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Agricultural Summary: Texas received rainfall in some areas of the state with rainfall totals ranging from 0.01 inch up to 6.0 inches. In the Northern High Plains, winter wheat was beginning to emerge and moisture is needed in the near future to keep it going. In the Southern Low Plains, the rains put a damper on cotton harvest, but producers were able to get back in the fields due to drying, high winds. The 2010 Texas corn crop was rapidly nearing completion. In Cross Timbers, sorghum harvest was mostly complete. All livestock appear to be in good body condition going into the late fall and early winter. Topsoil moisture was mostly short to adequate across the state.

Field Crops Report

Small Grains: In the Northern High Plains, winter wheat was beginning to emerge and moisture is needed in the near future to keep it going. In the Northern Low Plains, wheat producers were about half way through seeding the 2011 crop. Conditions have been favorable for good stand establishment. In the Southern Low Plains, wheat producers were battling very dry conditions and were facing a diminishing wheat crop outlook. Loss of stand was so severe in some locations that growers were considering replant options. In the Blacklands, farmers were trying to complete wheat and oat seeding before the expected rains over the weekend. Small grain conditions were mostly fair to good statewide.

Cotton: In the Northern High Plains, cotton harvest was in full swing with producers reporting excellent yields. Lint quality was above average compared to the previous year. In the Southern High Plains, cotton harvest was progressing. In the Northern Low Plains, the recent wet weather put a slight delay on the cotton harvest. In the Southern Low Plains, the rains put a damper on cotton harvest, but producers were able to get back in the fields due to drying, high winds. In the Cross Timbers the cotton harvest was mostly complete. Cotton condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

Corn: The 2010 Texas corn crop was rapidly nearing completion. Statewide, corn condition was mostly fair to good.

Sorghum: In the Northern High Plains, grain sorghum harvest was mostly complete. In Cross Timbers sorghum harvest was mostly complete. Sorghum condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

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

Peanuts: In the Southern Low Plains, peanut producers have virtually completed this year's harvest with some average to above average yields being reported. Statewide, peanut condition was mostly fair to good.

Sunflowers: Producers were finishing up the 2010 sunflower crop.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop Report

In the Trans-Pecos, fall vegetable crops were progressing well. Spinach, cabbage and onions made good progress following irrigation water applications this week. Baby leaf Spinach harvest was expected to begin in the next several days.

Pecans: In the Northern Low Plains, pecans were mature and beginning to fall. In the Cross Timbers, the pecan harvest is going well, but some trees were severely stressed towards the end of the season from dry weather.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Generally, livestock were in fair condition around the state. All livestock appeared to be in good body condition going into the late fall and early winter. Hay supplies were adequate, but not over abundant going into the winter. Range and pasturelands were mostly fair around the state.

Crop Progress Table – November 14, 2010 *

Crop	Stage	Percent		
		2010	2009	Average 2005 – 2009
Corn	Harvested	97	96	98
Cotton	Bolls Opening	99	97	97
	Harvested	68	56	51
Peanuts	Harvested	96	80	86
Sorghum	Mature	100	95	97
	Harvested	90	76	83
Soybeans	Harvested	99	85	95
Sunflowers	Harvested	97	77	80
Winter Wheat	Planted	90	86	91
	Emerged	72	72	74
Oats	Planted	92	88	88
	Emerged	70	55	64

* 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 – November 14, 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	56
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	6	32	37	18	7	62	69
Oats	1	23	38	21	17	51	66
Range & Pasture	3	25	38	22	12	-	-

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 – November 14, 2010 ^{1/}

National Weather Service Climatic Divisions ^{2/}	Inches of Accumulation				Percent
	Previous Week (Nov 8 - 14)	Month-to-Date (Nov 1 - 14)	Year-to-Date (Jan 1 – Nov 14)	Annual Normal (1971 – 2000)	Previous Three Months of Normal (Aug - Oct)
High Plains	0.86	1.18	20.54	19.64	61
Low Rolling Plains	0.33	0.98	25.58	24.51	70
North Central Texas	0.18	1.26	29.08	35.23	89
East Texas	0.68	2.24	26.29	48.08	44
Trans-Pecos	0.00	0.57	11.97	13.19	51
Edwards Plateau	0.00	0.53	20.19	24.73	45
South Central Texas	0.38	1.27	30.59	36.21	85
Upper Coast	0.92	2.59	39.84	50.31	63
South Texas	0.08	1.68	26.23	24.08	85
Lower Valley	0.00	2.15	32.34	25.43	88

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 14, 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	11	19	9	15	11	9	2	35	43	33	23	0	2	24	15
Short	40	34	28	34	57	33	37	57	43	47	52	47	34	49	38
Adequate	48	42	51	45	32	57	57	8	14	20	23	53	60	27	47
Surplus	1	5	12	6	0	1	4	0	0	0	2	0	4	0	0

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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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