

Texas Crop Weather



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Crop Progress Table - November 7, 2004

Crop	2004	2003	Average 1999-2003
	<i>Percent</i>		
Corn			
Harvested	96	100	100
Cotton			
Bolls Opening	88	95	98
Harvested	35	46	54
Peanuts			
Harvested	45	62	60
Sorghum			
Turning Color	100	96	99
Mature	93	87	96
Harvested	70	72	86
Wheat			
Planted	86	90	86
Emerged	75	76	69
Other Field Crops			
Planted			
Oats	94	91	81
Harvested			
Pecans	35	35	27
Soybeans	91	96	96
Sunflowers	81	89	35

Crop Condition Table - November 7, 2004

Item	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very poor
	<i>Percent</i>				
Cotton	22	42	25	8	3
Peanuts	21	40	30	8	1
Wheat	37	45	15	2	1
Range & Pasture . .	13	50	28	7	2

Agricultural Summary: Conditions for planting and harvesting continued to be mostly undesirable across many areas of the state during the week. Heavy snow fall with near blizzard conditions crossed the plains during early week. Extensive damage to power lines and poles was reported in some areas as the result of the high winds. As a further result of the wet snowfall, fields were very muddy in late week and drying out will be necessary before harvest can resume. Elsewhere, further south the first frost of the season was reported in areas of Central Texas and portions of the hill country. Soil conditions were extremely muddy in many other areas at week's end as additional rainfall was received with the passing of the same weather front that crossed the plains. In some areas where extremely heavy rainfall occurred, some crop damage was reported along with varied amounts of soil erosion. Pastures continued to respond well in southern locations to the abundant moisture levels and ample grazing should be available during the winter months. Sickness in livestock remained light during the week.

Field Crops Report

Small Grains: Growth and development continued as the result of the

excellent moisture level. Additional plantings were on hold in most areas until drying out occurred. Green bugs remained a problem in some locations and control measures were being applied by some producers. Statewide, wheat condition was rated at 91 percent of normal, compared with 57 percent last year.

Corn: Remaining corn harvest was on hold as the result of heavy snowfall and additional rainfall. Field conditions at week's end were muddy and drying out will be necessary.

Cotton: Cotton harvest was stalled across the Plains as the result of the heavy snowfall that occurred in early week. Stringing out was a major problem in many areas due to the high winds and excessive amounts of moisture. In other remaining areas cotton harvest moved ahead, but was still slow in a few areas where drying out was needed. Concerns were expressed over quality losses in modules awaiting ginning due to the continued wet conditions. Re-growth remained a problem for some producers in areas where stalk destruction has not been possible. Statewide, cotton condition was rated at 79 percent of normal, compared with 52 percent last year.

Sorghum: Harvest was stalled across the Plains as the result of varying amounts of snow and rainfall which kept fields muddy during the week. High winds caused some damage in varied locations.

Peanuts: Peanut harvest across the Plains was mostly on hold during the week as weather conditions became wet and muddy. Freezing temperatures ended the growing season and possibly caused some damage to peanuts that were lying above ground. Further south some harvest was possible in areas where drying was adequate. Statewide, peanut condition was rated at 79 percent of normal, compared with 82 percent last year.

Rice: Harvest of the ratoon crop moved ahead, but was slow as conditions remained humid and rainy at times.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop Report

In the **Rio Grande Valley** good progress continued on early planted vegetables. Citrus harvest remained active.

In the **San Antonio-Winter Garden**, land preparation continued, but slower in areas where rainfall occurred. Some irrigation remained active in the dryer locations. Harvest of cabbage moved ahead and spinach planting was nearing completion. Insect populations continued to cause problems in a few locations.

In **East Texas**, harvest of sweet potatoes continued, but slow as the result of inadequate weather conditions.

In the **High Plains** pumpkin harvest was completed.

In the **Trans Pecos** region, harvest of summer vegetables was mostly completed.

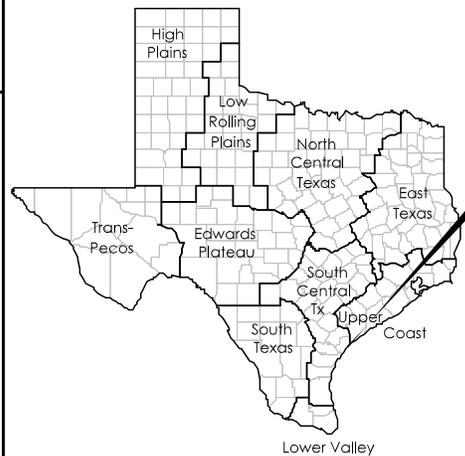
Pecans: Pecan conditions remained variable across the state. Wet conditions in some areas slowed harvest progress. Freezing temperatures occurred in many areas and web worm numbers should be decreasing. Some damage was reported from crows and control measures were in place. Generally, producers continued to be excited about yields this growing season.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Generally, range and pastures across the state remained in excellent condition; perhaps the best condition in several years for many locations. Forage production was halted in northern, central and many western locations as the result of freezing temperatures. Marginal growth continued in southern areas. Livestock condition around the state was good with minimal sickness reported. Hay production was active, but generally on hold as wet conditions were common around the state. Problems with army worms continued in varied locations.

Weather Information Table ¹

National Weather Service Climatic Divisions	Previous week (Nov 1 - 7) Accumulation	Month-to-date (Nov 1 - 7) Accumulation	Year-to-date (Jan 1 - Nov 7) Accumulation	1961-90 Annual Normal	Previous three months (Aug - Oct) Percent of Normal
High Plains	0.64	0.64	23.28	18.87	143
Low Rolling Plains	0.89	0.89	22.40	23.78	74
North Central Texas	0.58	0.58	34.09	34.00	104
East Texas	1.55	1.55	39.54	45.69	81
Trans Pecos	0.22	0.22	17.11	12.96	132
Edwards Plateau	0.14	0.14	25.67	24.01	116
South Central Texas	0.48	0.48	31.10	34.48	92
Upper Coast	4.32	4.32	49.12	47.63	67
South Texas	0.12	0.12	20.49	23.49	93
Lower Valley	0.11	0.11	25.10	25.34	100



¹ Average of all stations reporting precipitation data.

Top Soil Moisture by District - November 7, 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	1	3	1	5	0	1	0	3	0	0	2	0	4	0
Short	6	7	11	9	4	5	3	11	19	19	2	48	0	32	0
Adequate	63	52	69	41	72	58	61	72	78	73	74	50	90	56	100
Surplus	31	40	17	49	19	37	35	17	0	8	24	0	10	8	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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