



# Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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**WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR JUNE 11 – 17**

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## Summary

Most areas of the state received rainfall last week. Portions of East Texas received up to five inches for the week while other areas observed scattered showers. Parts of South Texas and the Edwards Plateau received little or no precipitation.

**Small Grains:** Through most of the High Plains, wheat harvest slowed due to the wet weather received last week. Farmers in most other areas were beginning to wrap up wheat and oat harvest. Some harvested wheat fields in the South Central region of Texas were already being plowed.

**Row Crops:** Timely rains provided much-needed soil moisture and improved the condition of row crops across most of the state. In Central Texas, corn and

sorghum made good progress. In the Plains, peanuts were making progress without much disease pressure, while a significant amount of cotton was damaged by wind and hail. Dry land crops around South Texas and the Edwards Plateau were moisture stressed due to hot, dry conditions. Irrigation was active in these areas.

**Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops:** Peaches, watermelons and vegetables progressed well in East Texas despite some reports of blossom end rot on tomatoes and peppers. Many producers were also contending with high populations of grasshoppers. In South Texas and the Edwards Plateau, pecan development continued to move forward.

Crop Progress						
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage				
		Current	Prev Week	2011	5 Yr Avg	
Corn	Planted	100	99	71	94	
	Emerged	99	95	98	99	
	Silked (Tasseled)	60	53	56	53	
	Dough	21	0	0	0	
	Dent	9	0	0	0	
Cotton	Planted	97	95	97	95	
	Squaring	15	14	17	15	
	Setting Bolls	9	8	12	8	
Peanuts	Planted	97	94	96	97	
Rice	Emerged	99	98	85	96	
	Headed	19	5	9	7	
Sorghum	Planted	93	92	87	90	
	Headed	60	59	67	48	
	Coloring	43	30	40	26	
	Mature	14	0	0	4	
Soybeans	Planted	98	97	99	99	
	Emerged	97	96	98	95	
	Blooming	38	28	39	35	
Sunflowers	Planted	93	89	69	61	
Winter Wheat	Harvested (Grain)	74	50	64	46	
Oats	Harvested (Grain)	92	84	90	85	

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:** Range and pastureland continued to slowly improve in areas that have received periodic rainfall over the past few weeks. Warm season grasses responded well to increased soil moisture and weed control was active. Many producers were preparing for a second cutting of hay. Stock tank levels improved in many areas. Livestock were generally in good condition, though insects and flies continued to be an issue. In West Texas, preparations for lamb shipping were underway.

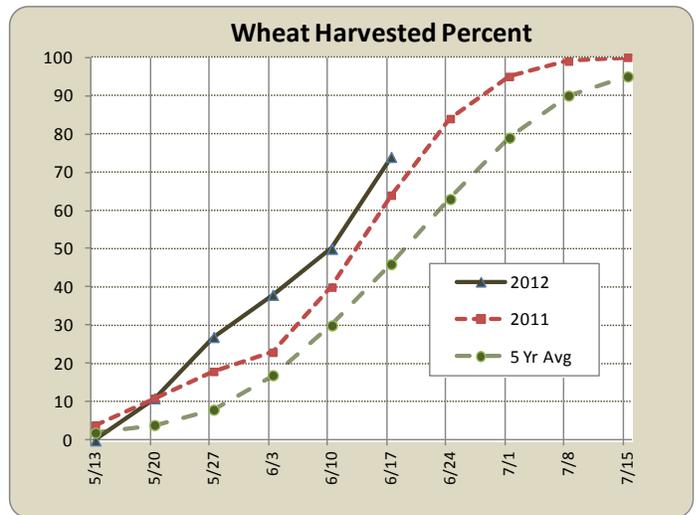
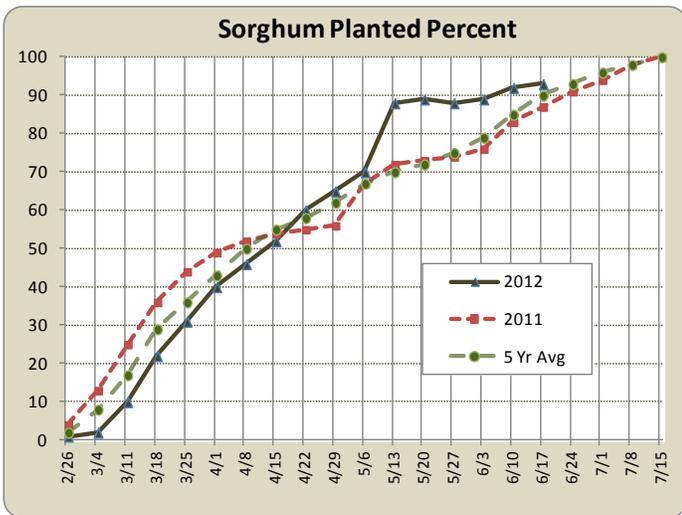
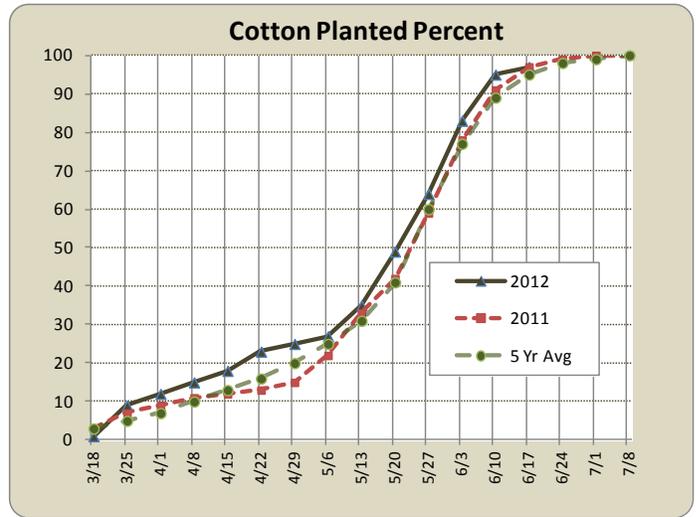
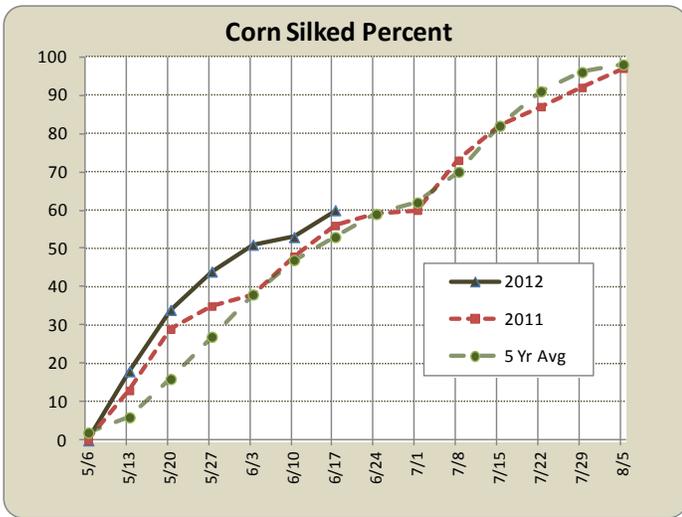
Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2012	2011
Corn	16	54	26	3	1	83	48
Cotton	5	34	37	14	10	62	38
Peanuts	12	43	45	0	0	85	64
Rice	8	71	17	2	2	84	71
Sorghum	11	49	26	10	4	75	51
Soybeans	5	54	41	0	0	79	55
Wheat	11	25	31	19	14	59	25
Oats	26	35	28	7	4	79	27
Range and Pasture	2	24	37	25	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.

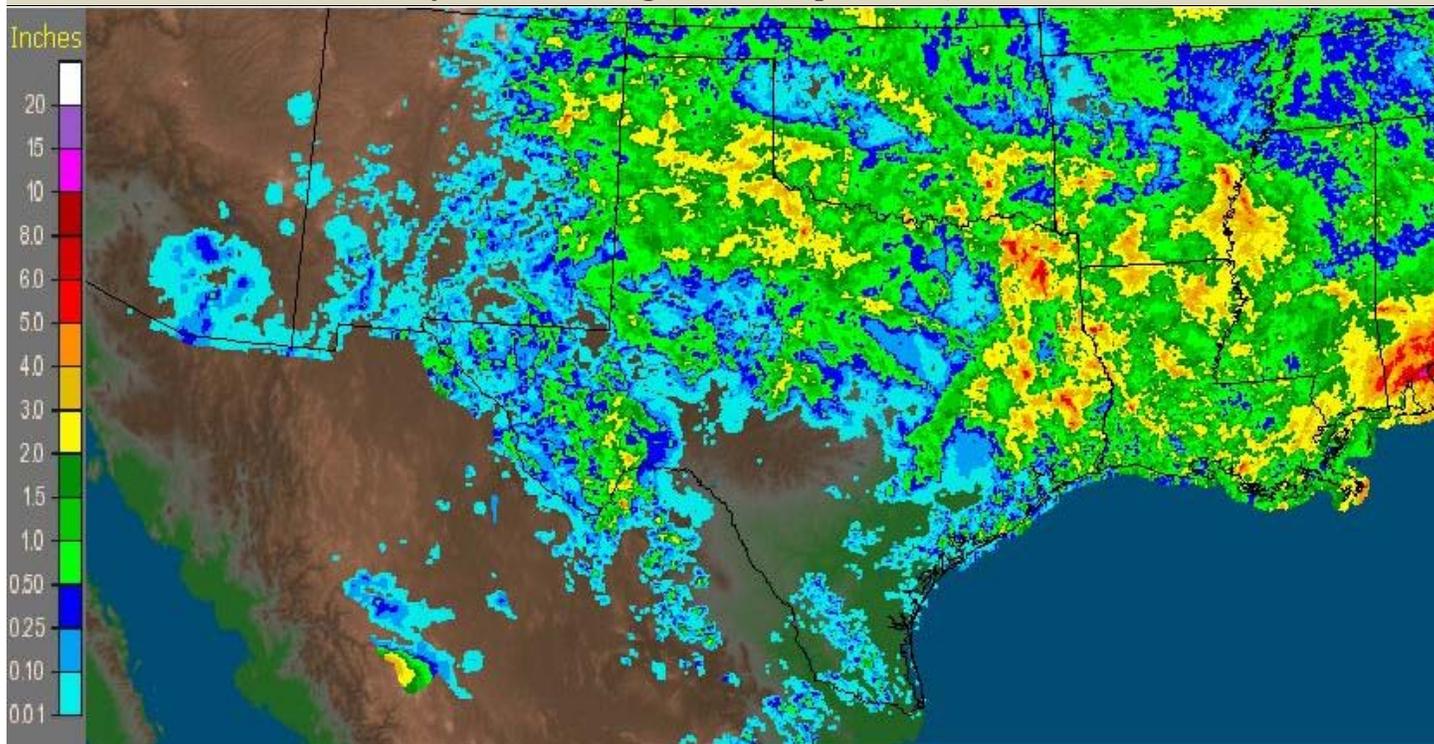
Top Soil Moisture by District															
Condition	Percent of Acreage														
	1-N	1-S	2-N	2-S	3	4	5-N	5-S	6	7	8-N	8-S	9	10-N	10-S
Very Short	35	29	18	17	7	3	4	6	46	21	9	60	2	36	25
Short	29	34	29	30	45	28	36	42	41	43	62	37	33	54	28
Adequate	32	34	47	41	47	61	57	50	13	32	29	3	56	10	47
Surplus	4	3	6	12	1	8	3	2	0	4	0	0	9	0	0

Texas Precipitation					
National Weather Service Climatic Divisions *	Inches of Accumulation **				Percent
	Previous Week (June 11 – 17, 2012)	Month-to-Date (June 1 – 17, 2012)	Year-to-Date (Jan 1 – Jun 17, 2012)	Annual Normal 1971-2000	Normal Previous Three Months (March - May)
High Plains	0.22	0.39	1.04	19.64	10
Low Rolling Plains	0.09	0.46	1.54	24.51	11
North Central Texas	0.02	0.32	2.83	35.23	13
East Texas	0.12	0.43	3.98	48.08	15
Trans-Pecos	0.05	0.10	0.65	13.19	25
Edwards Plateau	0.04	0.14	1.85	24.73	18
South Central Texas	0.01	0.13	2.24	36.21	14
Upper Coast	0.13	0.29	3.86	50.31	18
South Texas	0.00	0.02	1.37	24.08	16
Lower Valley	0.00	0.00	1.16	25.43	13

\* 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>.



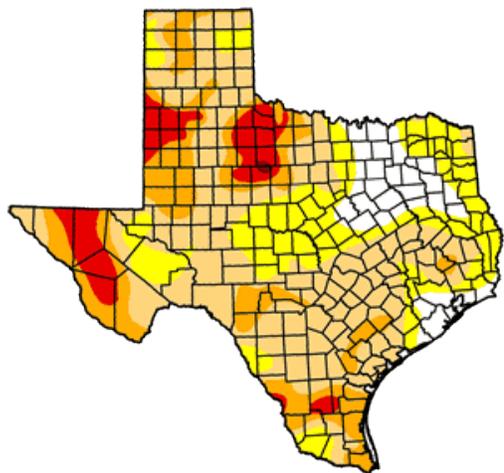
## Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, June 17, 2012



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

### Drought Monitor

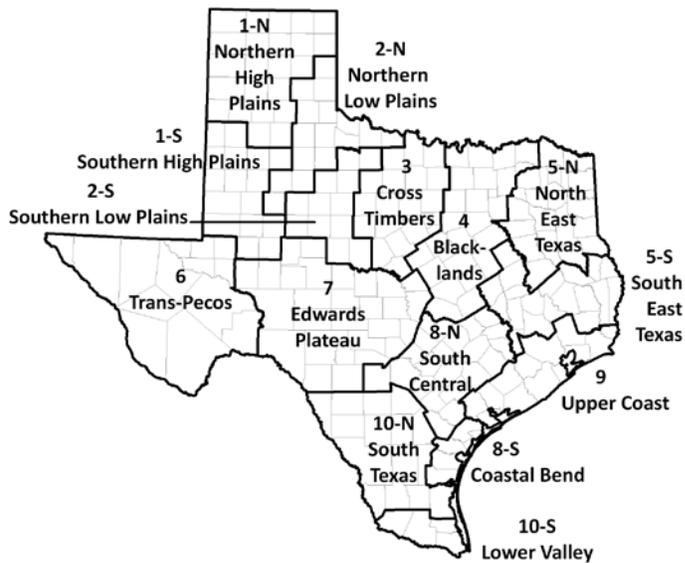
Valid 6/12/2012, 7:00 am EST



**Intensity:**

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

### Texas Agricultural Districts



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