



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Weekly Summary for August 17-August 23

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Many areas of the state received precipitation last week, with the Upper Coast and Coastal Bend reporting totals from over an inch to isolated reports of up to 10 inches. Areas of the Plains, East Texas and the Trans-Pecos received from .10 inches to upwards of 4 inches. Along with the rains, hail storms were experienced in the Northern High Plains.

Small Grains: Producers applied fertilizer and prepared soils in preparation for seeding of small grains.

Row Crops: Weather conditions aided cotton development in areas of the High and Low Plains. Row crop harvest continued in areas of the Coastal Bend, the Upper Coast, South Central and South Texas as weather conditions allowed. Sunflowers and peanuts continued to develop in areas of the Southern High Plains. Sugarcane aphids remained an issue affecting some corn and sorghum producers in areas of the Northern High and Low Plains.

Crop Progress

Stage	Percent of Acreage			
	Current	Prev. Week	Prev. Year	5 Year Avg
Corn				
Silked	100	98	100	100
Dough	88	87	90	87
Dented	65	58	78	73
Mature	55	53	69	62
Harvested	47	40	44	47
Cotton				
Squaring	97	95	100	99
Setting Bolls	75	61	85	91
Bolls Opening	13	11	22	18
Harvested	1	N/A	6	7
Peanuts				
Pegging	96	94	99	99
Rice				
Headed	100	97	100	98
Harvested	55	34	47	62
Sorghum				
Headed	91	89	93	91
Coloring	73	67	90	76
Mature	63	57	84	68
Harvested	45	39	60	55
Soybeans				
Blooming	87	86	81	93
Setting Pods	75	67	80	88
Dropping Leaves	35	16	26	42
Sunflowers				
Harvested	37	30	44	19

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: Vegetable planting preparations continued in areas of the Lower Valley. Pecan development continued in areas of the Edwards Plateau and the Trans-Pecos.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Supplemental feeding for livestock continued across the state due to declining pasture conditions. Large number of grasshoppers in areas of the Northern High and Low Plains remained an issue, with producers continuing insecticide applications.

Crop Condition

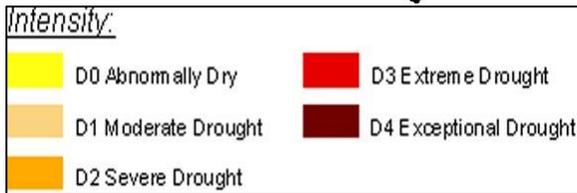
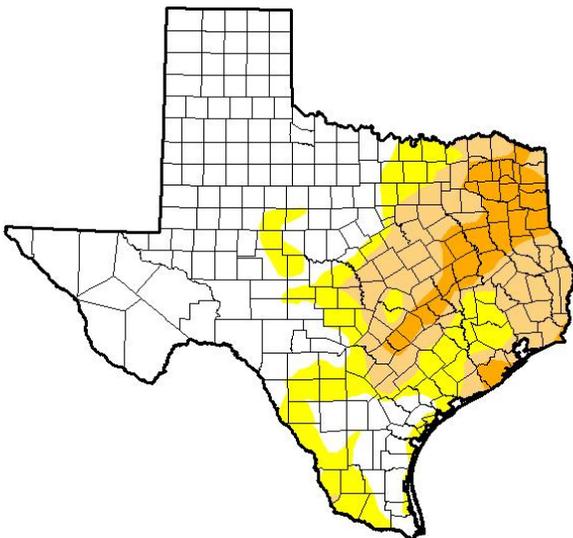
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index ¹	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2015	2014
Corn	15	41	33	8	3	75	81
Cotton	5	38	46	10	1	70	63
Peanuts	7	55	37	1		80	74
Rice	9	43	41	5	2	75	77
Sorghum	16	51	24	6	3	80	76
Soybeans	5	31	46	16	2	65	74
Range and Pasture	5	28	41	19	7	--	--

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.

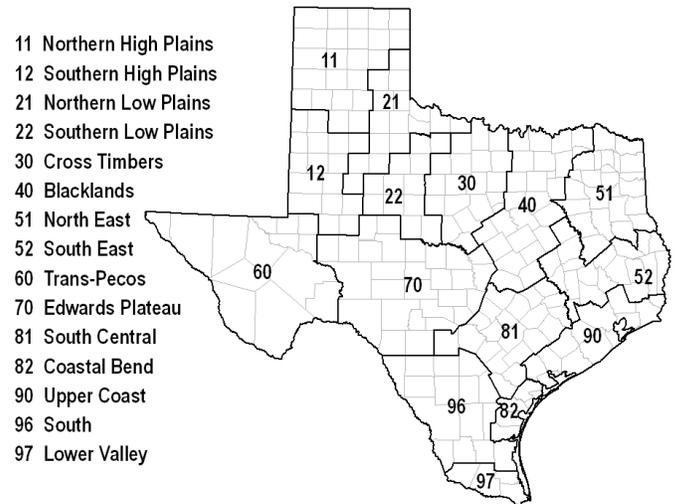
Top Soil Moisture Condition by District

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	0	33	64	3	4	23	72	1	5.8
12	8	47	44	1	2	44	52	2	6.8
21	9	45	45	1	2	38	60	0	6.5
22	19	64	17	0	2	54	42	2	6.5
30	15	60	24	1	5	49	46	0	6.2
40	35	39	26	0	20	54	26	0	6.1
51	16	45	36	3	15	47	34	4	6.2
52	37	38	20	5	32	42	21	5	6.3
60	25	28	47	0	28	26	46	0	6.8
70	48	40	12	0	25	60	15	0	6.7
81	16	49	27	8	14	52	30	4	6.5
82	17	43	39	1	1	44	54	1	5.0
90	22	33	35	10	3	49	41	7	3.8
96	49	28	21	2	30	37	33	0	6.8
97	0	39	61	0	0	2	98	0	6.2
State	16	43	39	2	9	41	48	2	6.2

Drought Monitor
Valid August 18, 2015

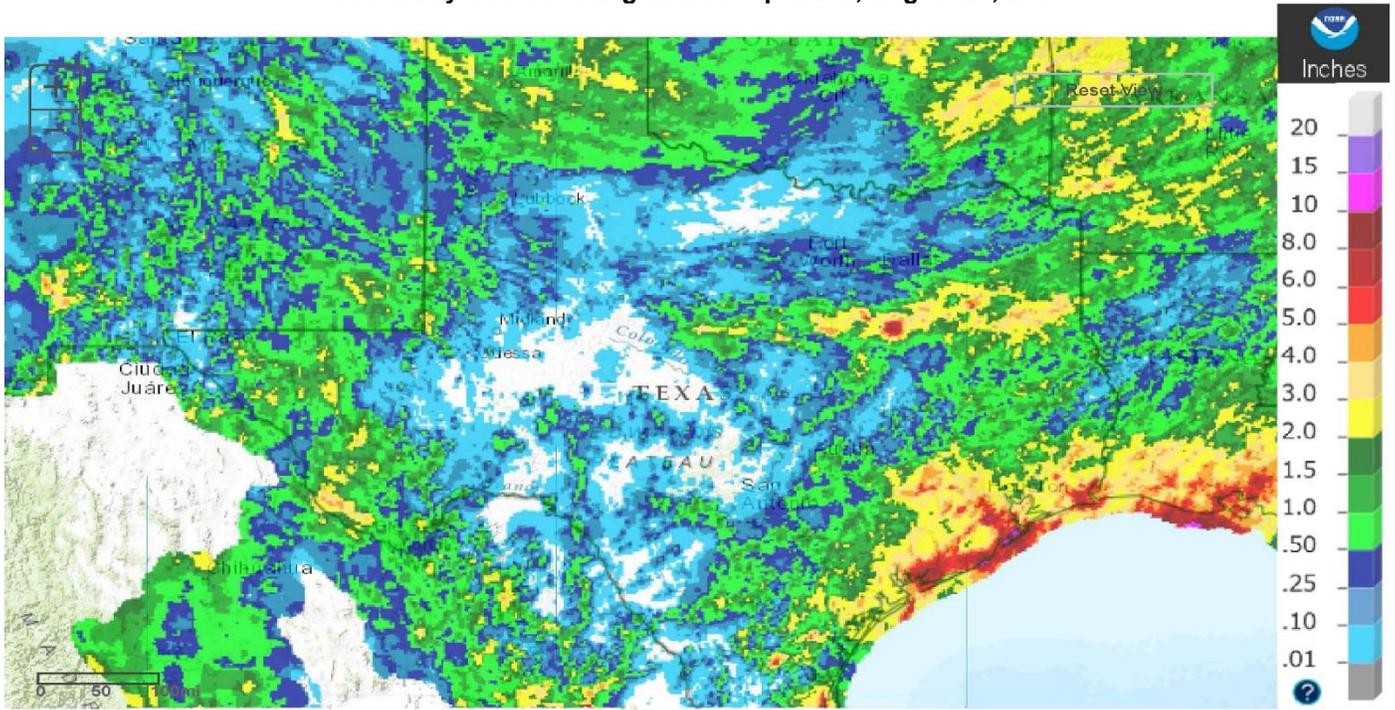


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Source: National Drought Mitigation Center, a partnership with USDA, U.S. Department of Commerce/NOAA, <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>

Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, August 23, 2015



Texas: 7-Day Observed Precipitation
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Valid on: August 23, 2015 - 12:00 UTC
Source: National Weather Service, www.nws.noaa.gov

