



# Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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**WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR MAY 5 -11**

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## Summary

Many areas of the state received much needed rainfall last week. Areas of the Cross Timbers, Blacklands, South Central, and East Texas received 1 to 6 inches. Additionally some areas experienced thunderstorms with hail, and high winds. The Coastal Bend and the Lower Valley received up to 1 inch. Other areas received no precipitation to only trace amounts. Warmer temperatures returned to most areas of the state.

**Small Grains:** Wheat conditions worsened in some areas of the High Plains. The wheat crop progressed in the Cross Timbers and the Blacklands and heading was nearly complete. In the Edwards Plateau, damage from a late freeze was becoming more evident.

**Row Crops:** Producers continued planting cotton and peanuts in the Southern High Plains. Many corn producers in the Coastal Bend were still waiting on additional moisture to begin planting. In South Texas, preparations were underway for planting of peanuts. Some damage was reported to row crops across the Lower Valley from high winds.

**Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops:** Pecan trees in the Blacklands and South Texas began setting nuts last week, and case bearer moths were being trapped. The peach crop remained in good condition in the Blacklands. Farmers continued to cultivate vegetable crops in North East Texas. Potato harvest progressed in South Texas. Producers in the Lower Valley continued harvesting onions, and some began preparing for spinach harvest.

**Livestock, Range and Pasture:** Supplemental feeding continued in the Plains and the Edwards Plateau as producers attempted to maintain livestock body condition. Fly infestation had become more prevalent in cattle herds in many areas of East Texas. Producers continued to shear lambs in preparation for the summer heat. Fire danger remained high for most of the state's rangelands, as high winds continued over many areas of the state.

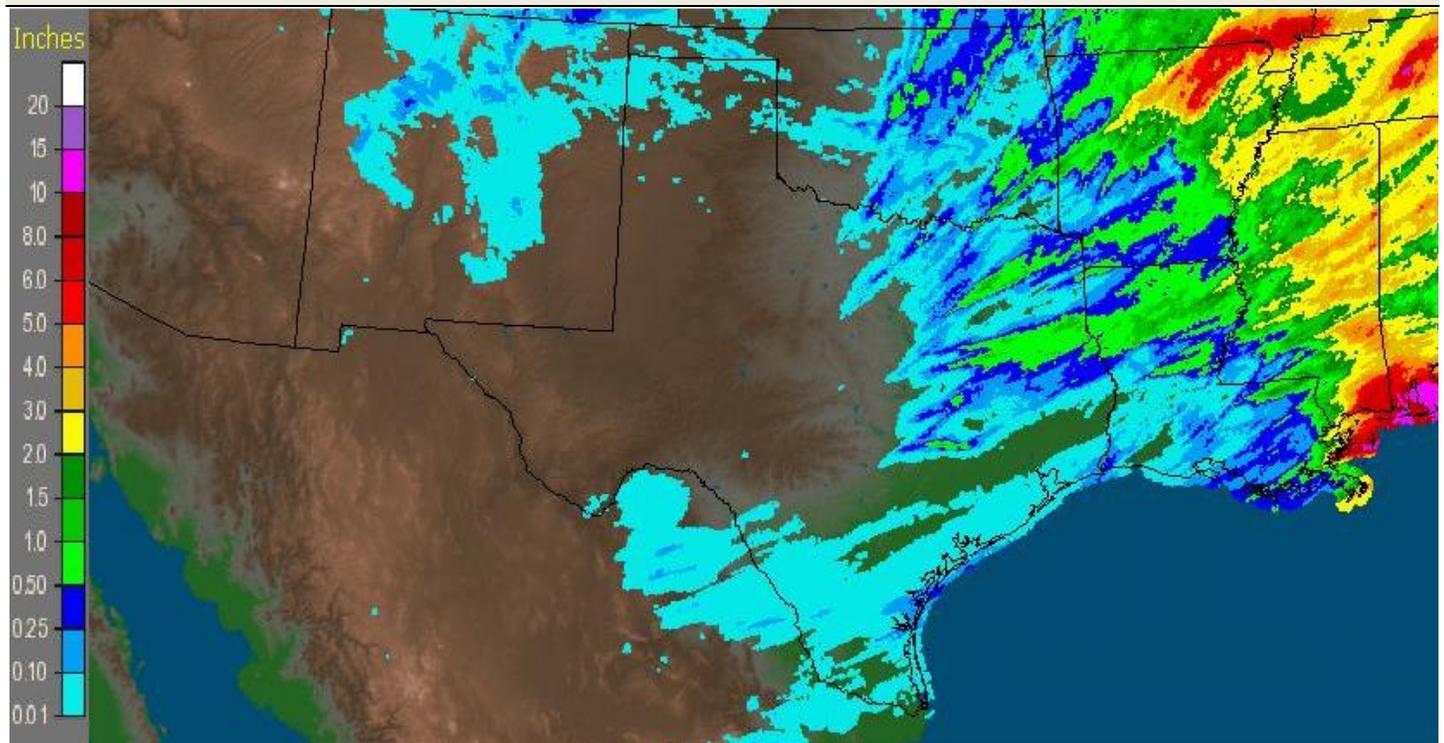
Crop Progress					
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2013	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Planted	80	73	77	85
	Emerged	65	58	66	69
	Silked (Tasseled)	5	0	5	6
Cotton	Planted	24	16	19	28
	Squaring	2	1	2	4
Peanuts	Planted	17	7	12	43
Rice	Planted	91	85	99	96
	Emerged	81	75	89	84
Sorghum	Planted	81	68	66	72
	Headed	4	0	8	6
Soybeans	Planted	30	28	83	82
	Emerged	18	15	52	61
Sunflowers	Planted	18	17	36	36
Winter Wheat	Headed	72	59	61	79
Oats	Headed	92	81	88	93

Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2014	2013
Corn	3	20	66	10	1	63	64
Rice	5	38	50	5	2	71	71
Sorghum	8	24	46	16	6	62	64
Wheat	1	10	21	33	35	33	36
Oats	6	27	33	21	13	57	57
Range and Pasture	4	21	33	25	17	--	--

\* 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	75	21	4	0	6	59	26	14	1
1-S	59	37	4	0	7	45	39	16	0
2-N	66	31	3	0	8-N	22	56	22	0
2-S	59	33	8	0	8-S	34	41	22	3
3	44	47	9	0	9	18	31	48	3
4	16	40	39	5	10-N	27	44	29	0
5-N	1	16	63	20	10-S	0	77	20	3
5-S	25	32	36	7	State	46	35	18	1

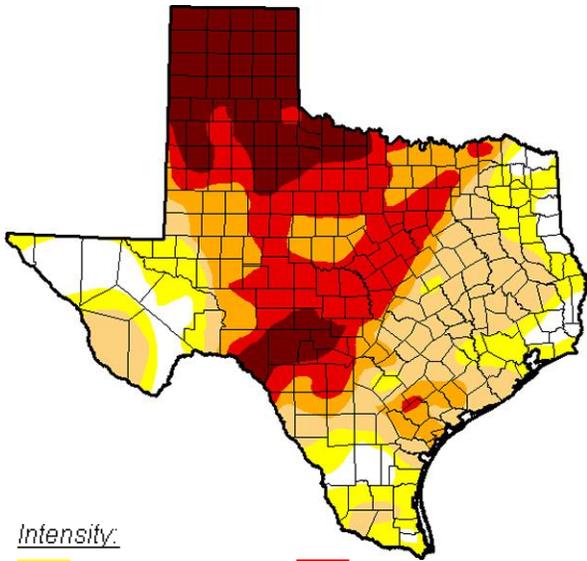
### Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, May 11, 2014



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

# Drought Monitor

Valid 5/6/2014, 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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