

Texas Crop Weather



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Crop Progress Table - November 21, 2004

Crop	2004	2003	Average 1999-2003
	<i>Percent</i>		
Corn			
Harvested	99	100	100
Cotton			
Bolls Opening	95	98	100
Harvested	45	59	66
Peanuts			
Harvested	74	84	78
Sorghum			
Mature	99	93	98
Harvested	79	79	91
Wheat			
Planted	91	94	91
Emerged	81	83	78
Other Field Crops			
Planted			
Oats	98	95	88
Harvested			
Pecans	51	49	40
Soybeans	97	99	99
Sunflowers	89	92	98

Crop Condition Table - November 21, 2004

Item	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very poor
	<i>Percent</i>				
Cotton	15	43	27	10	5
Wheat	38	42	16	3	1
Range & Pasture . .	12	50	28	8	2

Agricultural Summary: Weather conditions across the state went from bad to worse at the beginning of the week and remained that way throughout the week for the majority of locations. Heavy rainfall, wind, sleet and snow crossed portions of the plains during the week; causing some minor flooding and undetermined crop damage in some locations. In other areas mostly heavy rains occurred causing heavy flooding resulting in major damage to roadways and fences. Many areas remained under flood advisories at the time of this report. Harvest was generally at a standstill across the state, with only a few locations reporting some pecan harvest. Some locations will require an extended period of dry weather before harvest can resume. Dormancy in range and pastures continued to expand with the shortening of day lengths and supplemental feeding began for many producers. Livestock condition declined in many areas as generally all pastures were extremely muddy or in some cases standing water was present. Sickness in livestock was on the rise as a result of the present weather conditions.

Field Crops Report

Small Grains: Growth and development slowed as the result of continued wet conditions. Excessive yellowing and drowning out was a problem in grain fields for many producers. Grazing of grain fields

continued to increase, however bogging and trampling was a significant problem with varied degrees of damage occurring. Some producers indicate that further planting may not occur as the result of this rainy spell. Statewide, wheat condition was rated at 90 percent of normal, compared with 62 percent last year.

Corn: Remaining harvest was on hold during the week as rain continued to prevent any field activity. In a few remaining locations corn was beginning to lay down and harvest will be more difficult when drying out becomes sufficient.

Cotton: Cotton harvest remained on hold across the state as field conditions remained extremely wet. Stringing out continued to increase with the heavy rain and quality of remaining cotton was declining. Ginning activities were on hold in some locations as modules could not be moved due to excessive mud. Further stalk destruction remained impossible across the state. In extreme southern locations, producers were anxious to begin land preparation for next year's crop. Statewide, cotton condition was rated at 74 percent of normal, compared with 54 percent last year.

Sorghum: Remaining harvest was totally on hold during the week. It will require an extended drying period before harvest can resume. A few producers indicate that harvest may not occur due to varying degrees of field damage.

Peanuts: Remaining peanut harvest was on hold during the week as conditions were totally unfavorable. Grade and yield have been affected on peanuts that have been dug, but not thrashed. Much concern remained as to the condition of peanuts that have not been dug.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop Report

In the **Rio Grande Valley** good progress continued on early planted vegetables. Harvest of early citrus and sugarcane remained active as conditions allowed.

In the **San Antonio-Winter Garden**, land preparation was spotty, but generally stalled as the result of widespread rainfall. Harvest of early cabbage was slow at best. Rains could delay harvest of spinach grown for fresh market. Onions and carrots continued to make good progress.

In **East Texas**, land preparation was on hold during the week. Harvest of sweet potatoes was considered complete.

In the **High Plains** land preparation was on hold during the week.

In the **Trans Pecos** land preparation for next year's crops was on hold across the area.

Pecans: Generally, harvest was on hold across the state, however in a few locations harvest moved ahead slowly. Some producers reported standing water in their orchard and drying out was necessary before harvest could resume.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Generally, range and pastures across the state were in excellent condition due to the abundant rainfall experienced this season. Dormancy in native grasses continued to expand as winter approaches, especially in northern areas. Supplemental feeding increased in many areas across the plains where temperatures were cooler and extreme wet conditions were present. Bogging and trampling remained a problem for many producers. Remaining hay production was on hold in southern locations. Livestock sickness was minimal, however suffering was evident as weather conditions remained unimproved.

Weather Information Table ¹

National Weather Service Climatic Divisions	Previous week (Nov 15 - 21) Accumulation	Month-to-date (Nov 1 - 21) Accumulation	Year-to-date (Jan 1 - Nov 21) Accumulation	1961-90 Annual Normal	Previous three months (Aug - Oct) Percent of Normal
High Plains	1.79	3.73	26.37	18.87	143
Low Rolling Plains	2.62	4.91	26.42	23.78	74
North Central Texas	3.02	4.34	37.85	34.00	104
East Texas	3.61	5.22	43.21	45.69	81
Trans Pecos	1.54	2.47	19.36	12.96	132
Edwards Plateau	2.64	4.17	29.70	24.01	116
South Central Texas	3.47	4.54	35.16	34.48	92
Upper Coast	6.39	10.72	55.52	47.63	67
South Texas	1.16	1.86	22.23	23.49	93
Lower Valley	0.41	1.07	26.06	25.34	100



¹ Average of all stations reporting precipitation data.

Top Soil Moisture by District - November 21, 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	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	0
Short	0	0	7	6	4	1	3	2	21	5	0	25	0	21	40
Adequate	32	23	36	24	51	31	65	57	75	50	41	55	22	49	60
Surplus	68	77	56	70	41	68	32	41	1	45	59	17	78	30	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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