

# Texas Crop Weather

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**Crop Progress Table - November 6, 2005**

Crop	2005	2004	Average 2000-2004
- Percent -			
<b>Corn</b>			
Harvested .....	97	96	99
<b>Cotton</b>			
Bolls Opening .....	94	88	96
Harvested .....	40	34	49
<b>Peanuts</b>			
Harvested .....	65	44	55
<b>Sorghum</b>			
Mature .....	93	93	94
Harvested .....	74	70	81
<b>Soybeans</b>			
Harvested .....	94	91	95
<b>Sunflowers</b>			
Harvested .....	75	81	92
<b>Wheat</b>			
Planted .....	88	86	87
Emerged .....	67	74	71
<b>Oats</b>			
Planted .....	83	93	86
Emerged .....	53	--	--
<b>Pecans</b>			
Harvested .....	37	35	30

**Crop Condition Table - November 6, 2005**

Item	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor
- Percent -					
Cotton .....	17	45	24	9	5
Peanuts .....	22	48	23	5	2
Wheat .....	5	29	36	19	11
Oats .....	1	7	28	26	38
Range & Pasture ..	1	11	28	32	28

**Agricultural Summary:** Weather conditions were generally stable and dry across the state during the week. In early week, a few light showers crossed the state, but very little accumulations were reported and delays in harvest operations were minimal. Above normal temperatures, light winds and dry soils were reported across the state which promoted steady increases in harvest activities. Record high temperatures were reported in several locations as the week progressed. Replanting was active in some areas, however some producers were cautious about the prospects of losing two crops this season and were waiting on adequate moisture levels before replanting. The remainder of the state remained unseasonably dry. 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. 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 reduce their herds. Water available for livestock continued to decrease in the driest locations.

## Field Crops Report

**Small Grains:** Land preparation and planting continued, but slower than in earlier weeks. In areas that have received recent rains, growth and development was somewhat improved, however dry winds were removing soil moisture at a rapid rate. Emergence on earlier planted fields was variable and in some areas grains that were planted over a month ago were still sitting in dry soils. Irrigation was very active in areas where possible. Problems with army worms continued in some locations. Statewide, wheat condition was rated at 59 percent of normal compared with 91 percent last year. Statewide, oat condition was rated at 33 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. Harvest was being completed in many areas of the Plains with the continued dry weather pattern. 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. Harvest was completed in many locations and land preparation for next year's crops was underway.

**Sorghum:** Harvest remained active across many areas of the Plains and North Central Texas. A few delays were reported due to rain, however drying out occurred quickly and harvest resumed.

**Peanuts:** Harvest and preparation for harvest were moving ahead at a rapid pace in remaining areas across the state. Some producers were forced to harvest early as the result of the hard freeze the previous week. Statewide, peanut condition was rated at 83 percent of normal, compared with 79 percent last year.

**Soybeans:** Harvest continued across areas of the Plains and in a few other remaining locations. A few harvest delays were reported, however drying out occurred quickly and harvest was able to resume.

## Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop Report

In the **Rio Grande Valley**, fall melons, onions, tomatoes and cabbage were making good progress. Spinach planting was mostly completed. Early planted cabbage harvest began in some locations. Sugarcane harvest was active during the week.

In the **San Antonio-Winter Garden**, early planted cabbage, green beans and spinach made good progress. Irrigation remained necessary in all locations.

In **East Texas**, sweet potato harvest remained active.

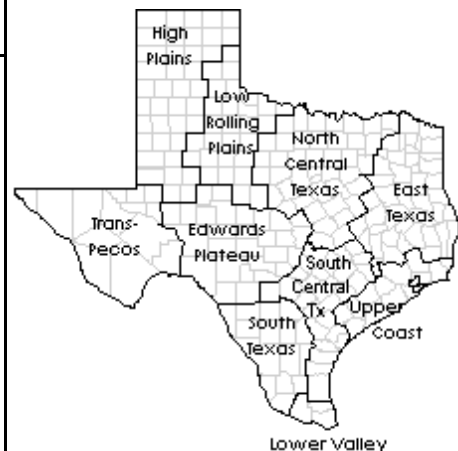
**Pecans:** Harvest activity increased across the state, but a few delays were reported in areas that received light rain. Many dryland orchards were experiencing lighter than normal crops as the result of the abnormally dry growing season.

## Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Dormancy in warm season grasses continued as the result of earlier cold temperatures and short day length. Emergence of cool season grasses varied depending on availability of adequate soil moisture. Pasture conditions were a major concern statewide as the dry trend continued. In areas where irrigation was possible many producers were able to turn livestock into small grain fields that were planted for grazing. Supplemental feeding continued to increase across the state. Hay supplies were extremely low in the majority of areas and many producers continued to reduce herd size to compensate for the lack of adequate feed. Water available for livestock continued to demonstrate in most areas of the state. Hauling water to livestock continued to be necessary for some producers. Army worm populations continued to rise in a few areas.

Weather Information Table <sup>1</sup>

National Weather Service Climatic Divisions	Previous week (Oct 31 - Nov 6) Accumulation	Month-to-date (Oct 1 - 31) Accumulation	Year-to-date (Jan 1 - Nov 6) Accumulation	1961-90 Annual Normal	Previous 3 months (Aug - Oct) % of Normal
High Plains	0.00	1.53	15.94	18.87	84
Low Rolling Plains	0.01	1.72	17.63	23.78	84
North Central Texas	0.49	1.56	18.93	34.00	66
East Texas	1.07	1.33	23.65	45.69	66
Trans Pecos	0.00	2.32	12.15	12.96	94
Edwards Plateau	0.05	2.87	18.66	24.01	80
South Central Texas	0.36	1.78	17.83	34.48	43
Upper Coast	0.69	2.55	35.24	47.63	66
South Texas	0.04	1.48	11.46	23.49	27
Lower Valley	0.33	2.01	10.26	25.34	41



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

Top Soil Moisture by District - November 6, 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	20	6	14	8	49	64	36	49	21	15	32	14	12	12	0
Short	51	29	46	44	39	29	63	41	22	42	47	70	20	44	53
Adequate	29	61	40	45	12	7	1	10	57	42	21	16	68	42	47
Surplus	0	4	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	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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