

# Texas Crop Weather



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**Crop Progress Table - July 11, 2004**

Crop	2004	2003	Average 1999-2003
	<i>Percent</i>		
<b>Corn</b>			
Silked .....	80	74	74
Dough .....	52	61	59
Dented .....	43	41	46
Mature .....	9	15	20
Harvested .....	1	1	2
<b>Cotton</b>			
Planted .....	100	100	100
Squaring .....	70	49	66
Setting Bolls .....	24	21	22
Bolls Opening .....	4	3	6
<b>Peanuts</b>			
Pegging .....	52	34	50
<b>Rice</b>			
Headed .....	54	55	67
<b>Sorghum</b>			
Planted .....	95	95	97
Headed .....	50	48	53
Turning Color .....	41	41	41
Mature .....	27	25	29
Harvested .....	13	13	20
<b>Wheat</b>			
Harvested .....	98	93	95
<b>Other Field Crops</b>			
<b>Planted</b>			
Sunflowers .....	100	94	97
<b>Harvested</b>			
Oats .....	98	97	96

**Crop Condition Table - July 11, 2004**

Item	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very poor
	<i>Percent</i>				
Corn .....	47	40	11	1	1
Cotton .....	21	37	25	11	6
Peanuts .....	21	53	23	2	1
Rice .....	24	52	24	0	0
Sorghum .....	26	50	15	7	2
Range & Pasture ..	26	42	21	7	4

**Agricultural Summary:** Field work picked up as drier conditions resumed throughout the state. Minimal moisture was received in Eastern areas and some portions of the Panhandle. Areas seeing rainfall received trace to less than 2 inches. Stock pond levels were at decent levels after the rains, although levels in some drier areas remained low. Repairs to fences and roads were underway as dry weather allowed farming and ranching activities to resume. Sunflower, corn and sorghum harvest continued in the Plains and North Central areas and wheat and oat harvest continued over Northern areas.

## Field Crops Report

**Small Grains:** In the Plains and North Central Texas, wheat harvest continued and was expected to conclude by later in the week. Oat harvest continued in the Plains and North Central areas.

**Corn:** Corn was in good to excellent condition across the state. In the Plains, stages varied from tasseling to late silking to blistering. Tasseling was reported in the Trans Pecos area. Cross Timbers silage harvest was underway. Corn was maturing rapidly with drier conditions across East Texas, Coastal Bend, and South Texas regions. Harvest was underway in the Lower Valley, and was approaching in the Blacklands. Statewide, corn condition was rated at 95 percent of normal compared with 62 percent last year.

**Cotton:** Cotton continued to progress across the state. Some cotton was being replanted after previous hail damage. Conditions in the Plains varied from fair to excellent. Nitrogen application and irrigation continued. Insect pressure increased. Southern Low Plains cotton was between the 3-4 leaf stages and early to mid-squaring. Boll Weevil pressure was reported heavy in certain areas of the Blacklands. South Texas was spraying for Boll Weevil, also. Heavy irrigation was in progress in the Trans-Pecos. Edwards Plateau cotton was receiving growth regulator applications to slow growth and set bolls as growth had taken off with recent moisture. Coastal Bend harvest was expected to be later than usual. Statewide cotton condition was rated at 74 percent of normal compared with 61 percent last year.

**Sorghum:** Sorghum progressed quickly in the Plains although the moisture allowed for weeds to become a problem. Some replanting of sorghum was occurring behind failed cotton. Blackland sorghum saw some insect problems including midge. Harvest was in full swing across the South Central, Coastal Bend, and Upper Coast regions. Harvest was about to begin in South Texas as well. Harvest in the Blacklands was expected to begin within the next few weeks. Statewide, sorghum condition was rated at 84 percent of normal compared with 71 percent last year.

**Peanuts:** Peanuts in the Cross Timbers region looked excellent. In South Texas, wet, saturated conditions delayed planting of some fields. Some fields were at a pegging stage. Statewide, peanut condition was rated at 85 percent of normal compared with 88 percent last year.

**Rice:** Rice was in good to excellent condition from recent moisture. Producers sprayed for disease in some areas. Statewide, rice condition was rated at 88 percent of normal, compared with 88 percent last year.

## Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop Report

In the **San Antonio-Winter Garden**, Cantaloupe and Melon harvest was ongoing while Potato harvest came to an end.

In the **High Plains**, Pumpkins were looking good and making good progress. Producers were spraying fungicides. Peaches were being harvested.

In the **Trans-Pecos**, Wine Grape harvest was approaching while growers worried about mildew from the recent moisture. Melon harvest was underway. Some cantaloupes were hailed out.

In **East Texas**, Melon harvest was progressing well with good yields. Fruit and Vegetable crops suffered from the moisture.

**Pecans:** Recent rains canceled the need for first round irrigation on the Edwards Plateau. South Texas pecan trees had good nut development.

## Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Livestock were in good to excellent condition, aided by good growth of range and pastures. Haying continued in several areas and pastures continued to improve from recent moisture. Minimal supplemental feeding continued in very few areas. Horn flies continued to cause problems, and in some areas, pasture grass diseases reported with concern of causing illness in livestock.

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

National Weather Service Climatic Divisions	Previous week (July 5 - 11) Accumulation	Month-to-date (July 1 - 11) Accumulation	Year-to-date (Jan 1 - Jul 11) Accumulation	1961-90 Annual Normal	Previous three months (Apr - Jun) Percent of Normal
High Plains	0.27	0.35	11.42	18.87	105
Low Rolling Plains	0.15	0.24	13.69	23.78	88
North Central Texas	0.32	0.36	21.32	34.00	119
East Texas	0.34	0.51	28.34	45.69	124
Trans Pecos	0.00	0.01	6.66	12.96	115
Edwards Plateau	0.00	0.00	14.49	24.01	122
South Central Texas	0.33	0.33	19.67	34.48	126
Upper Coast	1.10	1.14	33.79	47.63	161
South Texas	0.08	0.08	11.67	23.49	100
Lower Valley	0.22	0.22	14.51	25.34	142



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

**Top Soil Moisture by District - July 11, 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	0	18	8	9	2	1	0	0	52	14	0	0	0	2	0
Short	10	26	26	26	26	5	1	1	32	18	1	2	0	28	80
Adequate	85	42	63	65	71	67	70	64	16	64	70	86	60	63	20
Surplus	5	14	3	0	1	27	29	35	0	4	29	12	40	7	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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