



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Weekly Summary for September 22 - 28

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Summary: Heavy rainfall between 1 to 8 inches was seen in areas of the Coastal Blend, Lower Valley, and South Texas. Rainfall totaling up to 6 inches occurred in areas of the Trans-Pecos and the High Plains. The Blacklands and East Texas received very little rainfall last week. The rest of the state received no more than 2 inches. Cool temperatures between the low 60's and mid 80's were experienced across the state last week.

Small Grains: Winter wheat seeding continued throughout much the state, with preparations still underway in areas of the Blacklands. In the Edwards Plateau, some early sown winter wheat was emerging. Oat seeding began in areas of the Cross Timbers.

Row Crops: Corn harvest continued in areas of the Northern High Plains and South Texas, with harvest near completion in the Blacklands and Edwards Plateau. Cotton bolls were opening in areas of the Trans-Pecos, with harvest underway in the Blacklands and North East Texas. In areas of the Coastal Blend and South Texas, cotton harvest continued.

Cool temperatures last week delayed cotton progress in areas of the High Plains. Sorghum continued to progress across the state, with harvest near completion in areas of the Cross Timbers and Blacklands. Peanut harvest began in areas of the Northern Low Plains, with some producers in South Texas anticipating harvest in the upcoming weeks. Soybeans continued to progress in areas of the Blacklands. Rice harvest was near completion across the state. Sunflower harvest continued across the state.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: In the Trans-Pecos, Pawnee pecans continued in the shuck separation stage with western varieties at the end of the dough stage. Some pecan producers in the Cross Timbers anticipate harvest in the next upcoming weeks. Sesame continued to mature in areas of the Edwards Plateau and Coastal Blend.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Livestock were in good condition throughout most of the state, with calf weaning underway in areas of East Texas. Forage production was slowed in areas of North East Texas due to dry weather conditions. Range and pasture improved in the Coastal Blend, Trans-Pecos and South Texas due to recent rainfall. Armyworm infestations persisted in areas of South Texas. Feral hog damage continued to be a problem in areas of North East Texas, though dry weather slowed some activity.

Stage	Crop Progress			
	Percent of Acreage			
	Current	Prev. Week	Prev. Year	5 Year Avg
Corn				
Dented	100	93	97	98
Mature	76	75	86	88
Harvested	68	67	64	69
Cotton				
Bolls Opening	50	47	51	64
Harvested	17	16	11	15
Peanuts				
Harvested	2	N/A	2	15
Rice				
Harvested	98	96	100	98
Sorghum				
Coloring	95	94	95	90
Mature	89	88	78	75
Harvested	68	67	74	65
Soybeans				
Setting Pods	100	99	95	99
Dropping Leaves	71	70	86	86
Harvested	38	37	72	70
Sunflowers				
Harvested	82	79	33	47
Winter Wheat				
Planted	41	20	40	36
Emerged	13	5	13	11
Oats				
Planted	16	1	27	29

Crop Condition

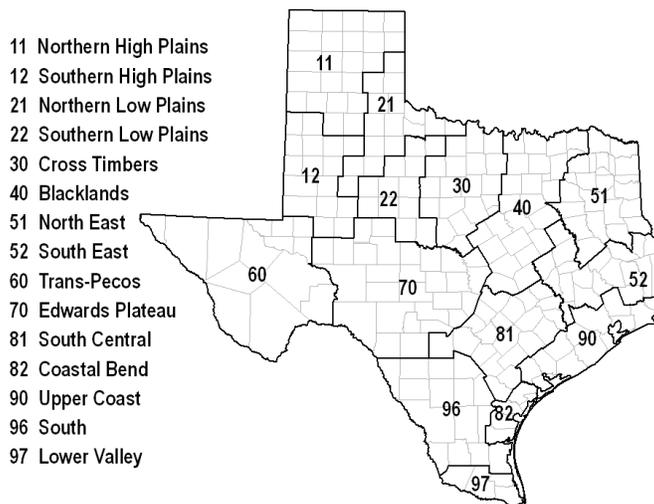
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index ¹	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2014	2013
Corn	18	49	27	5	1	81	75
Cotton	8	25	40	18	9	60	55
Peanuts	8	48	26	11	7	71	71
Rice	7	53	35	5	0	78	75
Sorghum	12	46	31	9	2	76	76
Soybeans	8	44	43	4	1	75	68
Range and Pasture	5	24	40	20	11	--	--

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.

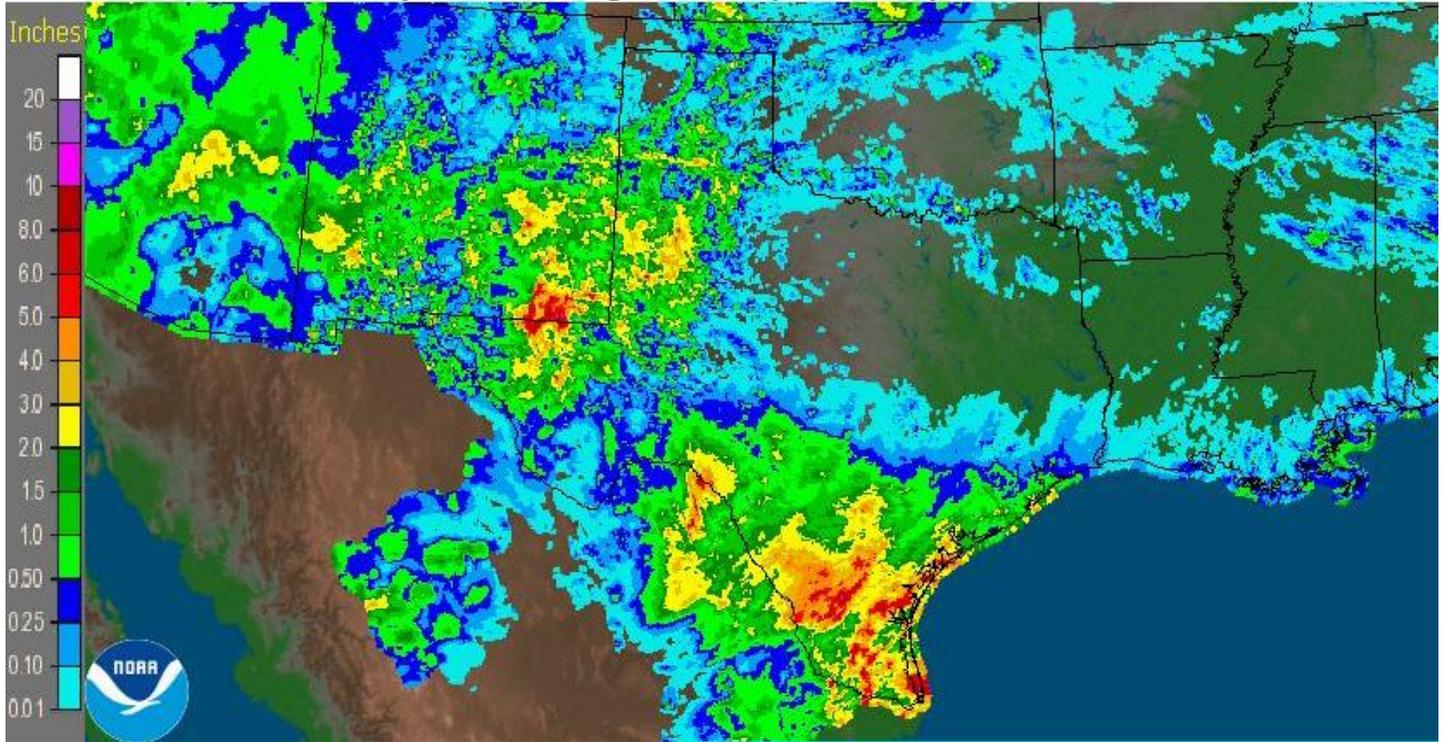
Top Soil Moisture Condition by District

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	21	32	44	3	28	27	43	2	5.9
12	11	15	58	16	11	33	43	13	1.7
21	14	27	40	19	10	32	50	8	6.1
22	19	42	33	6	23	37	37	3	5.3
30	24	51	25	0	35	50	15	0	6.2
40	28	29	37	6	19	36	44	1	6.7
51	14	37	47	2	12	38	48	2	6.8
52	20	25	48	7	19	26	49	6	6.0
60	25	30	40	5	19	53	25	3	7.0
70	19	48	32	1	18	50	31	1	5.4
81	16	43	38	3	21	49	25	5	5.9
82	17	24	47	12	23	40	29	8	5.2
90	5	14	53	28	6	17	54	23	3.4
96	17	41	41	1	18	47	34	1	6.3
97	0	32	36	32	7	32	33	28	4.1
State	18	35	41	6	19	42	35	4	4.9

Texas Agricultural Districts



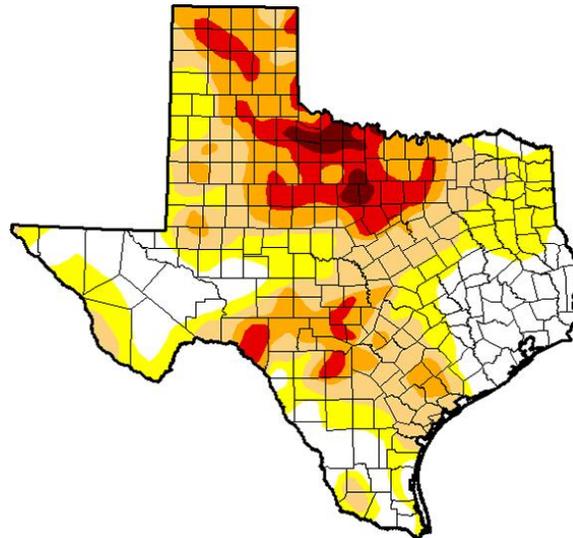
Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, September 28, 2014



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

Drought Monitor

Valid September 23, 2014



Intensity:

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/>