



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR JULY 9 – 15

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Summary

Most areas of Texas received rainfall last week. Parts of South Central and Coastal Texas recorded 10 inches or more for the week, while other areas observed only scattered showers.

Small Grains: Small grain harvest neared completion in the Plains and the Trans-Pecos. In the Edwards Plateau, some producers continued to bale wheat hay.

Row Crops: Sorghum and corn harvest continued in the Lower Valley, but was delayed in the Blacklands and South Central region due to heavy rainfall and

wet fields. Hot weather and dry conditions brought stress on many row crops in parts of Central Texas. Cotton condition varied across the state. Cotton defoliation had begun in early maturing fields in the Lower Valley, while in the High Plains, cotton squaring continued. Producers sprayed for weeds, while insect damage was moderate. Peanuts made good progress in South Texas.

Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops: Producers continued to harvest fruits and vegetables in East Texas with some reports of disease pressure on vegetable crops. Vegetable harvest was nearing completion in areas of South Texas. Pecans continued to progress around the state with wet weather causing some problems with disease. In the Edwards Plateau, peach production was beginning to taper off.

		Crop Progress			
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2011	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Silked (Tasseled)	83	79	79	77
	Dough	68	58	54	57
	Dent	64	51	50	49
	Mature	48	32	40	29
Cotton	Squaring	76	61	60	67
	Setting Bolls	25	15	19	20
	Bolls Opening	7	0	3	3
Peanuts	Pegging	56	32	42	51
Rice	Headed	58	47	63	63
Sorghum	Planted	100	99	100	100
	Headed	64	63	71	67
	Coloring	57	56	66	58
	Mature	50	48	61	41
	Harvested	31	28	33	20
Soybeans	Blooming	71	64	75	78
	Setting Pods	11	0	19	28
Sunflowers	Planted	98	97	93	89
Winter Wheat	Harvested (Grain)	100	99	100	95
Oats	Harvested (Grain)	99	98	95	97

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/.

Livestock, Range, and Pasture: Range and pasture condition improved substantially in areas that received adequate rainfall. Many producers were able to make a second or third cutting of hay, though rain hampered cutting and baling activities in some areas. Drier parts of South Texas and the Panhandle experienced declining pasture condition. Weed growth and grasshopper pressure continued to affect hayfields and meadows in many parts of the state. Livestock condition was generally fair to good. Some supplemental feeding continued in South Texas. Stock tanks, ponds and creeks were replenished by rainfall in many areas.

Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2012	2011
Corn	14	42	33	6	5	75	33
Cotton	5	31	39	18	7	61	36
Peanuts	2	39	54	5	0	71	45
Rice	13	66	15	3	3	84	74
Sorghum	10	43	29	11	7	70	49
Soybeans	9	35	52	3	1	73	20
Wheat	11	25	31	19	14	59	25
Oats	26	35	28	7	4	79	27
Range and Pasture	2	19	38	25	16	--	--

* 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.

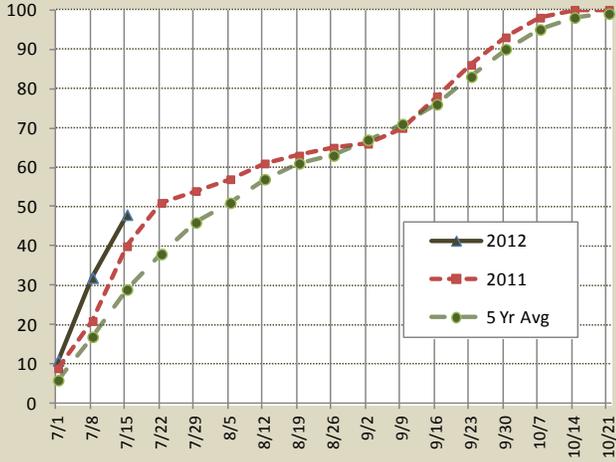
Texas Precipitation					
National Weather Service Climatic Divisions *	Inches of Accumulation **				Percent
	Previous Week (July 9 – 15, 2012)	Month-to-Date (July 1 – 15, 2012)	Year-to-Date (Jan 1 – Jul 15, 2012)	Annual Normal 1971-2000	Normal Previous Three Months (April - June)
High Plains	0.06	0.11	1.17	19.64	12
Low Rolling Plains	0.07	0.11	1.66	24.51	12
North Central Texas	0.13	0.18	3.01	35.23	8
East Texas	0.44	0.55	4.59	48.08	11
Trans-Pecos	0.04	0.15	0.80	13.19	17
Edwards Plateau	0.24	0.29	2.14	24.73	12
South Central Texas	0.49	0.56	2.91	36.21	8
Upper Coast	1.23	1.52	5.51	50.31	11
South Texas	0.22	0.27	1.65	24.08	9
Lower Valley	0.06	0.33	1.56	25.43	8

* 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>.

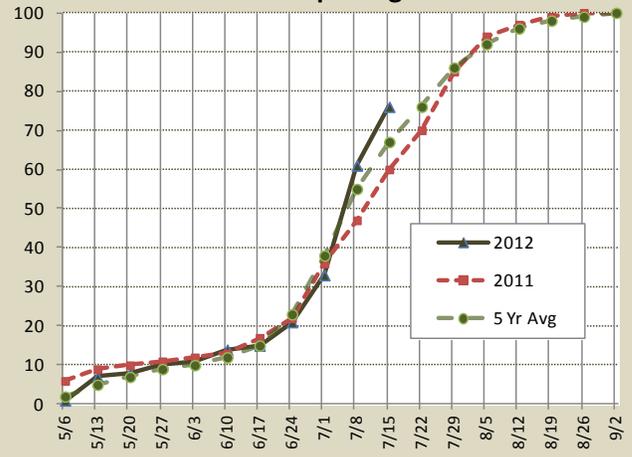
Top Soil Moisture by District

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	39	46	43	39	23	4	5	5	26	24	4	53	2	28	23
Short	38	29	53	53	64	39	36	11	46	36	28	17	10	43	45
Adequate	22	24	4	8	13	45	57	63	28	36	60	17	41	29	23
Surplus	1	1	0	0	0	12	2	21	0	4	8	13	47	0	9

Corn Mature Percent



Cotton Squaring Percent



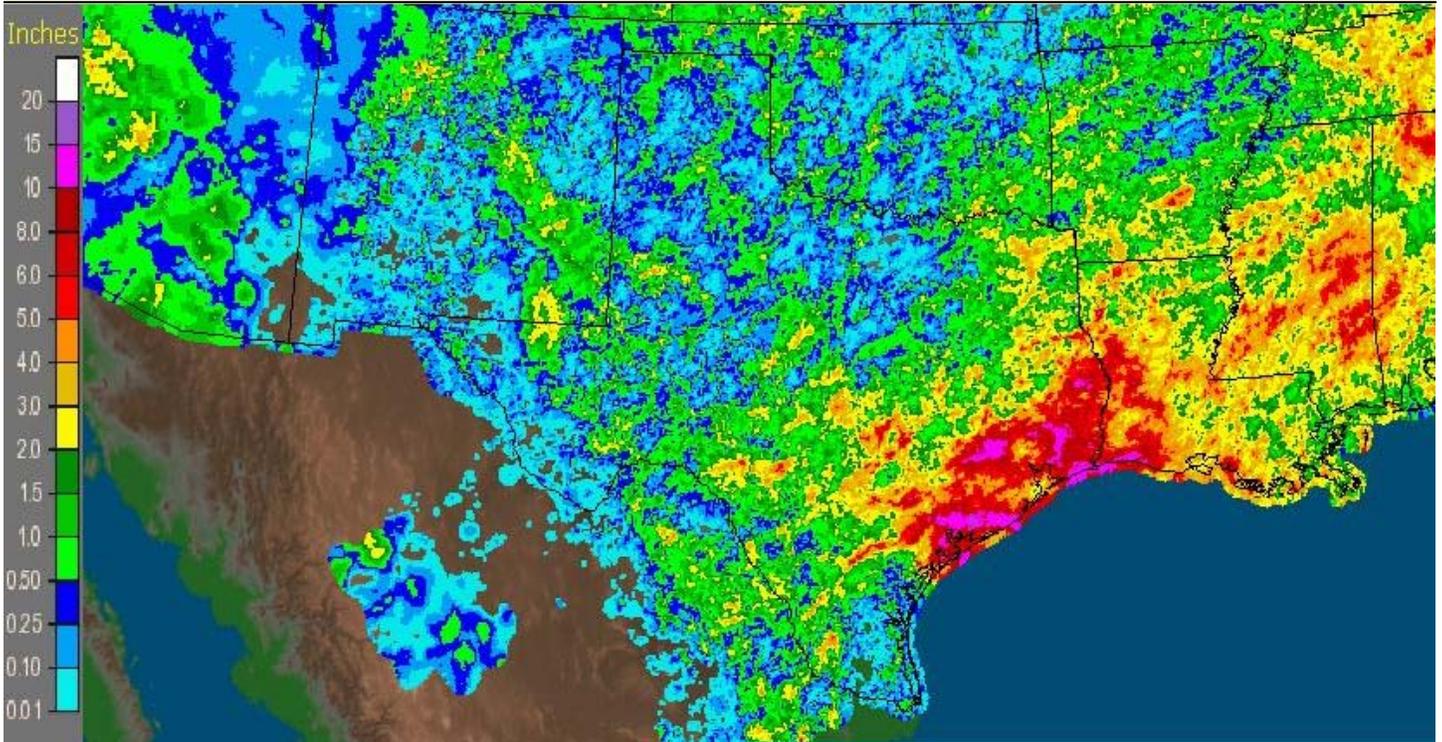
Rice Headed Percent



Sorghum Harvested Percent



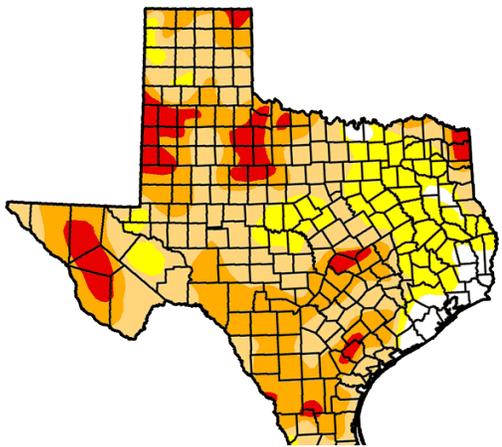
Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, July 15, 2012



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

Drought Monitor

Valid 7/10/2012, 7:00 am EST



Intensity:

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

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

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