



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR JAN 30 – FEB 5

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Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2012	2011
Wheat	5	21	31	27	16	51	44
Range and Pasture	2	11	23	31	33	---	---

* 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 (Jan 30 – Feb 5, 2012)	Month-to-Date (Jan 1 - 31, 2012)	Year-to-Date (Jan 1 –Feb 5, 2012)	Annual Normal 1971-2000	Normal Previous Three Months (Oct – Dec)
High Plains	0.03	0.02	0.05	19.64	14
Low Rolling Plains	0.01	0.15	0.16	24.51	16
North Central Texas	0.04	0.79	0.83	35.23	15
East Texas	0.28	0.74	1.01	48.08	12
Trans-Pecos	0.00	0.04	0.04	13.19	3
Edwards Plateau	0.00	0.24	0.24	24.73	13
South Central Texas	0.26	0.45	0.65	36.21	10
Upper Coast	0.28	0.71	0.88	50.31	8
South Texas	0.13	0.08	0.18	24.08	11
Lower Valley	0.15	0.02	0.16	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	51	51	28	10	4	8	4	67	29	2	43	7	31	42
Short	42	38	37	60	16	12	18	14	13	41	24	24	28	41	38
Adequate	8	10	12	12	67	64	71	62	19	30	68	33	51	28	12
Surplus	0	1	0	0	7	20	3	20	1	0	6	0	14	0	8

Weekly Summary

Eastern and southern parts of the state received 0.01 to 2 inches of precipitation, with isolated areas recording as much as 5 inches for

the week. The Trans-Pecos region received no measurable rainfall. Windy, dry conditions in much of the High Plains continued to reduce soil moisture.

Small Grains: Warmer temperatures and rains last week improved wheat and oat fields in many parts of the state. In the Blacklands, late-planted fields were doing particularly well. However in the High Plains, wheat showed signs of drought stress and more moisture is needed. Irrigated wheat was being watered. Hessian fly infestation has damaged wheat crops in areas of the Edwards Plateau.

Cotton: Ground preparation of cotton continued with producers putting down pre-emergent herbicides. Producers remained cautious about planting high-dollar seed without adequate moisture.

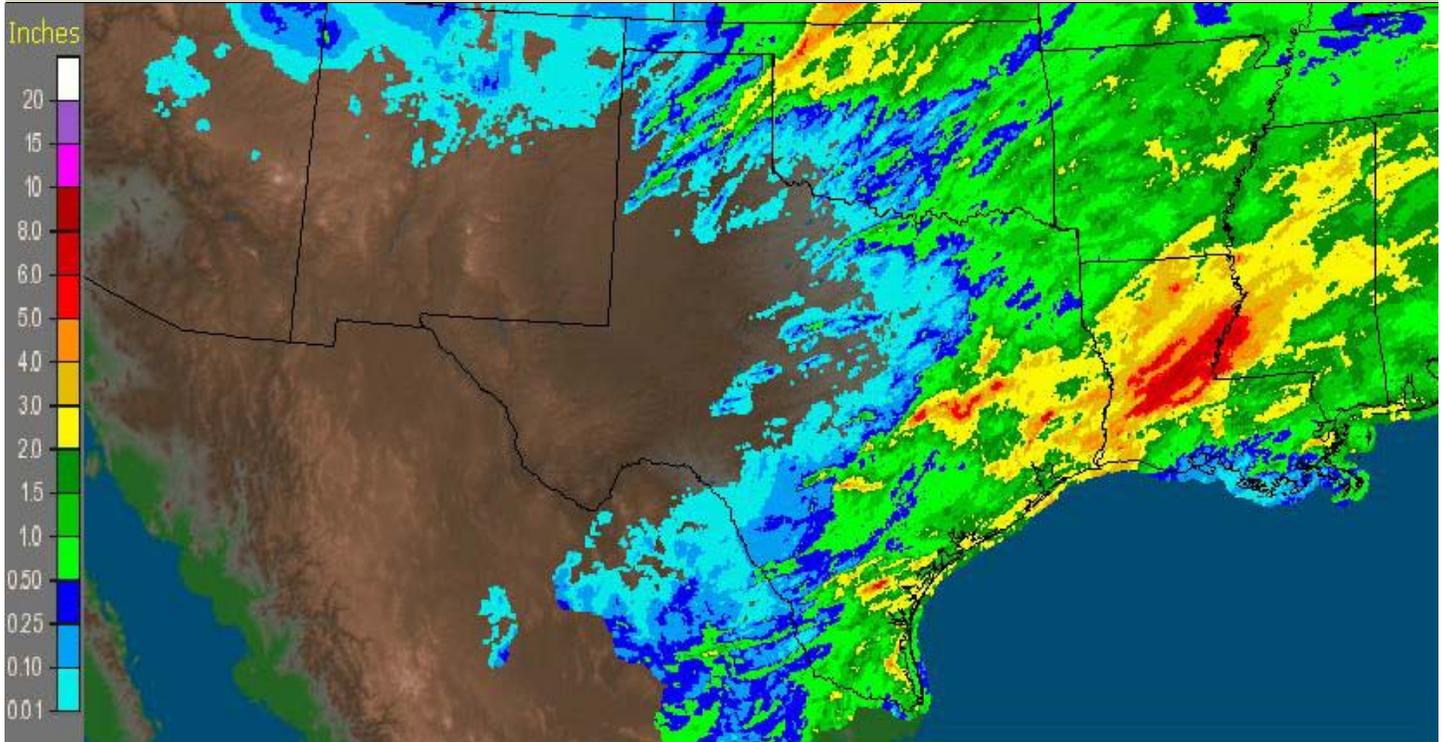
Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop: Pecan harvest finished up and producers hedged and pruned pecan trees. In the Lower Valley, most spinach fields have reached harvest stage. Producers continued to wait for cabbage heads to reach harvest size. Farmers in North East Texas continued to prepare fields for vegetable planting.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Rains provided much needed moisture to range and pasture land. Pastures in the Cross Timbers and Blacklands looked good. Supplemental feeding was still necessary in the High Plains and Northern Low Plains as wheat acres were not producing enough forage. Availability of hay remained limited. Cattlemen were concerned about the possibility of cattle bloat due to above average clover production. Feral hog activity remained a major problem in North East Texas. Most stock tanks in South Central Texas were close to full, while many in the Lower Valley remained very low.

Crop Progress					
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2011	5 Yr Avg
Winter Wheat	Emerged	97	96	97	97
Pecans	Harvested	100	99	98	99

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/.

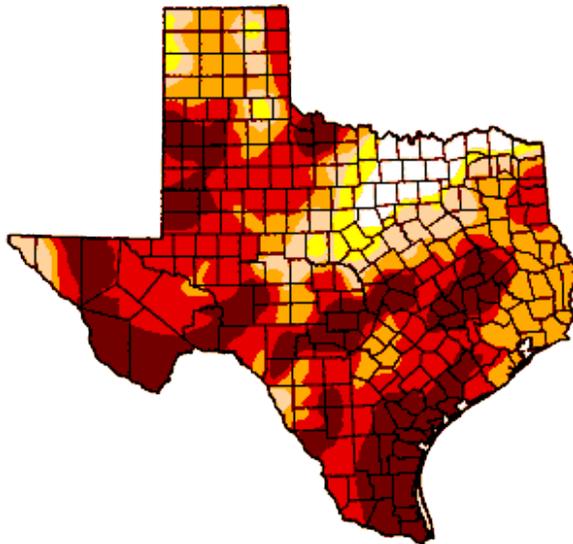
Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, February 5, 2012



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

Drought Monitor

As of 1/31/2012, 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

