



Texas Crop Weather

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Agricultural Summary: The southeastern part of the state received 0.01 to 1.5 inches of rainfall. The rest of the state observed little to no moisture. Winter wheat planting resumed due to drier weather conditions in the Northern Plains, Cross Timbers, and Blacklands. In the Northern Plains, cotton harvest progressed well. Corn harvest resumed in some areas of the Northern High Plains due to drier weather conditions. Cotton defoliation was active in some areas of the Low Plains. Winter wheat planting continued in North East Texas and the Edwards Plateau. Recent rainfall improved wheat and oat growing conditions in the southern part of the state. Cotton harvest continued and late-planted corn dried-out in the Trans-Pecos. Pecan harvest progressed well in the Cross Timbers and the Blacklands. Livestock conditions improved in the southern part of the state due to increased forage growth. Top soil moisture was mostly short to adequate across the state.

Field Crops Report

Small Grains: Winter wheat planting resumed due to drier weather conditions in the Northern Plains, Cross Timbers, and Blacklands. Winter wheat planting continued in North East Texas and the Edwards Plateau. Recent rainfall improved wheat and oat growing conditions in the southern part of the state. Wheat condition was mostly fair to good statewide. Oat condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

Cotton: In the Northern Plains, cotton harvest progressed well due to ideal weather conditions. Cotton defoliation was active in some areas of the Low Plains. Cotton harvest continued in the Blacklands and the Trans-Pecos. Cotton condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

Corn: Corn harvest resumed in some areas of the Northern High Plains due to drier weather conditions. Corn condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

Sorghum: Grain sorghum harvest continued in the Northern High Plains. Sorghum dried-out in the Trans-Pecos. Sorghum condition was mostly very poor to fair statewide.

Peanuts: Peanut harvest was in full-swing in South Texas. Peanut condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

Soybeans: Soybean condition was mostly poor to fair statewide.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop Report

Fall planted onions emerged in the Trans-Pecos. Sunflower and sesame harvest continued in the Coastal Bend. Green bean harvest continued in South Texas. Citrus and sugarcane harvest progressed well in the Lower Valley.

Pecans: Pecan harvest progressed well in the Cross Timbers and the Blacklands. Pecan nuts dried-out in the Trans-Pecos. In the Edwards Plateau, pecan harvest was in full swing.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Livestock conditions improved in the southern part of the state due to increased forage growth. Livestock weaning was active in the Northern Low Plains and South East Texas. Rainfall was needed to refill stock tank levels in some areas of the state. Hay baling resumed due to drier weather conditions across most of the state. Feral hogs continued to damage hay meadows and pastures in some areas of the state. Range and pasture condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

Crop Condition Table – November 8, 2009

Crop	Percent					Index ^{1/}	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2009	2008
Corn	6	31	24	14	25	54	59
Cotton	7	31	30	16	16	58	61
Peanuts	10	51	38	1	0	80	79
Sorghum	3	20	38	16	23	49	67
Soybeans	3	21	47	26	3	57	57
Wheat	4	41	41	10	4	69	72
Oats	7	33	41	15	4	66	40
Range & Pasture	8	32	34	19	7	-	-

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.

Crop Progress Table – November 8, 2009

Crop	Stage	Percent		
		2009	2008	Average 2004 – 2008
Corn	Harvested	92	89	96
Cotton	Bolls Opening	95	93	94
	Harvested	44	26	38
Peanuts	Harvested	75	78	69
Sorghum	Coloring	100	100	100
	Mature	94	95	96
	Harvested	75	78	80
Soybeans	Dropping Leaves	95	100	100
	Harvested	77	97	96
Sunflowers	Harvested	76	59	77
Winter Wheat	Planted	82	90	88
	Emerged	68	76	72
Oats	Planted	85	89	88
	Emerged	52	55	49

Weather Information Table – November 8, 2009 ^{1/}

National Weather Service Climatic Divisions ^{2/}	Previous Week Accumulation (Nov 2 – 8)	Month-to-Date Accumulation (Nov 1 – 8)	Year-to-Date Accumulation (Jan 1 – Nov 8)	Annual Normal (1971 – 2000)	Previous Three Months Percent of Normal (Aug – Oct)
High Plains	0.00	0.00	14.47	19.64	70
Low Rolling Plains	0.00	0.00	18.43	24.51	76
North Central Texas	0.04	0.04	30.64	35.23	150
East Texas	0.00	0.00	41.92	48.08	182
Trans-Pecos	0.00	0.00	8.57	13.19	51
Edwards Plateau	0.19	0.19	17.22	24.73	88
South Central Texas	0.72	0.72	18.52	36.21	101
Upper Coast	0.37	0.37	30.70	50.31	112
South Texas	0.21	0.21	10.89	24.08	83
Lower Valley	0.09	0.09	12.94	25.43	89

1/ Average of all stations reporting precipitation data.

2/ 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.

For more weather information, please visit the following web sites:

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

Top Soil Moisture by District – November 8, 2009

Condition	Percent of Acreage, by District *														
	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
Very Short	2	8	11	4	0	0	0	1	26	7	1	12	2	3	24
Short	31	51	38	36	2	0	1	3	52	25	5	36	7	29	13
Adequate	65	39	51	58	77	63	44	57	22	61	90	52	72	68	62
Surplus	2	2	0	2	21	37	55	39	0	7	4	0	19	0	1

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 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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