



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR JANUARY 9 – 15

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Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2012	2011
Wheat	2	20	32	32	14	48	47
Oats	3	28	44	18	7	60	39
Range and Pasture	1	6	19	31	43	---	---

* 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 (January 9 – 15, 2012)	Month-to-Date (January 1 - 15, 2012)	Year-to-Date (January 1 –15, 2012)	Annual Normal 1971-2000	Normal Previous Three Months (Oct – Dec)
High Plains	0.02	0.02	0.02	19.64	14
Low Rolling Plains	0.05	0.10	0.10	24.51	16
North Central Texas	0.15	0.21	0.21	35.23	15
East Texas	0.15	0.35	0.35	48.08	12
Trans-Pecos	0.00	0.03	0.03	13.19	3
Edwards Plateau	0.02	0.06	0.06	24.73	13
South Central Texas	0.00	0.12	0.12	36.21	10
Upper Coast	0.32	0.34	0.34	50.31	8
South Texas	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.08	11
Lower Valley	0.00	0.01	0.01	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	50	57	46	0	21	11	12	0	68	20	13	87	22	44	52
Short	35	24	33	100	35	24	15	15	19	50	68	13	43	40	48
Adequate	15	19	21	0	44	58	62	70	12	30	19	0	15	16	0
Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	7	11	15	1	0	0	0	20	0	0

Weekly Summary

Areas of Central and Northeastern Texas received mostly around 0.01 to 0.25 of an inch of rainfall, while the Eastern and Southern sections received mostly 1.5 inches of rainfall. The remaining areas of the state were relatively dry.

Crop Progress					
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2011	5 Yr Avg
Cotton	Harvested	100	99	100	99
Oats	Emerged	98	97	91	93
Pecans	Harvested	96	91	91	94
Winter Wheat	Emerged	92	90	94	94

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/.

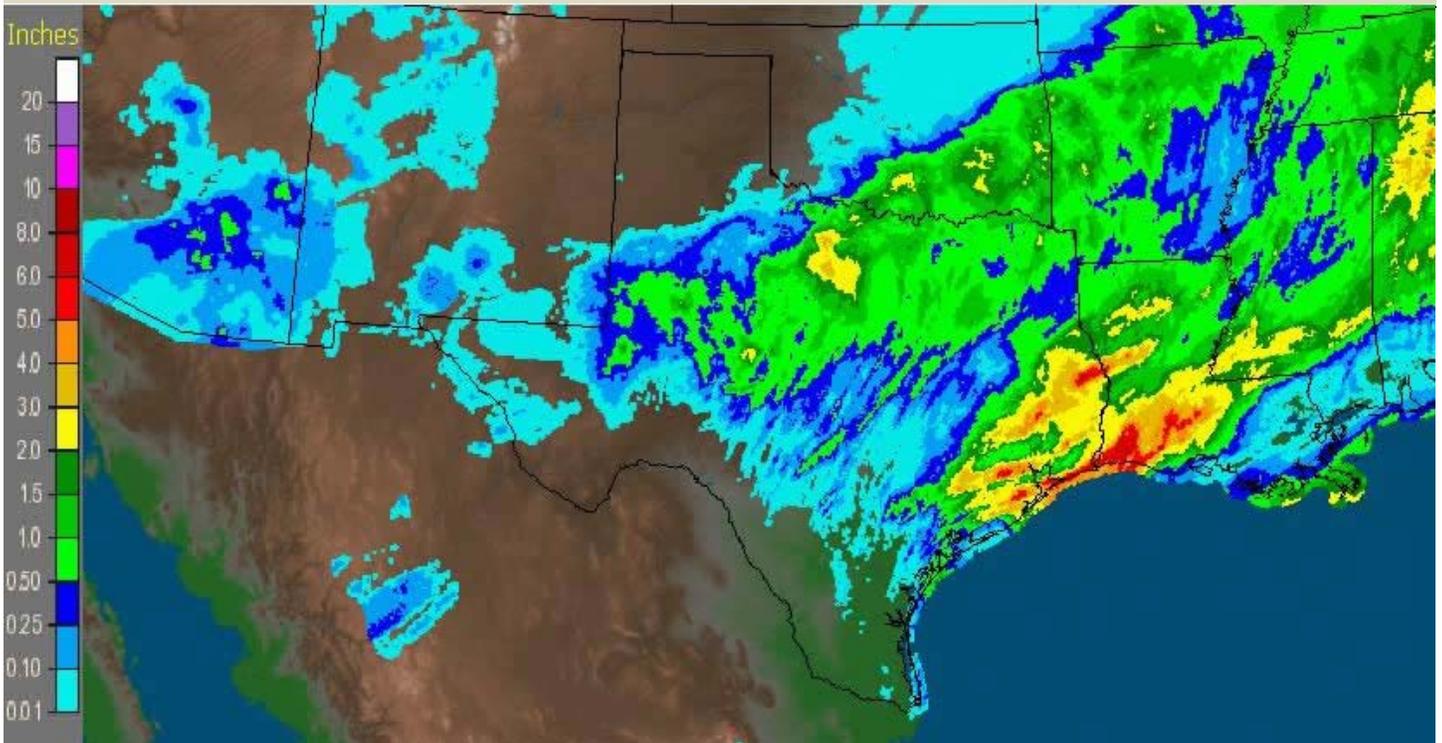
Small Grains: Winter wheat condition continued to improve in the Northern High Plains due to rainfall experienced over the last month. Small grains in the Blacklands are in good condition with soil moisture improving weekly, with some producers planting additional wheat in areas that were overly saturated.

Cotton: While harvest was being completed in the Northern High Plains, producers in the Northern Low Plains were preparing fields for new plantings while simultaneously trying to keep fields from blowing.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop: In southern areas of the state, producers continued to prepare fields for potato planting. There was some weed control activities scheduled to take place in spinach and onion fields this week. Although fall onions continued to show improvement, irrigation continued due to prolonged drought conditions experienced earlier.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Across the state, supplemental feeding to livestock continued with hopes of keeping body conditions up and sustaining herd numbers. Hay supplies continued to be extremely minimal and expensive as many producers continued to search for hay out of state. Local beef cattle markets were strong in price and high in volume as some producers were considering additional culling due to forecasts of dry weather once again. Earlier rainfall helped replenish some stock tanks; however, many remained low.

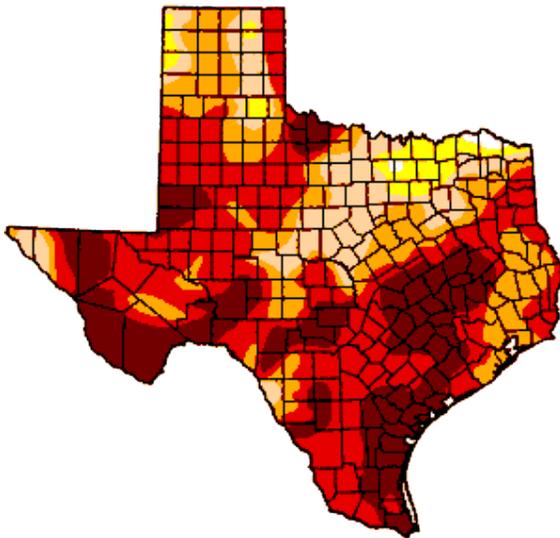
Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, January 16, 2012



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

Drought Monitor

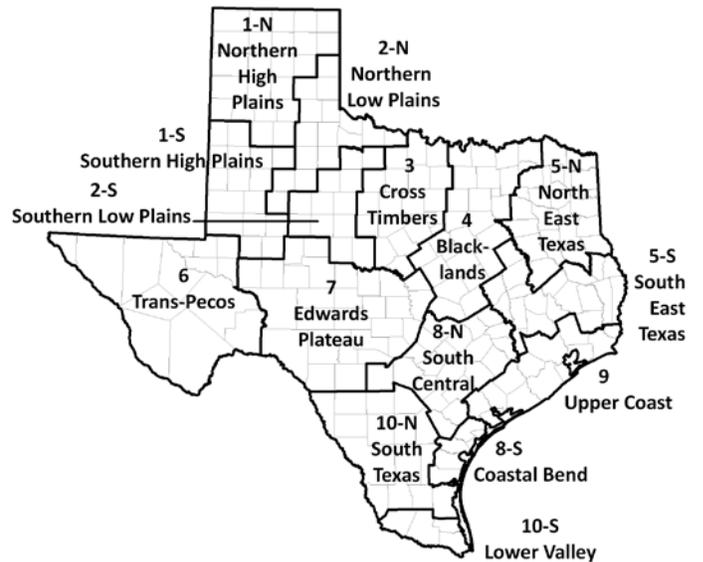
As of 1/10/2012, 7:00 am EST



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.