



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR MAR 31 – APR 6

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Summary

Mild temperatures reported throughout most of the state early in the week. Towards the end of the week, precipitation and foggy weather were observed. Many areas of the Edwards Plateau, South Texas and South East Texas received a half an inch to an inch of precipitation. Parts of the Blacklands and North East Texas received a half of an inch to two inches of precipitation. The remainder of the state observed a trace to a quarter of an inch of precipitation.

Small Grains: Producers in the Northern Low Plains continued to irrigate wheat fields. Windy conditions in the Southern High Plains continued to stress winter wheat. Wheat conditions

improved in the Blacklands due to warmer weather. Wheat and oats in the Edwards Plateau continued to show signs of stress due to the lack of moisture

Row Crops: Cotton and soybeans were being planted in the Blacklands. Corn and sorghum planting progressed in South Central Texas. Rice continued to be planted in the Upper Coast. Cotton planting neared completion in the Lower Valley.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop: Fruit trees are in full bloom in the Northern Low Plains. Warm season vegetables continued to be planted in North East Texas. Producers in the Edwards Plateau reported fruit crops had sustained hail damage from recent storms. In South Texas, the potato crop reached the flowering stage.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Cattle continued to graze wheat pasture in the Northern High Plains. Cattle remained in good to fair condition. Recent rainfall has improved pasture conditions, resulting in a significant decrease in supplemental feeding.

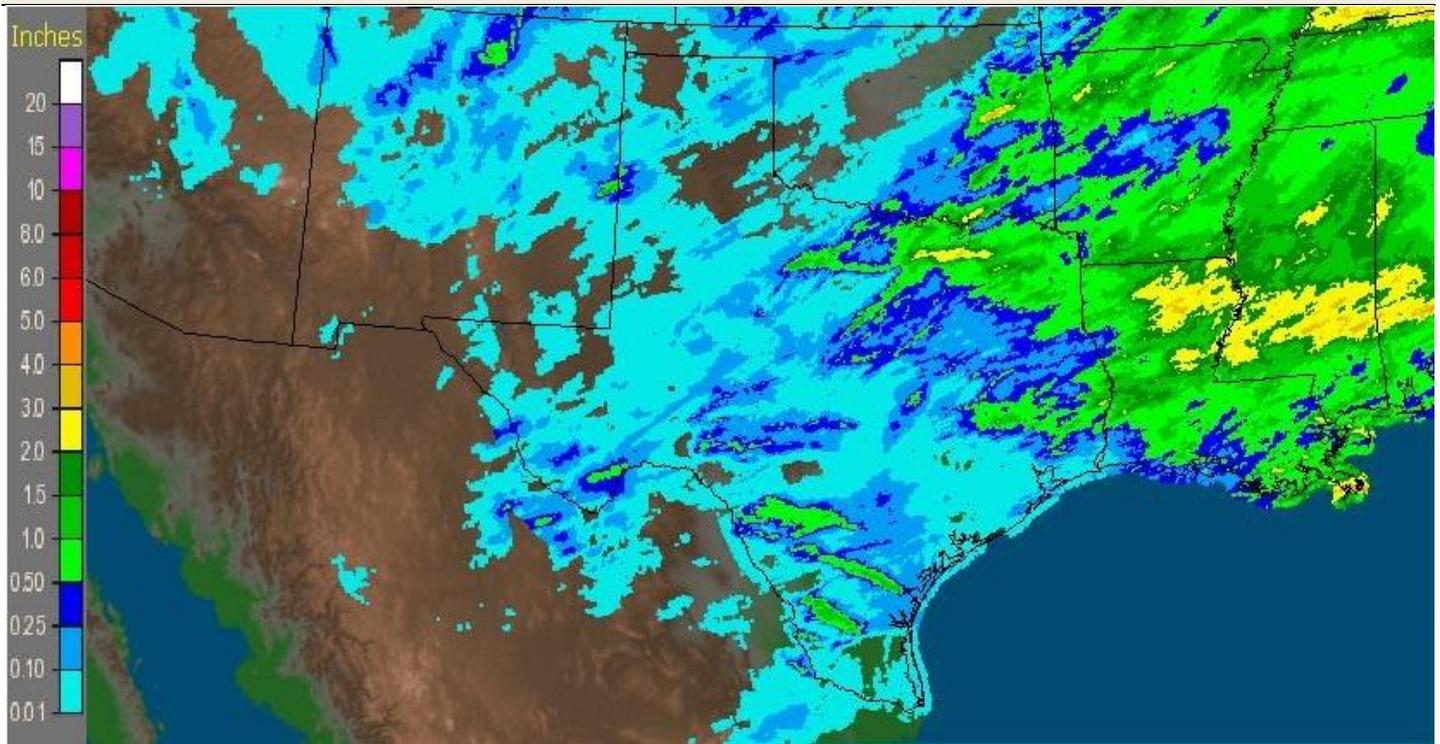
Crop Progress					
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2013	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Planted	54	28	55	52
	Emerged	28	8	37	36
Cotton	Planted	10	6	8	9
Rice	Planted	39	10	72	56
	Emerged	7	0	34	25
Sorghum	Planted	30	21	41	44
Winter Wheat	Headed	9	7	13	18
Oats	Headed	10	6	37	40

Crop Condition					
Crop	Percent of Acreage				
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor
Wheat	2	11	26	38	23
Oats	8	26	33	24	9
Range and Pasture	3	15	34	27	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	59	34	7	0	6	57	28	14	1
1-S	51	45	3	1	7	34	46	19	1
2-N	53	45	2	0	8-N	9	54	36	1
2-S	47	50	3	0	8-S	7	42	46	5
3	35	48	16	1	9	4	14	72	10
4	14	43	41	2	10-N	18	47	35	0
5-N	2	10	73	15	10-S	0	26	72	2
5-S	7	16	56	21	State	34	40	24	2

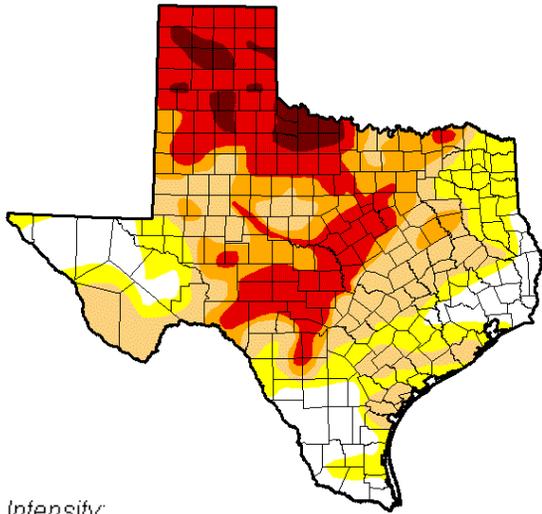
Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, April 6, 2014



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

Drought Monitor

Valid 4/1/2014, 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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