



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Weekly Summary for May 19 - May 25

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Summary

Many areas across the state experienced significant rainfall along with warm temperatures. Areas of the Northern High and Low Plains, Edwards Plateau and South Texas received from two to five inches of precipitation, with many other areas receiving at least one inch. Meanwhile, areas of East Texas received only trace amounts of precipitation.

Small Grains: Winter wheat conditions improved in areas of the Northern High Plains that received recent rainfall. Small grain harvest was underway in the Blacklands and South Central Texas.

Row Crops: Planting activities continued across the state. In the Northern High Plains, precipitation aided the growth of recently planted corn, cotton and sorghum. Corn was beginning to tassel in some areas. Producers sprayed cotton fields for thrips in areas of the Upper Coast. Sorghum headed out and made good progress in areas of the Coastal Bend. Soybeans emerged in the Blacklands and appeared to be in good condition. Rice planting continued in areas of the Upper Coast. Peanut planting began in South Texas.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: Pecan orchards continued to be treated for first generation case bearer insects. Onion harvest continued in areas of South Texas. In areas of North East Texas, producers were making preparations for blackberry and blueberry harvests. In South East Texas, more rain was needed as vegetables continued to develop. In the Coastal Bend, aphids damaged some recently planted sugarcane.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Supplemental feeding continued in the Northern High Plains and the Coastal Bend even as pastures and forage greened up with recent rainfall. Fly pressure increased on cattle herds in the Blacklands as pastures began to dry.

Crop Progress

Stage	Percent of Acreage			
	Current	Prev. Week	Prev. Year	5 Year Avg
Corn				
Planted	97	93	93	96
Emerged	88	79	77	83
Silked	18	10	24	29
Cotton				
Planted	49	36	46	54
Squaring	4	3	4	7
Peanuts				
Planted	60	45	59	79
Rice				
Planted	98	96	100	99
Emerged	95	86	92	91
Sorghum				
Planted	83	82	77	78
Headed	20	10	28	27
Soybeans				
Planted	65	50	88	91
Emerged	50	45	68	84
Sunflowers				
Planted	50	35	57	49
Winter Wheat				
Headed	94	89	78	93
Harvested	12	6	11	11
Oats				
Headed	99	93	91	97
Harvested	27	19	15	30

Crop Condition

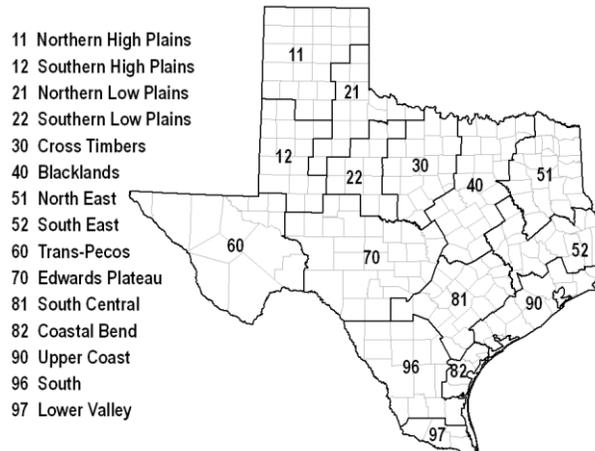
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index ¹	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2014	2013
Corn	7	25	61	6	1	68	66
Rice	4	44	46	5	1	73	73
Sorghum	13	28	43	11	5	68	65
Wheat	1	11	23	31	34	34	33
Oats	6	26	35	20	13	57	56
Range and Pasture	6	25	33	21	15	--	--

¹ 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.

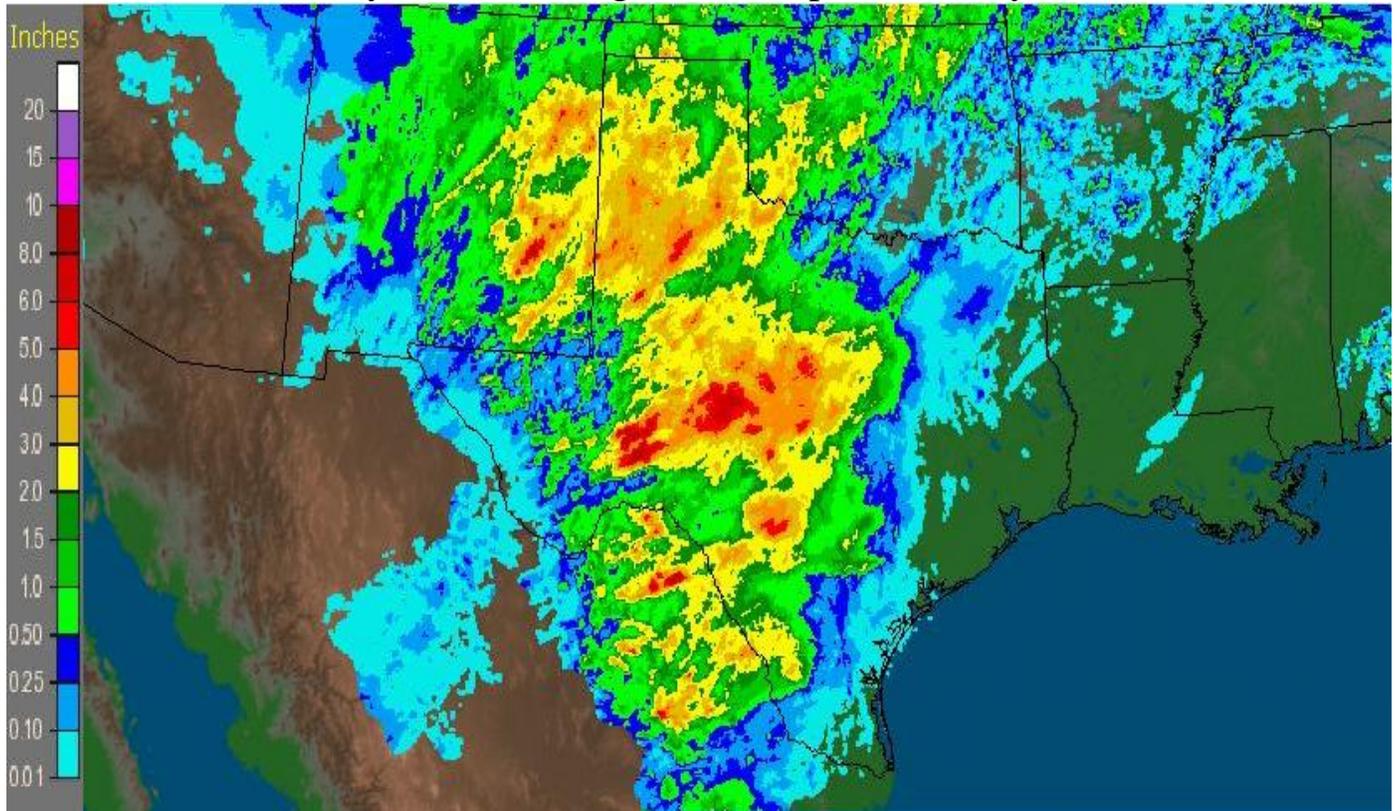
Top Soil Moisture Condition by District

District	Topsoil Moisture Condition by District				Subsoil Moisture Condition by District				Days Suitable for Fieldwork
	Percentage of Acreage				Percentage of Acreage				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
11	55	21	20	4	63	24	13	0	4.7
12	42	30	21	7	40	45	8	7	5.2
21	31	20	39	10	45	35	20	0	5.4
22	43	23	19	15	34	49	7	10	5.6
30	32	41	21	6	35	48	17	0	5.9
40	3	20	66	11	11	32	45	12	5.6
51	2	11	69	18	2	10	68	20	6.5
52	5	31	47	17	6	33	44	17	5.7
60	59	26	14	1	60	30	9	1	6.5
70	23	40	30	7	20	47	26	7	5.2
81	4	46	40	10	10	44	39	7	5.7
82	14	34	48	4	15	27	53	5	6.2
90	8	13	69	10	7	12	72	9	4.1
96	18	45	36	1	27	51	21	1	5.7
97	2	78	18	2	6	38	54	2	7.0
State	29	30	34	7	31	39	25	5	5.4

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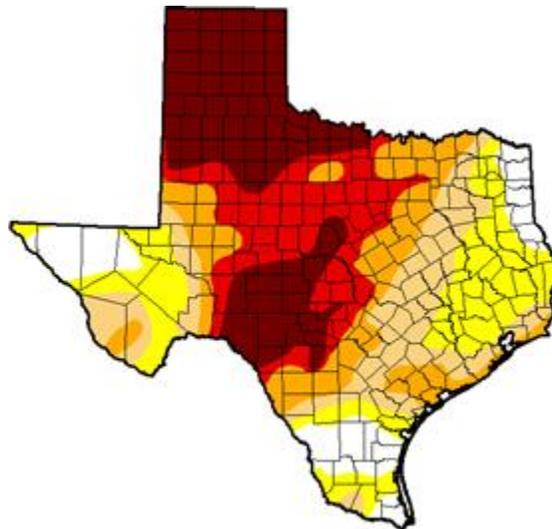
Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, May 26, 2014



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

Drought Monitor

Valid May 20, 2014



<i>Intensity:</i>	
 D0 Abnormally Dry	 D3 Extreme Drought
 D1 Moderate Drought	 D4 Exceptional Drought
 D2 Severe Drought	

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