



# Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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**WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR APRIL 7 - 13**

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## Summary

Warmer temperatures returned throughout the state. Towards the end of the week, storms moved across to the state, which brought humid and windy weather. Many areas of North East Texas and the Blacklands received 0.5 inches to 1.5 inches of precipitation. Areas of South East Texas received 0.5 inches of precipitation. The remainder of the state recorded a trace to a quarter of an inch of precipitation.

**Small Grains:** Windy conditions in the Northern High Plains continued to damage winter wheat. Winter Wheat in the Northern Low Plains began to turn blue as a result of the hot, dry weather. Wheat conditions in the Edwards Plateau showed

some improvement due to warmer weather. Wheat fields in the Upper Coast showed improvement due to favorable weather conditions.

**Row Crops:** Producers continued to irrigate corn fields in the Northern High Plains. In the Southern High Plains, sorghum was being planted. In the Northern Low Plains, producers were finishing up field cultivation in preparation for cotton planting. Alfalfa continued to progress in the Trans-Pecos. In the Upper Coast, soybeans were being planted.

**Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop:** Peach trees reached full bloom in the Cross Timbers. Pecan orchards continued to be irrigated with ground water in the Trans-Pecos. Producers in the Edwards Plateau reported budding of pecan trees. Watermelon and cantaloupes continued to be planted in South Texas. Spring vegetables in the Lower Valley continued to progress.

**Livestock, Range and Pasture:** Cattle continued to forage for green grass. Grazing of wheat continued in the Blacklands. Wild hogs continued to damage fields. Producers continued to sell fall calves at premium prices.

| Crop Progress |         |                    |           |      |          |
|---------------|---------|--------------------|-----------|------|----------|
| Crop          | Stage   | Percent of Acreage |           |      |          |
|               |         | Current            | Prev Week | 2013 | 5 Yr Avg |
| Corn          | Planted | 57                 | 54        | 56   | 55       |
|               | Emerged | 35                 | 28        | 48   | 45       |
| Cotton        | Planted | 11                 | 10        | 10   | 12       |
| Rice          | Planted | 61                 | 39        | 84   | 73       |
|               | Emerged | 32                 | 7         | 61   | 47       |
| Sorghum       | Planted | 55                 | 30        | 56   | 53       |
| Soybeans      | Planted | 16                 | 0         | 37   | 40       |
| Winter Wheat  | Headed  | 16                 | 9         | 20   | 28       |
| Oats          | Headed  | 27                 | 10        | 52   | 55       |

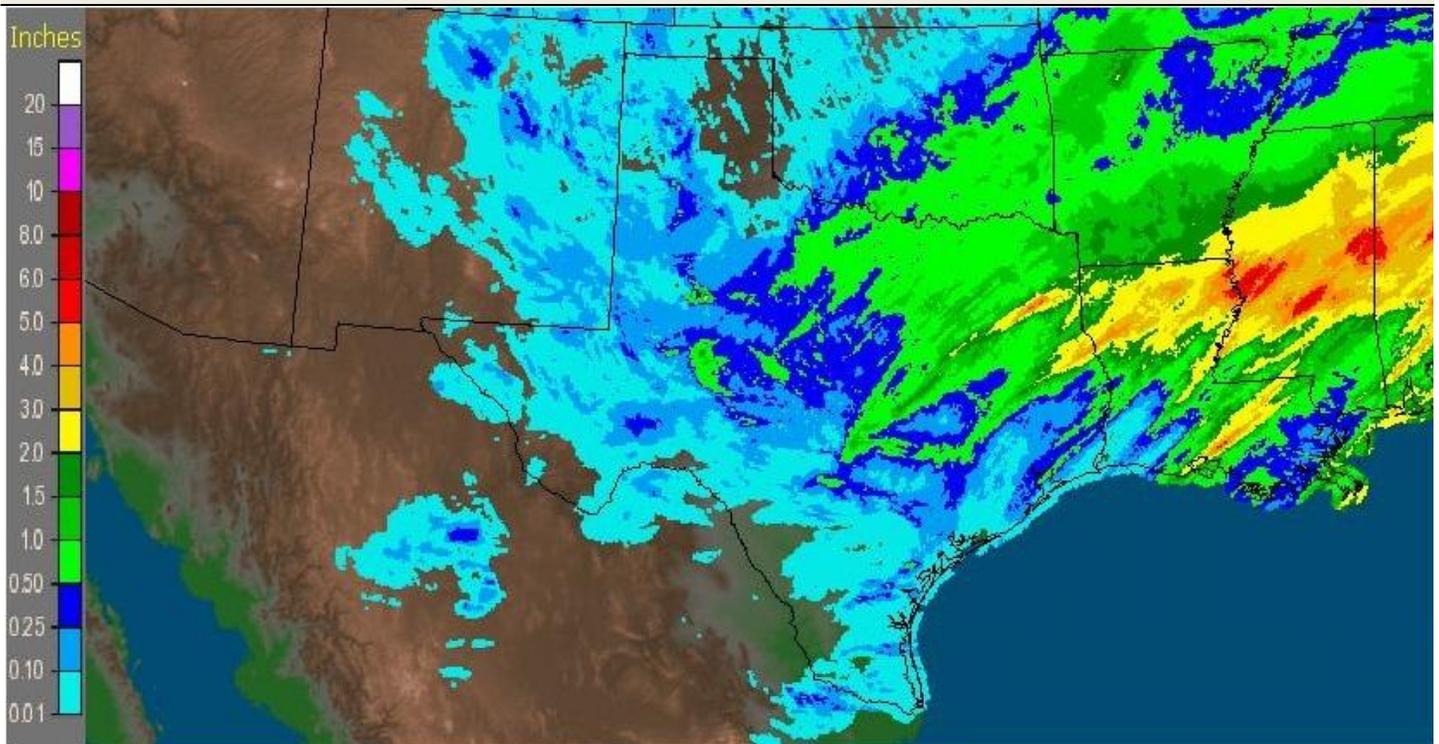
| Crop Condition    |                    |      |      |      |           |
|-------------------|--------------------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Crop              | Percent of Acreage |      |      |      |           |
|                   | Excellent          | Good | Fair | Poor | Very Poor |
| Wheat             | 1                  | 12   | 24   | 39   | 24        |
| Oats              | 8                  | 27   | 35   | 21   | 9         |
| Range and pasture | 3                  | 16   | 32   | 27   | 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      | 64                 | 32    | 4        | 0       | 6        | 60                 | 25    | 14       | 1       |
| 1-S      | 53                 | 44    | 2        | 1       | 7        | 33                 | 46    | 20       | 1       |
| 2-N      | 53                 | 45    | 2        | 0       | 8-N      | 10                 | 60    | 30       | 0       |
| 2-S      | 49                 | 47    | 3        | 1       | 8-S      | 10                 | 40    | 45       | 5       |
| 3        | 28                 | 55    | 17       | 0       | 9        | 4                  | 18    | 70       | 8       |
| 4        | 11                 | 35    | 49       | 5       | 10-N     | 19                 | 59    | 22       | 0       |
| 5-N      | 2                  | 9     | 75       | 14      | 10-S     | 0                  | 26    | 72       | 2       |
| 5-S      | 8                  | 17    | 60       | 15      | State    | 34                 | 41    | 23       | 2       |

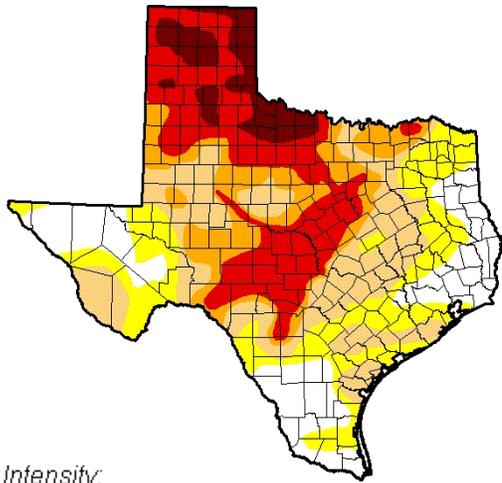
**Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, April 13, 2014**



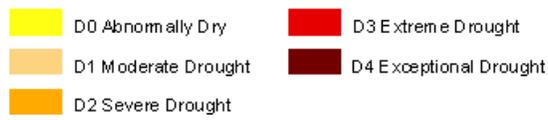
Source: National Weather Service, [www.nws.noaa.gov](http://www.nws.noaa.gov)

# Drought Monitor

Valid 4/8/2014, 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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