

Texas Crop Weather



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Crop Progress Table - February 27, 2005

Crop	2005	2004	Average 2000-2004
	<i>Percent</i>		
Corn			
Planted	5	2	7
Emerged	0	0	1
Cotton			
Harvested	99	100	100
Sorghum			
Planted	2	4	7
Wheat			
Emerged	100	100	100

Crop Condition Table - February 27, 2005

Item	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very poor
	<i>Percent</i>				
Wheat	21	45	26	7	1
Range & Pasture . . .	10	40	33	14	3

Agricultural Summary: Weather conditions across Texas were varied during the week. Early week was warm with above normal temperatures and little to no rainfall. Land preparation, fertilization and remaining cotton harvest was active in respective locations. Planting moved ahead in southern and some central locations. Mid week activities were hampered by a cool front crossing the state which brought heavy rains, hail and a few reports of isolated tornadoes to some areas of the state. Late week remained cool and cloudy with light rainfall in many areas which placed most farming activities on hold until drying could occur. Pastures were in excellent condition across the majority of the state and green up was evident in most areas. Supplemental feeding remained strong as weather swings kept livestock herds in a constant state of change and difficult to maintain or improve body condition. Sickness in livestock herds varied from region to region. Bloat and hoof rot continued to be major problems in some reporting locations.

Field Crops Report

Small Grains: Growth and development made some headway in many areas during early week. In other locations, suffering from too much water was evident. Weed control and top dressing was active in many areas during early week, however in late week additional rainfall brought these activities to a halt in most areas. Insect populations were growing in some locations and disease pressure was severe in a few areas. Statewide, wheat condition was rated at 81 percent of normal, compared with 42 percent last year.

Corn: Land preparation moved ahead during early week across most areas of the state, however was mostly stalled by week's end. Planting was active in southern and some central locations during early to mid week. Drying out will be necessary before planting can resume as the result of

general rainfall late in the week.

Cotton: Remaining cotton harvest was progressing during early week across areas of the Plains, but became stalled again as rainfall was common later in the week. In some areas, gin closures continued as the season ended, however in other locations continued rainfall and wet soils have extended the ginning season. Modules remained in the fields in many of these areas.

Sorghum: Land preparation moved ahead in a few drier locations during early week, however became generally stalled again by week's end as light to moderate rainfall returned.

Peanuts: Land preparation was active in many locations across the state during early to mid week, but became stalled during late week as additional rainfall crossed the state.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop Report

In the **Rio Grande Valley**, harvest of spinach and cabbage was active in many locations during the week. Later planted spinach, cabbage, onions, carrots and potatoes continued to make good progress.

In the **San Antonio-Winter Garden**, land preparation was active during early week, however rainfall returned later in the week and further progress became stalled. Harvest of spinach and cabbage was active during early week and growth and development remained active for onions and carrots.

In **East Texas**, land preparation remained generally on hold during the week as rain showers and muddy soils prevented field work.

In the **High Plains**, land preparation was active in some locations during early to mid week. Rain showers during late week stopped progress for most locations.

In the **Trans Pecos**, land preparation was active in a few locations during the week, however light rains moved across some locations and progress was placed on hold. Onions continued to show light growth and development.

Pecans: Trimming remained active in many locations, but was finishing up in many other locations.

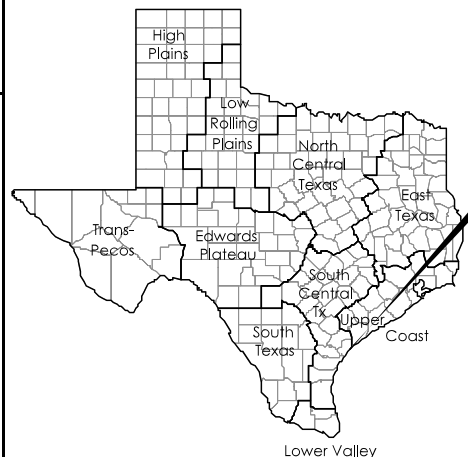
Peaches: Blooming became more active in southern locations during early week, however cooler temperatures in other areas kept blooming to a minimum.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Green up continued for range and pasture during the week, but was most noticeable in central and southern locations. Extreme muddy conditions returned to many areas as a result of the rainfall during late week. A few southern locations have remained relatively dry during the past several months, however some light rainfall was received during late week. Supplemental feeding remained necessary and increased somewhat in response to the wet and cool conditions during late week. Some producers continued to have trouble getting supplemental feed to their herds as soils were saturated in many locations. Varied degrees of livestock sickness continued throughout the state.

Weather Information Table ¹

National Weather Service Climatic Divisions	Previous week (Feb 21 - 27) Accumulation	Month-to-date (Feb 1 - 27) Accumulation	Year-to-date (Jan 1 - Feb 27) Accumulation	1961-90 Annual Normal	Previous three months (Nov-Jan) Percent of Normal
High Plains	0.22	0.99	2.72	18.87	384
Low Rolling Plains	0.71	1.54	2.92	23.78	248
North Central Texas	1.39	2.16	4.68	34.00	145
East Texas	1.57	4.06	7.07	45.69	110
Trans Pecos	0.55	1.22	1.55	12.96	210
Edwards Plateau	1.15	1.69	2.68	24.01	173
South Central Texas	1.47	2.45	4.64	34.48	134
Upper Coast	1.83	3.90	6.23	47.63	156
South Texas	1.32	1.53	2.64	23.49	97
Lower Valley	0.69	0.83	1.42	25.34	72



¹ Average of all stations reporting precipitation data.

Top Soil Moisture by District - February 27, 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	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	10
Short	4	15	9	2	2	1	0	0	18	15	0	3	0	8	60
Adequate	62	42	56	89	74	37	43	32	69	68	54	65	36	63	30
Surplus	34	41	34	9	23	62	57	68	7	17	46	32	64	29	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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