



# Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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**WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR OCTOBER 3 – 9**

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Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2011	2010
Corn	0	10	22	35	33	33	73
Cotton	0	13	25	23	39	34	77
Peanuts	0	22	30	23	25	45	90
Sorghum	2	20	35	27	16	49	75
Soybeans	0	1	11	28	60	18	67
Range and pasture	0	1	4	18	77	---	---

\* 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.

Texas Precipitation					
National Weather Service Climatic Divisions *	Inches of Accumulation **				Percent
	Previous Week (October 3 – 9, 2011)	Month-to-Date (Oct 1 - 9, 2011)	Year-to-Date (Jan 1 – Oct 9, 2011)	Annual Normal 1971-2000	Normal Previous Three Months (Jul - Sep)
High Plains	0.12	0.12	1.68	19.64	11
Low Rolling Plains	0.36	0.36	1.39	24.51	5
North Central Texas	0.53	0.53	5.23	35.23	4
East Texas	0.06	0.06	6.24	48.08	10
Trans-Pecos	0.04	0.04	0.60	13.19	6
Edwards Plateau	0.39	0.39	2.61	24.73	9
South Central Texas	0.30	0.30	3.01	36.21	4
Upper Coast	0.26	0.26	7.07	50.31	17
South Texas	0.25	0.26	1.90	24.08	8
Lower Valley	0.02	0.02	2.45	25.43	4

\*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.

\*\*Average of all stations reporting precipitation data. For more information, please visit the following web sites: [water.weather.gov](http://water.weather.gov) and [www.drought.unl.edu/dm/monitor.html](http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm/monitor.html).

Top Soil Moisture by District															
Condition	Percent of Acreage														
	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	80	79	76	50	50	79	95	83	74	69	79	75	45	50	75
Short	15	8	12	33	13	20	5	17	18	13	21	25	38	37	12
Adequate	4	12	12	7	34	1	0	0	8	12	0	0	4	13	13
Surplus	1	1	0	10	3	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	13	0	0

### Weekly Summary

Areas of the Low Plains, the Cross Timbers, and the Blacklands received up to 6 inches of rainfall, areas of the Upper Coast and the Edwards Plateau received up to 5 inches of rainfall, while the rest of the state observed scattered showers.

**Small Grains:** In areas of the Northern High Plains, recently seeded wheat and oat fields were in need of significant rainfall for spring growth. Wheat and oat fields in areas of the Northern Low Plains and the Cross Timbers progressed well due to recent rain showers. Some recently seeded wheat and oat fields were

in need of more rainfall to sprout in areas of the Blacklands. In areas of South Texas, producers seeded wheat and oats for winter grazing due to anticipated rainfall.

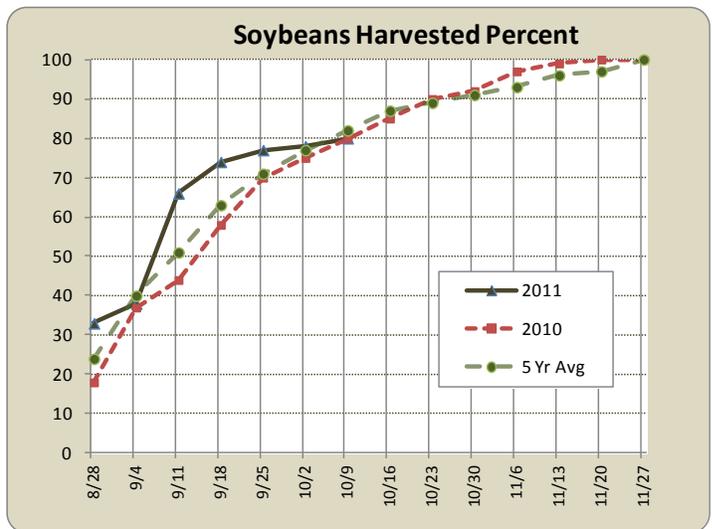
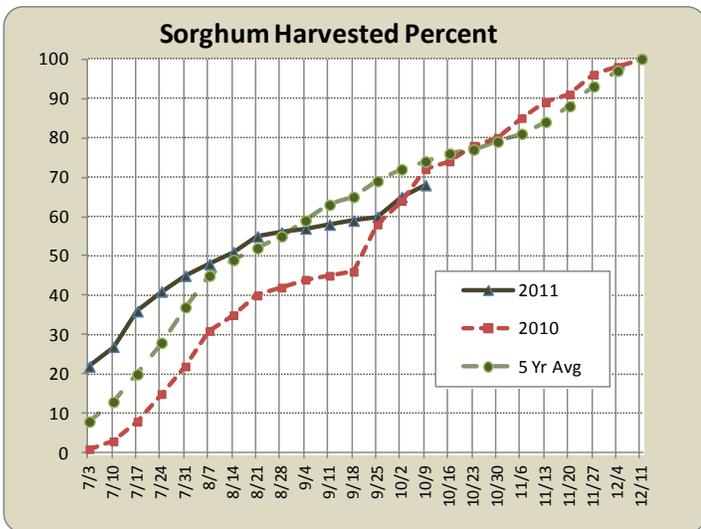
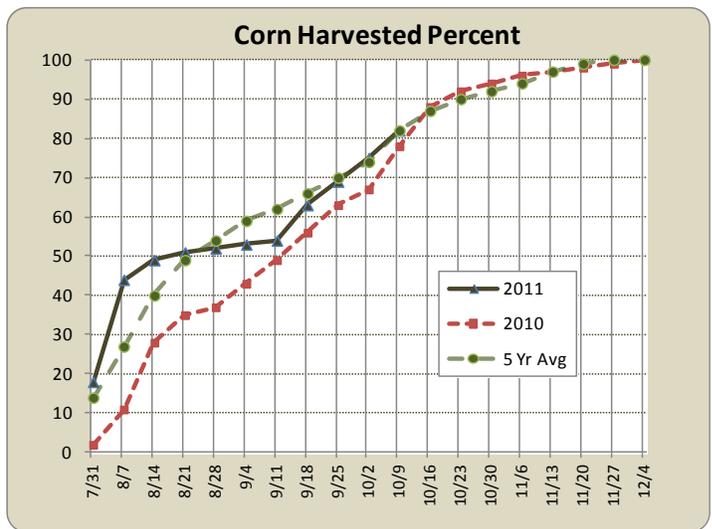
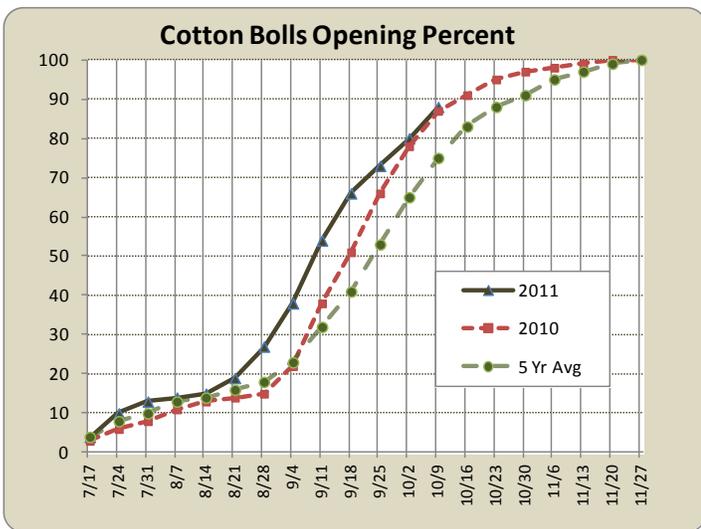
**Row Crops:** Abandoned corn fields were baled for hay in areas of the Northern High Plains. In areas of the Northern Plains, sorghum fields have dried down and turned color. In areas of the High Plains, cotton stripping was delayed due to recent rain showers. Producers defoliated and harvested irrigated cotton in areas of the Northern Low Plains, while cotton gins were activated. Producers prepared to harvest peanuts in areas of the Southern Low Plains and South Texas. Irrigated fall corn and grain sorghum fields matured in areas of the Edwards Plateau. Cotton bolls continued to open in the Trans-Pecos and producers applied harvest aids.

Crop Progress					
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2010	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Mature	99	95	96	97
	Harvested	82	75	78	82
Cotton	Bolls opening	88	80	87	75
	Harvested	25	18	20	21
Oats	Planted	26	17	57	53
	Emerged	1	0	19	13
Peanuts	Harvested	30	17	33	24
Rice	Harvested	100	100	100	100
Sorghum	Headed	100	99	100	100
	Coloring	90	87	99	94
	Mature	74	73	91	82
	Harvested	68	65	72	74
Soybeans	Dropping leaves	94	93	98	95
	Harvested	80	78	80	82
Sunflowers	Harvested	74	68	86	53
Winter Wheat	Planted	41	25	64	63
	Emerged	7	4	33	35

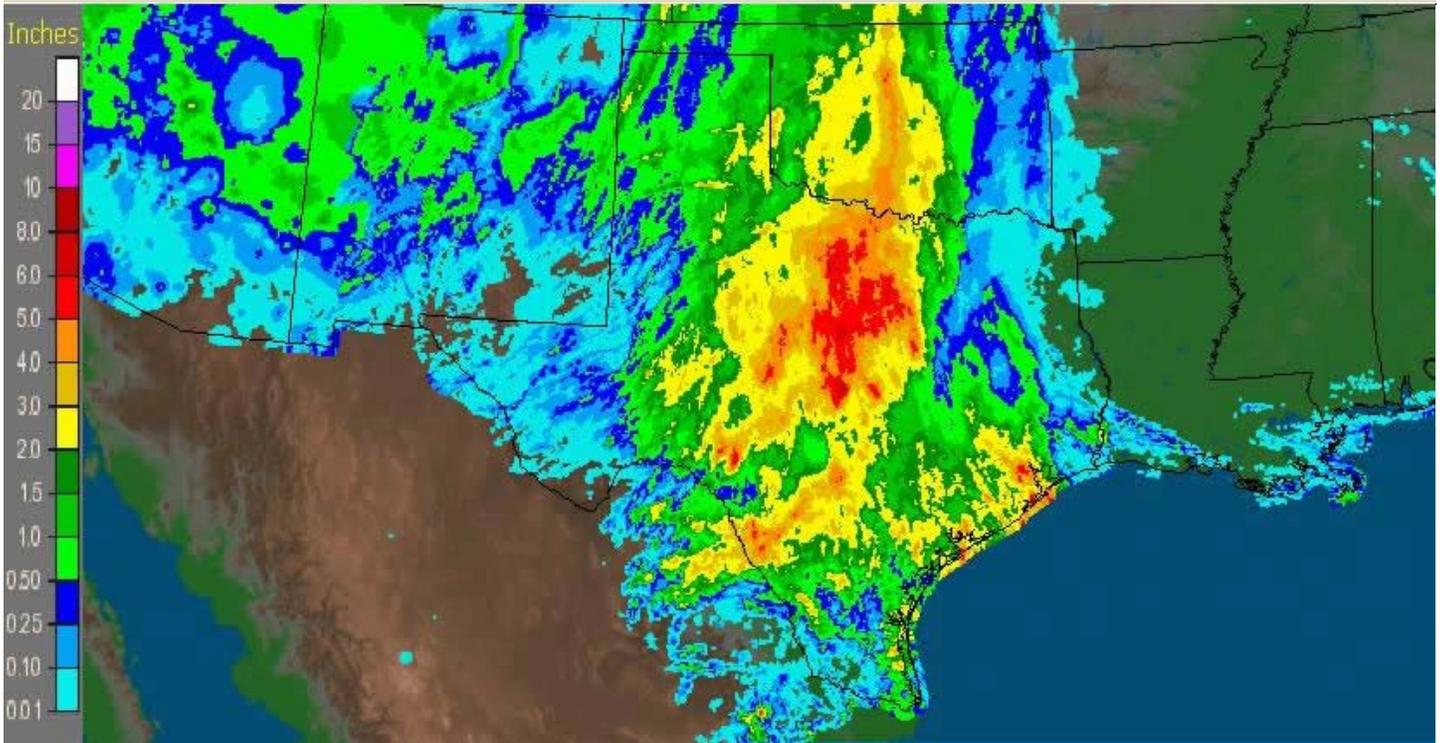
Visit our web site to view the crop progress regional maps, available at [www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics\\_by\\_State/Texas/Publications/Crop\\_Progress\\_&\\_Condition/maps/](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Texas/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/maps/).

**Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop:** The pumpkin harvest neared completion in areas of the Northern High Plains. Producers were rapidly harvesting sunflowers due to anticipated rain showers in areas of the Southern High Plains. Pecan shuck separation was active in area of the Trans-Pecos; however, high winds damaged pecan trees. Irrigation was active on carrots, spinach, and cabbage in areas of South Texas.

**Livestock, Range and Pasture:** Due to lack of forages across most areas of the state, producers continued to cull livestock and import hay from out of state. Across many areas of the state, producers hauled water for livestock due to very low surface water. Some producers relocated cattle out of state for the winter due to drought conditions. Cool season grasses in some areas of the state receiving rainfall greened up; however, growth remained slow and was in need of further rainfall. Producers continued to plant winter pastures in most areas of the state due to anticipated rain showers. Armyworms damaged forages in areas of East Texas receiving rainfall. Fire danger remained extreme in some areas of the state.



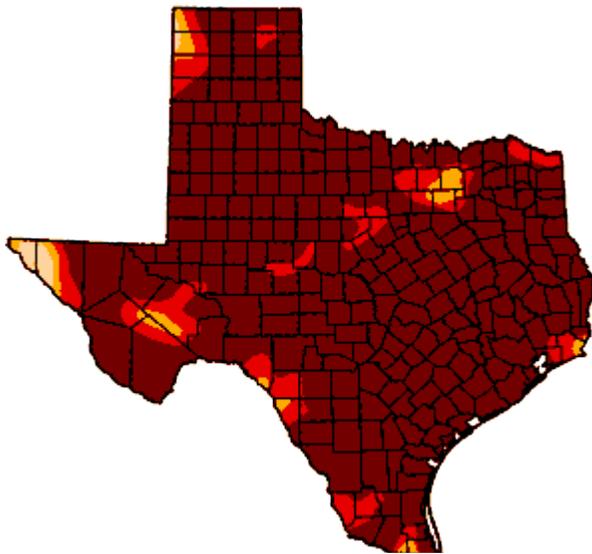
## Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, October 10, 2011



Source: National Weather Service, [www.nws.noaa.gov](http://www.nws.noaa.gov)

## Drought Monitor

As of 10/4/2011, 7:00 am EST



### Intensity:



Source: National Drought Mitigation Center, <http://drought.unl.edu/dm>, a partnership with USDA, U.S. Department of Commerce/NOAA.

## Texas Agricultural Districts

