



# Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Weekly Summary for October 13 - October 19

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**Summary:** Much of the state received rainfall last week. Areas of the Blacklands and East Texas recorded one or more inches of precipitation for the week, while many areas of the Northern High Plains and the Cross-Timbers received a half an inch or more of precipitation. The rest of the state observed scattered showers.

**Small Grains:** Producers in the Plains continued to seed wheat as early-sown wheat emerged. Rainfall in the Blacklands and the Cross-Timbers helped small grains, while some seeding was delayed as producers were waiting for fields to dry out. In the Coastal Bend, armyworms continued to cause problems for small grain producers.

**Row Crops:** Sunflower harvest continued to progress in the Northern High Plains. Cotton harvest was winding down in South Central Texas and continued to progress in the Blacklands. Cotton stalk removal continued in the Upper Coast. Soybean harvest continued in the Northern High Plains. Corn harvest was active in the High Plains. Peanut harvest progressed in areas of the Northern Low Plains and South Texas. In the Southern Low Plains, sorghum harvest continued.

**Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops:** In areas of the Cross-Timbers, pecan harvest was active, while in North East Texas, reports of pecan scab were increasing. Recent rainfall in South Central Texas slowed harvest of pecans. Sesame continued to be harvested in areas of the Edwards Plateau. In South Texas, producers continued irrigating recently planted spinach, cabbage and onions.

**Livestock, Range and Pasture:** Producers began supplemental feeding of livestock to help maintain body condition heading into late fall and winter. Insect pressure on pastures in the Edwards Plateau had decreased. In the Northern Low Plains, the abundance of moisture from the past week improved range and pastures. Stock tank water levels decreased in areas of the Cross-Timbers.

Stage	Crop Progress			
	Percent of Acreage			
	Current	Prev. Week	Prev. Year	5 Year Avg
<b>Corn</b>				
Mature	94	85	89	97
Harvested	76	70	76	87
<b>Cotton</b>				
Bolls Opening	79	63	74	87
Harvested	22	20	15	25
<b>Peanuts</b>				
Harvested	26	16	42	48
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Coloring	98	97	98	96
Mature	92	91	85	85
Harvested	75	74	76	72
<b>Soybeans</b>				
Dropping Leaves	87	86	95	96
Harvested	56	54	84	83
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Harvested	85	84	52	61
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Planted	71	63	68	69
Emerged	50	41	41	41
<b>Oats</b>				
Planted	72	49	59	64
Emerged	22	10	41	34

### Crop Condition

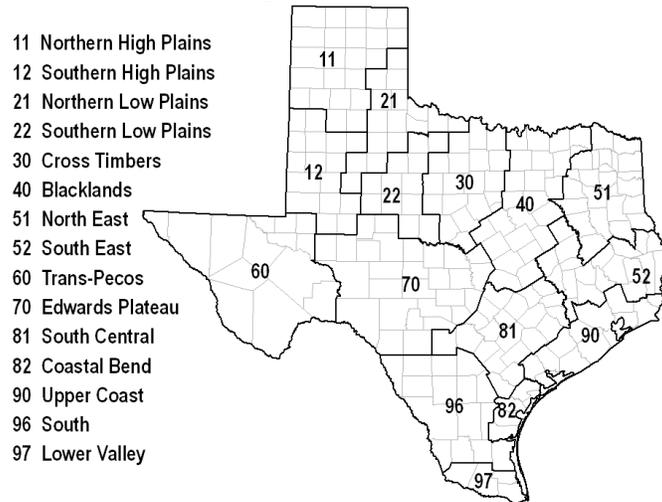
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index <sup>1</sup>	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2014	2013
Corn	18	49	27	5	1	81	75
Cotton	7	27	40	17	9	61	58
Peanuts	8	47	27	12	6	71	80
Sorghum	12	46	31	9	2	76	68
Soybeans	8	44	43	4	1	75	68
Range and Pasture	5	29	39	18	9	--	--

<sup>1</sup> 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.

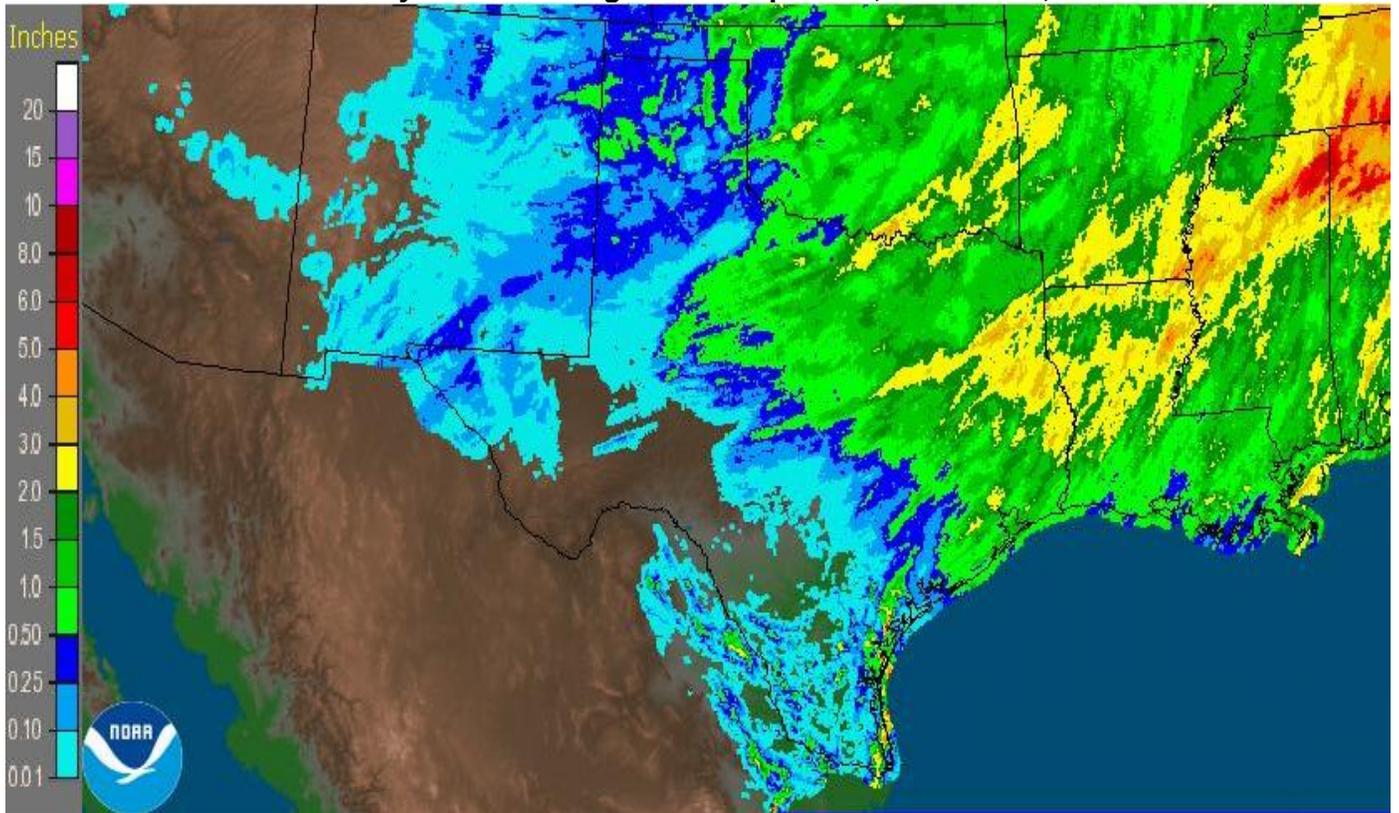
### Top Soil Moisture Condition by District

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	14	36	47	3	25	35	38	2	6.4
12	12	30	53	5	12	40	47	1	6.9
21	9	47	42	2	8	44	47	1	6.5
22	23	49	24	4	24	37	36	3	6.0
30	24	51	24	1	29	47	24	0	5.8
40	18	21	51	10	12	32	51	5	5.1
51	8	19	66	7	7	27	62	4	6.2
52	6	22	64	8	4	21	68	7	5.5
60	20	34	45	1	18	38	43	1	7.0
70	20	46	32	2	17	52	31	0	6.6
81	16	51	31	2	19	54	21	6	6.6
82	3	34	51	12	19	32	36	13	7.0
90	2	16	64	18	4	14	65	17	3.8
96	25	50	25	0	20	55	25	0	7.0
97	0	27	65	8	7	28	59	6	7.0
State	16	38	43	3	17	42	39	2	6.3

### Texas Agricultural Districts



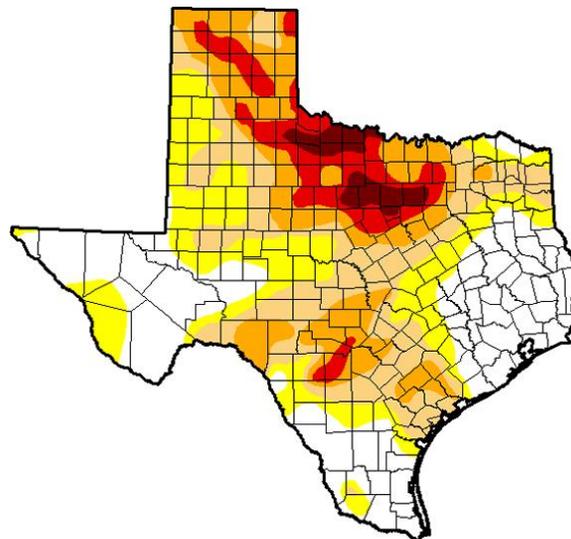
### Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, October 19, 2014



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

### Drought Monitor

Valid October 14, 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/>