



# Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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**WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER 14 - 20      ISSUE TX-CW4611      RELEASED NOVEMBER 21, 2011**

Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2011	2010
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	2	20	29	25	24	45	62
Oats	1	8	29	27	35	34	44
Range and Pasture	0	1	9	22	68	--	--

\* 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 (Nov 14 - 20, 2011)	Month-to-Date (Nov 1 - 20, 2011)	Year-to-Date (Jan 1 - Nov 20, 2011)	Annual Normal 1971-2000	Normal Previous Three Months (Aug - Oct)
High Plains	0.00	0.02	1.79	19.64	8
Low Rolling Plains	0.00	0.06	1.55	24.51	8
North Central Texas	0.02	0.09	5.48	35.23	11
East Texas	0.15	0.28	6.78	48.08	6
Trans-Pecos	0.00	0.00	0.60	13.19	5
Edwards Plateau	0.08	0.10	2.71	24.73	9
South Central Texas	0.12	0.13	3.15	36.21	4
Upper Coast	0.02	0.11	7.24	50.31	6
South Texas	0.06	0.08	1.98	24.08	6
Lower Valley	0.00	0.04	2.50	25.43	1

\*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	78	83	44	50	22	56	58	58	78	57	66	87	61	55	89
Short	20	7	33	38	42	32	39	35	12	31	21	13	21	31	11
Adequate	2	9	23	12	34	12	3	7	10	12	13	0	11	14	0
Surplus	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0

### Weekly Summary

Areas of North East Texas received up to 6 inches of rainfall, areas of the Edwards Plateau, East Texas, and South Central Texas received up to 3 inches of rainfall, while the rest of the state observed little to no rainfall.

**Small Grains:** Emerging and germinating winter wheat was in need of moisture in areas of the High Plains. Producers released grazing cattle on

irrigated small grain fields in areas of the Plains. Winter wheat continued to make good progress in areas of the Low Plains, the Cross Timbers, the Blacklands, and the Edwards Plateau due to recent rainfall. In southern areas of the state, winter wheat and oats continued to show signs of stress due to lack of moisture.

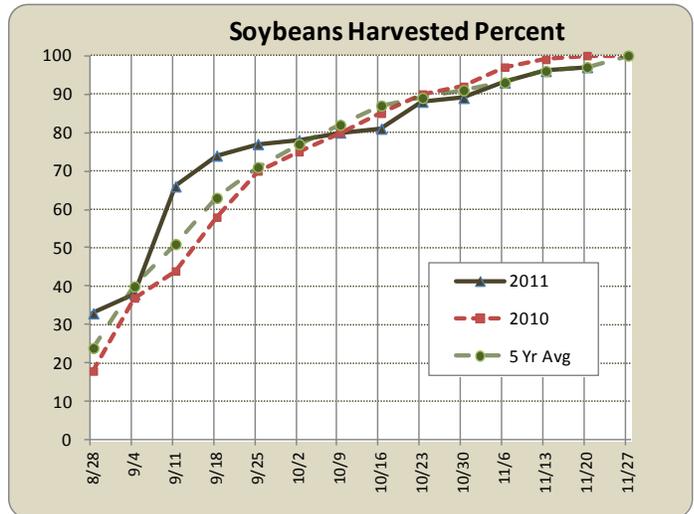
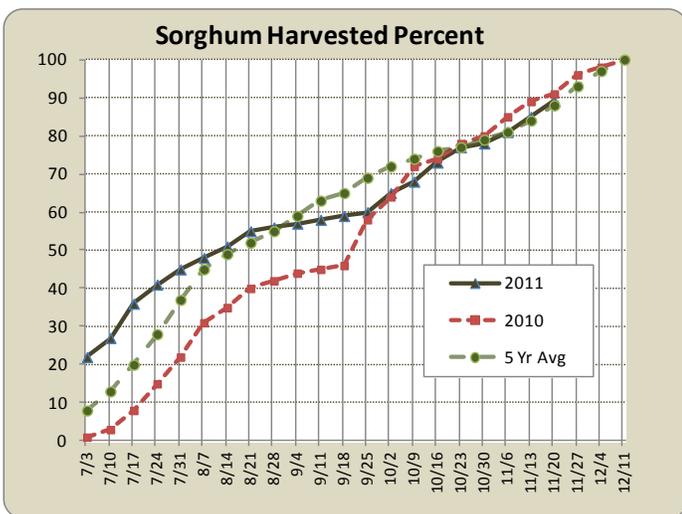
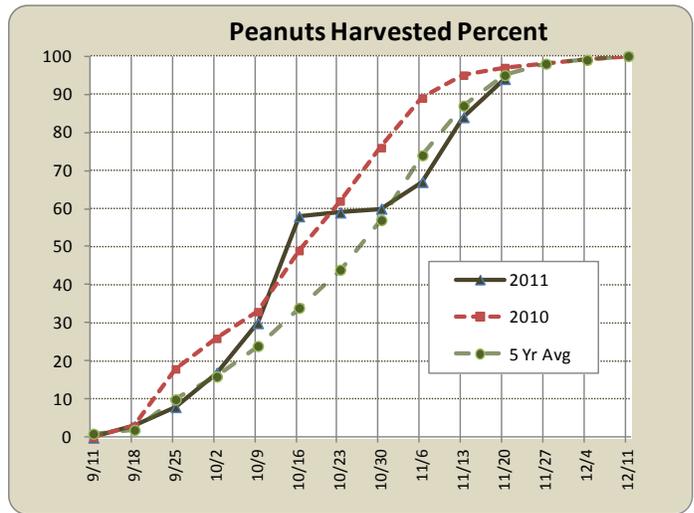
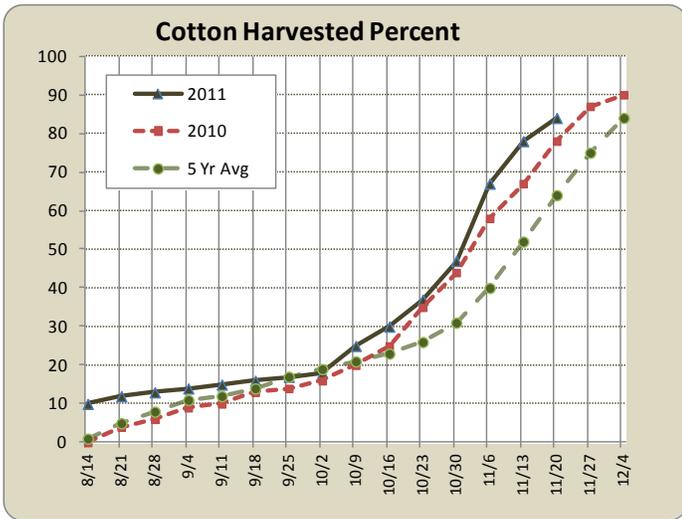
**Row Crops:** Corn stalks were baled in areas of the Northern High Plains. Sorghum harvest progressed well in areas of the Plains. Cotton ginning was active in areas of the High Plains. Cotton harvest continued in areas of the Northern Plains; however, some producers were preparing to file insurance claims on fields with low yields. In southern areas of the state, peanut harvest and baling resumed after a recent rainfall.

**Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop:** Pecan producers continued to prepare for harvest in areas of the Trans-Pecos. In areas of the Edwards Plateau, some pecans in the shuck were damaged by a recent freeze. The pecan crop showed signs of stress due to drought conditions in areas of South Central Texas. In areas of South Texas, fresh spinach harvest continued to progress well due to cooler temperatures. Irrigated fall vegetables continued to progress well in areas of the Lower Valley.

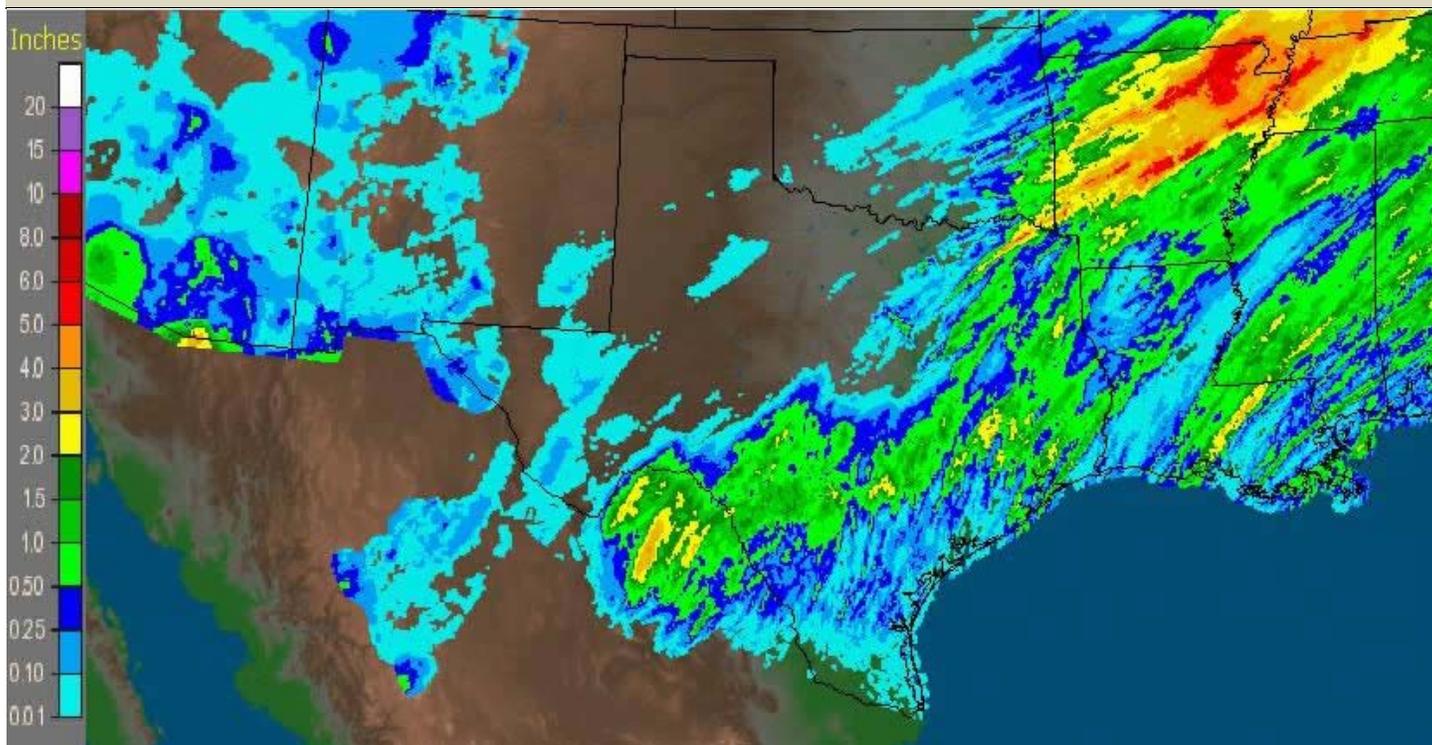
Crop Progress					
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2010	5 Yr Avg
Cotton	Bolls Opening	100	99	100	99
	Harvested	82	78	78	64
Oats	Planted	88	87	93	92
	Emerged	67	66	76	71
Peanuts	Harvested	91	84	97	95
Sorghum	Mature	98	95	100	99
	Harvested	89	85	91	88
Soybeans	Dropping Leaves	100	99	100	99
	Harvested	97	96	100	97
Sunflowers	Harvested	89	88	98	86
Winter Wheat	Planted	91	88	93	94
	Emerged	63	56	79	79

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/).

**Livestock, Range and Pasture:** Across the state, supplemental feeding increased due to pastures and rangeland damaged by recent frosts and drought conditions. Livestock producers continued to search for hay out of state. Some imported hay in eastern areas of the state was poor quality. Some producers baled late planted hay in areas of the Coastal Bend. In areas of the state receiving plentiful rainfall, stock tanks were replenished. Producers continued to haul water to refill stock tanks in southern areas of the state. Feral hogs damaged crops and pastures in eastern areas of the state. In areas of the Plains, summer grasses and trees went dormant due to a recent hard freeze. Producers seeded ryegrass in northern and central areas of the state; however, more moisture was needed. Winter grasses progressed well in areas of the Edwards Plateau and South Central Texas due to improving soil moisture; however, some were damaged by recent frosts. High winds and hail damaged some farm structures in areas of the Edwards Plateau.



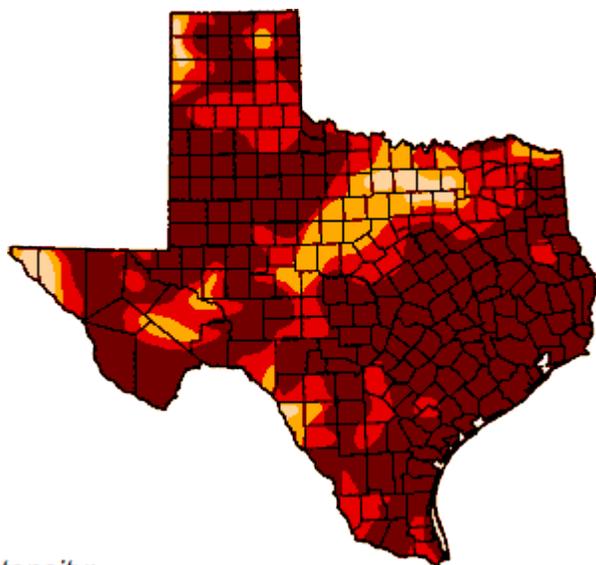
## Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, November 20, 2011



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

## Drought Monitor

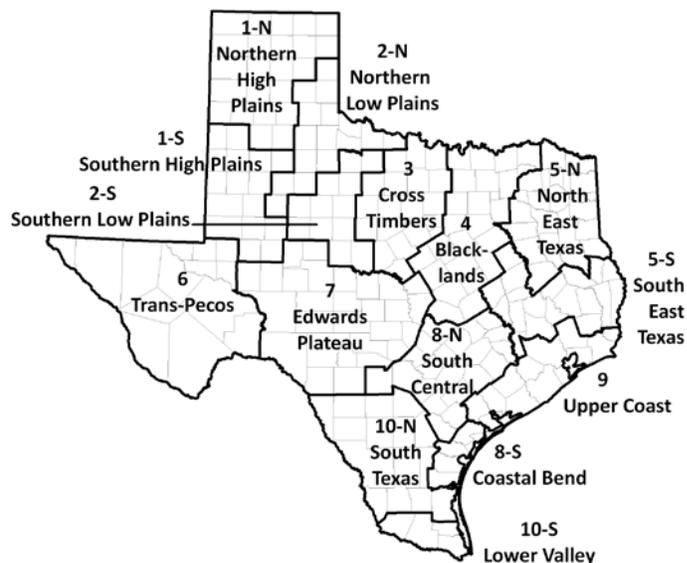
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### Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Drought - Moderate
- D2 Drought - Severe
- D3 Drought - Extreme
- D4 Drought - Exceptional

## Texas Agricultural Districts



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