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Agricultural Summary: Scattered showers were observed across much of the state. East Texas received the most rain with up to 4 to 6 inches in isolated areas. The rest of the state received anywhere from 0.01 to 1 inch. Wheat and oats planting was near completion across most areas of the state. Rainfall in the Blacklands helped wheat and oats growth while the south was in need of more rain. Cotton harvest in the Low Plains and Edwards Plateau was in full swing while harvest was complete in South Central Texas. Sorghum harvest continued in the Plains while nearly complete in South Central Texas. Peanuts continued to be harvested in some areas of the state. Pecan harvest continued while pumpkin harvest in the Northern High Plains and sunflower harvest the Southern High Plains was almost complete. Livestock were in fair to good condition across the state with supplemental feeding taking place. Pasture and range land were in good condition in the Plains while conditions in Southwest Texas continued to decline. Top Soil moisture was mostly short to adequate across the state.

Field Crops Report

Small Grains: Winter wheat planting is nearing completion in the Plains and is growing well, however, some areas continue to be in need of rain. Wheat in the Cross Timbers is showing signs of stress due to lack of moisture while some areas received rain and is responding well. The Blacklands received rainfall which will help get wheat germinated and growing while oats planted in September have grown well. Wheat in Edwards Plateau and South Central Texas was in need of some rain. In South Texas, wheat and oats planting was close to complete while conditions were dry. Statewide, wheat condition was mostly fair to good and oat condition was mostly poor to fair.

Cotton: Cotton harvest was in full swing in the Low Plains while yields have been somewhat varied. Harvest in Edwards Plateau was on-going and doing well while cotton in South Central Texas was almost complete. Cotton condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

Corn: Harvest in the High Plains neared completion and yields were varied. Corn condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

Sorghum: Sorghum harvest has continued in the High and Low Plains while yields were fair to good. Harvest was almost complete in South Central Texas. Sorghum condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

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

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop Report

Pecan Harvest continued in the Trans-Pecos, Edwards Plateau and North East Texas with average yield. Pumpkin harvest in the Northern High Plains was complete and showed average yields. Sunflower harvest was near completion in the Southern High Plains. Cabbage harvest began in South Texas while tomato growers were preparing for harvest in the Lower Valley.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Livestock were in fair to good condition across the state with supplemental feeding taking place. Pasture and range land were in good condition in the Southern High Plains and Northern Low Plains. However, pasture and range conditions in Trans-Pecos, South Texas and Edwards Plateau continued to decline. Range and Pasture condition was mostly poor to fair statewide.

Crop Progress Table – November 16, 2008

Crop	Stage	2008	2007	Average 2003 – 2007
– Percent –				
Corn	Harvested	97	100	99
Cotton	Bolls Opening	96	98	97
	Harvested	40	57	53
Peanuts	Harvested	94	92	83
Sorghum	Mature	98	100	97
	Harvested	84	96	83
Soybeans	Harvested	98	100	98
Sunflower	Harvested	73	89	87
Winter Wheat	Planted	94	90	92
	Emerged	83	65	76
Oats	Planted	91	87	91
	Emerged	66	58	42

Crop Condition Table – November 16, 2008

Crop	Percent					Index ^{1/}	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2007	2008
Corn	4	38	26	16	16	59	--
Cotton	8	31	33	18	10	62	83
Peanuts	3	63	31	2	1	79	--
Sorghum	5	40	36	14	5	67	--
Soybeans	2	33	29	27	9	57	--
Wheat	7	43	35	11	4	70	45
Oats	2	20	35	29	14	49	59
Range & Pasture	2	21	33	29	15	--	--

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 16, 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	8	10	10	30	22	16	0	14	32	39	48	18	11	52	22
Short	19	34	49	44	48	30	6	24	46	49	32	60	31	44	23
Adequate	68	56	37	25	30	51	89	56	21	12	10	22	39	4	55
Surplus	5	0	4	1	0	3	5	6	1	0	10	0	19	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 (Nov 10 - 16) Accumulation	Month-to-date (Nov 1 - 16) Accumulation	Year-to-date (Jan 1 - Nov 16) Accumulation	1961 - 1990 Annual Normal	Previous Three Months (Aug - Oct) Percent of Normal
High Plains	0.01	0.02	17.52	18.87	148
Low Rolling Plains	0.01	0.01	18.58	23.78	110
North Central Texas	0.67	0.75	22.71	34.00	81
East Texas	2.26	2.38	35.28	45.69	124
Trans-Pecos	0.00	0.00	9.15	12.96	81
Edwards Plateau	0.10	0.10	15.01	24.01	73
South Central Texas	0.50	0.64	16.93	34.48	56
Upper Coast	3.44	3.56	33.37	47.63	78
South Texas	0.01	0.01	16.10	23.49	96
Lower Valley	1.45	1.47	26.61	25.34	111

1/ Average of all stations reporting precipitation data.

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