



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR OCTOBER 14 - 20

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Summary

Significant precipitation fell across the state last week. Rainfall totals in most areas ranged from 1 to 4 inches, while areas of South Texas received accumulations upward of 10 inches. Soil moisture and stock tank levels improved significantly throughout the state as a result of rainfall and cooler temperatures. Freezing nighttime temperatures were reported in areas of the Panhandle.

Small Grains: Producers in the Plains continued to seed wheat as earlier seeded fields emerged. Significant rainfall in the Cross Timbers, the Blacklands, and North East Texas helped small grains, but some producers were waiting for fields to dry before continuing seeding or grazing. Rainfall also delayed field work in South Texas.

Row Crops: Cotton harvest was active in some areas of the Southern High Plains and the Northern Low Plains. In the Blacklands and the Southern Low Plains, cotton harvest was delayed slightly by rainfall. Corn harvest continued in the Northern and Southern High Plains. Producers in South East Texas halted cotton harvest due to the large amounts of rain received. Peanut harvest continued in South Texas.

Crop Progress					
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week *	2012	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Dent	100	98	100	100
	Mature	89	87	99	99
	Harvested	77	64	94	88
Cotton	Bolls Opening	75	53	91	88
	Harvested	15	11	30	27
Peanuts	Harvested	44	2	52	47
Sorghum	Coloring	98	96	98	95
	Mature	85	79	90	85
	Harvested	76	74	67	72
Soybeans	Setting Pods	98	96	100	100
	Dropping leaves	95	87	97	97
	Harvested	85	73	88	85
Sunflowers	Harvested	53	33	65	62
Winter Wheat	Planted	69	42	73	72
	Emerged	42	15	50	46
Oats	Planted	61	29	79	67
	Emerged	43	0	60	33

* Previous week published was week ending September 29, 2013.

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/.

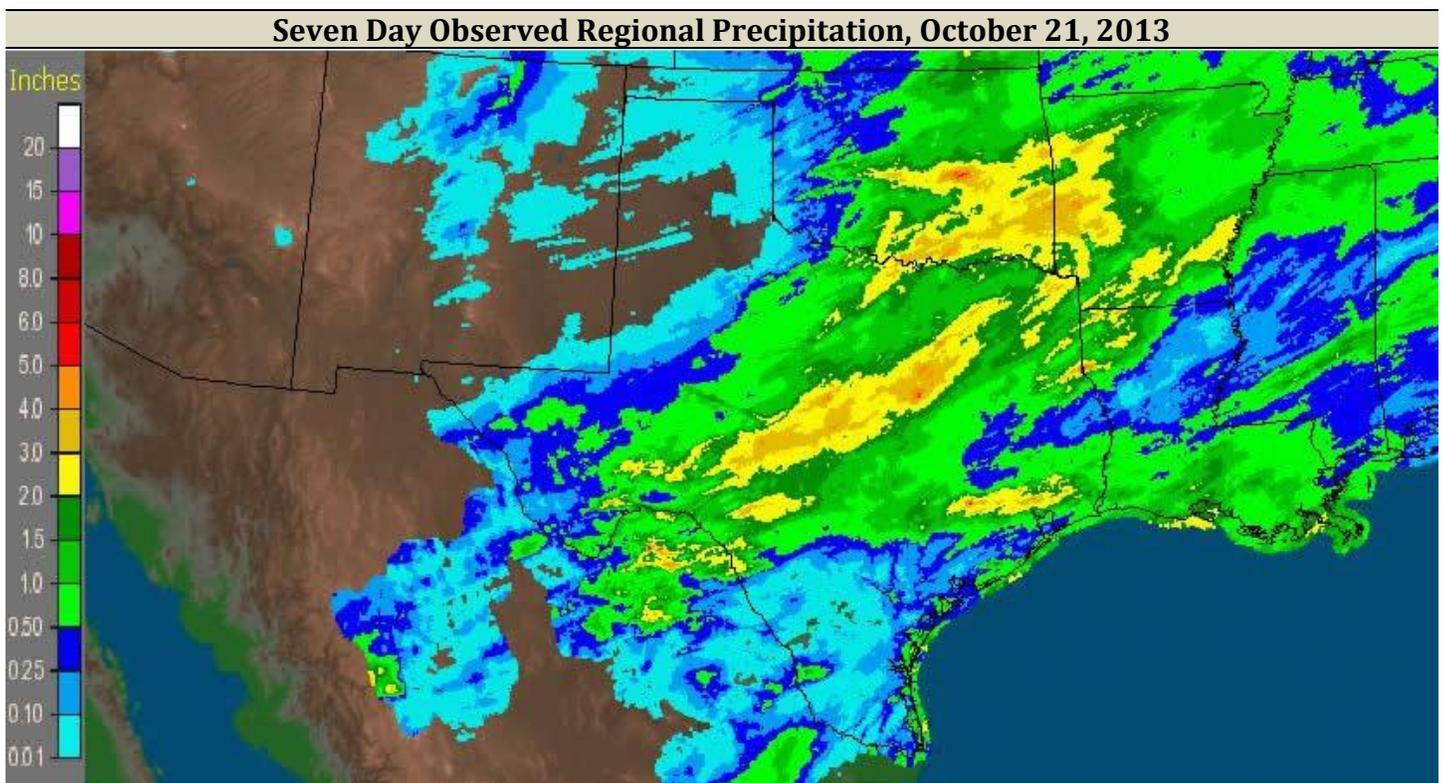
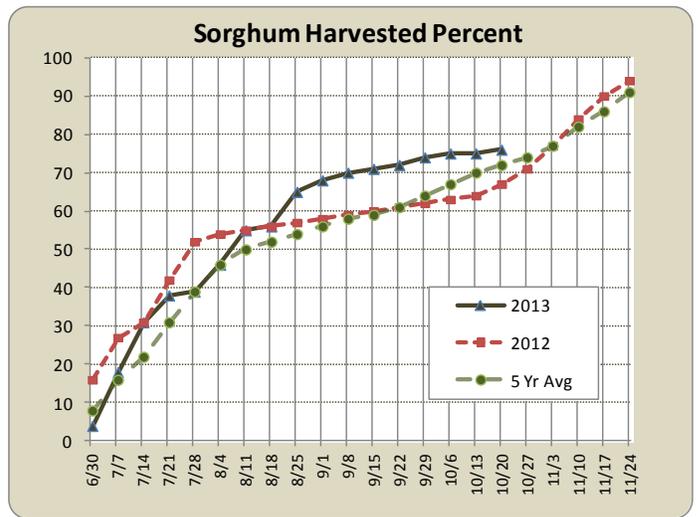
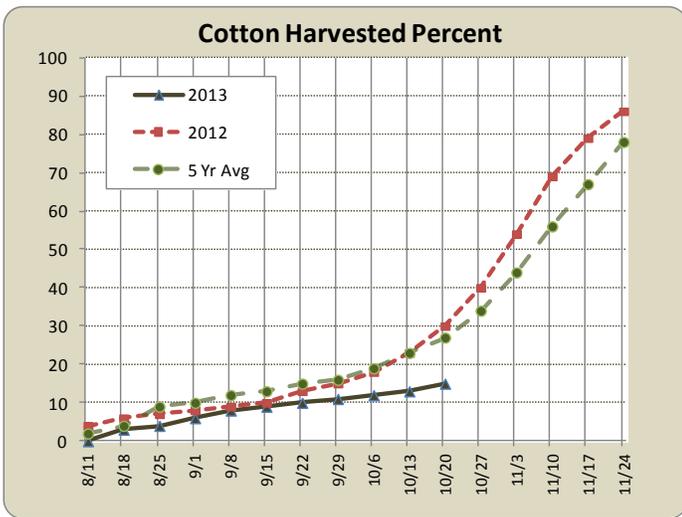
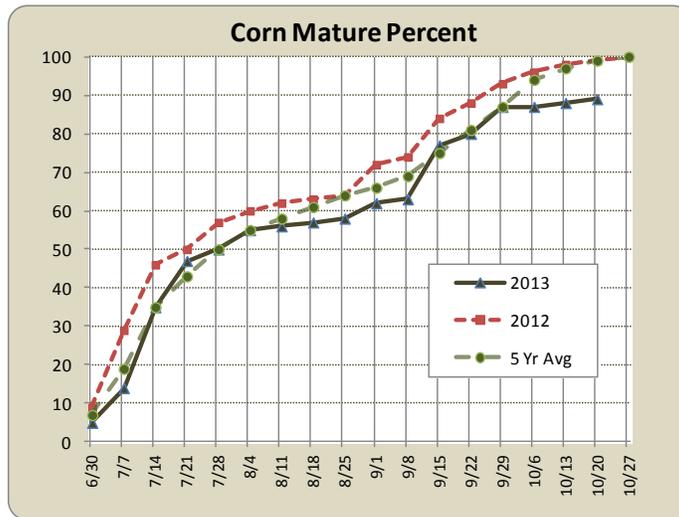
Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: Chile harvest was underway in the Trans-Pecos. Citrus harvest was starting up in the Lower Valley, where producers were also harvesting cantaloupes and beginning to harvest sugarcane. In South Texas, cabbage made good progress and fall cantaloupes responded well to increased moisture. Wet conditions delayed some activities in South Texas, such as onion and spinach planting, and pecan harvest.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Pastures and rangeland across the state benefitted greatly from recent rains. Some hay producers in the Upper Coast and South Texas expect to make another cutting. Stock tank water levels increased in areas of the Edwards Plateau and South Texas. Army worms were a concern for many producers across the state.

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	27	38	18	12	57	46
Peanuts	0	69	30	1	0	80	71
Sorghum	12	46	33	8	1	76	68
Soybeans	7	30	50	11	2	68	68
Wheat	5	62	28	3	2	--	--
Range and Pasture	5	25	37	21	12	--	--

* 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.

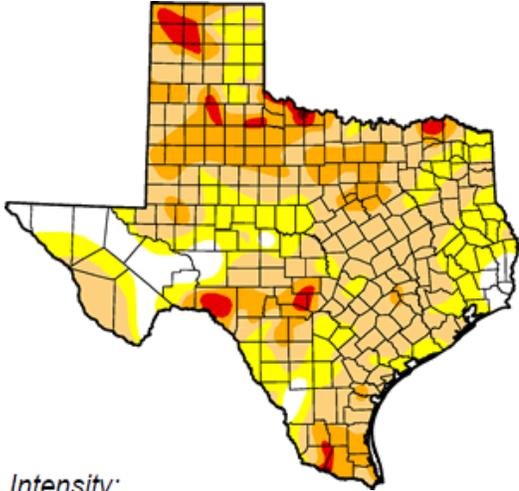
Top Soil Moisture Condition by District									
District	Percent of Acreage				District	Percent of Acreage			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
1-N	26	59	14	1	6	36	49	15	0
1-S	19	49	30	2	7	1	5	82	12
2-N	23	40	36	1	8-N	8	24	64	4
2-S	8	35	55	2	8-S	0	10	45	45
3	19	21	57	3	9	5	16	62	17
4	9	27	47	17	10-N	3	10	66	21
5-N	1	18	73	8	10-S	0	65	35	0
5-S	3	28	56	13	State	11	30	51	8



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

Drought Monitor

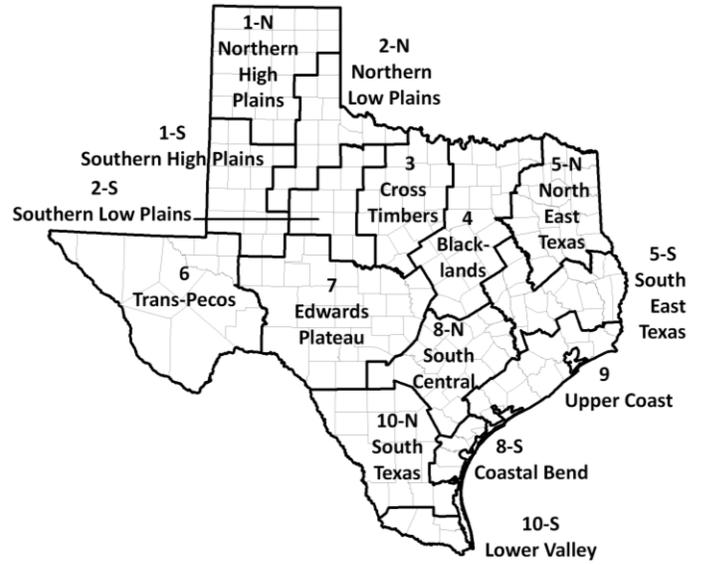
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Intensity:



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