

Texas Crop Weather

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Crop Progress Table - September 4, 2005

Crop	2005	2004	Average 2000-2004
- Percent -			
Corn			
Dented	92	92	94
Mature	72	75	78
Harvested	61	55	59
Cotton			
Bolls Opening	21	22	34
Harvested	18	14	15
Peanuts			
Harvested	0	0	2
Rice			
Harvested	91	82	86
Sorghum			
Headed	94	91	92
Turning Color	60	65	77
Mature	54	55	66
Harvested	53	53	58
Oats			
Planted	3	7	3
Soybeans			
Dropping Leaves	52	--	--
Harvested	44	--	--
Sunflowers			
Harvested	35	--	--
Wheat			
Planted	10	15	18

Crop Condition Table - September 4, 2005

Item	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor
- Percent -					
Corn	11	30	31	16	12
Cotton	16	45	23	10	6
Peanuts	24	52	21	2	1
Sorghum	9	42	33	9	7
Soybeans	1	31	32	23	13
Range & Pasture	4	26	35	25	10

Agricultural Summary: Weather conditions were relatively stable across the state during the week. Only a few isolated showers occurred across the Plains, Edwards Plateau and Central portions of the state. Sea breeze showers were also reported in isolated locations further south and along the coastal bend. Damage from previous storms across the Plains was still being assessed in a few counties. Harvest of cotton, sunflowers, rice and soybeans continued with only minor delays reported from passing and generally light showers. Land preparation for fall planting moved ahead across the majority of the state. Planting of small grains was ongoing and some emergence was reported in previously planted fields. In areas of North Central Texas, the Plains and Edwards Plateau, crop growth and development continued to be good as the result of previous heavy rainfall across the majority of these areas. Improvement in range and pastures continued in areas where rainfall has been sufficient, however some areas have remained dry and pasture decline was ongoing. Livestock herds were showing signs of heat stress and supplemental feeding remained strong in many of these dry locations. Hay production was variable across the state, depending on where and how much rain was received in previous weeks. Infestations of fall armyworms increased in many locations and was becoming a major concern in a few locations.

Field Crops Report

Small Grains: Land preparation and planting moved ahead in many areas, especially in areas where soil moisture was adequate. Emergence of previously planted wheat and oats was also reported in several locations.

Cotton: Good growth and development continued in many areas as the result of previous rains. Many fields remained extremely wet at weeks end. Irrigation in many of these wet locations has been discontinued and may not be needed again this season. Damage estimates from previous storms was extremely severe in a few areas. Insect activity continued to increase in several areas. In areas further south, harvest and preparations for harvest continued. Ginning and stalk destruction activities remained active in southern areas. Statewide, cotton condition was rated at 75 percent of normal, compared with 83 percent last year.

Corn: Harvest continued, especially in areas where earlier rainfall had caused delays that lasted for several days. Only a few minor delays occurred from passing showers. Statewide, corn condition was rated at 62 percent of normal compared with 92 percent last year.

Sorghum: Sorghum growth and development remained good across many areas where rainfall came early enough in the development stage to give benefit. Harvest moved ahead in early planted fields in many areas of the Southern Plains and North Central Texas. Land preparation, behind harvested sorghum was on going in many areas as producers were preparing to plant small grains. Statewide, sorghum condition was rated at 70 percent of normal, compared with 81 percent last year.

Peanuts: Growth and development continued in most areas as the result of recent rainfall. Disease pressure continued to increase in many areas of the Plains as the result of the wet conditions over the last few weeks. Conditions of recently planted fields remained normal as growth and development moved ahead. Harvest was active in a few early planted fields. Statewide, peanut condition was rated at 86 percent of normal, compared with 91 percent last year.

Soybeans: Harvest continued in Northeast Texas and portions of the Upper Coast. A few brief showers caused delays in isolated locations. Statewide, soybean condition was rated at 55 percent of normal.

Rice: Rice harvest continued along the Upper Coast except for a very few locations where showers caused some delays. The ratoon crop was showing signs of good development.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop Report

In the **Rio Grande Valley**, preparations for fall planting continued. Irrigation was active in a few locations and cabbage transplants were being set. Pre-watering continued in many locations. Planting of carrots and onions began in a few isolated locations.

In the **San Antonio-Winter Garden**, early planted cabbage made good progress and pre-watering continued in areas where other fall crops will be planted.

In **East Texas**, sweet potato harvest continued under dry conditions.

In the **High Plains**, pumpkins made good progress and some early harvest began.

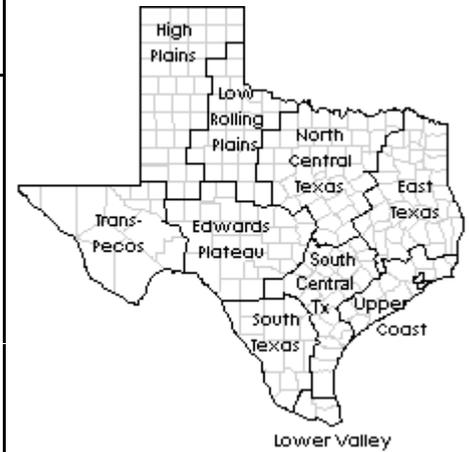
Pecans: Producers continued to spray for aphids, pecan weevils, web worms and hickory shuck worms in various locations across the state. Nut drop continued in areas where dry conditions were ongoing.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Pasture green up and improvement continued in areas where recent rainfall was received. In areas that remained dry, pastures continued to suffer. In many portions of East Texas and the Rio Grande Valley conditions were extremely dry. Livestock were showing signs of heat stress and many ponds were completely dry. Supplemental feeding remained necessary in these areas as well as some other areas across the state. Herd reduction continued in a few of the driest locations. Some producers indicated that dry conditions were severe enough that death of live oak was occurring. Hay producers in areas where rainfall has been adequate will produce another cutting this fall, however in dry areas producers were concerned about shortages this winter. Armyworm infestations continued to increase in areas where earlier rains occurred.

Weather Information Table ¹

National Weather Service Climatic Divisions	Previous week (Aug 29 - Sep 4) Accumulation	Month-to-date (Aug 1 - 31) Accumulation	Year-to-date (Jan 1 - Sep 4) Accumulation	1961-90 Annual Normal	Previous three months (Jun - Aug) Percent of Normal
High Plains	0.13	0.13	14.07	18.87	91
Low Rolling Plains	0.02	0.02	14.59	23.78	91
North Central Texas	0.03	0.00	16.50	34.00	83
East Texas	0.16	0.04	19.40	45.69	62
Trans Pecos	0.22	0.18	9.28	12.96	86
Edwards Plateau	0.05	0.02	15.40	24.01	93
South Central Texas	0.40	0.40	14.58	34.48	38
Upper Coast	0.91	0.79	29.23	47.63	82
South Texas	0.37	0.37	9.74	23.49	46
Lower Valley	0.73	0.61	7.00	25.34	53



¹ Average of all stations reporting precipitation data.

Top Soil Moisture by District - September 4, 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	3	0	13	2	11	35	37	5	23	6	24	66	12	35	47
Short	34	20	24	17	37	33	54	48	36	44	45	34	16	34	25
Adequate	50	60	61	67	49	29	9	47	41	48	31	0	64	28	28
Surplus	13	20	2	14	3	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	8	3	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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