



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR OCTOBER 17 - 23

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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	12	25	24	39	34	76
Peanuts	0	19	34	24	23	45	86
Sorghum	2	20	35	27	16	49	75
Soybeans	0	1	11	28	60	18	67
Range and Pasture	0	1	6	23	70	---	---

* 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 (Oct 17 - 23, 2011)	Month-to-Date (Oct 1 - 23, 2011)	Year-to-Date (Jan 1 - Oct 23, 2011)	Annual Normal 1971-2000	Normal Previous Three Months (Jul - Sep)
High Plains	0.00	0.13	1.69	19.64	11
Low Rolling Plains	0.00	0.37	1.40	24.51	5
North Central Texas	0.07	0.64	5.34	35.23	4
East Texas	0.15	0.26	6.44	48.08	10
Trans-Pecos	0.00	0.04	0.60	13.19	6
Edwards Plateau	0.00	0.39	2.61	24.73	9
South Central Texas	0.00	0.31	3.02	36.21	4
Upper Coast	0.00	0.27	7.08	50.31	17
South Texas	0.00	0.26	1.90	24.08	8
Lower Valley	0.00	0.03	2.46	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 and 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	78	85	70	5	26	54	76	81	82	60	62	78	51	37	65
Short	22	6	24	82	30	39	16	17	17	35	34	22	37	31	17
Adequate	0	9	6	13	44	7	8	2	1	5	3	0	9	32	18
Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0

Weekly Summary

Areas of the Cross Timbers and East Texas received up to 2 inches of rainfall, while the rest of the state observed little to no rainfall.

Small Grains: Producers seeded dry-land winter wheat in anticipation of moisture in areas of the Plains. Producers in need of pasture growth continued to run irrigation pivots on emerging wheat and oat fields in areas of the Northern High Plains. In areas of the Low Plains and South Texas,

emerging wheat progressed well due to recent rainfall; however, more moisture was needed for a sustainable crop. Producers in areas of the Cross Timbers were actively seeding wheat and oat fields due to adequate soil moisture. In areas of the Upper Coast, the ratoon rice harvest progressed well.

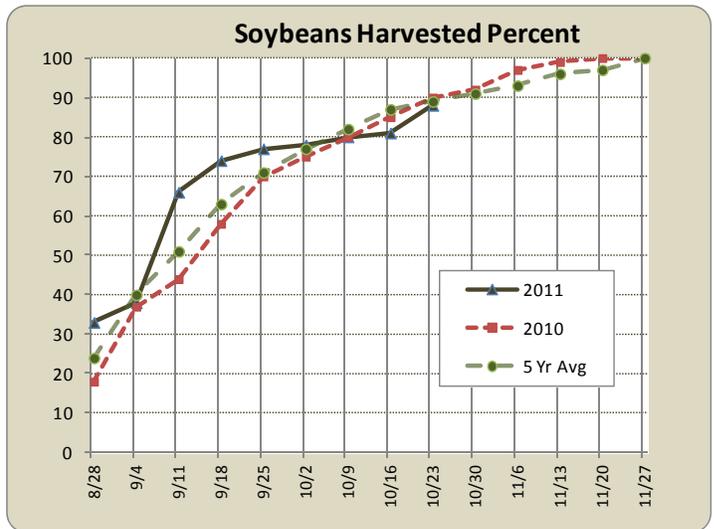
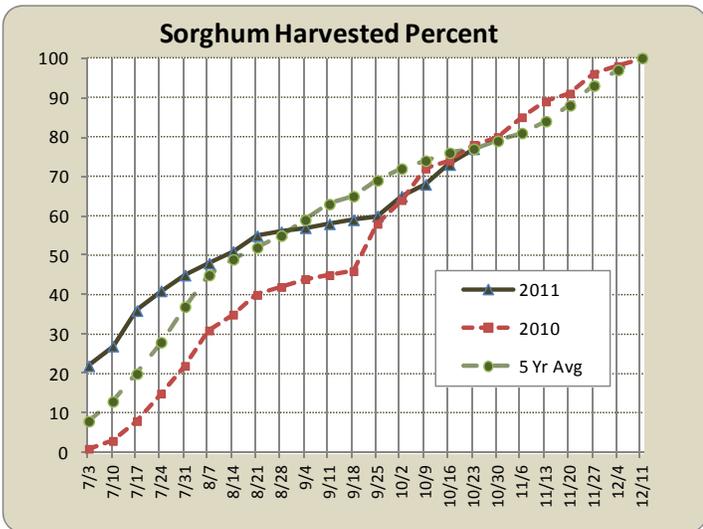
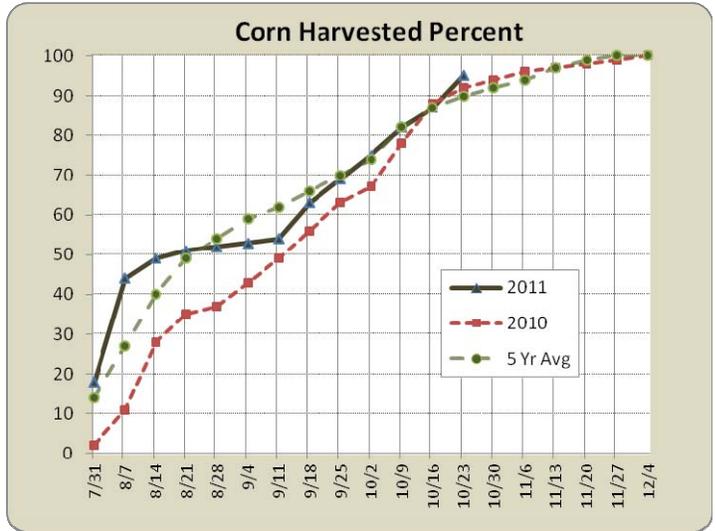
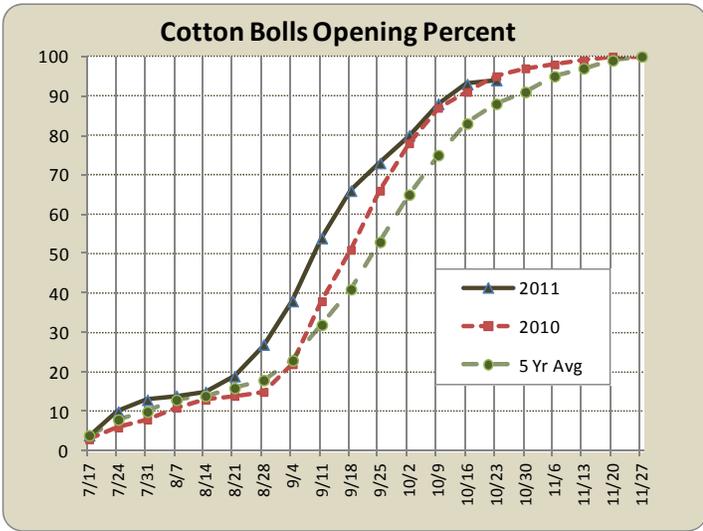
Row Crops: Corn harvest neared completion and corn stalks were baled in areas of the Northern High Plains. Producers applied harvest aides to irrigated cotton fields, while some dry-land cotton fields were in need of a freeze for defoliation. Wind storms damaged some cotton fields in areas of the Plains. Peanut harvest was in full swing in areas of the Northern Low Plains; however, the peanut crop dug near water was damaged due to hogs and deer. Cotton harvest progressed well in areas of the Edwards Plateau and cotton ginning continued in areas of South Texas.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop: In areas of the Plains, pecan nuts were falling; however, producers were concerned about the nut quality and size. Pecan shuck separation was in full swing in areas of the Trans-Pecos; while high winds blew premature pecans out of trees. In areas of South Texas, spinach and green beans progressed well due to irrigation applications.

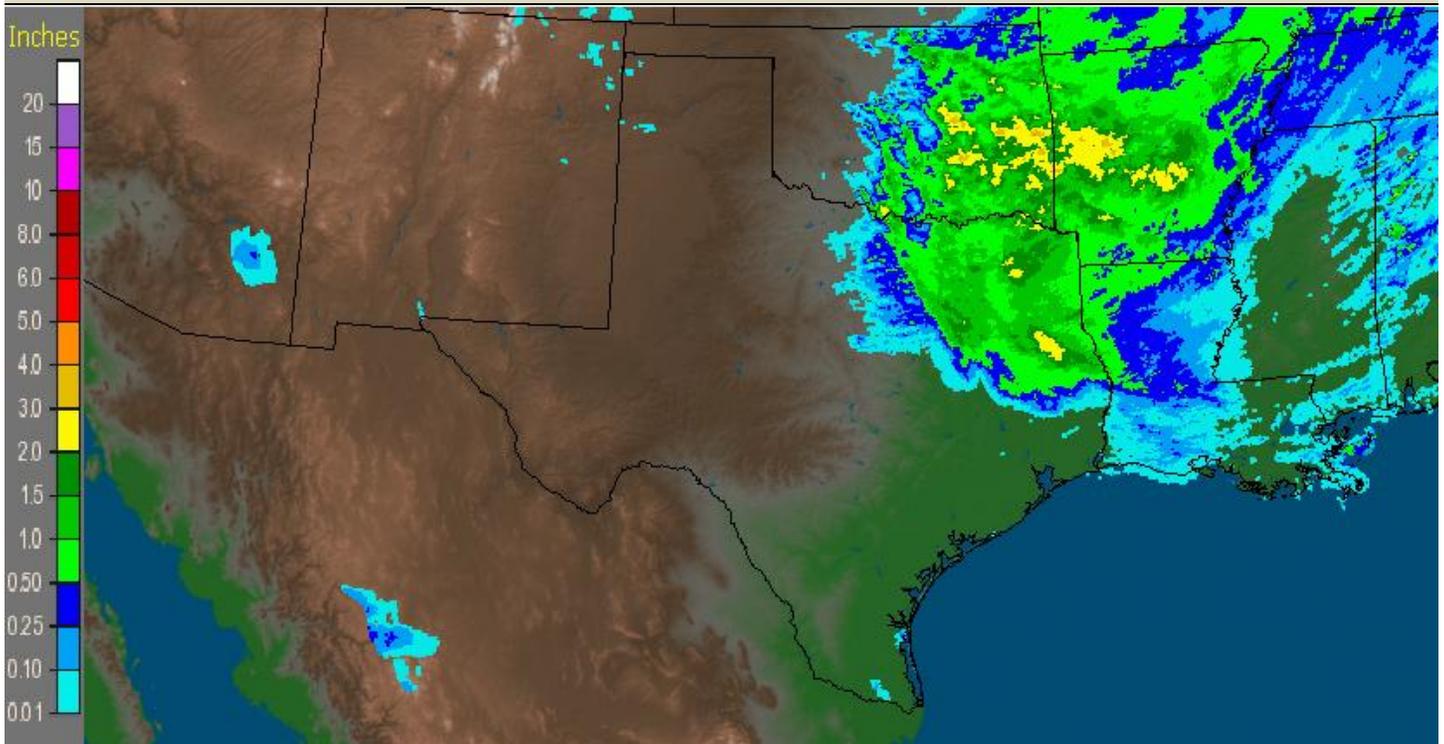
Crop Progress					
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2010	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Harvested	95	87	92	90
Cotton	Bolls Opening	94	93	95	88
	Harvested	37	30	35	26
Oats	Planted	52	44	76	73
	Emerged	18	7	39	37
Peanuts	Harvested	59	58	62	44
Sorghum	Coloring	97	94	100	97
	Mature	90	83	97	88
	Harvested	77	73	78	77
Soybeans	Dropping Leaves	96	95	100	98
	Harvested	88	81	90	89
Sunflowers	Harvested	80	79	92	63
Winter Wheat	Planted	63	52	80	78
	Emerged	26	19	48	55

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/.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Producers continued supplemental feeding of livestock to maintain body weight, across the state. Livestock producers continued to search for hay out of state, to replenish winter supplies. Producers continued to cull livestock across the state in preparation for the winter season. Recent rainfall in some areas of the state helped replenish soil moisture levels; however, more rainfall was needed to relieve persistent drought conditions. In eastern areas of the state, producers sprayed for army worms. Cool season grasses were emerging in earlier burned pastures in areas of the state receiving recent rainfall. Warm season grasses, across the state, continued to green due to recent rainfall; however, growth was limited due to shorter days and cooler temperatures. In areas of the plains, a dust storm caused by a strong cold front damaged farms and ranches.



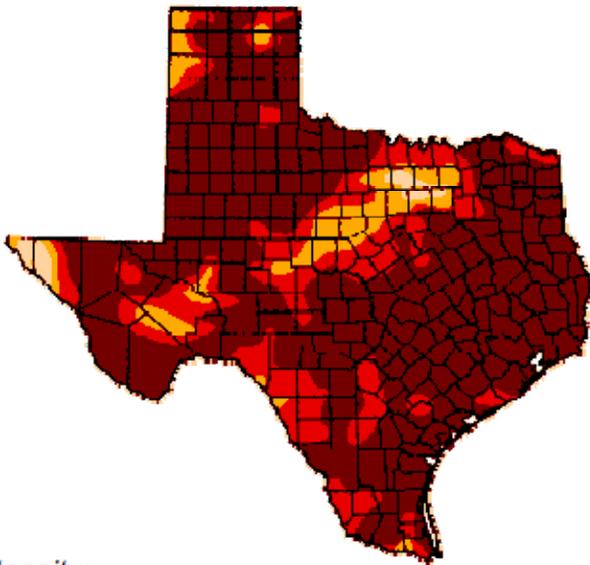
Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, October 23, 2011



Source: National Weather Service, www.nws.noaa.gov

Drought Monitor

As of 10/18/2011, 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.

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