



Texas Crop Weather

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Agricultural Summary: The eastern half of the state received 0.01 to 0.25 inches of rainfall while the rest of the state observed little to no rainfall. Small grains were progressing and in good condition in the north, however, in the south small grains were suffering due to lack of rain. Cotton harvest was in full swing across the state. Grain Sorghum harvest was in full swing across the state with variable yields in the Southern High Plains. Peanut harvest continued in some areas of the state. Pecan harvest continued but looked dismal. Livestock were in fair to good condition across the state with some supplemental feeding taking place. Top Soil moisture was mostly short to adequate across the state.

Field Crops Report

Small Grains: Winter wheat in the plains was progressing well and was in good condition while some areas needed rain. Wheat farmers in the Cross Timbers were almost finished sowing and wheat was doing well. Most of the wheat in parts of the Blacklands had been planted but needs moisture to grow while other areas were in need of rain. Wheat and oats were emerging slowly in Edwards Plateau while wheat planting continued in South Central Texas. In South Texas wheat and oats continued to suffer due to dry conditions. Wheat condition was mostly fair to good statewide. Oats condition was mostly very-poor to fair.

Cotton: The cotton crop in the High and Southern Plains had suffered from the freeze in some parts while harvest continued. Cotton harvest was just beginning in the Northern Low Plains while it was underway in the Southern Low Plains. Cotton was being harvested in Trans-Pecos. Harvest in Edwards Plateau was in full-swing and in good condition while cotton in South Central Texas was winding down. Cotton condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

Corn: Harvest in the Northern High Plains was in full swing and nearing completion. Corn condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

Sorghum: Sorghum harvest was in full swing and almost complete in the Northern High Plains and South Central Texas. Harvest continued in the Southern High Plains while yields were variable. Sorghum condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

Peanuts: Peanut harvest continued in some areas of the state. Peanut condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop Report

Pecans were nearing harvest in the Cross Timbers. Pecans were still waiting for frost in Trans-Pecos and the crop looked dismal in Trans-Pecos and Edwards Plateau. Spinach was growing well in South Central Texas but extremely dry. Pumpkin harvest was complete in the Northern High Plains. Onions were emerging in the Trans-Pecos.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Livestock were in fair to good condition across the state with some supplemental feeding taking place. Pasture and range land were in good condition in the Northern Plains. Pastures and fields need rain in Cross Timbers and Southern Low Plains. Range and Pasture condition was mostly poor to fair statewide.

Crop Progress Table – November 9, 2008

Crop	Stage	2008	2007	Average 2003 – 2007
– Percent –				
Corn	Harvested	91	100	99
Cotton	Bolls Opening	93	96	95
	Harvested	26	48	45
Peanuts	Harvested	81	79	69
Sorghum	Coloring	100	100	99
	Mature	96	100	94
	Harvested	79	95	79
Soybeans	Harvested	97	100	96
Sunflower	Harvested	60	83	83
Winter Wheat	Planted	91	87	89
	Emerged	77	62	73
Oats	Planted	89	84	89
	Emerged	56	53	38

Crop Condition Table – November 9, 2008

Crop	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	Index ^{1/}	
	Percent					2008	2007
Corn	4	38	26	16	16	59	--
Cotton	8	31	32	18	11	61	81
Peanuts	3	63	31	2	1	79	86
Sorghum	5	40	36	14	5	67	--
Soybeans	2	33	29	27	9	57	--
Wheat	11	39	37	11	2	72	56
Oats	0	18	27	25	30	40	49
Range & Pasture	2	17	35	29	17	--	--

1/ The formula for the condition index is $I = (5V + 25P + 60F + 90G + 110E)/100$ where
I=crop condition Index and V, P, F, G, E = percentage of crop rated very poor, poor, fair, good, excellent.

Top Soil Moisture by District – November 9, 2008 *

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	5	9	25	22	27	3	13	25	34	59	13	18	39	0
Short	17	35	29	36	52	49	46	59	46	53	33	57	55	53	25
Adequate	75	60	60	38	26	24	51	26	28	13	8	28	21	8	75
Surplus	5	0	2	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	6	0	0

* High Plains: 1-N, 1-S; Low Rolling Plains: 2-N, 2-S; North Central Texas: 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.

Weather Information Table ^{1/ 2/}

National Weather Service Climatic Divisions	Previous Week (November 3 - 9) Accumulation	Month-to-date (November 1 - 9) Accumulation	Year-to-date (Jan 1 - Nov 9) Accumulation	1961 - 1990 Annual Normal	Previous Three Months (Aug - Oct) Percent of Normal
High Plains	0.01	0.01	17.51	18.87	148
Low Rolling Plains	0.00	0.00	18.57	23.78	110
North Central Texas	0.08	0.08	22.04	34.00	81
East Texas	0.11	0.12	33.02	45.69	124
Trans-Pecos	0.00	0.00	9.15	12.96	81
Edwards Plateau	0.00	0.00	14.91	24.01	73
South Central Texas	0.14	0.14	16.43	34.48	56
Upper Coast	0.12	0.12	29.93	47.63	78
South Texas	0.00	0.00	16.09	23.49	96
Lower Valley	0.00	0.02	25.16	25.34	111

1/ Average of all stations reporting precipitation data.

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www.srh.noaa.gov/ufcshare/precip_analysis_new.php and www.drought.unl.edu/dm/monitor.html

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