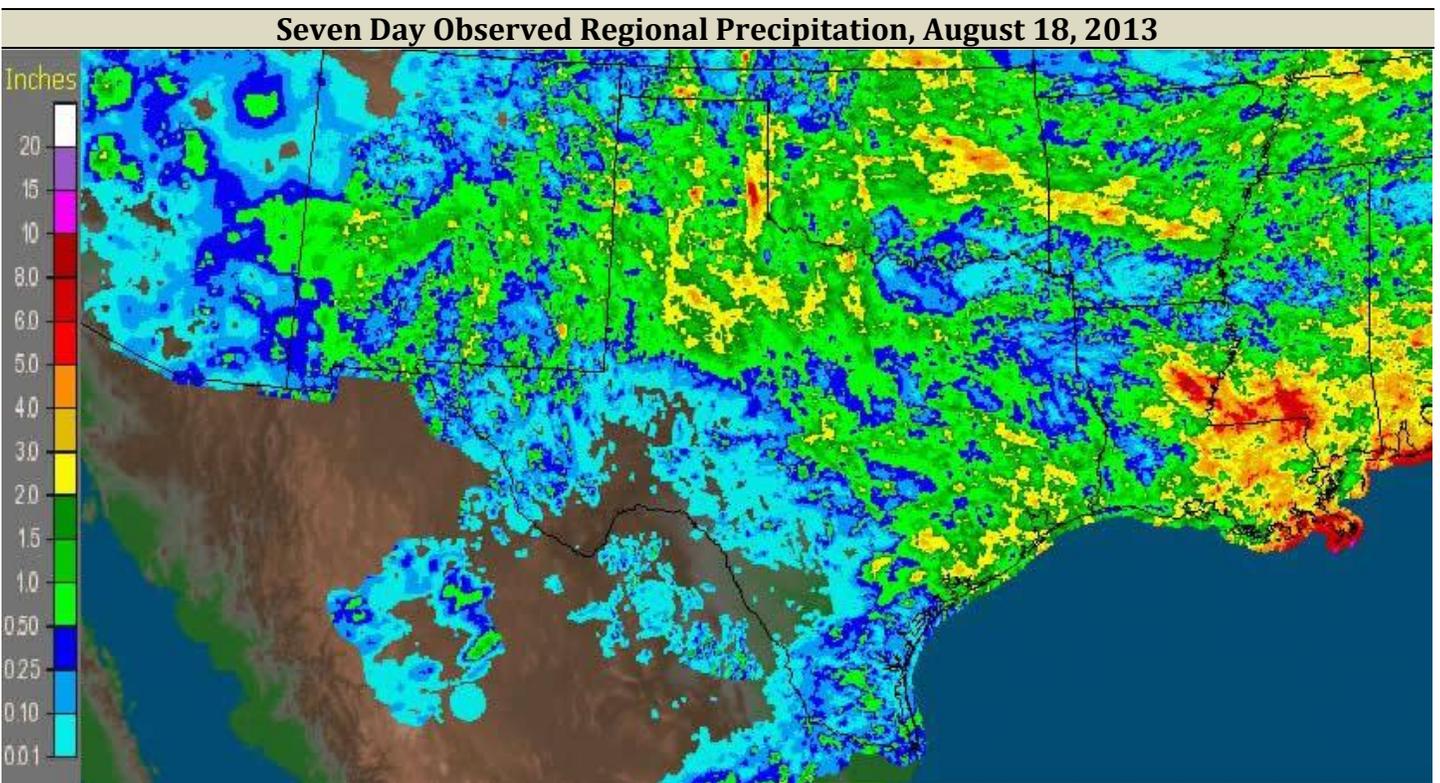
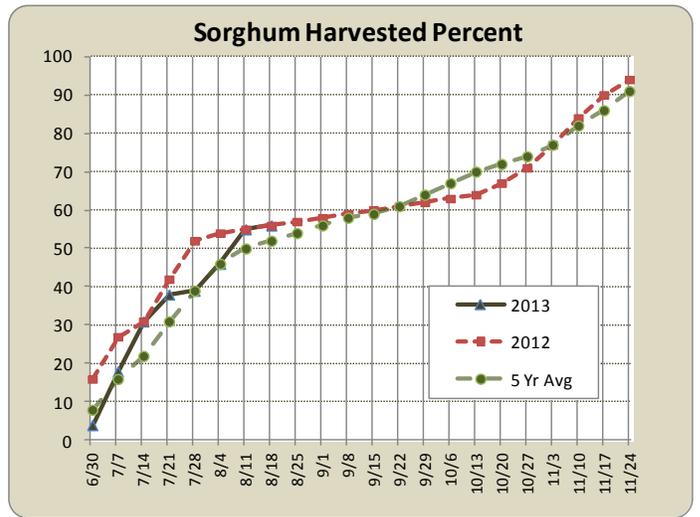
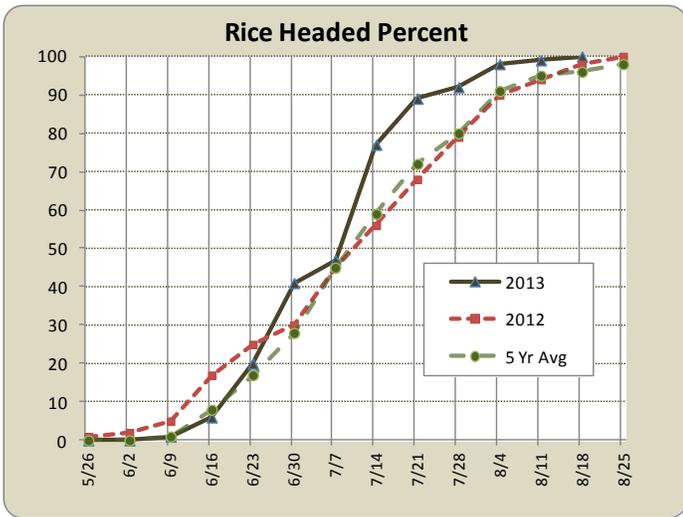
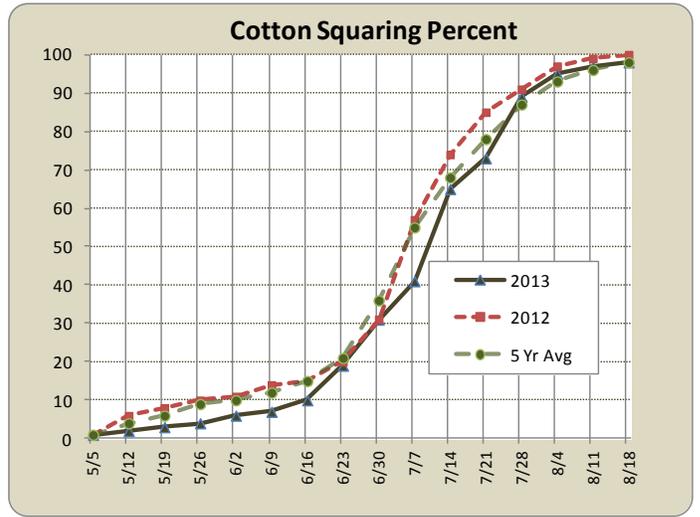
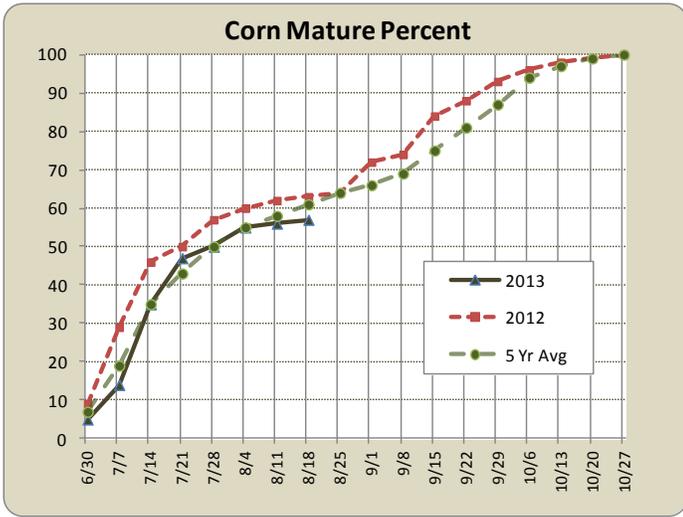
Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: Blackberry and blueberry harvest was wrapping up in North East Texas. Pecan irrigation continued in the Edwards Plateau and pecans in the Trans-Pecos matured into the filling stage. Sugarcane irrigation was active in the Lower Valley. Sesame made good progress in South Central Texas.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Pasture conditions in the Panhandle and the Upper Coast improved after recent rains. In other areas, pasture and range conditions declined due to lack of moisture and hot temperatures. In North East Texas, cattle remained in good condition as cattle producers supplemented with hay. Hay harvest was active, and some producers in the Trans-Pecos made another cutting of alfalfa.

Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2013	2012
Corn	13	41	35	10	1	75	70
Cotton	6	29	31	19	15	57	48
Peanuts	0	53	36	8	3	71	80
Rice	12	36	47	5	0	75	74
Sorghum	12	46	33	8	1	76	68
Soybeans	9	43	40	6	2	74	71
Range and Pasture	2	13	34	29	22	--	--

* 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.

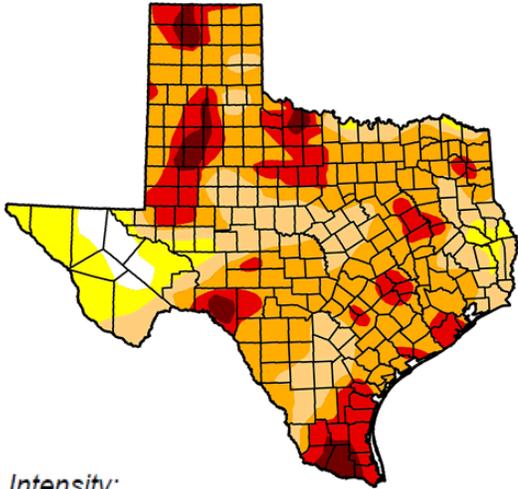
Top Soil Moisture Condition by District									
District	Percent of Acreage				District	Percent of Acreage			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
1-N	16	47	36	1	6	31	53	16	0
1-S	13	46	39	2	7	29	49	22	0
2-N	6	38	55	1	8-N	48	40	12	0
2-S	16	52	32	0	8-S	47	47	3	3
3	15	42	43	0	9	16	32	43	9
4	28	56	16	0	10-N	38	47	14	1
5-N	35	40	25	0	10-S	44	49	7	0
5-S	25	49	19	7	State	26	46	27	1



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

Drought Monitor

Valid 8/13/2013, 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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