



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR AUG 27 – SEP 2

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Summary

Scattered showers were received in Central, South, and East Texas. The coastal area received as much as three inches for the week. Large portions of the Plains and the Trans-Pecos received no measurable precipitation.

Small Grains: Ground preparation continued for fall wheat and oats seeding. Producers were busy plowing fields, applying fertilizer, and acquiring seed. Some small grain seeding had begun in the Plains and North Texas.

Row Crops: In the High Plains, cotton finished setting bolls and in many fields, bolls had begun to open. Cotton

harvest continued in East and South Texas. Some corn producers prepared for harvest by turning off irrigation and allowing corn to dry out. Corn silage harvest continued with silage going to feed yards and dairies. Peanuts continued to mature around the state with irrigation active in many areas. Preparations for peanut harvest were underway in the High and Low Plains. In the Southern High Plains, dry land sorghum was in need of moisture while irrigated sunflowers progressed well.

Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops: Pecans continued to mature around the state with continued reports of tree limb breakage as a result of heavy crops and windy conditions. In South Texas and the Lower Valley, vegetable producers were getting ready for fall planting. Seedbeds were being prepared for onion and cabbage planting.

Livestock, Range, and Pasture: Spotty rain showers improved range and pastureland in some parts of the state. Some producers were able to make a third or fourth cutting of hay. However in other areas, grazing conditions declined due to lack of moisture and supplemental feeding of livestock was necessary. In the Edwards Plateau, weaning and shipping of lambs and goats was active, and early-weaned calves were going to the sale barn.

		Crop Progress			
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2011	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Dough	96	92	92	96
	Dent	88	81	79	86
	Mature	73	64	66	67
	Harvested	61	56	53	55
Cotton	Setting Bolls	97	95	98	94
	Bolls Opening	31	21	35	23
	Harvested	8	7	14	10
Rice	Harvested	80	59	93	84
Sorghum	Headed	94	88	94	94
	Coloring	76	75	73	74
	Mature	72	71	69	64
	Harvested	58	57	57	57
Soybeans	Blooming	99	91	100	100
	Setting Pods	98	90	100	99
	Dropping leaves	74	52	83	68
	Harvested	36	14	37	30
Sunflowers	Harvested	19	13	31	16

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/.

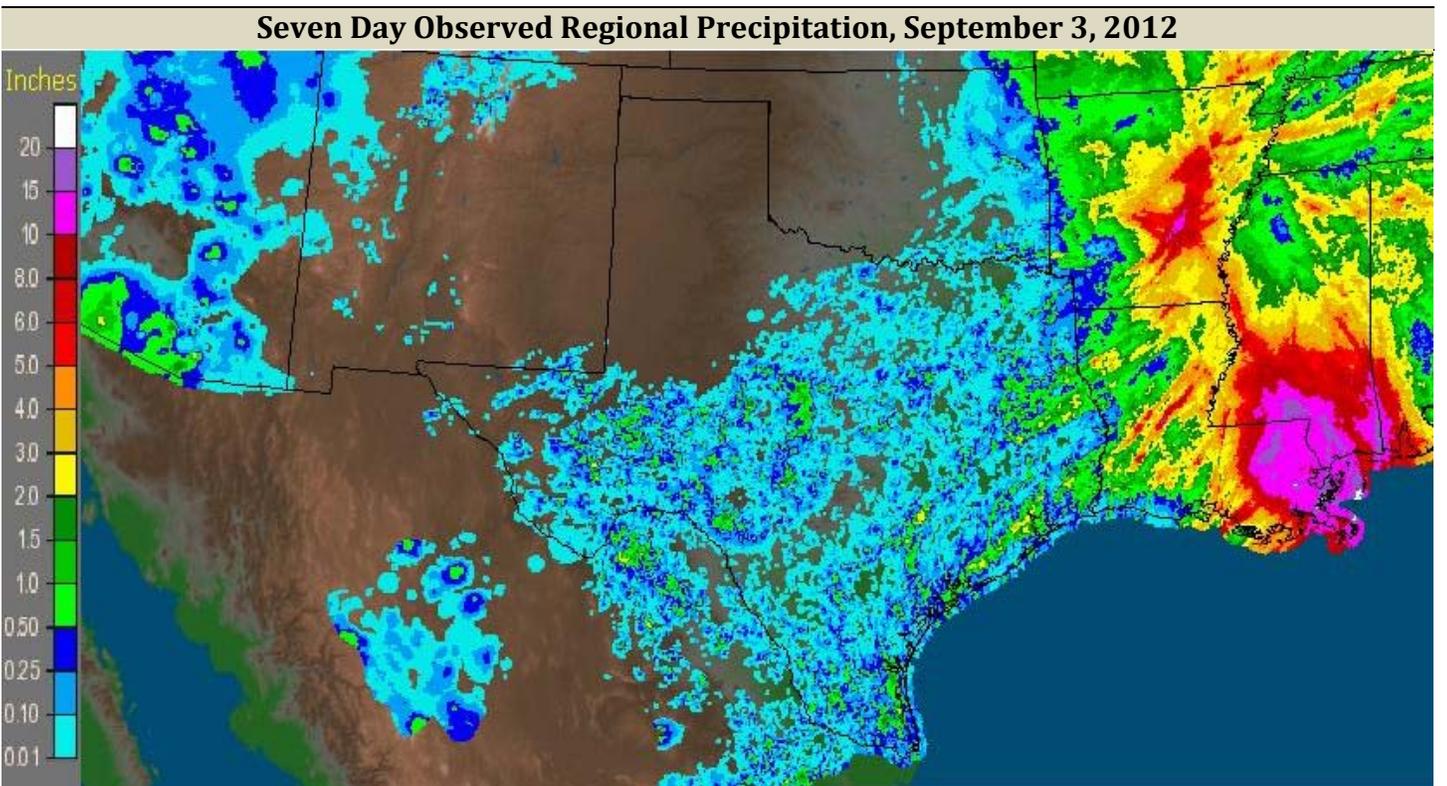
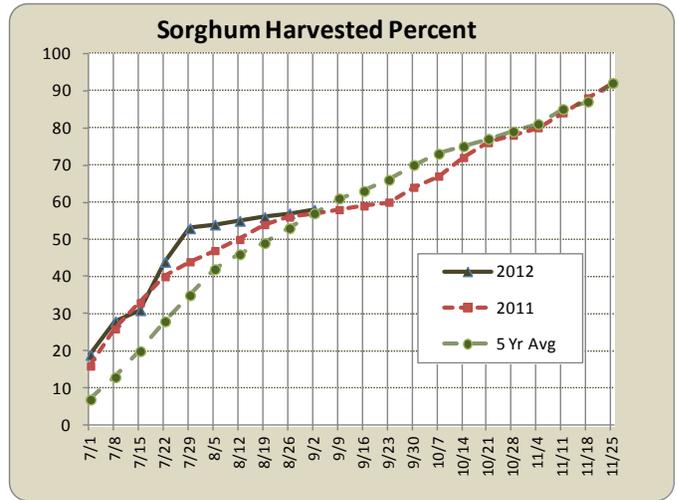
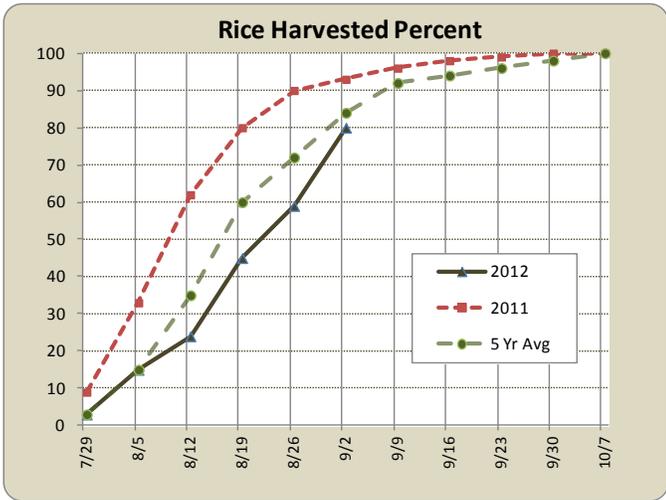
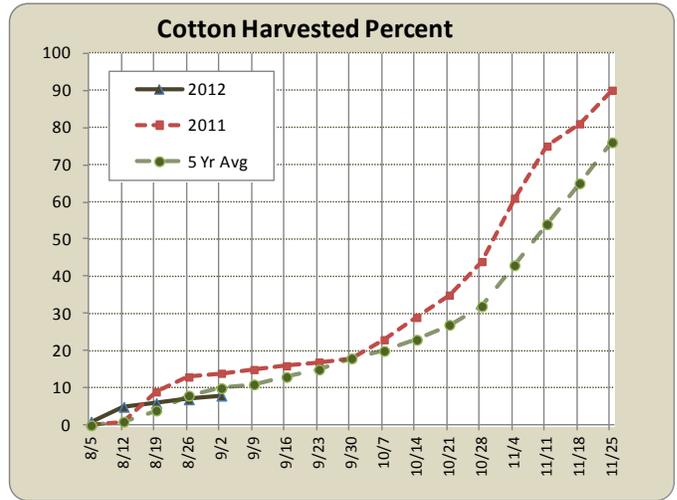
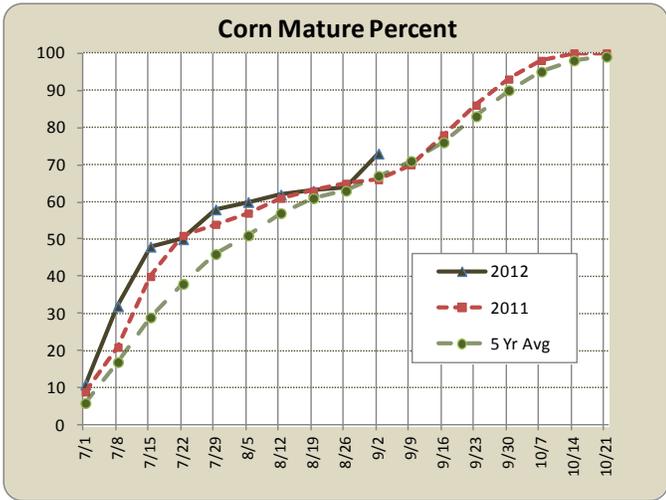
Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2012	2011
Corn	14	37	30	12	7	70	33
Cotton	4	19	34	26	17	49	34
Peanuts	7	60	28	3	2	79	44
Rice	18	32	38	10	2	74	74
Sorghum	16	33	27	15	9	68	49
Soybeans	5	37	46	11	1	69	16
Range and Pasture	2	15	31	30	22	--	--

* 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 (Aug 27 – Sep 2, 2012)	Month-to-Date (Aug 1 – 31, 2012)	Year-to-Date (Jan 1 – Sep 2, 2012)	Annual Normal 1971-2000	Normal Previous Three Months (May - July)
High Plains	0.00	0.28	1.49	19.64	10
Low Rolling Plains	0.00	0.34	2.12	24.51	12
North Central Texas	0.00	0.41	3.49	35.23	9
East Texas	0.05	0.37	5.11	48.08	13
Trans-Pecos	0.01	0.22	1.17	13.19	16
Edwards Plateau	0.03	0.22	2.43	24.73	15
South Central Texas	0.02	0.22	3.18	36.21	13
Upper Coast	0.11	0.55	6.32	50.31	19
South Texas	0.01	0.06	1.86	24.08	13
Lower Valley	0.07	0.12	1.73	25.43	9

* 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>.

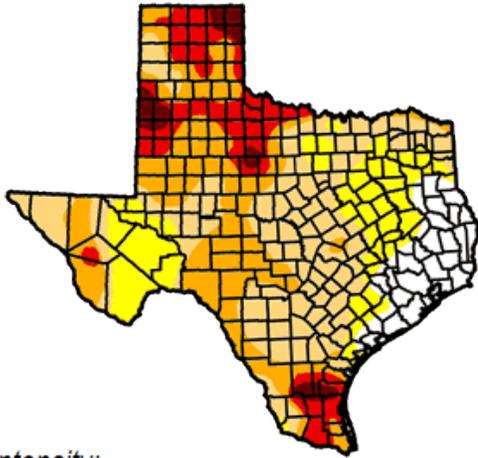
Top Soil Moisture by District															
Condition	Percent of Acreage														
	1-N	1-S	2-N	2-S	3	4	5-N	5-S	6	7	8-N	8-S	9	10-N	10-S
Very Short	67	40	47	30	14	11	10	17	44	36	16	65	3	64	67
Short	31	36	30	61	54	41	45	48	41	48	59	25	20	25	13
Adequate	2	24	23	9	32	48	45	34	15	14	25	10	72	11	20
Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	5	0	0



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

Drought Monitor

Valid 8/28/2012, 7:00 am EST

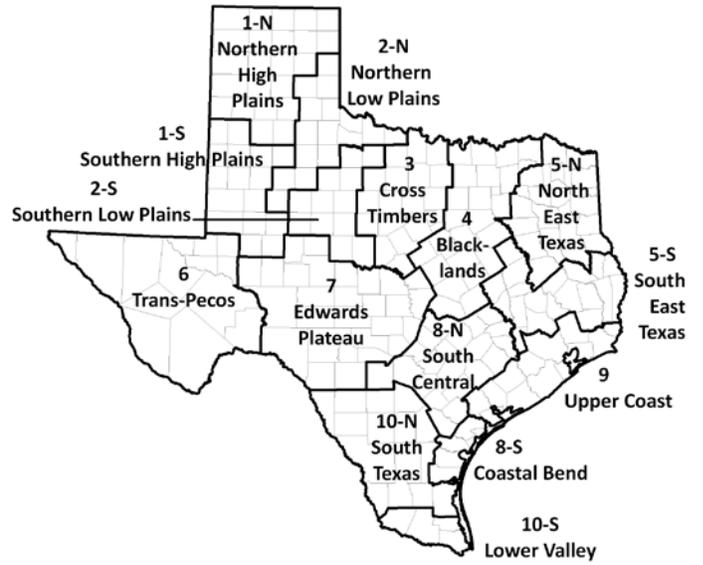


Intensity:

- 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://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>

Texas Agricultural Districts



NASS is currently conducting our annual September surveys on crops and livestock. In the first two weeks of September, NASS is surveying U.S. small grains growers for final production. We are also asking hog producers about their summer pig crop, next year's farrowing intentions, and current inventory. The responses will provide the foundation for 2012 production estimates. All participating farmers should respond. Your information matters!