



# Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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**WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR JUNE 18 – 24**

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## Summary

Areas of South Texas, East Texas and the Plains received rainfall last week. Portions of the Upper Coast observed up to three inches. Most areas of the Trans-Pecos and the Edwards Plateau received little or no precipitation.

**Small Grains:** Wheat and oats that had not been harvested for grain were grazed out or chopped for silage in the Cross Timbers. Throughout the High Plains, wheat harvest was progressing well. Herbicide was applied and tillage had started for weed control on harvested fields. In the Blacklands, wheat harvest had wrapped up.

**Row Crops:** Corn and sorghum made good progress in most areas of North and East Texas, though lack of moisture was

causing some fields to dry out. Some corn and sorghum fields in South Central Texas were being plowed under due to extremely dry conditions. In parts of the High Plains, producers were contending with blowing sand and crusting issues on cotton fields. Irrigation on corn, cotton and soybeans was active, as was spraying for aphids and flea hoppers. Some replanting of hail-damaged corn and cotton was underway.

**Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops:** In East Texas, producers continued to harvest berries, melons, peppers and tomatoes. Some aphid problems were reported on pecans. Onion and cabbage harvest was wrapping up in parts of South Texas. Irrigation was active on sugarcane and citrus in the Lower Valley.

		Crop Progress			
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2011	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Emerged	100	99	100	100
	Silked (Tasseled)	63	60	59	57
	Dough	41	21	29	22
	Dent	24	9	23	13
Cotton	Planted	99	97	99	98
	Squaring	21	15	22	23
	Setting Bolls	10	9	13	11
Peanuts	Planted	100	97	98	99
	Pegging	3	0	4	4
Rice	Emerged	100	99	96	99
	Headed	26	19	18	16
Sorghum	Planted	94	93	91	93
	Headed	61	60	68	52
	Coloring	47	43	56	36
	Mature	27	14	33	16
Soybeans	Planted	100	98	100	99
	Emerged	100	97	99	98
	Blooming	46	38	41	48
Sunflowers	Planted	94	93	76	68
Winter Wheat	Harvested (Grain)	85	74	84	63
Oats	Harvested (Grain)	93	92	92	93

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:** Hot, dry weather across much of the Trans-Pecos and the Edwards Plateau resulted in declining range and pasture conditions. Producers were in need of another good rain to make a second cutting of hay possible. In East Texas, timely rains helped improve pasture grasses. Hay production and weed control activities continued. Grasshopper pressure remained heavy and an increasing number of producers were beginning to spray. Livestock body condition was generally good.

Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2012	2011
Corn	9	51	30	6	4	76	43
Cotton	5	31	40	16	8	62	39
Peanuts	9	37	51	3	0	75	62
Rice	5	70	20	3	2	81	78
Sorghum	10	47	28	9	6	73	48
Soybeans	9	48	41	1	1	78	46
Wheat	11	25	31	19	14	59	25
Oats	26	35	28	7	4	79	27
Range and Pasture	2	23	38	26	11	--	--

\* 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.

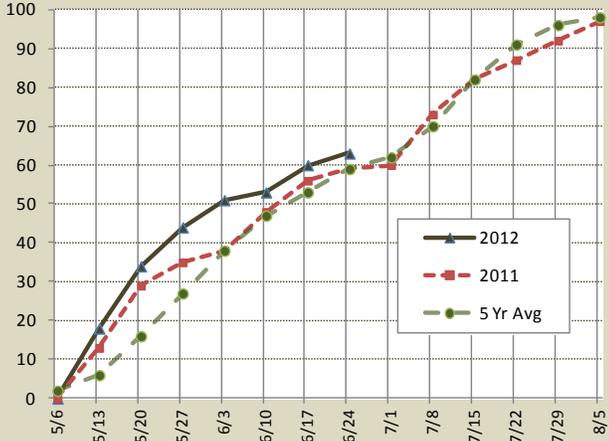
Texas Precipitation					
National Weather Service Climatic Divisions *	Inches of Accumulation **				Percent
	Previous Week (June 18 – 24, 2012)	Month-to-Date (June 1 – 24, 2012)	Year-to-Date (Jan 1 – Jun 24, 2012)	Annual Normal 1971-2000	Normal Previous Three Months (March - May)
High Plains	0.02	0.41	1.06	19.64	10
Low Rolling Plains	0.01	0.47	1.55	24.51	11
North Central Texas	0.00	0.32	2.83	35.23	13
East Texas	0.06	0.49	4.04	48.08	15
Trans-Pecos	0.00	0.10	0.65	13.19	25
Edwards Plateau	0.00	0.14	1.85	24.73	18
South Central Texas	0.07	0.20	2.31	36.21	14
Upper Coast	0.13	0.42	3.99	50.31	18
South Texas	0.01	0.03	1.38	24.08	16
Lower Valley	0.06	0.06	1.22	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>.

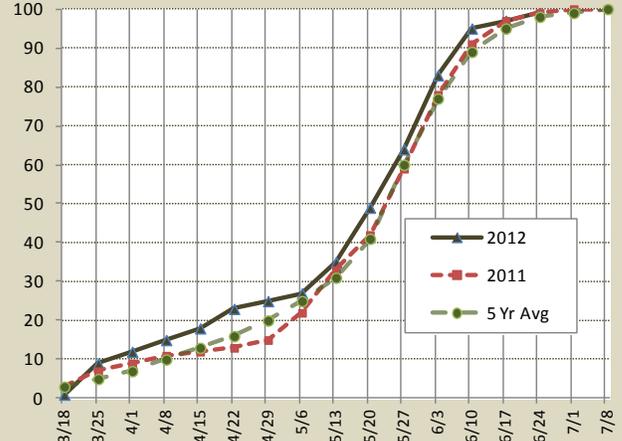
### Top Soil Moisture by District

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	31	42	7	26	7	5	5	5	54	23	16	95	10	41	28
Short	39	36	45	51	54	43	38	38	33	45	56	5	43	49	58
Adequate	27	20	48	23	39	51	55	54	13	28	28	0	43	10	14
Surplus	3	2	0	0	0	1	2	3	0	4	0	0	4	0	0

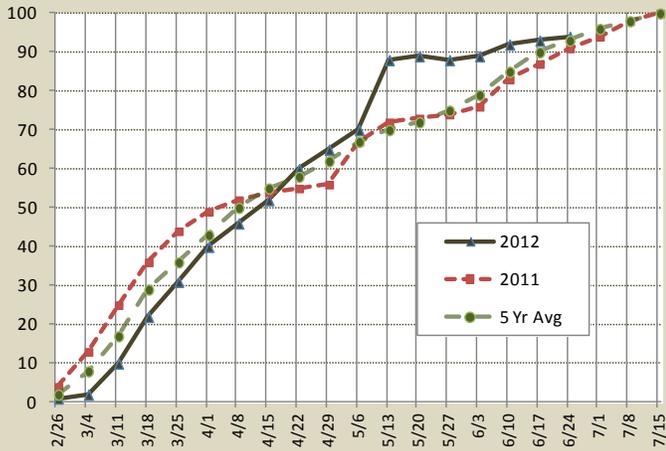
#### Corn Silked Percent



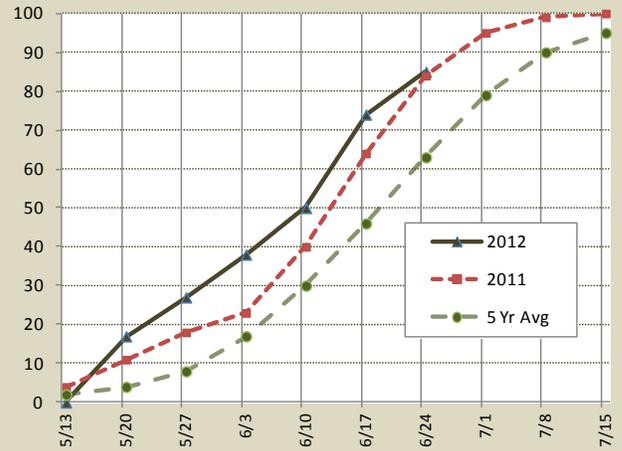
#### Cotton Planted Percent



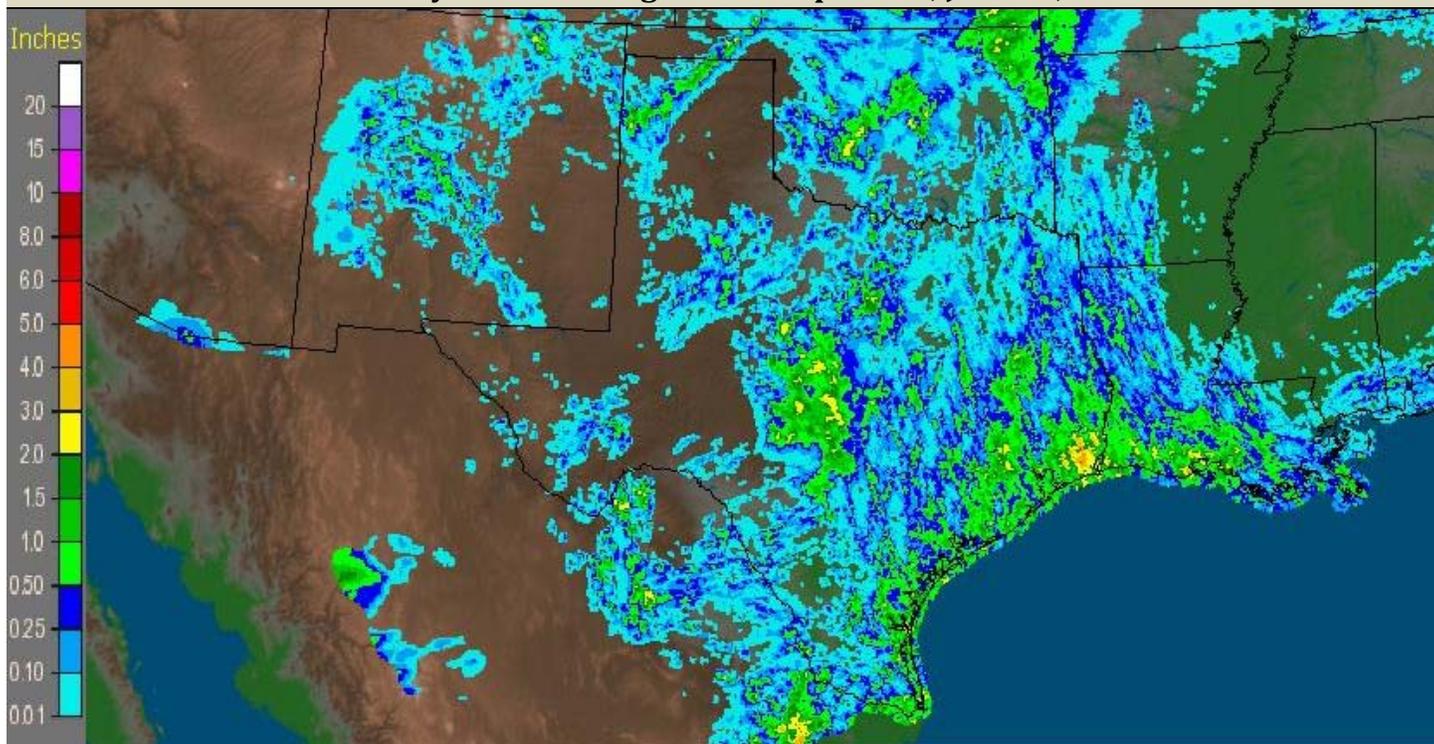
#### Sorghum Planted Percent



#### Wheat Harvested Percent



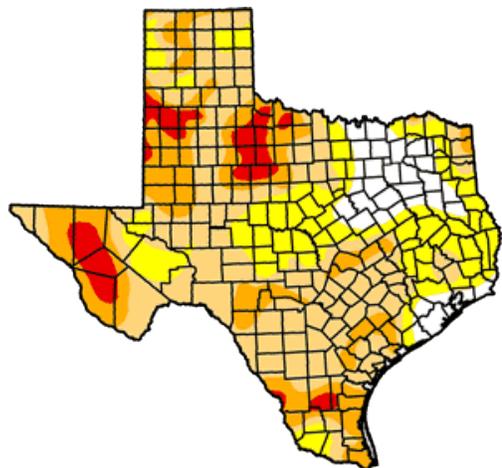
## Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, June 24, 2012



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

### Drought Monitor

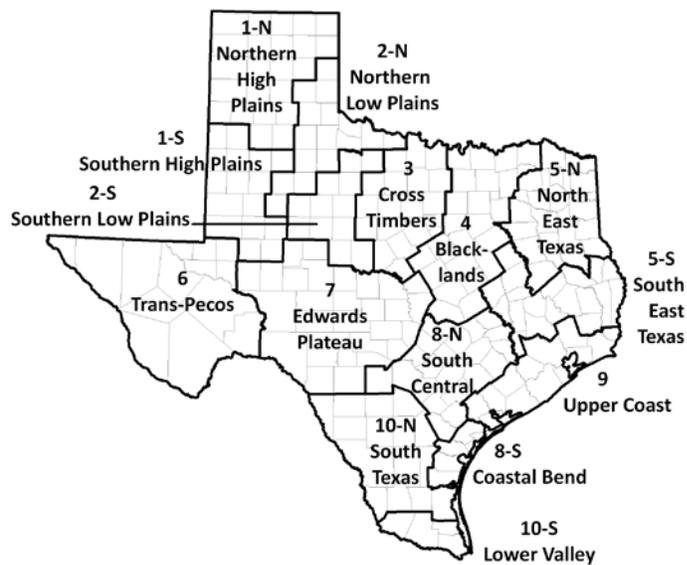
Valid 6/19/2012, 7:00 am EST



**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>