

Texas Crop Weather



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Crop Progress Table - June 6, 2004

Crop	2004	2003	Average 1999-2003
	<i>Percent</i>		
Corn			
Planted	100	100	100
Emerged	97	99	98
Silked	46	47	48
Cotton			
Planted	83	75	81
Squaring	16	17	15
Peanuts			
Planted	96	90	87
Rice			
Emerged	99	100	99
Sorghum			
Planted	79	68	73
Headed	34	30	33
Wheat			
Headed	100	100	100
Harvested	33	34	31
Other Field Crops			
Planted			
Soybeans	87	89	90
Sunflowers	65	68	74

Crop Condition Table - June 6, 2004

Item	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very poor
	<i>Percent</i>				
Corn	30	45	22	2	1
Cotton	13	40	35	9	3
Peanuts	13	59	25	2	1
Rice	12	68	20	0	0
Sorghum	23	43	26	6	2
Wheat	5	32	34	21	8
Range & Pasture ..	14	39	27	13	7

Agricultural Summary: Conditions were generally hot, windy, and stormy across large areas of the state for the week. Storms late in the week brought damaging winds and hailstorms across areas of the Plains, North Central, and East Texas. East Texas regions saw most of the rainfall, accumulating over 2 inches in some areas. Areas receiving little to no rainfall were continuing irrigation. Irrigation had begun in other areas due to high temperatures and winds. Field work increased in drier areas, especially pesticide applications, as insect pressure rose in cotton and other crops. Sandfighting had begun in the High Plains to guard against wind erosion. Haying continued in several areas, and wheat harvest was underway in most areas.

Field Crops Report

Small Grains: Wheat harvest remained active across the state. Harvest continued in the Northern High Plains. Harvest had begun in the Southern High Plains. Harvest was complete in areas of the Coastal Bend region. Some areas of the Southern Low Plains, Blacklands, and portions of North East

Texas saw damage from high winds, rain, and hail. Dryland wheat was rated in poor condition in the Plains, but irrigated crops were in great shape. Statewide, wheat condition was rated at 60 percent of normal compared with 42 percent last year.

Corn: Corn conditions were reported mostly excellent. South Central and Coastal fields were doing extremely well, but will need moisture soon. In the Cross Timbers, corn was filling fast, although silage yields may have been below average. In the Blacklands, acreage was approaching silk stage. Statewide, corn condition was rated at 87 percent of normal compared with 60 percent last year.

Cotton: The Plains' cotton was at all stages. Irrigated acreage was looking good with some stands reported at 4 leaf stage. Some dryland cotton fields were still in need of moisture to come up. Producers of dryland cotton in the Southern High Plains may be replanting due to wind damage. Several producers still awaited planting as the insurance date approached. Fields in the Northern Low Plains had been planted and had just enough moisture to break soil. Rain was still needed for further growth. Planting continued and neared completion on the Edwards Plateau. Areas previously at a stagnant stage along the Coast were seeing improvement as growing conditions improved. Pressure from thrip and fleahoppers was reported across the state. Statewide, cotton condition was rated at 74 percent of normal compared with 54 percent last year.

Sorghum: Planting of Sorghum was active in the Plains, while in the Cross Timbers, Blacklands, and Edwards Plateau, sorghum made good progress. South Central sorghum was heading with some fields blooming. Along the Upper Coast, there was also good progress with minimal threat of midge reported. Excellent plant development across the state was evident, as harvest approached in the Lower Valley. Statewide, sorghum condition was rated at 81 percent of normal compared with 64 percent last year.

Peanuts: Planting continued in South Texas, while fields were holding in the Plains with the extent of wind damage during the week not yet assessed. Statewide, peanut condition was rated at 83 percent of normal compared with 79 percent last year.

Rice: 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 looking good with some trees having 4-5 nuts per cluster. On the Edwards Plateau, web worms had become an issue, but trees had gotten through the first generation of casebearers. Irrigation began on pecans in the South Texas region for the first time this growing season.

In the **Rio Grande Valley**, onion harvest was complete, while harvest of melons, sugarcane, and carrots continued.

In the **San Antonio-Winter Garden**, harvest of cabbage and green beans continued.

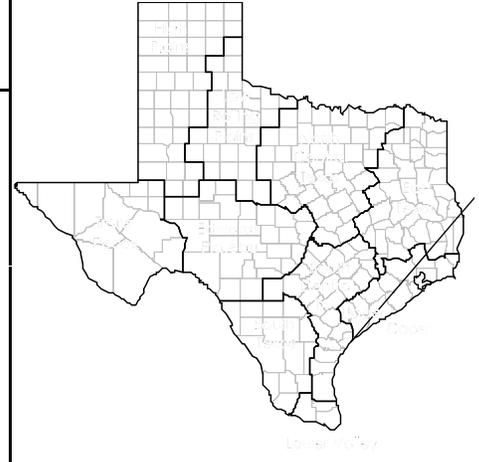
In **East Texas**, Apricot harvest was complete, while some hail damage to peach orchards in the Cross Timbers region was reported. Early planting of garden varieties was evident, while peppers were harvested and beans looked good.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Range and pastures were in great condition in areas receiving rainfall. Areas lacking moisture were seeing drying of pasture and range land. Supplemental feeding continued. Cattle conditions remained excellent. On the Edwards Plateau, lambs and kids were being shipped as spring shearing came to an end. Stock tanks were still in need of runoff across the state. Haying continued in all regions and marketing of livestock was extremely active as prices remained high.

Weather Information Table ¹

National Weather Service Climatic Divisions	Previous week (May 31 - Jun 6) Accumulation	Month-to-date (May 1 - 31) Accumulation	Year-to-date (Jan 1 - Jun 6) Accumulation	1961-90 Annual Normal	Previous three months (Mar - May) Percent of Normal
High Plains	0.70	0.39	7.78	18.87	101
Low Rolling Plains	1.48	0.51	10.64	23.78	82
North Central Texas	2.53	1.36	15.25	34.00	64
East Texas	1.41	4.39	21.53	45.69	87
Trans Pecos	0.14	0.50	5.82	12.96	224
Edwards Plateau	0.24	0.85	9.96	24.01	109
South Central Texas	0.82	3.84	14.14	34.48	103
Upper Coast	0.85	8.60	25.00	47.63	144
South Texas	0.02	1.62	8.44	23.49	115
Lower Valley	0.20	1.47	9.44	25.34	151



¹ Average of all stations reporting precipitation data.

Top Soil Moisture by District - June 6, 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	54	16	17	9	9	2	0	0	17	12	1	2	0	5	0
Short	29	50	48	33	30	15	4	15	65	47	29	54	54	39	70
Adequate	17	26	35	56	59	70	79	75	18	41	63	44	46	55	30
Surplus	0	8	0	2	2	13	17	10	0	0	7	0	0	1	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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