



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR MAY 14 - 20

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Crop Progress					
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2011	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Planted	95	93	96	96
	Emerged	82	80	80	80
	Silked (Tasseled)	34	18	29	16
Cotton	Planted	49	35	42	41
	Squaring	8	7	10	7
Peanuts	Planted	78	58	80	74
Rice	Planted	96	94	97	97
	Emerged	92	87	81	89
Sorghum	Planted	89	88	73	72
	Headed	26	16	29	18
Soybeans	Planted	88	85	92	89
	Emerged	86	77	88	79
Sunflowers	Planted	67	50	37	36
Winter Wheat	Headed	99	98	96	92
	Harvest (Grain)	17	0	11	4
Oats	Headed	100	99	97	98
	Harvest (Grain)	16	0	25	16

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/.

Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2012	2011
Corn	16	53	28	2	1	83	51
Peanuts	8	72	20	0	0	86	55
Rice	31	54	15	0	0	92	73
Sorghum	14	59	20	4	3	82	51
Soybeans	13	64	23	0	0	86	64
Wheat	8	26	34	21	11	58	26
Oats	24	40	25	6	5	79	25
Range and Pasture	6	30	32	20	12	--	--

* 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.

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	40	13	51	11	14	2	4	3	36	5	0	25	5	15	15
Short	38	48	16	40	56	30	24	39	24	18	15	43	25	18	13
Adequate	21	37	33	47	30	63	71	57	36	66	75	32	53	65	71
Surplus	1	2	0	2	0	5	1	1	4	11	10	0	17	2	1

Texas Precipitation					
National Weather Service Climatic Divisions *	Inches of Accumulation **				Percent
	Previous Week (May 14 – 20, 2012)	Month-to-Date (May 1 – 20, 2012)	Year-to-Date (Jan 1 – May 20, 2012)	Annual Normal 1971-2000	Normal Previous Three Months (Feb - Apr)
High Plains	0.06	0.22	0.62	19.64	13
Low Rolling Plains	0.05	0.23	0.92	24.51	12
North Central Texas	0.02	0.28	2.36	35.23	16
East Texas	0.05	0.41	3.48	48.08	21
Trans-Pecos	0.06	0.27	0.48	13.19	13
Edwards Plateau	0.07	0.70	1.71	24.73	17
South Central Texas	0.13	0.53	2.08	36.21	15
Upper Coast	0.00	0.57	3.55	50.31	24
South Texas	0.15	0.60	1.35	24.08	16
Lower Valley	0.01	0.23	1.16	25.43	22

* 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: <http://water.weather.gov> and <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu>.

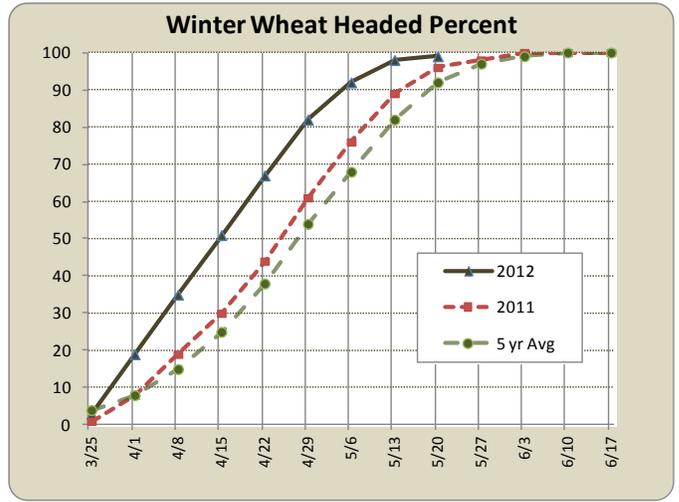
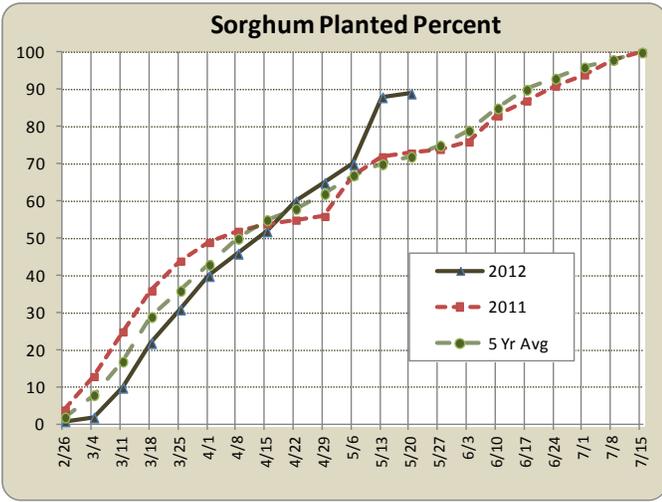
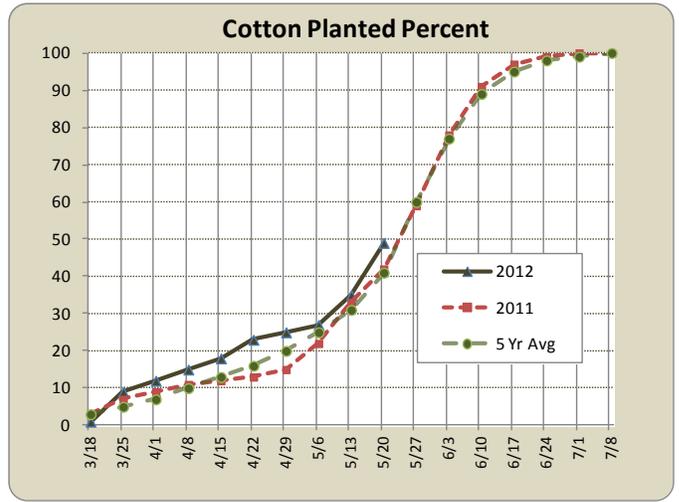
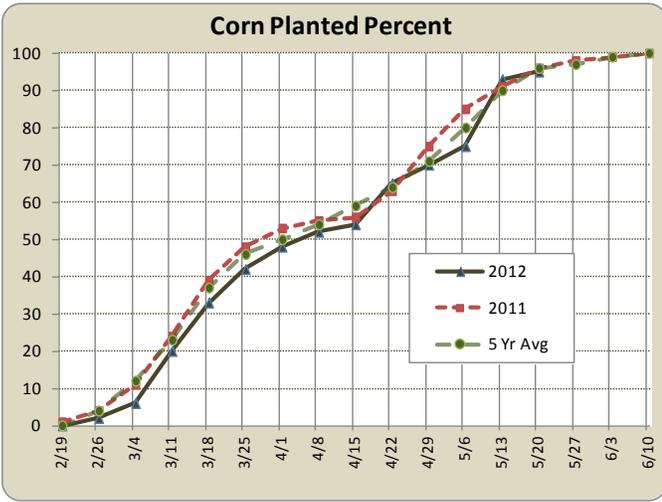
Precipitation: Much of the state received rainfall last week. Portions of Central and South Texas received five inches or more while most other areas observed scattered showers. Parts of the Low Plains and North Texas received little or no rainfall.

Small Grains: Winter wheat harvest and hay baling continued around the state with yield reports varying widely. In the High Plains, some small grain producers were able to halt irrigation because of rainfall. Problems with rust were reported in some areas. Surplus rain delayed harvest in parts of Central Texas.

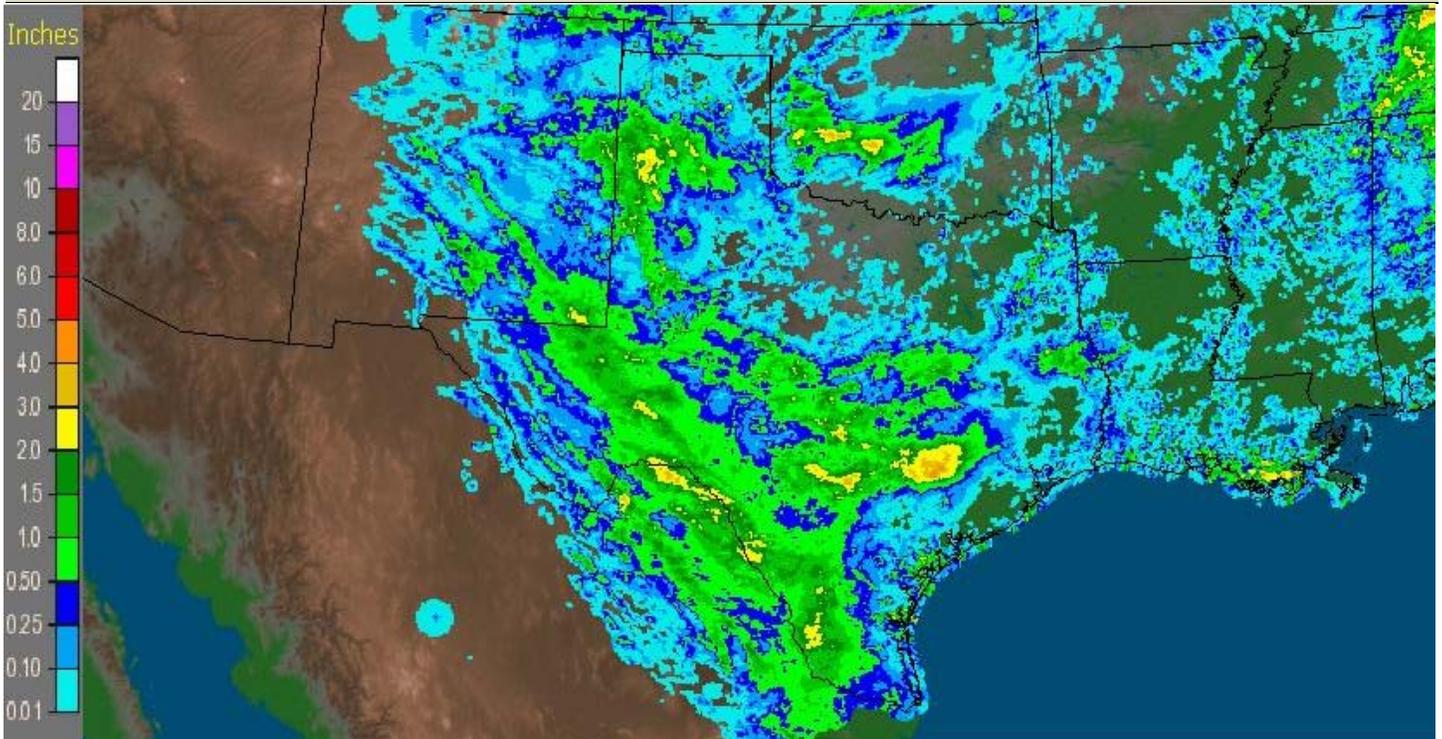
Row Crops: Corn planting was wrapping up and cotton planting was active in many areas. Around North Texas, early-planted corn was emerging well with recent rainfall, though there were several reports of problems with Corn Root Worms. Peanut planting was active in the Plains and Southeast Texas. In South Texas, rainfall allowed some producers to halt irrigation on row crops.

Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops: Fruits and vegetables made progress in North Texas. Peaches continued to progress with some ripening ahead of normal. Pecan producers in South Texas reported little or no insect pressure, but continued to monitor daily. In the Lower Valley, harvest of tomato, squash and cantaloupe continued while citrus harvest wound down. In the Trans-Pecos, fall-planted onions were bulbing.

Livestock, Range, and Pasture: Range and pastureland improved in most areas due to rainfall. Producers continued to apply fertilizer to hay pastures and spray for weeds. Supplemental feeding of livestock continued in a few areas, however greening pastures provided much-needed grazing for many producers. Cattle body condition was improving in most areas. Flies continued to be a problem for many ranchers. Breeding season for spring calving began in some areas.



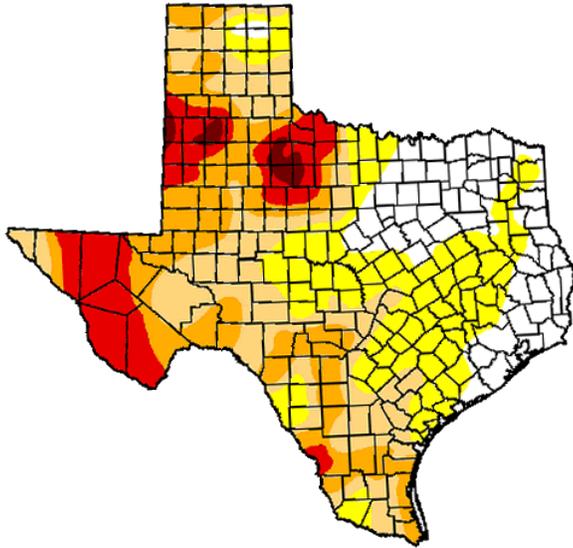
Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, May 20, 2012



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

Drought Monitor

Valid 5/15/2012, 7:00 am EST



Intensity:

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

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

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