



# Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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**WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER 10 – 16**

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## Summary

Most areas of the state received rainfall last week. Portions of North, East, and Central Texas recorded three to five inches for the week while other areas observed scattered showers. Parts of the Trans-Pecos, the Blacklands, and South Texas received only trace amounts of precipitation.

**Small Grains:** Winter wheat and oats seeding progressed around the state, aided by cooler temperatures and timely rains. In places that missed last week's rains, dry planting was underway.

**Row Crops:** In the High and

Low Plains, corn and sorghum harvest was active. Some sorghum producers were reporting head worm problems. In West Texas and the Plains, cotton bolls continued to open. Many Plains cotton producers were turning off irrigation systems and some were defoliating in preparation for harvest. Cotton and soybean harvest continued in East and South Texas. Destruction of cotton stalks and plowing was active in recently harvested fields. Peanut harvest was getting underway in the Plains and North Texas.

**Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops:** East Texas pecans benefited from last week's moisture with heavy nut loads reported by some producers. Cabbage planting was starting in South Texas, while seedbed preparations continued for spinach, broccoli, and onions. In the Lower Valley, fall vegetable planting was active and citrus producers were preparing for early season orange harvest.

		Crop Progress			
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2011	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Dough	98	97	97	99
	Dent	96	89	90	95
	Mature	86	74	78	76
	Harvested	68	62	60	63
Cotton	Setting Bolls	99	98	100	98
	Bolls Opening	50	42	63	40
	Harvested	10	9	16	13
Peanuts	Harvested	2	1	2	1
Rice	Harvested	95	90	98	94
Sorghum	Headed	98	96	97	98
	Coloring	81	77	76	83
	Mature	74	73	71	71
	Harvested	60	59	59	63
Soybeans	Setting Pods	100	99	100	100
	Dropping Leaves	76	75	91	83
	Harvested	55	49	72	58
Sunflowers	Harvested	35	29	41	28
Winter Wheat	Planted	11	3	6	14
Oats	Planted	8	0	1	3

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:** Soil moisture improved in most areas of the state last week. Some pastures greened with rainfall, though in some areas, cooler temperatures limited grass and forage growth. Other areas missed last week's rainfall altogether, leaving much of the range and pastureland there drought-stressed. Armyworm infestations were reported in pastures and hayfields around Central and Coastal Texas. Around the state, rainfall increased stock tank levels, but many tanks and ponds remained low. Weaning of spring calves continued, and ranchers in the Edwards Plateau were selling goats.

Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2012	2011
Corn	14	37	30	12	7	70	33
Cotton	5	20	30	26	19	49	32
Peanuts	8	57	28	6	1	78	43
Rice	18	32	38	10	2	74	74
Sorghum	16	33	27	15	9	68	49
Soybeans	6	31	50	12	1	68	18
Range and Pasture	2	15	31	28	24	--	--

\* 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.

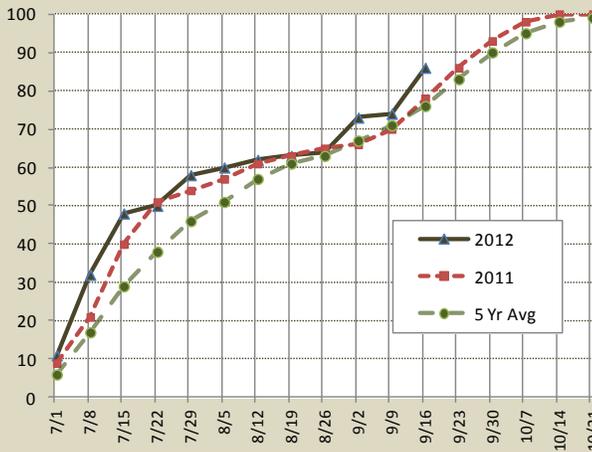
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National Weather Service Climatic Divisions *	Inches of Accumulation **				Percent
	Previous Week (Sep 10 – 16, 2012)	Month-to-Date (Sep 1 – 16, 2012)	Year-to-Date (Jan 1 – Sep 16, 2012)	Annual Normal 1971-2000	Normal Previous Three Months (Jun – Aug)
High Plains	0.09	0.18	1.67	19.64	11
Low Rolling Plains	0.16	0.23	2.35	24.51	13
North Central Texas	0.18	0.18	3.67	35.23	12
East Texas	0.27	0.28	5.38	48.08	15
Trans-Pecos	0.06	0.08	1.25	13.19	11
Edwards Plateau	0.29	0.29	2.72	24.73	10
South Central Texas	0.38	0.39	3.56	36.21	12
Upper Coast	0.33	0.43	6.65	50.31	20
South Texas	0.19	0.21	2.07	24.08	7
Lower Valley	0.02	0.16	1.86	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>.

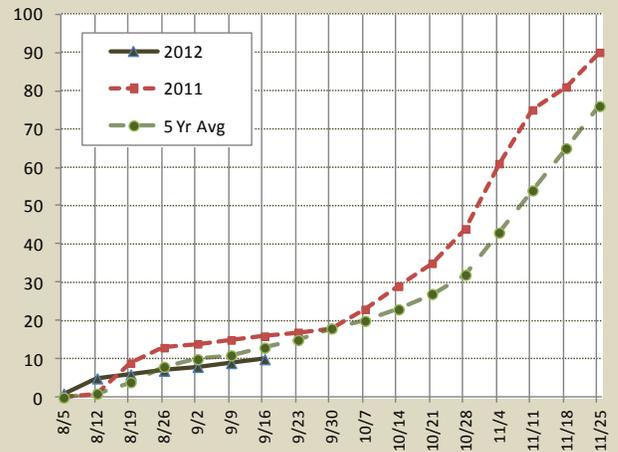
### Top Soil Moisture by District

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	56	33	35	33	16	16	10	14	45	21	13	40	5	38	56
Short	37	35	39	41	43	43	32	43	42	42	35	15	21	40	12
Adequate	7	29	23	21	40	38	56	30	13	34	51	30	71	22	27
Surplus	0	3	3	5	1	3	2	13	0	3	1	15	3	0	5

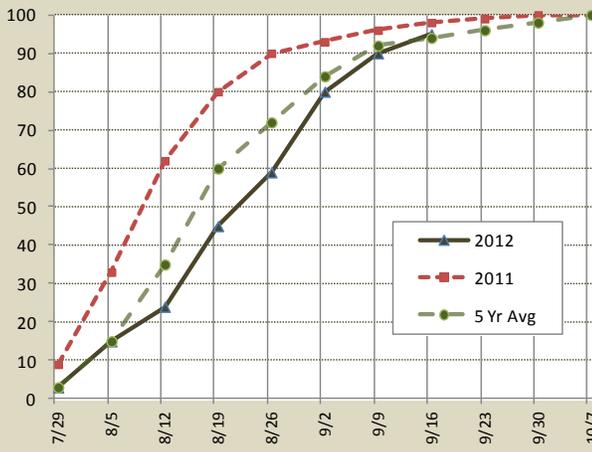
#### Corn Mature Percent



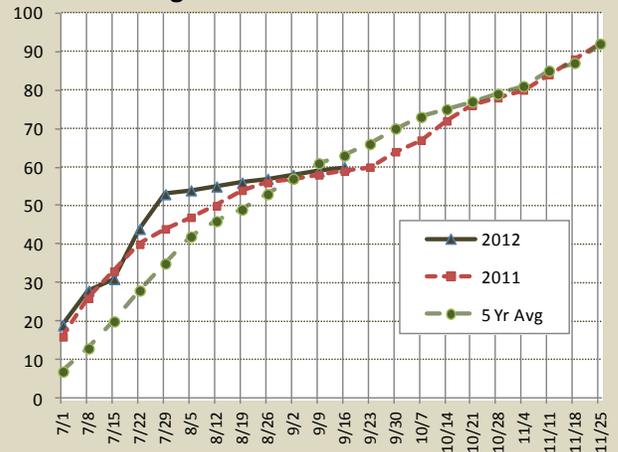
#### Cotton Harvested Percent



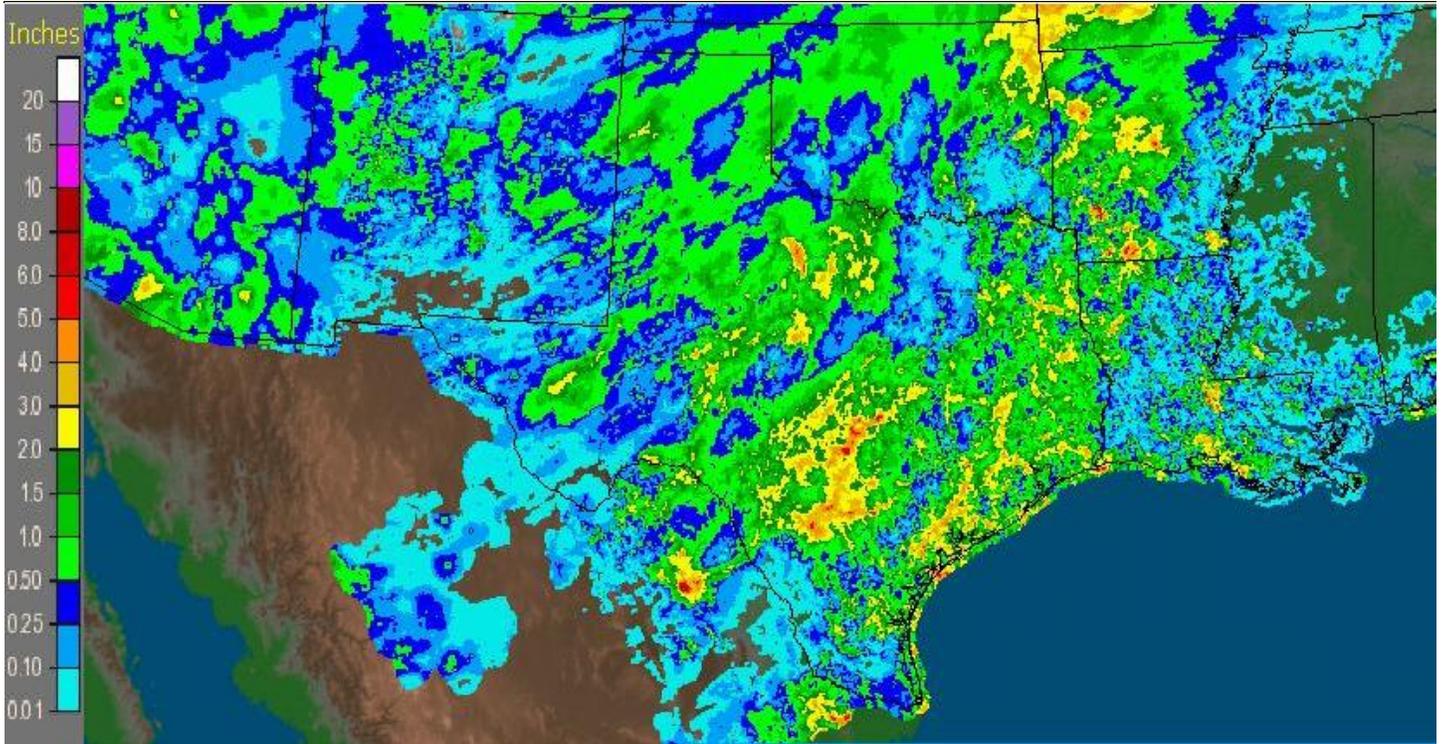
#### Rice Harvested Percent



#### Sorghum Harvested Percent



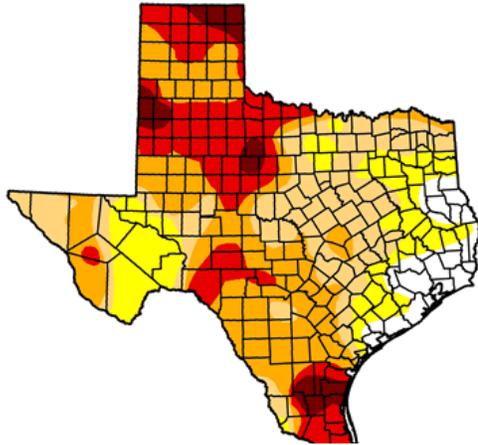
## Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, September 16, 2012



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

## Drought Monitor

Valid 9/11/2012, 7:00 am EST



### Intensity:



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

## Texas Agricultural Districts

