

Texas Crop Weather



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Crop Progress Table - January 16, 2005

Crop	2005	2004	Average 2000-2004
	<i>Percent</i>		
Cotton			
Harvested	88	98	99
Peanuts			
Harvested	99	100	100
Sorghum			
Harvested	97	95	100
Wheat			
Planted	97	100	100
Emerged	95	96	96
Other Field Crops Harvested			
Pecans	93	97	93

Crop Condition Table - January 16, 2005

Item	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very poor
	<i>Percent</i>				
Wheat	21	45	28	5	1
Range & Pasture . .	9	36	35	17	3

Agricultural Summary: Conditions were generally milder across the state in early week. Remaining harvest activities and some spring farming activities moved ahead in varied locations across the plains as well as other locations further south. With soils being drier, land preparation including fertilizer applications were active in many areas and irrigation on vegetable crops became necessary in a few extreme southern and southwestern locations. By mid week another cold front brought additional snowfall to several areas and rainfall to many other locations across the state. Remaining harvest and other farming activities were again placed on hold until drying out occurred. Grazing conditions for livestock remained variable across the state. Some areas continued to suffer from extremely muddy conditions while other more isolated locations were beginning to suffer from lack of moisture. In these areas increases in supplemental feeding became necessary for many producers. Sickness in livestock remained variable; however increases were noticed in some areas depending on availability of shelter, age and body conditions of the respective herds.

Field Crops Report

Small Grains: Growth and development was generally slow across most areas in response to cold conditions. Yellowing and losses from water logging remained a problem in some of the wetter locations. Losses associated with trampling in grazed fields continued to hinder some producers. Insect populations began to increase in some oat fields. Statewide, wheat condition was rated at 82 percent of normal, compared with 40 percent last year.

Corn: Land preparation for spring planting was active in varied locations across the state, however became stalled in a few areas until adequate drying occurred.

Cotton: Cotton harvest remained active, but stalled in some locations during mid week as the result of additional moisture. Ginning activities remained active in all reported locations. Stalk destruction continued where possible and land preparation began in a few other locations as conditions allowed.

Sorghum: Remaining harvest was completed across all reporting areas. Land preparation moved ahead in areas where soils were sufficiently dry.

Peanuts: With harvest complete, land preparation began for many producers as weather conditions allowed.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop Report

In the **Rio Grande Valley**, harvest of early spinach and cabbage was active in several locations. Later planted spinach, cabbage, onions, carrots and potatoes made good progress. Citrus harvest remained active. Land preparation and fertilization were in progress in many other areas as preparations for spring planting continued.

In the **San Antonio-Winter Garden**, land preparation remained active mostly area wide during the week. Harvest of early cabbage and spinach remained active. Onions and carrots continued to make good progress.

In **East Texas**, harvest of cabbage and greens remained active in a few locations. Land preparation continued, but was slow as many areas remained too wet for farming activities.

In the **High Plains**, land preparation moved ahead when conditions were favorable. Seed bed preparation and laying plastic continued to be active in some areas.

In the **Trans Pecos**, fall onions continued to make good progress. Land preparation remained active.

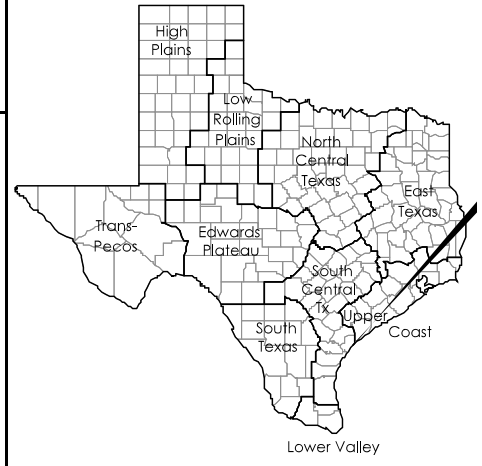
Pecans: Harvest remained active in many locations; however other orchards were still too wet for harvest activities. Additional rainfall was received on some orchards and harvest will be further delayed.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Moisture levels for range and pastures were excellent across the majority of the state. However a few southern locations were beginning to suffer slightly from a surface moisture shortage. Pasture decline was noticeable in these locations and increases in supplemental feeding were necessary as a result. Pasture damage resulting from too much water continued to be an issue for many producers in varied locations around the state. Trampling continued to be a problem, especially in grain fields used for grazing. Supplemental feeding increased in many areas, mostly due to changes in weather conditions. Livestock sickness remained variable, but some increases were reported in the colder regions. Green chopping for dairy operations was active in a few locations during the week.

Weather Information Table ¹

National Weather Service Climatic Divisions	Previous week (Jan 10 - 16) Accumulation	Month-to-date (Jan 1 - 16) Accumulation	Year-to-date (Jan 1 - 16) Accumulation	1961-90 Annual Normal	Previous three months (Oct - Dec) Percent of Normal
High Plains	0.00	1.26	1.26	18.87	267
Low Rolling Plains	0.00	0.80	0.80	23.78	195
North Central Texas	0.14	1.56	1.56	34.00	150
East Texas	0.79	1.71	1.71	45.69	114
Trans Pecos	0.00	0.04	0.04	12.96	189
Edwards Plateau	0.04	0.10	0.10	24.01	178
South Central Texas	0.47	0.83	0.83	34.48	154
Upper Coast	0.82	1.02	1.02	47.63	166
South Texas	0.21	0.29	0.29	23.49	89
Lower Valley	0.01	0.39	0.39	25.34	79



¹ Average of all stations reporting precipitation data.

Top Soil Moisture by District - January 16, 2005 *

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	2	0	0	0	0	0	8	12	1	10	0	3	0
Short	4	16	13	2	1	0	0	3	33	27	21	32	0	43	70
Adequate	65	56	67	65	90	19	26	59	59	57	49	57	12	52	30
Surplus	31	27	18	33	9	81	74	38	0	4	29	1	88	2	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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