



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Weekly Summary for July 21 - July 27

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Summary

Scattered showers occurred in South Texas and the Lower Valley, stretching across the Coastal Bend and into the Blacklands. The majority of the state averaged no more than half an inch in rainfall, though North East Texas and the Upper Coast received up to two inches in some areas. Other areas of Texas experienced hot and dry temperatures with minimal moisture.

Small Grains: Winter wheat harvest for this season reached completion statewide. Wheat fields were currently being worked for the early planting season in the Northern High Plains and the Cross-Timbers.

Row Crops: Corn continued to mature in the Blacklands, with some producers preparing for harvest in South East and South Central Texas. In South Texas, peanuts continued in the pegging stage. Sorghum progress slowed in the Southern Low Plains due to intense heat conditions. In areas of the Blacklands, various producers reported sugarcane aphid infestations in sorghum fields. In the Northern Low Plains, cotton producers were spraying fields for weeds. Cotton fields were blooming and setting bolls in the Trans-Pecos, Edwards Plateau, and the Upper Coast. Sunflower harvest progressed in the Blacklands and South Central Texas

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: In the Edwards Plateau, pecans were progressing well, while some orchards in South Texas required irrigation due to dry conditions last week. Potatoes were nearing harvest in areas of the Northern High Plains. Producers in South Texas virtually concluded watermelon harvest.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Pasture and range land continued to green across the state, though a few producers in South Central Texas and the Trans-Pecos reported deteriorating conditions due to a lack of rainfall. Cattle were in good condition statewide, while producers in the Edwards Plateau and Lower Valley continued to provide supplemental feed.

Crop Progress

Stage	Percent of Acreage			
	Current	Prev. Week	Prev. Year	5 Year Avg
Corn				
Silked	97	91	88	91
Dough	80	61	65	64
Dented	72	48	58	58
Mature	38	29	50	49
Cotton				
Squaring	82	81	87	87
Setting Bolls	30	24	25	40
Bolls Opening	6	3	7	10
Peanuts				
Pegging	51	45	93	80
Rice				
Headed	81	63	92	84
Sorghum				
Headed	89	88	80	75
Coloring	72	69	71	66
Mature	58	52	60	58
Harvested	33	23	39	37
Soybeans				
Blooming	66	60	89	86
Setting Pods	48	25	44	60
Oats				
Harvested	99	93	100	99
Sunflowers				
Harvested	17	0	0	0

Crop Condition

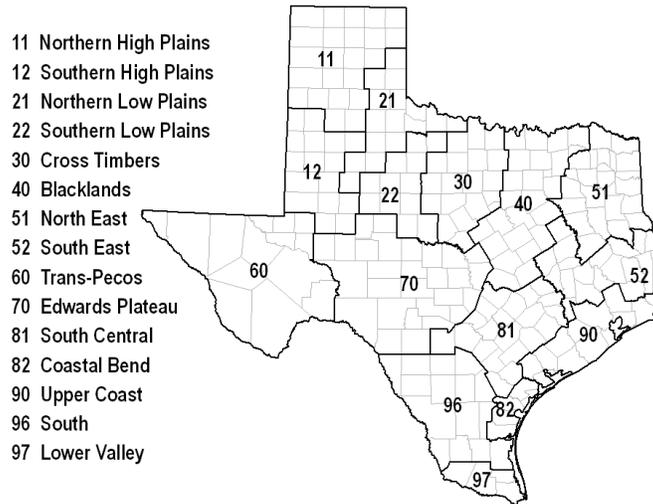
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index ¹	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2014	2013
Corn	15	46	33	5	1	79	76
Cotton	9	30	40	15	6	65	56
Peanuts	8	49	33	9	1	75	69
Rice	7	47	43	3	--	77	75
Sorghum	11	47	31	9	2	75	71
Soybeans	5	47	43	4	1	75	74
Oats	7	26	39	19	9	60	53
Range and Pasture	10	31	35	17	7	--	--

¹The 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.

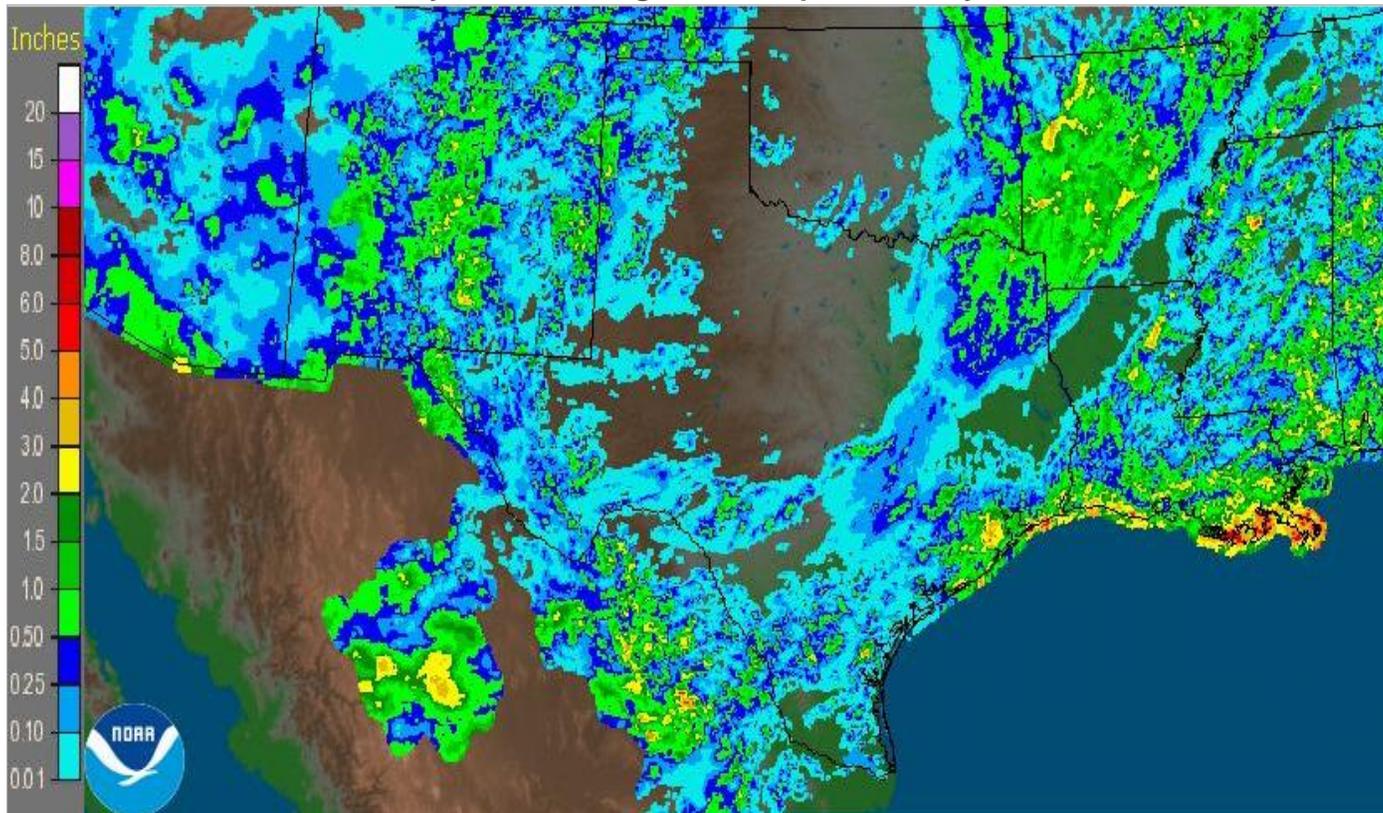
Top Soil Moisture Condition by District

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	24	46	24	6	25	43	31	1	6.7
12	22	54	23	1	19	55	25	1	6.8
21	9	35	55	1	15	38	47	0	6.9
22	24	56	20	0	23	50	27	0	5.8
30	11	51	37	1	18	47	34	1	6.2
40	6	40	51	3	8	35	54	3	6.1
51	2	9	79	10	1	12	76	11	5.6
52	7	27	55	11	7	29	53	11	6.4
60	38	50	11	1	37	50	12	1	7.0
70	25	41	33	1	22	42	35	1	6.6
81	20	58	22	0	19	56	25	0	6.5
82	35	36	24	5	26	45	25	4	6.0
90	5	17	67	11	3	12	74	11	5.4
96	21	51	28	0	15	56	29	0	6.6
97	8	84	8	0	16	84	0	0	7.0
State	19	47	32	2	19	46	34	1	6.4

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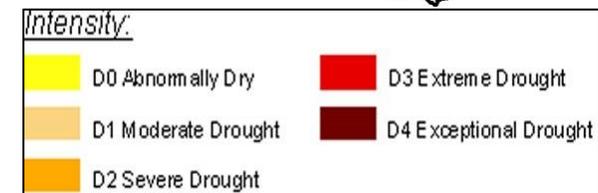
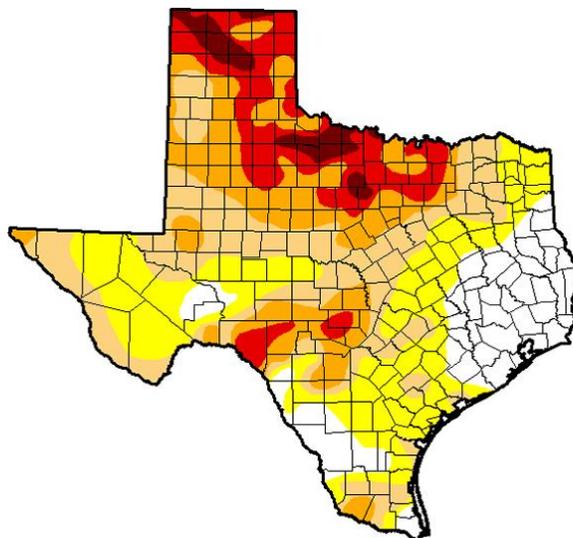
Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, July 27, 2014



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

Drought Monitor

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