



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR OCT 31 – NOV 6

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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	25	38	34	77
Peanuts	0	19	34	24	23	45	86
Sorghum	2	20	35	27	16	49	75
Soybeans	0	1	11	28	60	18	67
Wheat	3	18	33	20	26	46	63
Range and Pasture	0	1	9	25	65	--	--

* 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 31 – Nov 6, 2011)	Month-to-Date (Oct 1 - 31, 2011)	Year-to-Date (Jan 1 – Nov 6, 2011)	Annual Normal 1971-2000	Normal Previous Three Months (Jul - Sep)
High Plains	0.00	0.21	1.77	19.64	11
Low Rolling Plains	0.00	0.46	1.49	24.51	5
North Central Texas	0.01	0.69	5.40	35.23	4
East Texas	0.01	0.32	6.51	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	0.32	7.13	50.31	17
South Texas	0.00	0.26	1.90	24.08	8
Lower Valley	0.01	0.03	2.47	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	65	87	42	7	12	59	80	65	80	54	60	82	57	59	100
Short	29	4	47	73	39	32	16	35	19	39	37	18	21	35	0
Adequate	6	9	11	20	43	9	4	0	1	7	3	0	13	6	0
Surplus	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0

Weekly Summary

Areas of East Texas and South Texas received up to one inch of rainfall, while the rest of the state observed little to no precipitation.

Small Grains: In areas of the Plains, winter wheat seeded behind recently harvested corn and cotton fields made good progress due to an earlier snowfall. Producers prepared to release grazing cattle on early planted winter wheat fields in areas of the Lower Plains. Some

winter wheat was damaged in areas of the Cross Timbers due to a recent freeze. In areas of the Blacklands, producers continued to seed winter wheat and oat fields while applying fertilizer. Wheat and oat seeding was slowed due to lack of moisture in areas of South Texas; however, early seeded wheat and oats made good progress due to earlier rainfall. In areas of the Upper Coast, the ratoon rice harvest continued.

Row Crops: Cotton harvest was active due to a recent freeze in areas of the Northern High Plains. Grain sorghum harvest made good progress in areas of the Northern Plains. In areas of the Northern Low Plains, cotton harvest was delayed due to high winds brought by a cold front. Peanut harvest was in full-swing in areas of the Southern Low Plains, the Cross Timbers and South Texas while the damaged peanuts baled for hay. Producers sprayed cotton in preparation for harvest in areas of the Trans-Pecos.

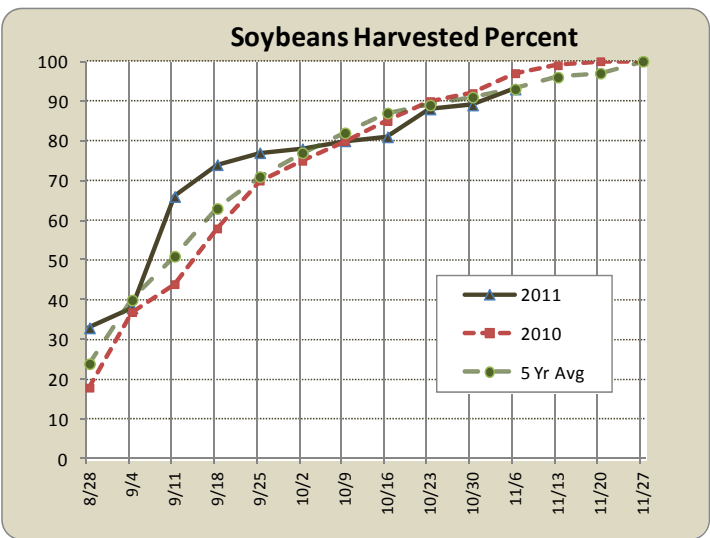
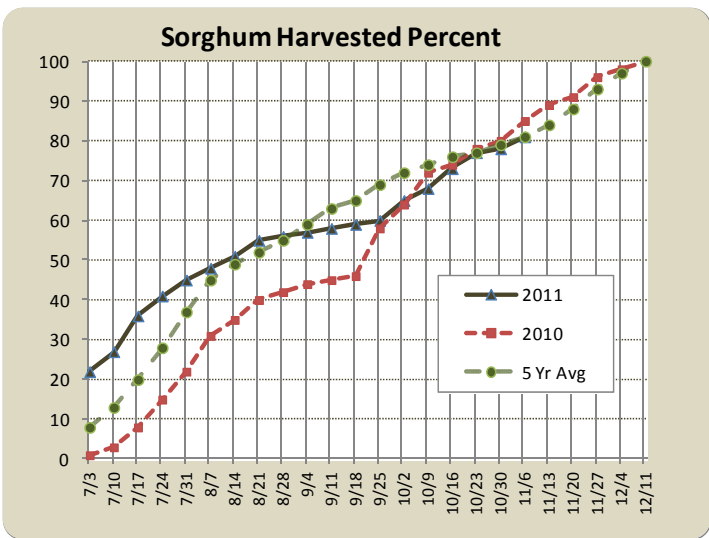
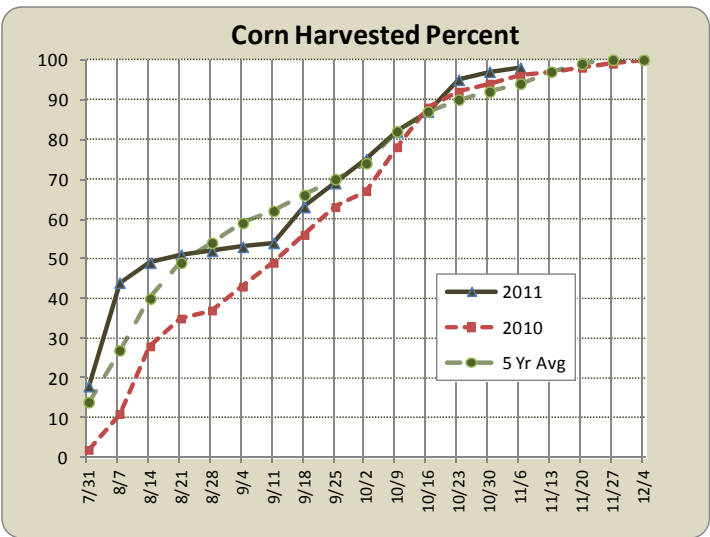
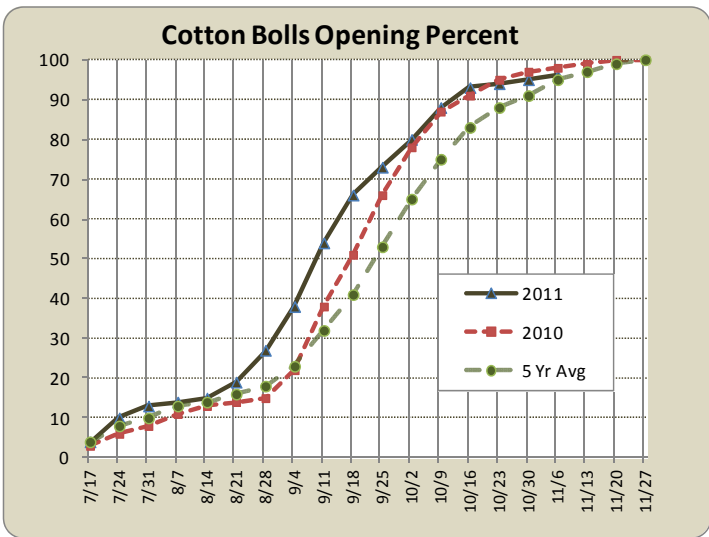
Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop: Premature pecans continued to open and split shuck in areas of the Trans-Pecos and few remained on trees due to earlier high winds. In southern areas of the state, spinach, cabbage, and

Crop Progress					
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2010	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Harvested	98	97	96	94
Cotton	Bolls Opening	96	95	98	95
	Harvested	67	47	58	40
Oats	Planted	83	72	90	86
	Emerged	57	41	59	59
Peanuts	Harvested	67	60	89	74
Sorghum	Coloring	99	98	100	99
	Mature	92	91	99	95
	Harvested	81	78	85	81
Soybeans	Dropping Leaves	98	97	100	99
	Harvested	93	89	97	93
Sunflowers	Harvested	84	82	96	75
Winter Wheat	Planted	82	74	88	86
	Emerged	51	39	68	69

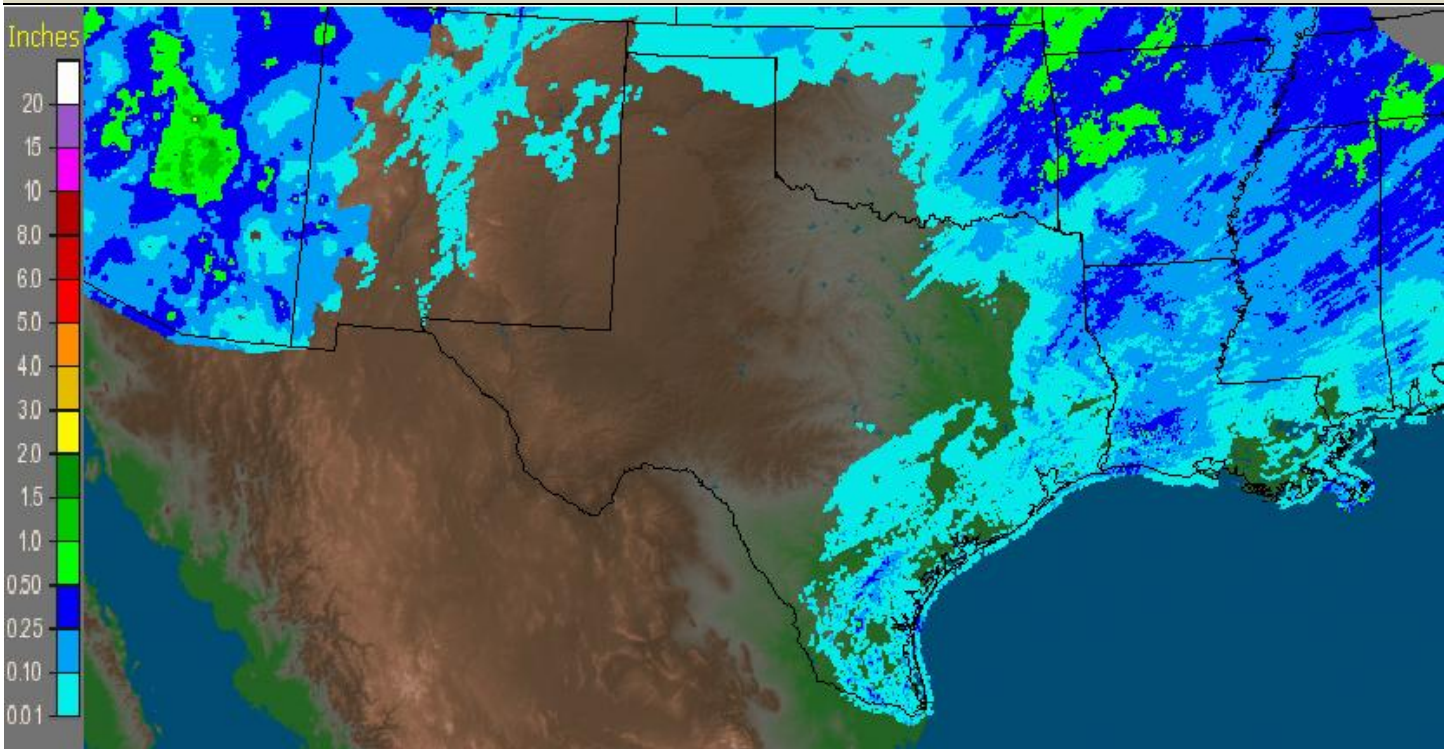
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onions made good progress due to cooler weather and irrigation practices. Watermelon harvest was active in areas of South Texas, while sugarcane and citrus harvest continued in areas of the Lower Valley.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Across the state, supplemental feeding of livestock was in full-swing and stock tank levels remained low. Cattle producers culled herds due to concerns of drought conditions. Producers continued to buy hay out of state to replenish supplies for the winter. Most summer pastures were going dormant and emerging winter pastures were in need of rainfall. In areas of the Plains, the final cutting of hay was in full-swing. Feral hogs continued to damage pastures in eastern areas of the state. Sheep and goats fared well in areas of the Edwards Plateau due to emerging cool season grasses. Burn bans in eastern areas of the state were discontinued due to improving conditions.



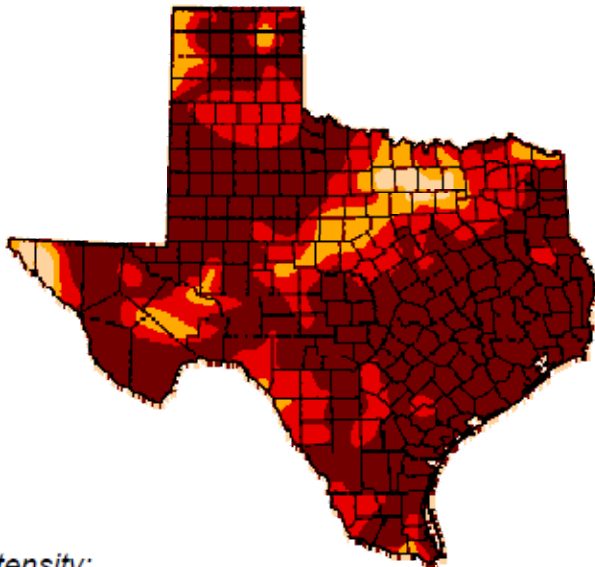
Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, November 6, 2011



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

Drought Monitor

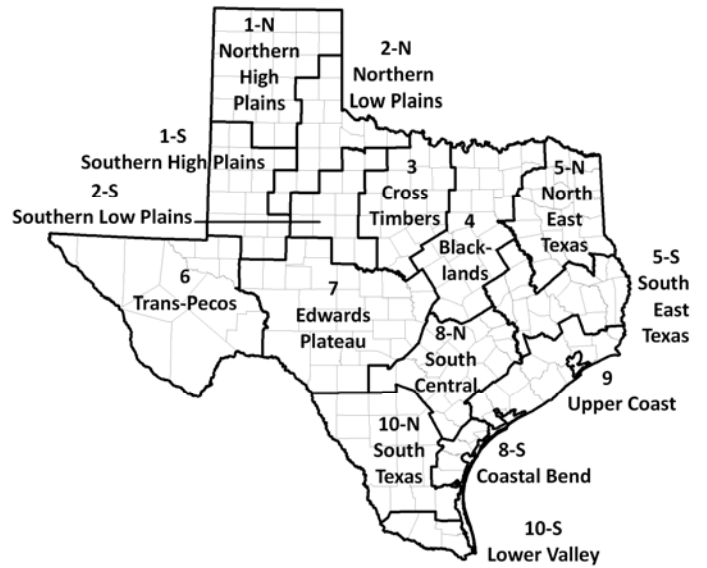
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Intensity:



Texas Agricultural Districts



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