



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Weekly Summary for November 16-Nov 22

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Isolated areas of East Texas received upwards of 5 inches of rainfall. Meanwhile, areas stretching from the Northern Low Plains to the Upper Coast experienced precipitation ranging from 0.1 to upwards of 2.0 inches. The rest of the state ranged from no measurable precipitation to upwards of 0.1 of an inch. Some counties in the northwest portion of the High Plains recorded snow, along with blizzard conditions in a few areas.

Small Grains: Winter wheat and oat seeding continued, with some delays experienced in areas of the Blacklands due to recent rainfall. Wheat and oats were emerging in most areas of the state.

Stage	Crop Progress			
	Percent of Acreage			
	Current	Prev. Week	Prev. Year	5 Year Avg
Corn				
Harvested	93	92	98	99
Cotton				
Harvested	60	56	55	75
Peanuts				
Harvested	85	82	93	96
Sorghum				
Mature	98	97	98	99
Harvested	91	90	84	91
Soybeans				
Harvested	88	87	81	93
Sunflowers				
Harvested	89	88	91	89
Winter Wheat				
Planted	83	82	92	93
Emerged	74	73	81	78
Oats				
Planted	89	88	95	92
Emerged	66	65	62	76

Row Crops: Cotton harvest continued to progress in areas of the Plains and the Cross Timbers, while in areas of the Trans-Pecos and the Edwards Plateau cotton harvest is winding down. Cotton harvest is currently at 60 percent, 5 points above previous year, and 15 points behind normal. Corn and sorghum harvest were nearing completion. Corn harvest is currently at 93 percent, 5 points behind previous year and 6 points behind normal.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: Fall vegetables continued to develop in areas of the Lower Valley. Harvest of onions and pecans progressed in areas of the Edwards Plateau and South Central Texas.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Statewide livestock were in good condition heading into the winter grazing season. Range and pasture remained in good condition in many areas of the state. Armyworms and feral hog activity was reported in areas of East Texas.

Crop Condition

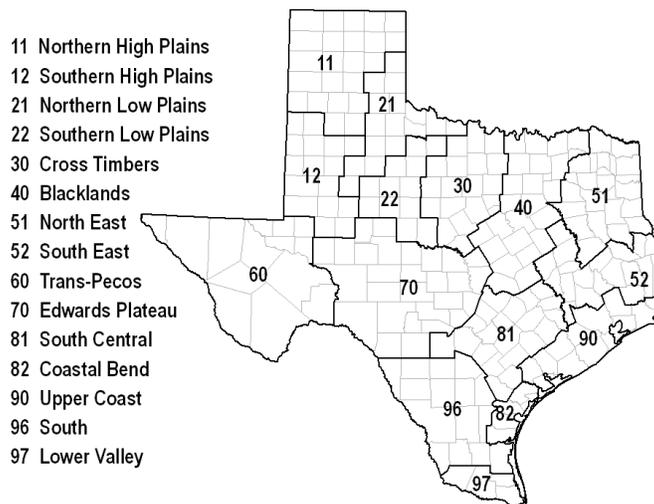
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index ¹	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2015	2014
Corn	11	48	29	8	4	75	81
Cotton	4	36	45	11	4	67	61
Peanuts	8	57	34	1	0	81	71
Sorghum	14	46	29	7	4	76	76
Soybeans	5	28	42	22	3	62	75
Wheat	20	32	36	8	4	75	72
Oats	9	40	24	21	6	66	74
Range and Pasture	6	28	41	17	8	--	--

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.

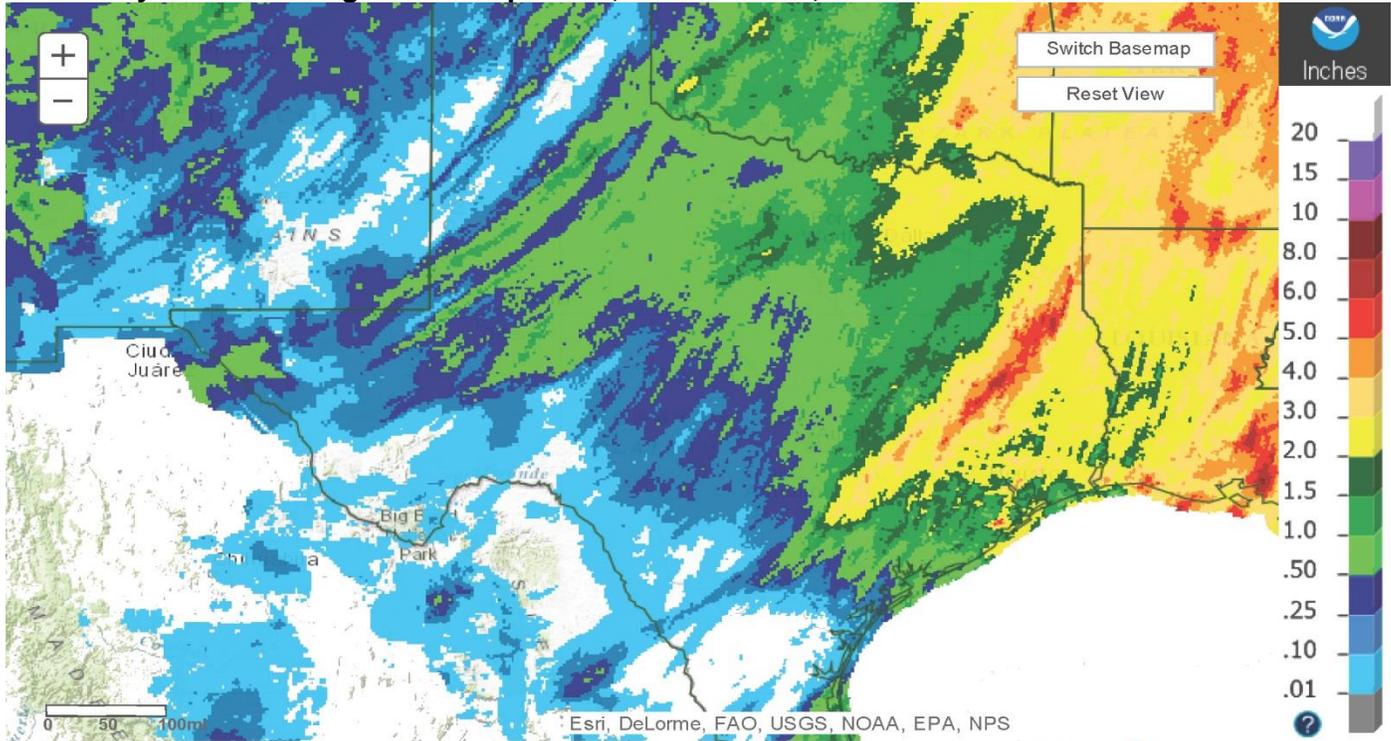
Top Soil Moisture Condition by District

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	8	86	6	0	16	84	0	5.9
12	4	25	59	12	3	29	59	9	6.5
21	4	26	66	4	10	30	59	1	6.3
22	1	12	81	6	4	8	84	4	4.0
30	2	16	67	15	3	17	72	8	4.6
40	0	2	43	55	0	6	56	38	2.3
51	7	2	48	43	7	4	57	32	5.8
52	19	7	63	11	19	9	64	8	5.1
60	23	19	56	2	23	14	61	2	6.5
70	4	14	68	14	7	32	53	8	6.1
81	0	3	70	27	0	16	63	21	5.7
82	4	8	47	41	2	6	64	28	4.0
90	0	1	75	24	0	32	53	15	1.9
96	5	8	85	2	5	6	88	1	6.8
97	0	19	78	3	0	2	98	0	7.0
State	3	12	67	18	3	17	69	11	5.2

Texas Agricultural Districts



Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, November 22, 2015



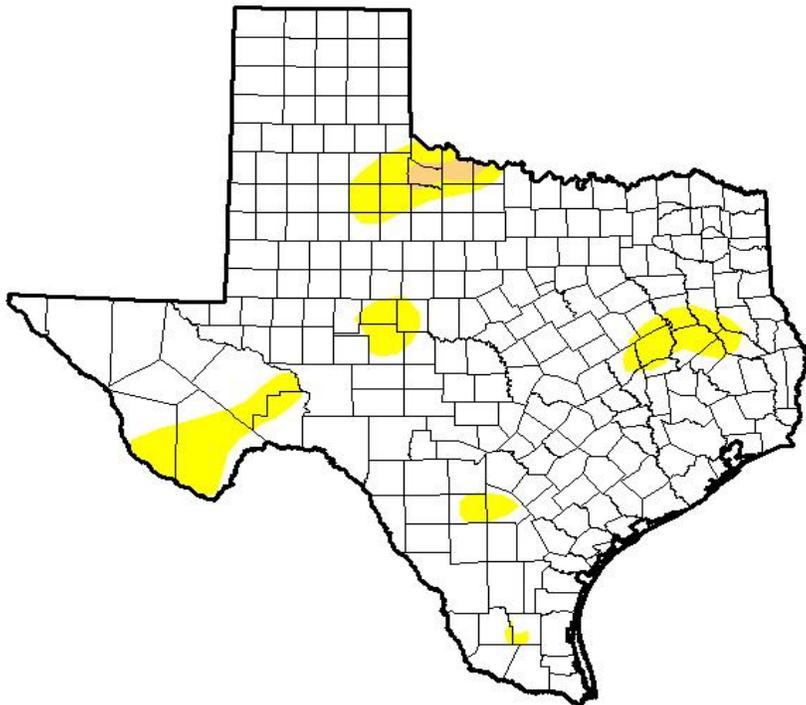
Texas: Last 7-Day Observed Precipitation
Valid on: November 22, 2015 12:00 UTC

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



Drought Monitor

Valid November 17, 2015



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	90.41	9.59	0.61	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>11/10/2015</i>	90.15	9.85	0.61	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>8/19/2015</i>	57.66	42.34	25.28	8.37	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12/02/2014</i>	34.37	65.63	44.68	25.73	11.70	3.17
Start of Water Year <i>9/29/2015</i>	34.51	65.49	38.32	17.55	6.27	0.00
One Year Ago <i>11/18/2014</i>	31.21	68.79	43.91	23.89	9.82	3.45

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

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