



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Weekly Summary for October 5-Oct 11

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Many areas of Texas received precipitation last week. Portions of South Texas received upwards of 6 inches of rainfall. While areas of the Plains, the Trans-Pecos, the Edwards Plateau, and South Texas received from trace amounts to upwards of 2.0 inches. South Central, East Texas and the upper coast received only scattered trace amounts to no precipitation.

Small Grains: Lack of adequate moisture slowed winter wheat seedings in areas of the Low Plains, the Cross Timbers, and the Blacklands. Oat seeding also slowed in areas of the Blacklands, as field preparations continued in areas of South Central Texas.

Row Crops: Cotton harvest remained active across much of the state as weather allowed. Producers in the Plains were beginning to harvest but rain in some areas caused delays. Cotton harvest is currently at 24 percent, 4 points above previous year, and 3 points above normal. Corn and sorghum harvest continued to progress across areas of the Northern Plains, and the Lower Valley. Corn harvest is currently at 67 percent, 3 points behind previous year and 11 points behind normal.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: Fall vegetable planting continued in areas of the Lower Valley. Onions and cabbage progressed in South Texas.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Livestock remained in good condition across the state. Some livestock producers in North East Texas continued supplemental feeding. Range and pasture conditions declined due to lack of moisture in much of the state, however, conditions improved with welcome precipitation in areas of the Trans-Pecos, the Edwards Plateau, and the Plains. Feral hog activity increased in North East Texas.

Stage	Percent of Acreage			
	Current	Prev. Week	Prev. Year	5 Year Avg
Corn				
Dented	100	98	100	100
Mature	87	84	84	93
Harvested	67	64	70	78
Cotton				
Bolls Opening	87	70	63	78
Harvested	24	21	20	21
Peanuts				
Harvested	29	27	14	28
Rice				
Harvested	100	99	100	100
Sorghum				
Coloring	99	98	97	96
Mature	86	85	91	85
Harvested	69	67	74	71
Soybeans				
Dropping Leaves	80	70	86	92
Harvested	60	49	53	74
Sunflowers				
Harvested	68	60	84	69
Winter Wheat				
Planted	48	37	62	58
Emerged	20	8	40	30
Oats				
Planted	45	19	48	49
Emerged	9	2	9	18

Crop Condition

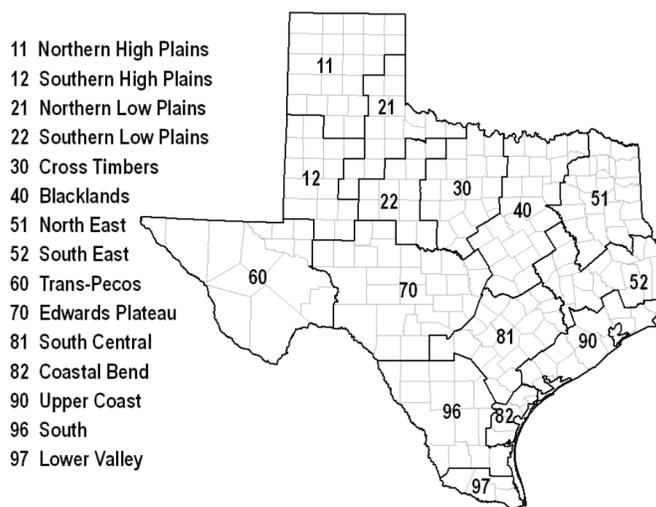
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index ¹	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2015	2014
Corn	15	41	33	8	3	75	81
Cotton	4	34	44	15	3	65	61
Peanuts	7	58	34	1		81	71
Rice	8	43	41	6	2	74	78
Sorghum	16	51	24	6	3	80	76
Soybeans	5	28	42	22	3	62	75
Range and Pasture	3	21	35	28	13		

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

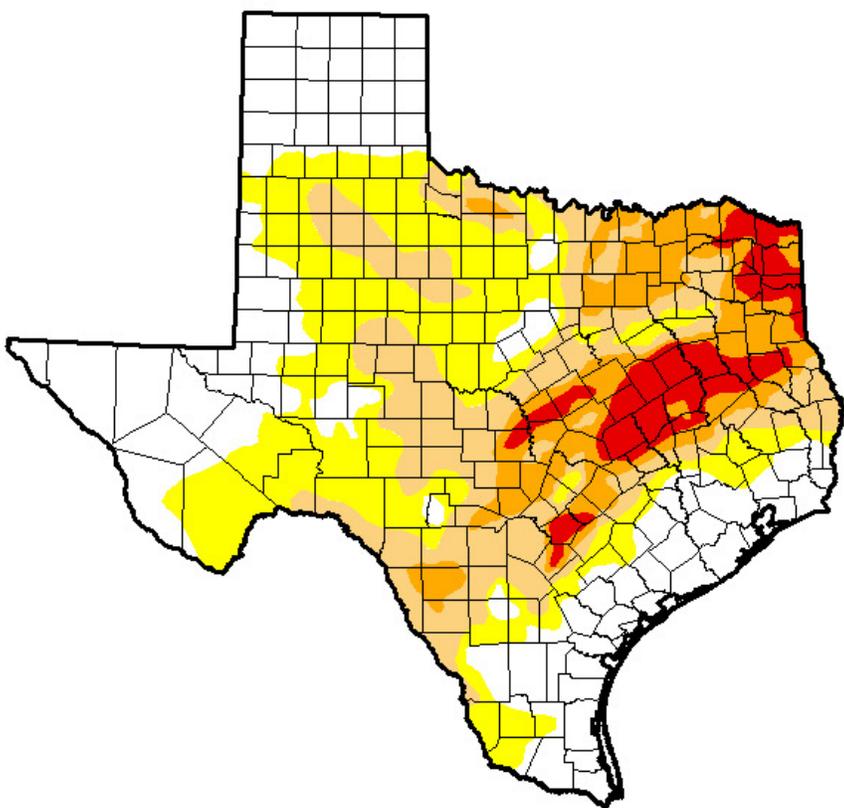
District	Topsoil Moisture Condition by District				Subsoil Moisture Condition by District				Days Suitable for Fieldwork
	Percentage of Acreage				Percentage of Acreage				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
11	0	43	54	3	6	39	52	3	3.5
12	6	34	57	3	3	45	51	1	4.6
21	43	34	22	1	24	48	28	0	6.5
22	50	47	3	0	34	49	17	0	6.6
30	32	44	24	0	10	67	23	0	6.4
40	46	51	3	0	24	62	14	0	6.7
51	39	41	17	3	30	42	24	4	6.7
52	43	33	19	5	40	35	20	5	7.0
60	18	24	57	1	20	27	52	1	5.2
70	39	54	7	0	35	57	8	0	5.6
81	37	37	12	14	31	45	20	4	6.8
82	5	54	41	0	1	42	57	0	6.6
90	3	25	68	4	6	45	45	4	7.0
96	7	41	37	15	26	35	26	13	6.2
97	0	60	40	0	0	9	91	0	7.0
State	21	42	34	3	16	45	37	2	5.6

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Displaying Last 7-Day Observed Precipitation
 Valid on: October 13, 2015 12:00 UTC
 What is UTC time? Map Help



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	34.51	65.49	38.32	17.55	6.27	0.00
Last Week 9/22/2015	40.27	59.73	30.40	14.04	4.72	0.00
3 Months Ago 6/30/2015	95.37	4.63	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12/02/2014	34.37	65.63	44.68	25.73	11.70	3.17
Start of Water Year 9/30/2014	28.92	71.08	48.95	29.54	11.26	2.69
One Year Ago 9/30/2014	28.92	71.08	48.95	29.54	11.26	2.69

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary.

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