



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR MARCH 10 - 16

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Summary

Weather patterns remained unsettled throughout the week. Warmer temperatures were followed by a cold front, which produced thunderstorms in some areas. Areas of the Blacklands, East Texas and South Texas received 1-1.5 inches of precipitation. A half an inch of precipitation was observed in the Lower Valley. The Southern Low Plains received precipitation ranging from a trace to 1 inch. The remainder of the state received no precipitation to a quarter of an inch.

Crop Progress					
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2013	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Planted	15	10	40	31
Sorghum	Planted	10	7	25	22

Crop Condition					
Crop	Percent of Acreage				
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor
Wheat	1	12	35	33	19
Oats	7	27	35	21	10
Range and pasture	2	13	32	33	20

* 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.

Small Grains: Winter wheat in the Blacklands continued to suffer from prior week's freezing temperatures. Irrigated wheat remained in good condition. Oats in South Texas were in good condition, as most of the crop remained green.

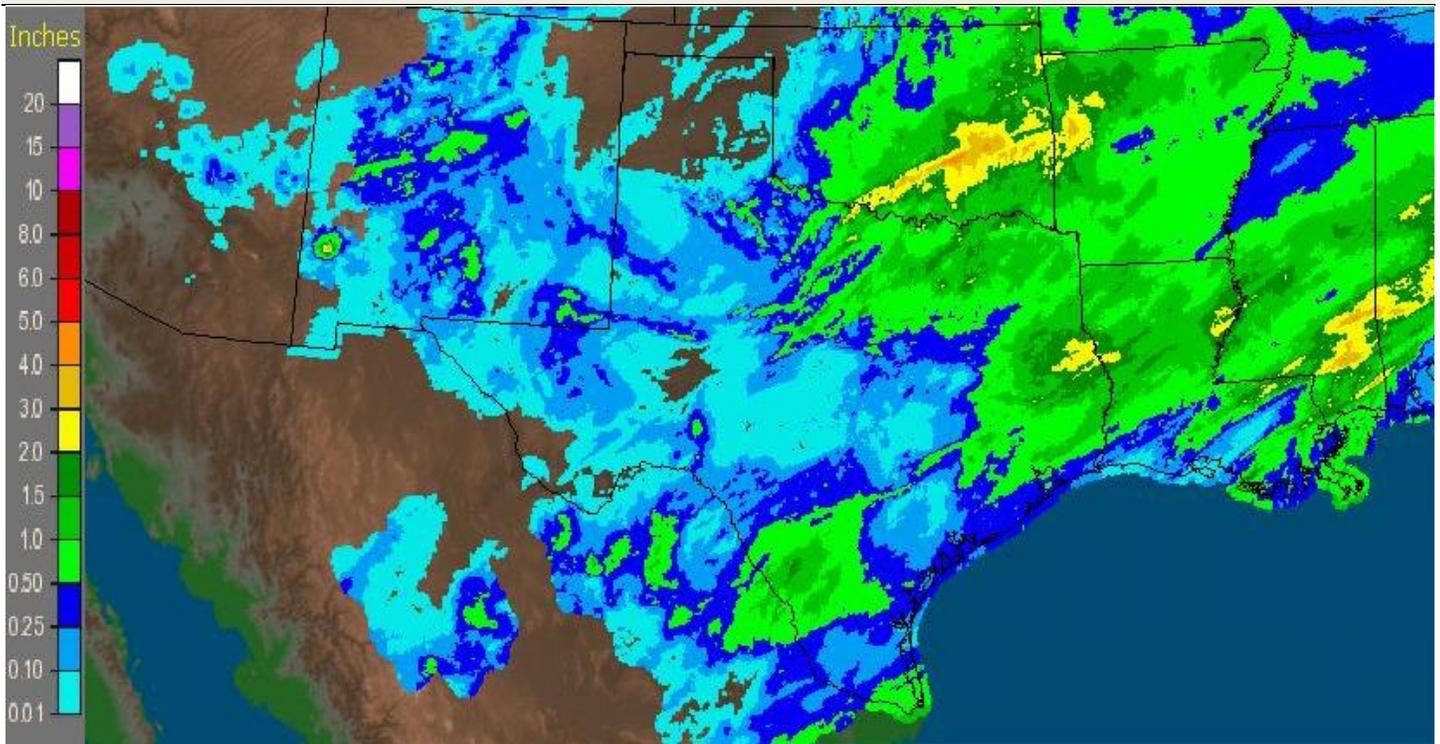
Row Crops: Recent rains have helped the germination of corn and sorghum in the Coastal Bend. Land preparation continued for corn in North East Texas. Corn planted in South East Texas has not emerged. Producers in the Plains fertilized and irrigated corn and cotton fields.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop: Pecan orchards continued to be irrigated in the Trans-Pecos. Some varieties of peach trees in North East Texas began to bloom. Producers in South Texas irrigated spinach and cabbage. Vegetables in the Lower Valley progressed.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Cattle remained in good condition as supplemental feeding continued in North East Texas. In the Southern High Plains cattle were moved to graze out wheat pastures.

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	59	35	5	1	6	55	28	15	2
1-S	46	49	5	0	7	29	49	22	0
2-N	33	52	15	0	8-N	11	54	35	0
2-S	49	46	5	0	8-S	21	29	41	9
3	41	47	12	0	9	5	13	60	22
4	19	38	38	5	10-N	28	34	38	0
5-N	2	11	70	17	10-S	0	27	72	1
5-S	1	12	55	32	State	33	40	24	3

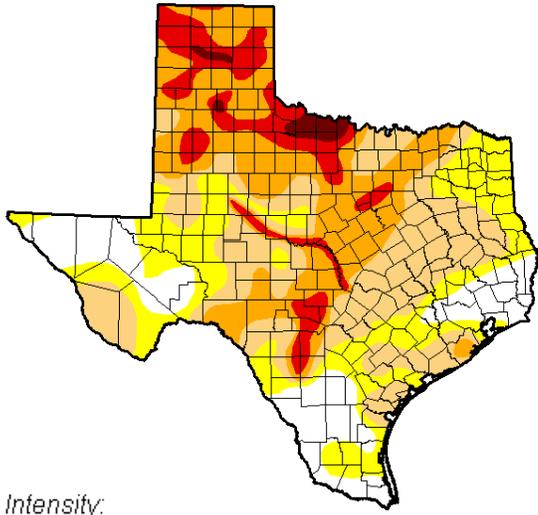
Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, March 16, 2014



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

Drought Monitor

Valid 3/11/2014, 7:00 am ET



Intensity:



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

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