



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR MAY 12 -18

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Summary

Thunderstorms moved across the eastern half of Texas last week, providing much-needed rainfall to many areas. Four to six inches were reported in several locations for the week. Meanwhile, dry and windy conditions dominated much of west Texas and the Panhandle with many areas receiving little or no precipitation.

Small Grains: Winter wheat and oats progressed across the state, however the dry land small grain crop condition declined across the Plains due to hot, dry, windy conditions. Many producers were grazing small grain fields or cutting them for hay. Irrigation was active where available. In much of South Texas, small grain condition was good and harvest activities had begun.

Row Crops: Planting activities continued across the state. In east Texas, precipitation aided the growth of recently emerged corn, sorghum and soybeans, but delayed planting in some fields. Corn was beginning to tassel in some areas. Cotton planting continued across the Panhandle and Southern Plains, though some growers were awaiting rainfall before planting dry land cotton acres. Irrigated row crops were suffering in some areas as producers were forced to stretch limited water supplies.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: Peach and pecan crops in parts of the Cross Timbers benefited from recent rainfall and were in good condition. Pecan nut growth had begun in the Trans-Pecos and trees were being sprayed for insect control. In East Texas, cool-season vegetable harvest was in progress and warm-season vegetable planting continued. In South Texas, harvest of cabbage, onions and potatoes was active. Some planting of cantaloupes and watermelons was underway.

Crop Progress					
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2013	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Planted	92	80	83	92
	Emerged	79	65	68	76
	Silked (Tasseled)	10	5	11	17
Cotton	Planted	36	24	28	38
	Squaring	3	2	3	6
Peanuts	Planted	20	17	34	66
Rice	Planted	96	91	100	97
	Emerged	86	81	91	89
Sorghum	Planted	82	81	73	76
	Headed	10	4	18	15
Soybeans	Planted	31	30	87	87
	Emerged	20	18	61	76
Sunflowers	Planted	23	18	40	42
Winter Wheat	Headed	89	72	69	88
	Harvested	6	---	2	5
Oats	Headed	93	92	90	96
	Harvested	19	---	2	9

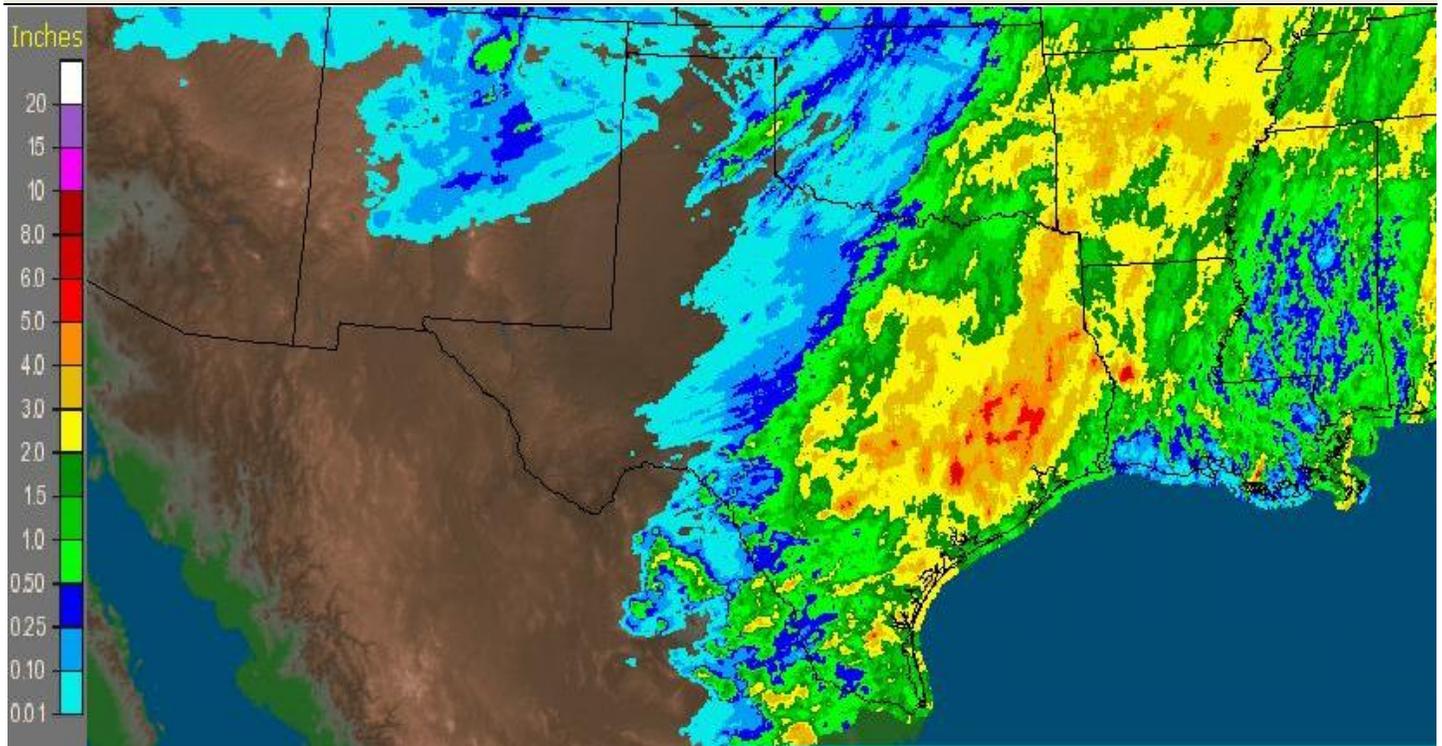
Livestock, Range and Pasture: Pastures and rangeland remained extremely dry in many parts of west Texas as hot, windy conditions continued to deplete topsoil moisture. In east Texas, rainfall improved pasture conditions and many stock ponds were replenished. Early-season grasses were being cut in many places. Some cattle ranchers were continuing spring roundup and weaning activities as calving season was winding down.

Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2014	2013
Corn	5	22	64	8	1	66	63
Peanuts	4	44	46	5	1	73	71
Sorghum	9	27	44	15	5	65	62
Wheat	1	10	22	32	35	33	33
Oats	6	27	33	20	14	56	57
Range and Pasture	5	23	31	25	16	---	---

* 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	76	20	4	0	6	59	26	14	1
1-S	62	34	4	0	7	38	40	21	1
2-N	71	27	2	0	8-N	10	56	33	1
2-S	68	26	6	0	8-S	24	34	34	8
3	41	51	8	0	9	11	23	64	2
4	8	26	55	11	10-N	27	44	29	0
5-N	0	6	65	29	10-S	0	76	21	3
5-S	18	24	45	13	State	43	33	22	2

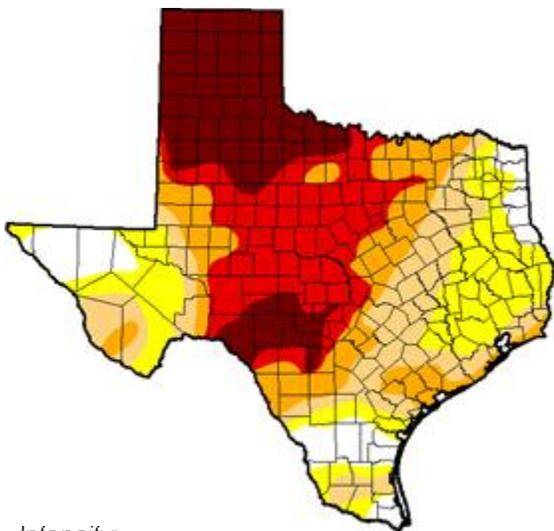
Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, May 18, 2014



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

Drought Monitor

Valid 5/13/2014, 7:00 am ET



Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

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

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