

# Texas Crop Weather



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**Crop Progress Table - May 30, 2004**

Crop	2004	2003	Average 1999-2003
	<i>Percent</i>		
<b>Corn</b>			
Planted .....	99	100	99
Emerged .....	96	97	96
Silked .....	30	28	38
<b>Cotton</b>			
Planted .....	74	66	68
Squaring .....	11	15	12
<b>Peanuts</b>			
Planted .....	93	83	79
<b>Rice</b>			
Emerged .....	98	98	98
<b>Sorghum</b>			
Planted .....	74	63	67
Headed .....	26	23	27
<b>Wheat</b>			
Headed .....	99	98	98
Harvested .....	14	22	17
<b>Other Field Crops</b>			
Planted			
Soybeans .....	85	87	86
Sunflowers .....	56	63	66

**Crop Condition Table - May 30, 2004**

Item	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very poor
	<i>Percent</i>				
Corn .....	31	45	20	3	1
Cotton .....	14	46	34	4	2
Peanuts .....	17	56	24	2	1
Rice .....	19	54	27	0	0
Sorghum .....	22	50	22	4	2
Wheat .....	6	31	34	21	8
Range & Pasture ..	14	40	27	13	6

**Agricultural Summary:** Temperatures remained high throughout the week, keeping irrigation going in the Plains and allowing field work in most areas. A rain was much needed to help the dryland crops. Sunny conditions were good for crop development, yet producers were waiting for rain to continue planting of dryland crops in the Plains. Haying was in progress in several areas, and wheat for grain harvest was underway or about to begin in most areas. Sub-soil moisture from earlier rains have kept producers happy thus far, but there were concerns that rain will still be needed as winds and drier conditions brought down moisture levels. Areas to the east saw drier conditions and improvement in crops that had been saturated in the past.

**Field Crops Report**

**Small Grains:** Irrigated wheat fields remained in great condition in the Plains, but some dryland wheat was negatively affected by dry weather and

winds. Producers in the Plains awaited harvest and continued cutting fields for hay. In the Blacklands, oat and wheat harvest was underway with yields reported as good. South Central wheat harvest was wrapping up with some damage reported from rust and mildew. Statewide, wheat condition was rated at 61 percent of normal compared with 44 percent last year.

**Corn:** Planting was completed on the Plains. Dry, sunny weather aided emergence. Irrigation of corn allowed for outstanding plant growth, yet dryland corn was in need of moisture. Rains in the Cross Timbers allowed progression of corn stands. In North East Texas, corn began to tassel. South Central corn looked to be in excellent condition as fields dried out. Statewide, corn condition was rated at 87 percent of normal compared with 57 percent last year.

**Cotton:** Irrigated cotton planting in the Plains was completed. Producers of dryland cotton in the Plains and Cross Timbers awaited more rain before planting. In the Blacklands, cotton made good progress with the warm temperatures, with minimal insect pressure. In the Southern Low Plains, high winds and very hot days contributed to burning of some cotton stands. South Central cotton fields were in early stages, and were in need of moisture. Fields on the Coastal Bend had taken off with favorable conditions. Statewide, cotton condition was rated at 78 percent of normal compared with 63 percent last year.

**Sorghum:** Dry conditions called for irrigation of sorghum in the South Texas region, while sorghum progressed slowly in South Central areas and was in poor condition in portions of the Upper Coast. Other regions reported that rain was needed to further increase healthy growth. Statewide, sorghum condition was rated at 83 percent of normal compared with 60 percent last year.

**Peanuts:** Peanut planting was under way in South Texas, and was winding down across the plains. Statewide, peanut condition was rated at 84 percent of normal compared with 81 percent last year.

**Rice:** Rice development continued with fair conditions reported along the upper coast. Statewide, rice condition was rated at 86 percent of normal compared with 91 percent last year.

**Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop Report**

**Pecans:** Cross Timbers pecan trees were showing heavy crop potential, with minimal threat of case bearer moths predicted. Pecans in the Trans Pecos region were being irrigated and sprayed for case bearers.

In the **Rio Grande Valley**, onion, melon, and citrus harvest was winding down. Harvest of pickles and sugarcane continued.

In the **San Antonio-Winter Garden**, irrigation began on watermelons, cotton, corn, sorghum, and cantaloupes, and harvest of onions continued.

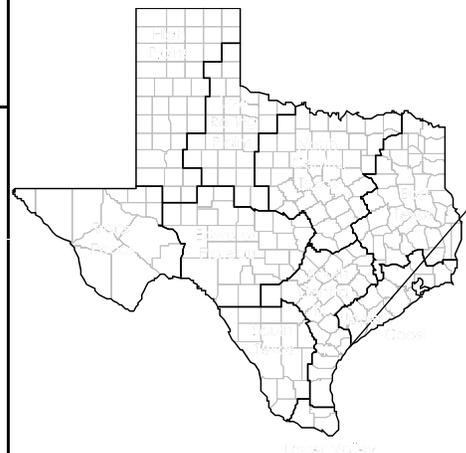
In **East Texas**, vegetable crops looked great with harvest of squash, tomatoes, potatoes, green beans, beets, and onions underway. Watermelons and cantaloupes were ripening, and harvest is to begin soon. Sweet potato planting continued.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report**

Supplemental feeding continued in areas of the Plains. Nearly all areas could use some rainfall. Cattle conditions remained excellent and prices were holding. Thoughts of summer supplemental feeding programs were pondered in the Northern Low Plains. Spring calving continued in the Blacklands and South East regions. Spring shearing of sheep has been completed on the Edwards Plateau. Stock tanks were still in need of runoff across the state.

**Weather Information Table <sup>1</sup>**

National Weather Service Climatic Divisions	Previous week (May 24 - 30) Accumulation	Month-to-date (May 1 - 30) Accumulation	Year-to-date (Jan 1 - May 30) Accumulation	1961-90 Annual Normal	Previous three months (Feb - Apr) Percent of Normal
High Plains	0.01	0.39	7.08	18.87	213
Low Rolling Plains	0.07	0.51	9.16	23.78	168
North Central Texas	0.53	1.27	12.72	34.00	119
East Texas	0.32	4.18	20.12	45.69	113
Trans Pecos	0.06	0.46	5.68	12.96	337
Edwards Plateau	0.11	0.85	9.72	24.01	163
South Central Texas	0.00	3.83	13.32	34.48	113
Upper Coast	0.48	8.60	24.15	47.63	128
South Texas	0.00	1.62	8.42	23.49	152
Lower Valley	0.00	1.47	9.24	25.34	197



<sup>1</sup> Average of all stations reporting precipitation data.

**Top Soil Moisture by District - May 30, 2004 \***

Condition	1-N	1-S	2-N	2-S	3	4	5-N	5-S	6	7	8-N	8-S	9	10-N	10-S
	Percent of Acreage														
Very Short	56	14	68	16	10	15	0	0	29	15	1	0	0	3	0
Short	37	44	21	41	48	41	33	20	56	35	25	10	2	29	25
Adequate	7	40	11	41	42	36	65	77	15	49	65	84	79	64	75
Surplus	0	2	0	2	0	8	2	3	0	1	9	6	19	4	0

\* High Plains: 1-N, 1-S; Low Rolling Plains: 2-N, 2-S; North Central Plains: 3, 4; East Texas: 5-N, 5-S. Trans-Pecos: 6; Edwards Plateau: 7; South Central Texas: 8-N, 8-S; Upper Coast: 9; South Texas: 10-N; Lower Valley: 10-S.

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