

# Texas Crop Weather

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**Crop Progress Table - October 30, 2005**

Crop	2005	2004	Average 2000-2004
- Percent -			
<b>Corn</b>			
Harvested .....	95	94	97
<b>Cotton</b>			
Bolls Opening .....	92	85	94
Harvested .....	34	30	43
<b>Peanuts</b>			
Harvested .....	51	38	45
<b>Sorghum</b>			
Mature .....	92	92	92
Harvested .....	73	69	79
<b>Soybeans</b>			
Harvested .....	84	89	93
<b>Sunflowers</b>			
Harvested .....	71	80	90
<b>Wheat</b>			
Planted .....	84	83	83
Emerged .....	61	68	63
<b>Oats</b>			
Planted .....	75	89	80
Emerged .....	39	--	--
<b>Pecans</b>			
Harvested .....	26	30	22

**Crop Condition Table - October 30, 2005**

Item	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor
- Percent -					
Cotton .....	18	45	21	9	7
Peanuts .....	22	48	23	5	2
Wheat .....	9	30	35	14	12
Oats .....	1	9	25	23	42
Range & Pasture ..	2	11	28	32	27

**Agricultural Summary:** Weather conditions were generally unstable and mostly dry across the state during the week. In early week a few light showers associated with the first major cold front were reported in varied locations across the Plains. Frost was also a factor in many areas including areas of the Plains, North Texas, Central And South Central Texas and many areas of the Edwards Plateau. Later in the week, another disturbance crossed the state and brought rainfall to portions of South Texas and areas of the Edwards Plateau. The remainder of the state remained unseasonably dry. Harvest continued in all remaining locations, however in areas where showers fell, some delays were common. Planting of small grains continued in many areas, especially behind earlier harvested crops. Emergence was variable due to the dry conditions. Irrigation was active and in these locations, crop development was considered good. Crop failure in small grains continued in many dry locations, and some producers were replanting. Range and pastures received some relief where rain occurred. Other areas remained dry and pasture decline was ongoing. In these areas, supplemental feeding was necessary and lack of adequate hay supplies was forcing many producers to continue reducing herds. Water available for livestock continued to decrease in the driest locations.

## Field Crops Report

**Small Grains:** Land preparation and planting continued, especially behind earlier harvested crops. Emergence was variable, depending on available soil moisture. In areas that received rain, growth and development was expected to improve. Irrigation was very active in areas where possible. In areas that have remained dry, failure of earlier planted small grains continued to increase and replanting operations were active in many locations. Problems with army worms continued and treatment was necessary in several areas. Statewide, wheat condition was rated at 62 percent of normal compared with 91 percent last year. Statewide, oat condition was rated at 32 percent of normal.

**Cotton:** Harvest and pre-harvest activities continued at a rapid pace across the Plains and other remaining locations. A few delays occurred in areas where rain fell, however harvest resumed as drying occurred. Ginning and stalk destruction activities continued. Statewide, cotton condition was rated at 76 percent of normal, compared with 79 percent last year.

**Corn:** Harvest activities continued across the Plains and portions of North Texas. Some minor delays were reported due to rain.

**Sorghum:** Harvest remained active across many areas of the Plains and North Central Texas. A few delays were reported due to rain in early and mid week, however producers were able to continue harvest by week's end.

**Peanuts:** Harvest and preparation for harvest were moving ahead at a rapid pace in remaining areas across the state. A few reports of slight freeze damage were received. Further south, a few locations needed a few more days of development prior to harvest to obtain satisfactory yields. Statewide, peanut condition was rated at 83 percent of normal, compared with 86 percent last year.

**Soybeans:** Harvest continued across areas of the Plains and in a few other remaining locations. A few harvest delays were reported due to rain showers during early and mid-week.

## Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop Report

In the **Rio Grande Valley**, fall melons, tomatoes and cabbage were making good progress. Spinach planting continued in several locations. Harvest was in progress for citrus and some earlier planted vegetables.

In the **San Antonio-Winter Garden**, early planted cabbage made good progress. Spinach planting continued in various locations where pre-watering had occurred. Green beans continued to make good progress.

In the **High Plains**, harvest of late season watermelons and pumpkins came to an end as most areas received frost.

**Pecans:** Pecans continued to make fair to good progress across the state. Harvest activity increased across the state, but a few delays were reported in areas that received rain. In a few other areas harvest was nearing completion.

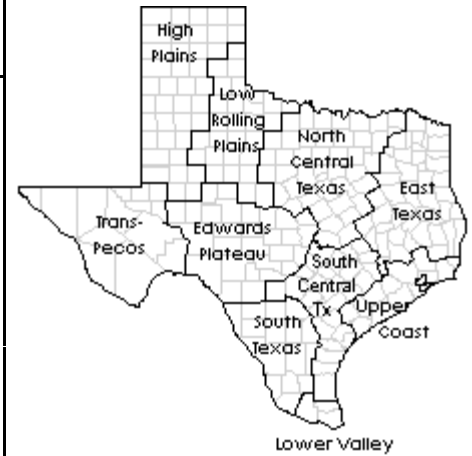
## Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

In areas that received frost during early week, summer grasses were becoming dormant by week's end. Emergence of cool season grasses was just beginning, especially in areas that received earlier rains. In other areas, conditions remained dry and pasture decline continued. Supplemental feeding continued to increase across the state, especially in the dry areas. Due to the extended dry weather pattern over the past several months, hay supplies have been reported as low in most all areas across the state and producers were buying hay from all sources. Hauling water to livestock continued. Army worm populations continued to rise in a few areas.

The Texas Department of Agriculture has re-installed the HAY HOTLINE. The program is intended to link hay producers together with producers wanting to purchase hay supplies. It is a free service and can be accessed by calling 877-429-1998.

**Weather Information Table <sup>1</sup>**

National Weather Service Climatic Divisions	Previous week (Oct 24 - 30) Accumulation	Month-to-date (Oct 1 - 30) Accumulation	Year-to-date (Jan 1 - Oct 30) Accumulation	1961-90 Annual Normal	Previous three months (Jul - Sep) Percent of Normal
High Plains	0.04	1.53	15.94	18.87	78
Low Rolling Plains	0.11	1.71	17.62	23.78	90
North Central Texas	0.06	1.07	18.44	34.00	82
East Texas	0.00	0.26	22.58	45.69	87
Trans Pecos	0.00	2.32	12.15	12.96	76
Edwards Plateau	0.28	2.82	18.61	24.01	83
South Central Texas	0.17	1.46	17.47	34.48	52
Upper Coast	0.00	1.87	34.55	47.63	100
South Texas	0.29	1.44	11.42	23.49	45
Lower Valley	0.94	1.68	9.93	25.34	56



<sup>1</sup> Average of all stations reporting precipitation data.

**Top Soil Moisture by District - October 30, 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	15	2	11	6	43	78	66	53	16	9	36	15	14	11	0
Short	43	27	36	37	33	22	34	44	14	47	42	73	32	39	53
Adequate	40	66	52	50	24	0	0	3	64	43	22	12	53	49	47
Surplus	2	5	1	7	0	0	0	0	6	1	0	0	1	1	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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