



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR AUGUST 19 - 25

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Summary

Hot and dry conditions returned last week. Many areas received scattered showers, but hot temperatures and high winds led to high evaporation rates. The Northern High Plains remained mostly dry. Significant rainfall was received in areas along the coast and in select areas across the state, with totals measuring between 2 and 3 inches.

Small Grains: In the Northern High Plains a few producers began seeding small grains. However, in most areas of the state, producers were waiting on additional moisture.

Row Crops: In areas of the Northern and Southern Low Plains that had reached cut out, bolls were beginning to fill. Late planted cotton continued to develop. Producers in the Blacklands were defoliating in preparation for harvest. Cotton harvest

was active in South Central Texas through the Lower Valley, although harvest in some areas was slowed by scattered showers. Corn and sorghum continued to progress in the Plains and harvest was active in other areas of the state. Peanuts in South Texas were setting pods. Soybean and rice harvest was active in the Upper Coast.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: Sesame in South Central Texas was in full bloom. In the Trans-Pecos, pecans progressed and melon harvest was active. Some pecans in the Cross Timbers shed fruit under hot, dry conditions, and some producers found weevils.

		Crop Progress			
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2012	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Silked (Tasseled)	99	98	100	100
	Dough	89	78	91	92
	Dent	71	62	79	78
	Mature	58	57	64	64
	Harvested	52	47	55	54
Cotton	Squaring	99	98	100	99
	Setting Bolls	89	83	95	90
	Bolls Opening	13	12	21	19
	Harvested	4	3	7	9
Peanuts	Pegging	100	99	100	100
Rice	Harvested	70	48	57	69
Sorghum	Headed	92	86	87	90
	Coloring	76	75	75	71
	Mature	66	65	71	63
	Harvested	65	56	57	54
Soybeans	Blooming	97	96	91	98
	Setting Pods	77	72	89	96
	Dropping Leaves	40	26	49	55
	Harvested	10	0	12	15
Sunflowers	Harvested	14	10	13	9

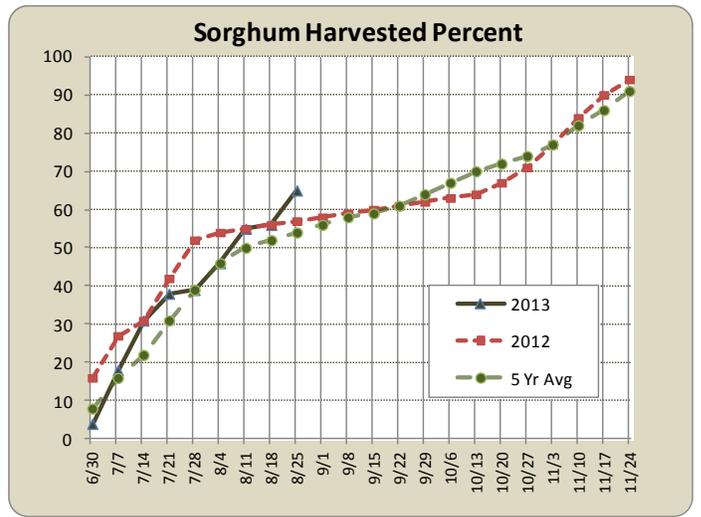
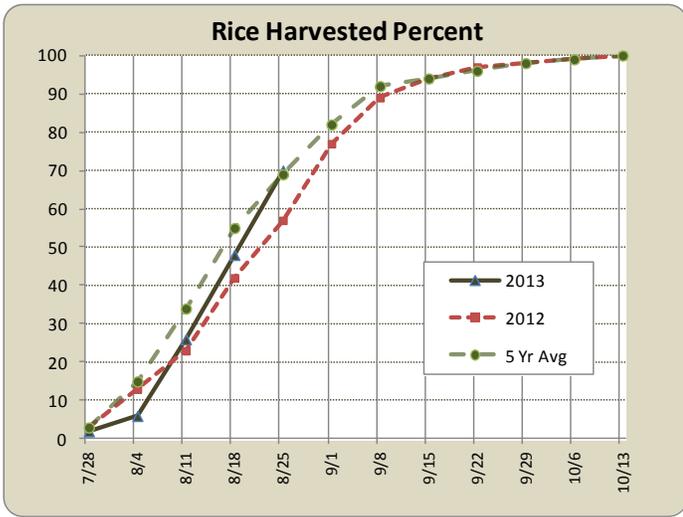
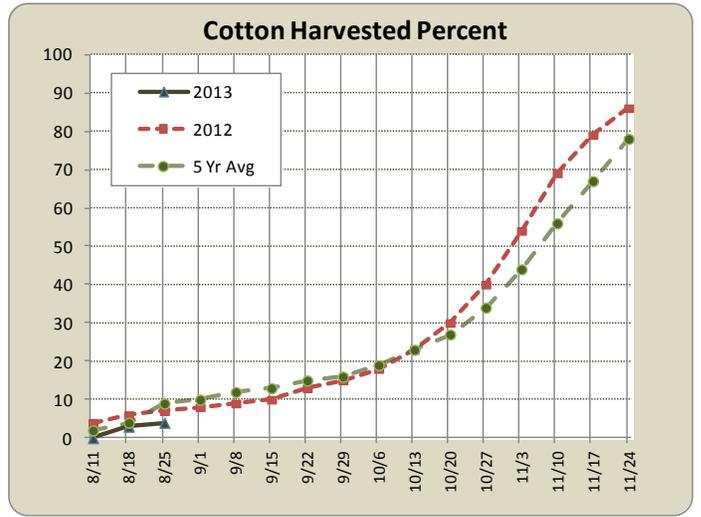
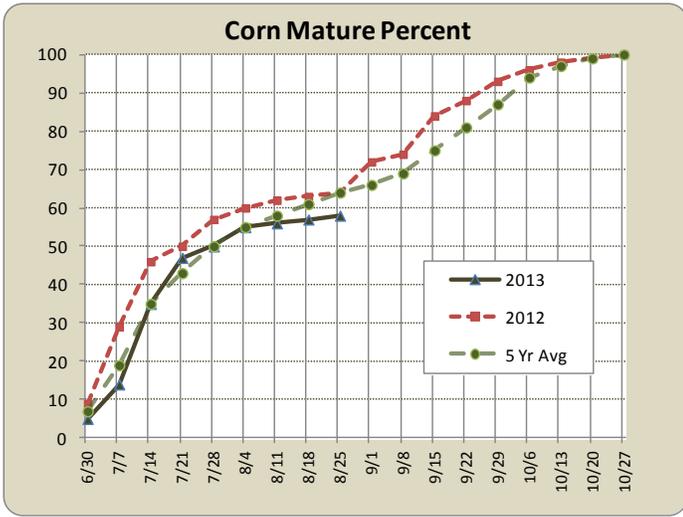
Visit our web site to view the crop progress regional maps, available at www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Texas/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/maps/.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Pasture conditions varied, with those areas that received adequate moisture seeing pastures holding steady or improving. Many areas reported insufficient moisture and drying of pastures and grasses. Hay harvest continued and hay supplies were adequate in areas that required supplemental feeding. Cattle remained in mostly good condition.

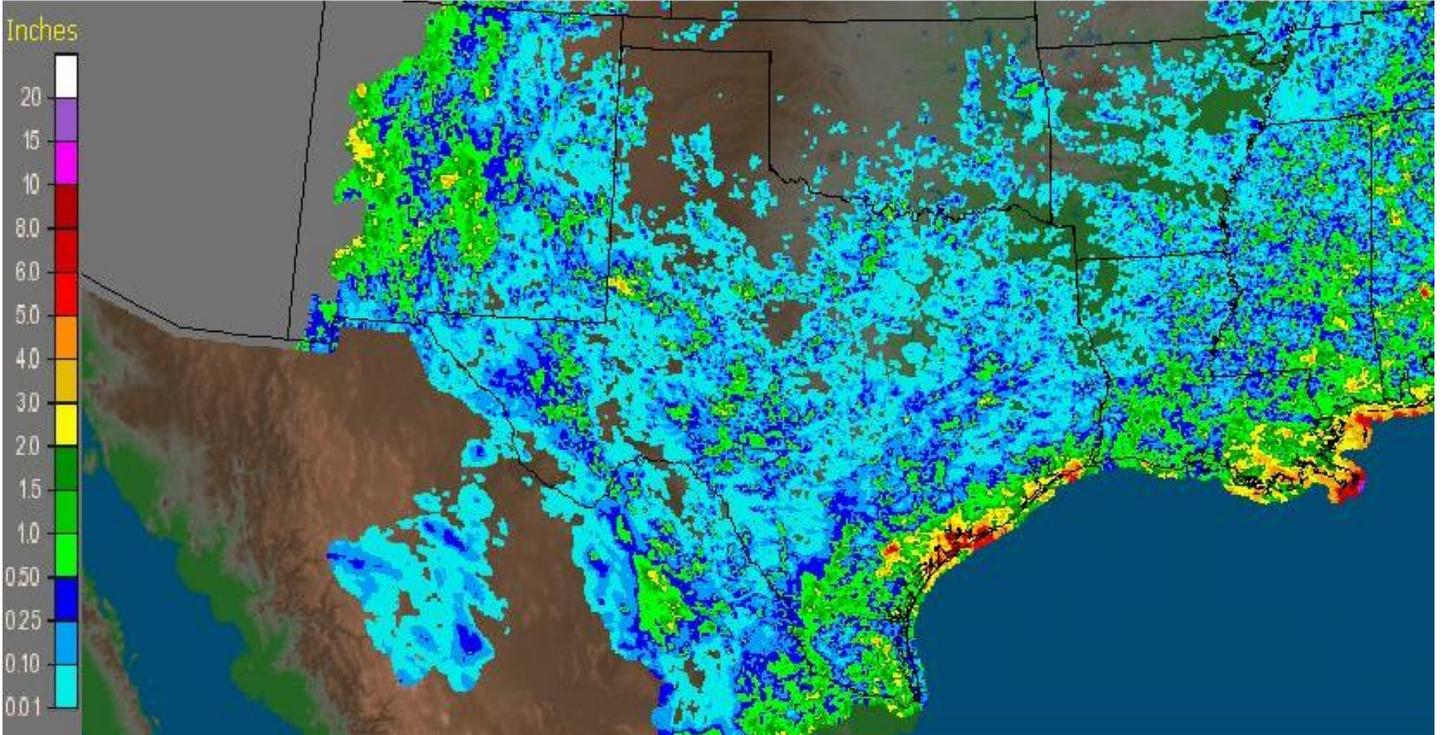
Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2013	2012
Corn	13	41	35	10	1	75	70
Cotton	5	30	36	16	13	59	49
Peanuts	0	52	37	8	3	71	79
Rice	12	36	47	5	0	75	74
Sorghum	12	46	33	8	1	76	68
Soybeans	10	37	44	7	2	73	71
Range and Pasture	1	12	33	33	21	---	---

* 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	17	52	30	1	6	39	52	9	0
1-S	14	57	27	2	7	24	54	22	0
2-N	5	49	46	0	8-N	45	47	8	0
2-S	13	56	31	0	8-S	35	45	15	5
3	9	59	32	0	9	14	31	39	16
4	35	58	7	0	10-N	41	48	10	1
5-N	43	46	11	0	10-S	31	42	19	8
5-S	37	56	7	0	State	27	51	20	2



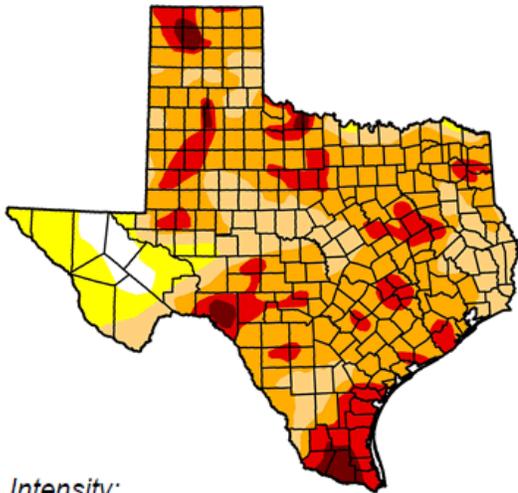
Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, August 25, 2013



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

Drought Monitor

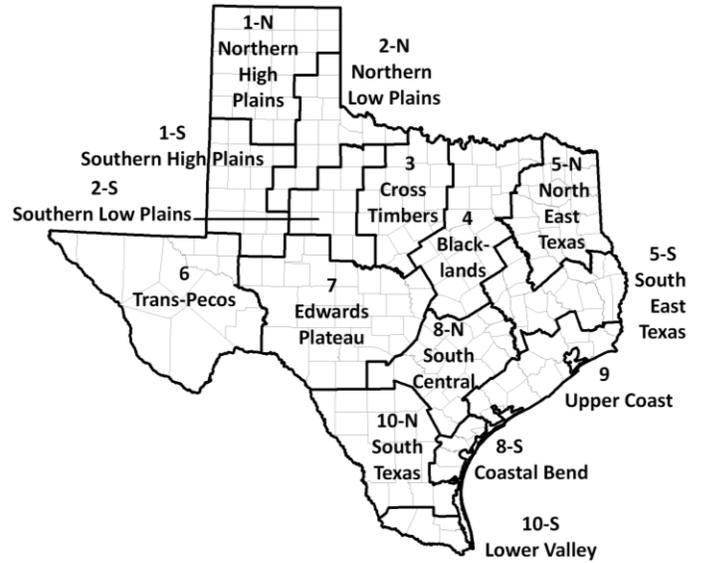
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Intensity:



Texas Agricultural Districts



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