



Texas Crop Weather

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Agricultural Summary: In the Northern Low Plains wheat seeding is progressing and rain last week should help emergence. Southern Low Plains cotton harvest is underway with great variations in yields. In the Northern High Plains the corn crop harvest is nearly complete. In Cross Timbers sorghum harvest is complete with fair yields. Soybean harvest in the Northern High Plains is progressing. South Texas peanut harvest is underway, and should continue over the next month. Livestock are being supplemented heavily with feed around the state. Top soil moisture was mostly short to adequate across the state.

Field Crops Report

Small Grains: In the Northern Low Plains wheat seeding is progressing and rain last week should help emergence. Small grain conditions were mostly fair to good statewide.

Cotton: The Northern High Plains had its first freeze of the year many of the cotton producers are waiting for dry down to begin harvest of what should be a good cotton crop for the year. In the Southern High Plains cotton harvest continues with a few farmers finishing up harvest this week. In the Southern Low Plains cotton harvest is underway with great variations in yields. Cotton condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

Corn: In the Northern High Plains the corn crop harvest is nearly complete. In the Trans-Pecos late season corn harvest is still progressing. Statewide, corn condition was mostly fair to good.

Sorghum: In the Northern High Plains grain sorghum harvest continued with some late planted fields left. In Cross Timbers sorghum harvest is complete with fair yields. Sorghum condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

Soybeans: Soybean harvest in the Northern High Plains is progressing. Statewide, soybean condition was mostly fair to good.

Peanuts: Peanut harvest is almost complete except for a couple of isolated fields in the Northern Low Plains. In South Texas the peanut harvest is underway, and should continue over the next month. Statewide, peanut condition was mostly fair to good.

Sunflowers: Producers continue harvest of sunflower crop.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop Report

In the Trans-Pecos fall onions were planted. In South Texas onions, spinach, carrots, and small grains made good progress this week following heavy irrigation water applications.

Pecans: Pecan crop is nearing harvest on early varieties but harvest had not begun. In the Blacklands pecans are starting to drop and yields are expected to be poor to fair. In the Trans-Pecos some pecans are cracking but overall pretty weak crop for this off year.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Generally, livestock are in excellent condition around the state. Range and pasturelands are mostly fair around the state of Texas. Livestock are being supplemented heavily with feed around the state. Range and pasture condition was mostly fair to good.

Crop Progress Table – October 31, 2010 *

Crop	Stage	Percent		
		2010	2009	Average 2005 – 2009
Corn	Harvested	94	91	92
Cotton	Bolls Opening	97	87	90
	Harvested	45	28	30
Peanuts	Harvested	78	51	54
Sorghum	Mature	98	76	89
	Harvested	80	71	77
Soybeans	Harvested	92	75	90
Sunflowers	Harvested	93	23	61
Winter Wheat	Planted	85	76	82
	Emerged	59	58	63
Oats	Planted	83	82	80
	Emerged	49	47	50

* Visit our web site to view the crop progress regional **maps**, available the following working day of this release at www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Texas/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/maps/.

Crop Condition Table – October 31, 2010

Crop	Percent					Index ^{1/}	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2010	2009
Corn	17	45	19	9	10	73	54
Cotton	15	43	32	8	2	77	57
Peanuts	16	61	22	1	0	86	80
Sorghum	7	52	29	10	2	75	49
Soybeans	8	34	40	14	4	67	57
Wheat	5	30	36	18	11	59	69
Range & Pasture	3	25	38	21	13	-	-

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.

Precipitation Table – October 31, 2010 ^{1/ 2/}

National Weather Service Climatic Divisions ^{3/}	Inches of Accumulation				Percent
	Previous Week (Oct 25 - 31)	Month-to-Date (Oct 1 - 31)	Year-to-Date (Jan 1 – Oct 31)	Annual Normal (1971 – 2000)	Previous Three Months of Normal (Jul - Sep)
High Plains	0.00	1.23	19.36	19.64	95
Low Rolling Plains	0.00	1.47	24.60	24.51	129
North Central Texas	0.00	1.02	27.82	35.23	141
East Texas	0.00	1.39	24.05	48.08	74
Trans-Pecos	0.00	0.01	11.40	13.19	100
Edwards Plateau	0.00	0.32	19.66	24.73	91
South Central Texas	0.00	0.00	29.32	36.21	150
Upper Coast	0.05	0.16	37.17	50.31	144
South Texas	0.00	0.00	24.55	24.08	153
Lower Valley	0.00	0.00	30.19	25.43	149

1/ As of release date/time, precipitation data was incomplete.

2/ Average of all stations reporting precipitation data.

3/ 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/ffcshare/precip_analysis_new.php and www.drought.unl.edu/dm/monitor.html

Top Soil Moisture by District – October 31, 2010

Condition	Percent of Acreage, by District ^{1/}														
	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	22	5	4	13	9	17	18	72	26	20	22	0	23	27	0
Short	49	39	26	27	45	40	52	22	57	46	49	90	53	37	33
Adequate	29	50	67	55	46	43	30	6	17	33	28	10	24	35	66
Surplus	0	6	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	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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- Texas AgrLife Extension Service
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