



# Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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**WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR JULY 16 – 22**

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## Summary

Precipitation was spotty around the state last week. Portions of East and South Texas recorded 3 inches of rainfall or more for the week, while many other areas observed scattered showers.

**Small Grains:** In parts of the Plains and the Edwards Plateau, wheat producers were plowing fields in preparation for fall planting.

**Row Crops:** Rainfall in East Texas allowed many farmers to take a break from irrigating their crops. However in areas of the Northern High Plains, dry land crops were badly in

need of rain. Even with recent precipitation, some areas of the Blacklands remained in need of additional moisture. Grain sorghum harvest continued in the southern portion of the state. Irrigated cotton, sorghum, and peanut crops throughout the Plains were progressing well. Some failed dry land cotton fields in the Plains were being replanted with sorghum.

**Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops:** In areas that received rainfall, pecans benefited from the moisture, while orchard irrigation was active in drier areas. In areas of South Texas, vegetable harvest was winding down.

**Livestock, Range, and Pasture:** Pasture condition varied considerably around the state depending on rainfall. In much of the High and Low Plains, range and pastureland was suffering due to hot, dry weather with some pastures going dormant. Many East and South Texas pastures benefited from rainfall and were greening. Hay harvest continued in many areas. Supplemental feeding of livestock was active in areas with poor range and pasture condition. In the

		Crop Progress			
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2011	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Silked (Tasseled)	88	83	86	87
	Dough	69	68	59	60
	Dent	65	64	58	55
	Mature	50	48	51	38
Cotton	Squaring	87	76	70	76
	Setting Bolls	35	25	31	30
	Bolls Opening	9	7	8	7
Peanuts	Pegging	67	55*	50	65
Rice	Headed	70	58	74	75
Sorghum	Headed	78	64	72	71
	Coloring	70	57	67	62
	Mature	65	50	62	48
Soybeans	Harvested	44	31	40	28
	Blooming	78	71	80	85
Sunflowers	Setting Pods	36	11	46	52
	Planted	99	98	96	90
Oats	Harvested	100	99	99	98

\* Revised.

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/).

Edwards Plateau, ranchers prepared to shear sheep. In East Texas, feral hogs were active and grasshopper pressure was still high.

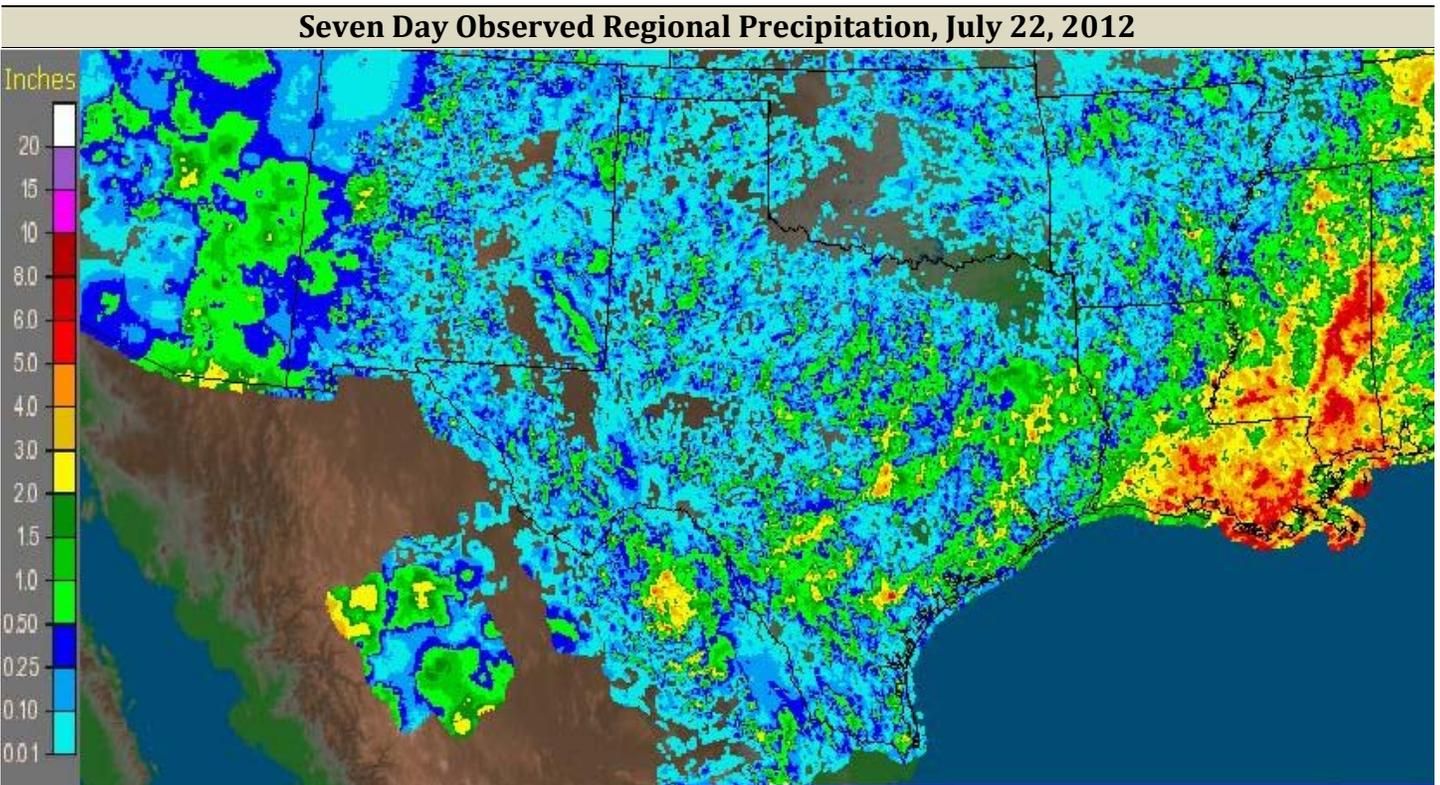
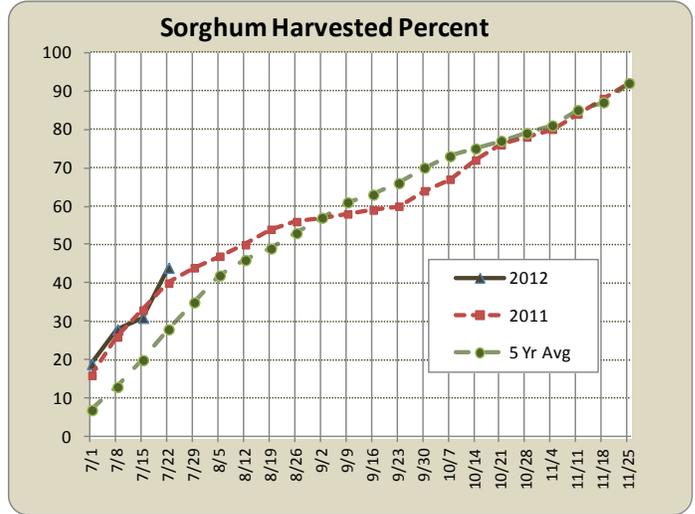
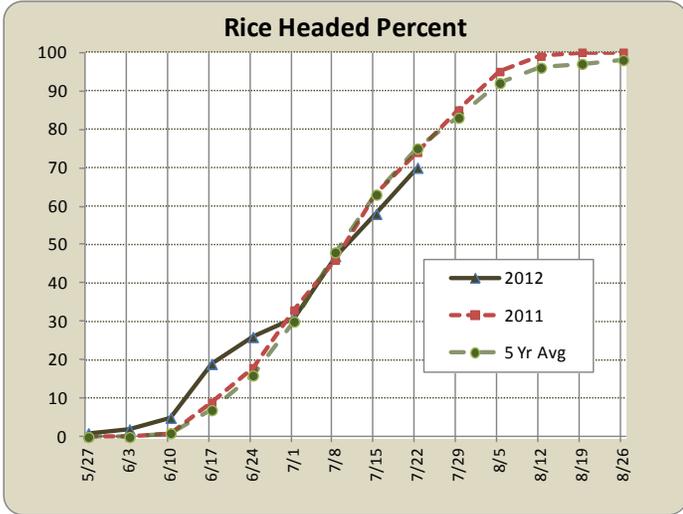
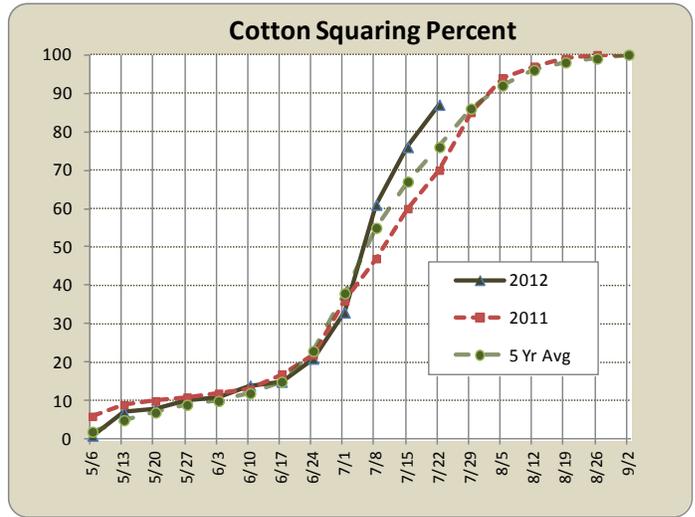
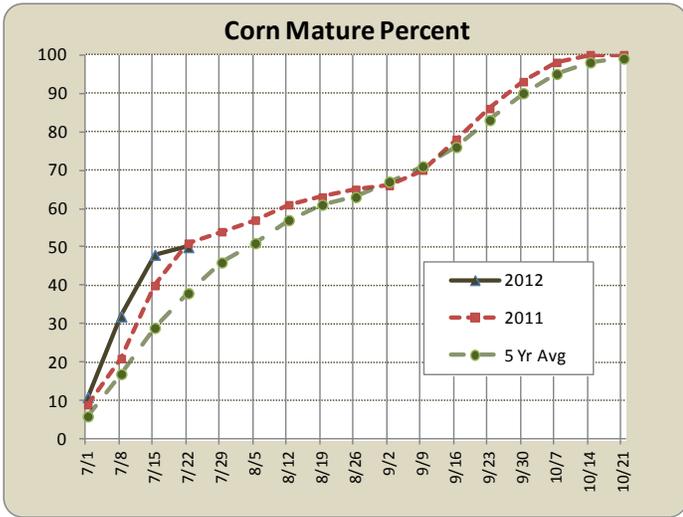
Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2012	2011
Corn	11	40	38	7	4	73	29
Cotton	6	31	38	17	8	62	36
Peanuts	4	49	41	6	0	75	59
Rice	12	55	29	2	2	81	76
Sorghum	16	31	33	13	7	69	48
Soybeans	6	39	52	3	0	74	22
Oats	26	35	28	7	4	79	27
Range and Pasture	3	19	38	26	14	--	--

\* 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 16 – 22, 2012)	Month-to-Date (July 1 – 22, 2012)	Year-to-Date (Jan 1 – Jul 22, 2012)	Annual Normal 1971-2000	Normal Previous Three Months (April - June)
High Plains	0.02	0.13	1.19	19.64	12
Low Rolling Plains	0.02	0.13	1.68	24.51	12
North Central Texas	0.04	0.22	3.05	35.23	8
East Texas	0.07	0.62	4.66	48.08	11
Trans-Pecos	0.01	0.16	0.81	13.19	17
Edwards Plateau	0.01	0.30	2.15	24.73	12
South Central Texas	0.03	0.59	2.94	36.21	8
Upper Coast	0.04	1.56	5.55	50.31	11
South Texas	0.10	0.37	1.75	24.08	9
Lower Valley	0.01	0.34	1.57	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>.

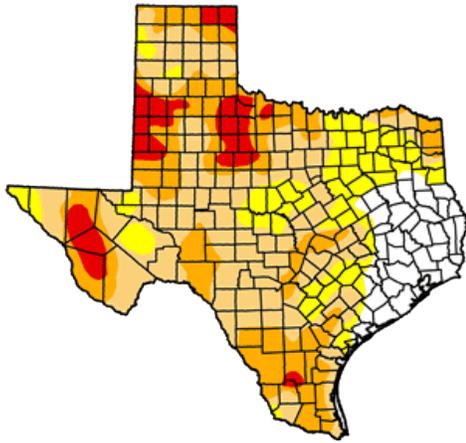
Top Soil Moisture by District															
Condition	Percent of Acreage														
	1-N	1-S	2-N	2-S	3	4	5-N	5-S	6	7	8-N	8-S	9	10-N	10-S
Very Short	42	53	51	32	27	8	7	3	38	18	1	80	2	17	30
Short	42	29	45	51	59	45	44	18	50	41	23	20	8	47	21
Adequate	15	17	4	17	14	45	48	63	12	37	70	0	39	36	44
Surplus	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	16	0	4	6	0	51	0	5



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

# Drought Monitor

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## Intensity:



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

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