



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR JULY 30 – AUGUST 5

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Summary

Portions of South and Coastal Texas and the Panhandle received scattered showers last week with some areas recording up to 1.5 inches. Most other areas of the state received little to no precipitation during the week.

Small Grains: Producers awaited rain and cooler temperatures as small grain seeding preparations continued.

Row Crops: In both the High and Low Plains, cotton was stressed due to high temperatures and lack of moisture. Irrigated cotton

continued to set bolls, while dry land acres struggled to survive with some fields being plowed up. In North Texas, non-irrigated row crops remained in need of precipitation. Irrigated crops were faring better, though many producers continued to have trouble meeting irrigation needs with the available water supply. Corn and sorghum harvest continued across East, Central, and South Texas. In parts of Coastal Texas, rainfall helped to maintain crop condition.

Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops: Pecans made good progress in most areas with irrigation active in many orchards. Blackberry, blueberry, and watermelon harvest continued in parts of East Texas. Sugarcane irrigation was active in South Texas.

Livestock, Range, and Pasture: Across much of the state, range and pastureland was in need of rainfall as hot, dry conditions depleted soil moisture. Recently improved grazing land was beginning to turn brown as native grasses struggled. In South Texas, recent rainfall allowed some producers to make another cutting of hay. Livestock was in

		Crop Progress			
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2011	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Silked (Tasseled)	95	93	96	96
	Dough	71	70	68	70
	Dent	67	66	61	60
	Mature	60	58	57	51
	Harvested	35	17	37	22
Cotton	Squaring	98	92	94	92
	Setting Bolls	68	48	72	61
	Bolls Opening	16	15	14	12
Peanuts	Pegging	87	74	91	89
Rice	Headed	91	81	95	92
	Harvested	15	3	33	15
Sorghum	Headed	82	81	79	80
	Coloring	72	71	69	66
	Mature	68	67	64	57
	Harvested	54	53	47	42
Soybeans	Blooming	86	82	92	95
	Setting Pods	79	64	75	84

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/.

mostly good condition around the state as ranchers continued to reduce herd sizes. Stock tank and pond levels were falling in many areas due to increased evaporation rates.

Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2012	2011
Corn	9	37	35	13	6	67	29
Cotton	4	20	35	25	16	50	35
Peanuts	3	56	38	3	0	77	46
Rice	16	59	12	7	6	80	76
Sorghum	16	36	26	14	8	70	48
Soybeans	6	31	53	9	1	69	21
Range and Pasture	3	15	32	29	21	--	--

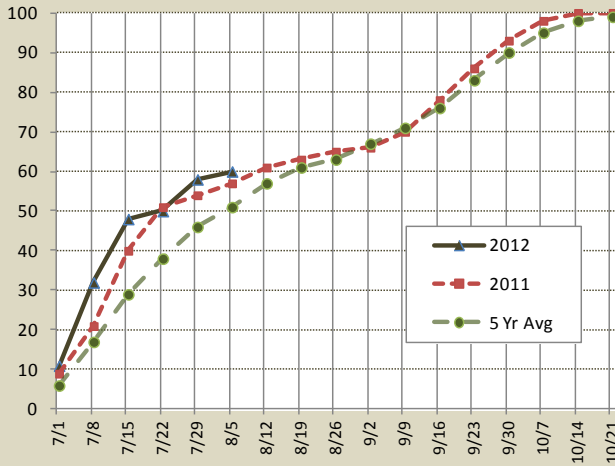
* The formula for the condition index is $I = (5V + 25P + 60F + 90G + 110E)/100$ where I = crop condition index and V, P, F, G, E = percentage of crop rated very poor, poor, fair, good, excellent.

Texas Precipitation					
National Weather Service Climatic Divisions *	Inches of Accumulation **				Percent
	Previous Week (Jul 30 – Aug 5, 2012)	Month-to-Date (July 1 – 31, 2012)	Year-to-Date (Jan 1 – Aug 5, 2012)	Annual Normal 1971-2000	Normal Previous Three Months (April - June)
High Plains	0.03	0.15	1.24	19.64	12
Low Rolling Plains	0.00	0.23	1.78	24.51	12
North Central Texas	0.00	0.25	3.08	35.23	8
East Texas	0.00	0.69	4.73	48.08	11
Trans-Pecos	0.00	0.30	0.95	13.19	17
Edwards Plateau	0.00	0.36	2.21	24.73	12
South Central Texas	0.03	0.60	2.98	36.21	8
Upper Coast	0.09	1.68	5.76	50.31	11
South Texas	0.00	0.42	1.80	24.08	9
Lower Valley	0.00	0.35	1.58	25.43	8

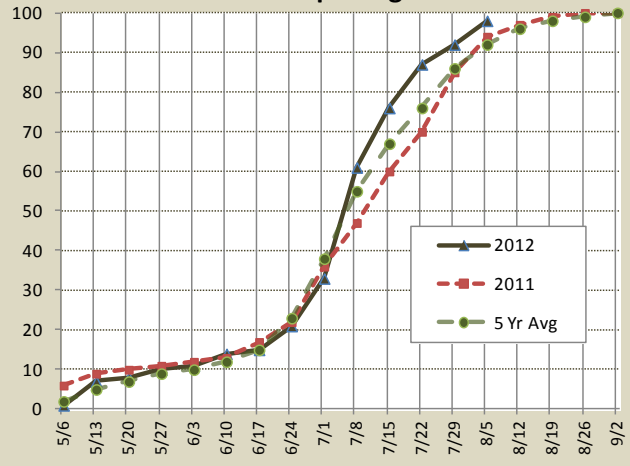
* High Plains: 1-N, 1-S; Low Rolling Plains: 2-N, 2-S; North Central Texas: 3, 4; East Texas: 5-N, 5-S. Trans-Pecos: 6; Edwards Plateau: 7; South Central Texas: 8-N, 8-S; Upper Coast: 9; South Texas: 10-N; Lower Valley: 10-S. ** Average of all stations reporting precipitation data. For more information, 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	66	66	61	49	31	32	27	4	44	37	4	57	16	34	67
Short	26	26	38	46	60	48	51	52	37	46	46	30	9	46	33
Adequate	8	8	1	5	9	20	22	42	19	17	49	10	61	20	0
Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	3	14	0	0

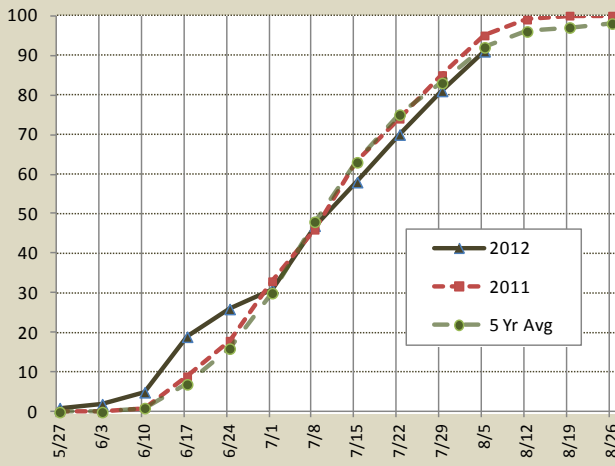
Corn Mature Percent



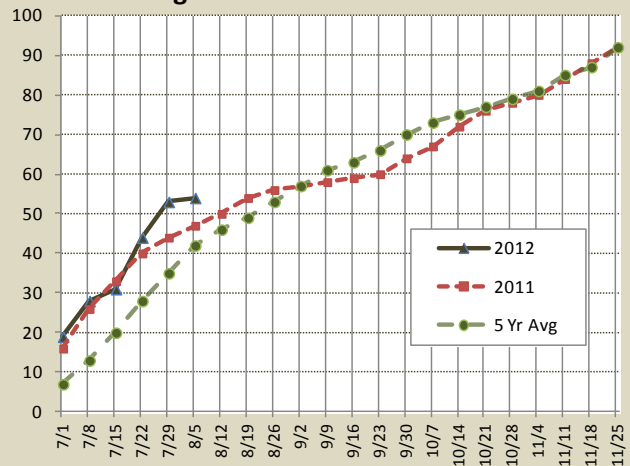
Cotton Squaring Percent



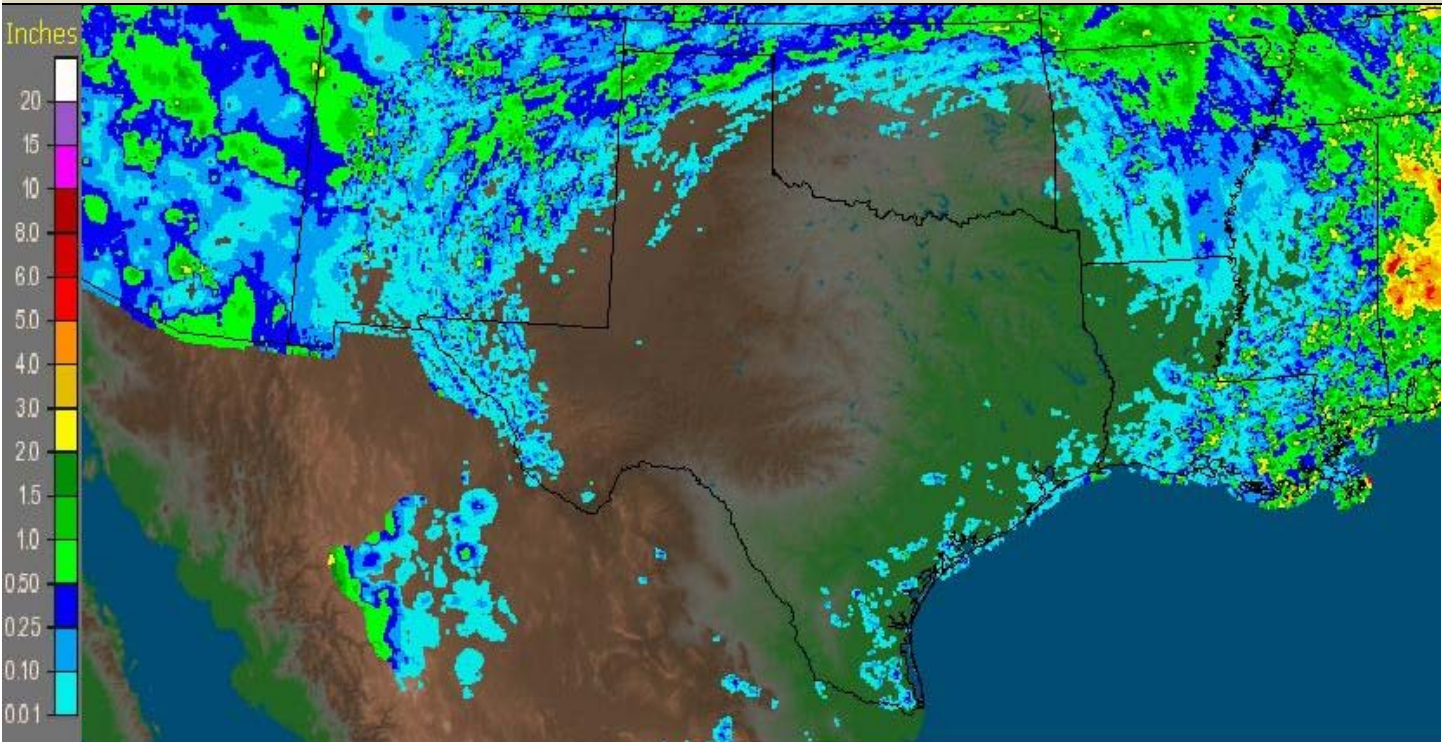
Rice Headed Percent



Sorghum Harvested Percent



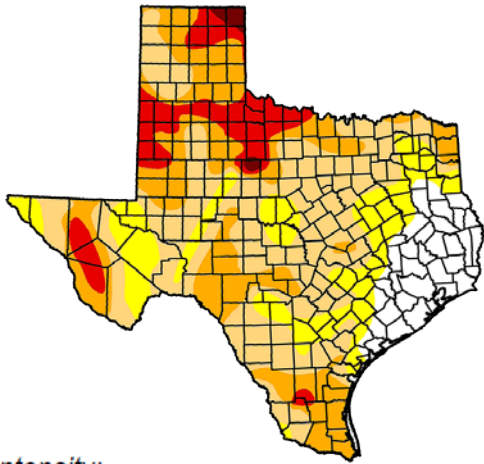
Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, August 5, 2012



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

Drought Monitor

Valid 7/31/2012, 7:00 am EST



Intensity:



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

Texas Agricultural Districts

