



# Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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**WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR OCTOBER 1 – 7**

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## Summary

Much of the state received rainfall last week. Portions of East and South Texas recorded four inches or more for the week, while most other areas observed scattered showers.

**Small Grains:** Winter wheat and oats seeding continued across the state. Rainfall helped the germination and emergence of recently-seeded fields, but also delayed small grains seeding activities in some areas.

**Row Crops:** Rainfall hampered fieldwork in

some areas but generally aided crop development. Cotton bolls continued to open in the Plains and West Texas as cotton defoliation and harvest began to pick up. In East and South Texas, cotton harvest was in full swing with many gins operating at high capacity. Plains producers continued to harvest corn, sorghum, and sunflowers with some fields still maturing. Soybean harvest continued in Northeast Texas and was wrapping up in South Texas. Peanut harvest was active across North Texas and the Plains.

**Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops:** Pecans continued to develop around the state with some crops reaching the final stage of maturity. Some problems with pecan scab were reported. Spinach planting began in areas of South Texas. In the Lower Valley, tomatoes, onions, and sugarcane made progress under irrigation. Some producers were continuing to prepare for onion planting. Late summer cantaloupe harvest was ongoing in some areas.

		Crop Progress			
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2011	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Dent	99	98	100	100
	Mature	96	94	98	95
	Harvested	82	75	80	78
Cotton	Bolls Opening	81	71	86	75
	Harvested	19	15	23	20
Peanuts	Harvested	17	6	26	24
Rice	Harvested	99	98	100	100
Sorghum	Coloring	94	90	89	92
	Mature	77	76	74	80
	Harvested	63	62	67	73
Soybeans	Dropping Leaves	90	82	94	94
	Harvested	73	67	79	79
Sunflowers	Harvested	49	44	72	52
Winter Wheat	Planted	55	43	36	53
	Emerged	26	11	6	25
Oats	Planted	52	40	23	44
	Emerged	19	0	1	6

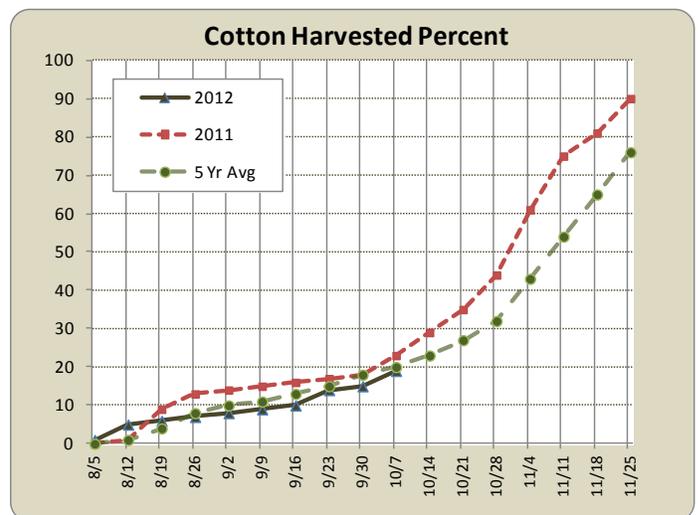
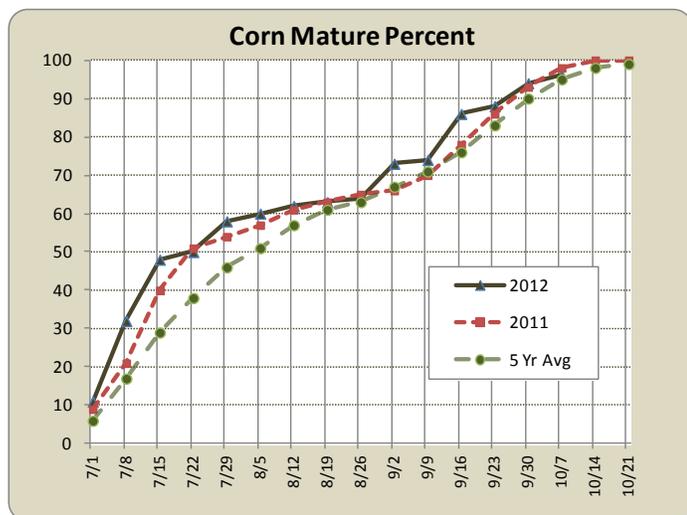
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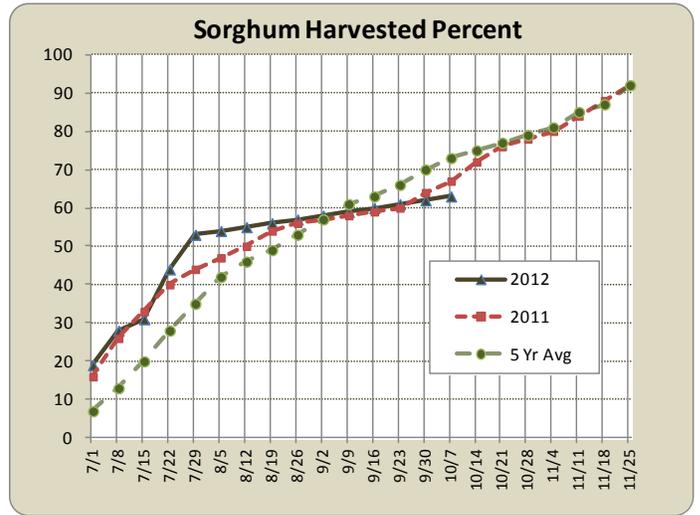
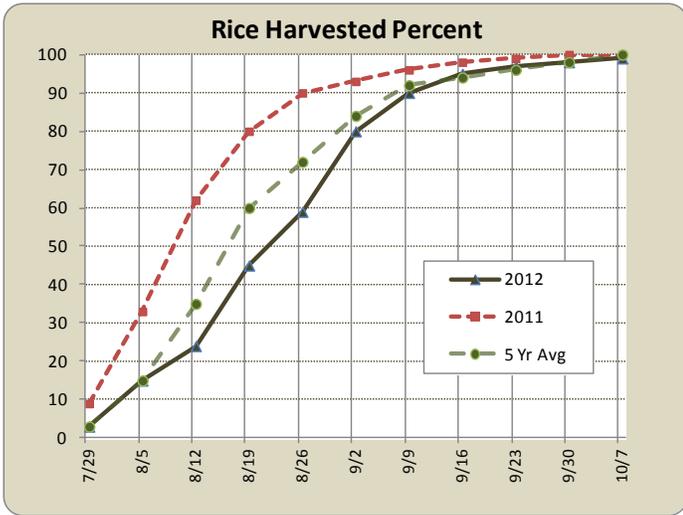
**Livestock, Range, and Pasture:** Rainfall improved pasture conditions and stock tank levels across most of the state. Producers continued to plant winter pastures and bale hay with armyworm pressure being reported in some hayfields. Cool-season grasses were starting to come up in many pastures. Livestock were generally faring well, benefiting from cooler temperatures and increased vegetation. In parts of South Texas however, some supplemental feeding of livestock was necessary in areas that did not receive adequate rainfall. Fall cattle work continued around the state. In the Edwards Plateau, shipping of goats was underway.

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	29	28	20	47	34
Peanuts	6	54	30	9	1	76	45
Rice	18	32	38	10	2	74	--
Sorghum	16	33	27	15	9	68	49
Soybeans	6	31	50	12	1	68	18
Range and Pasture	3	20	31	27	19	--	--

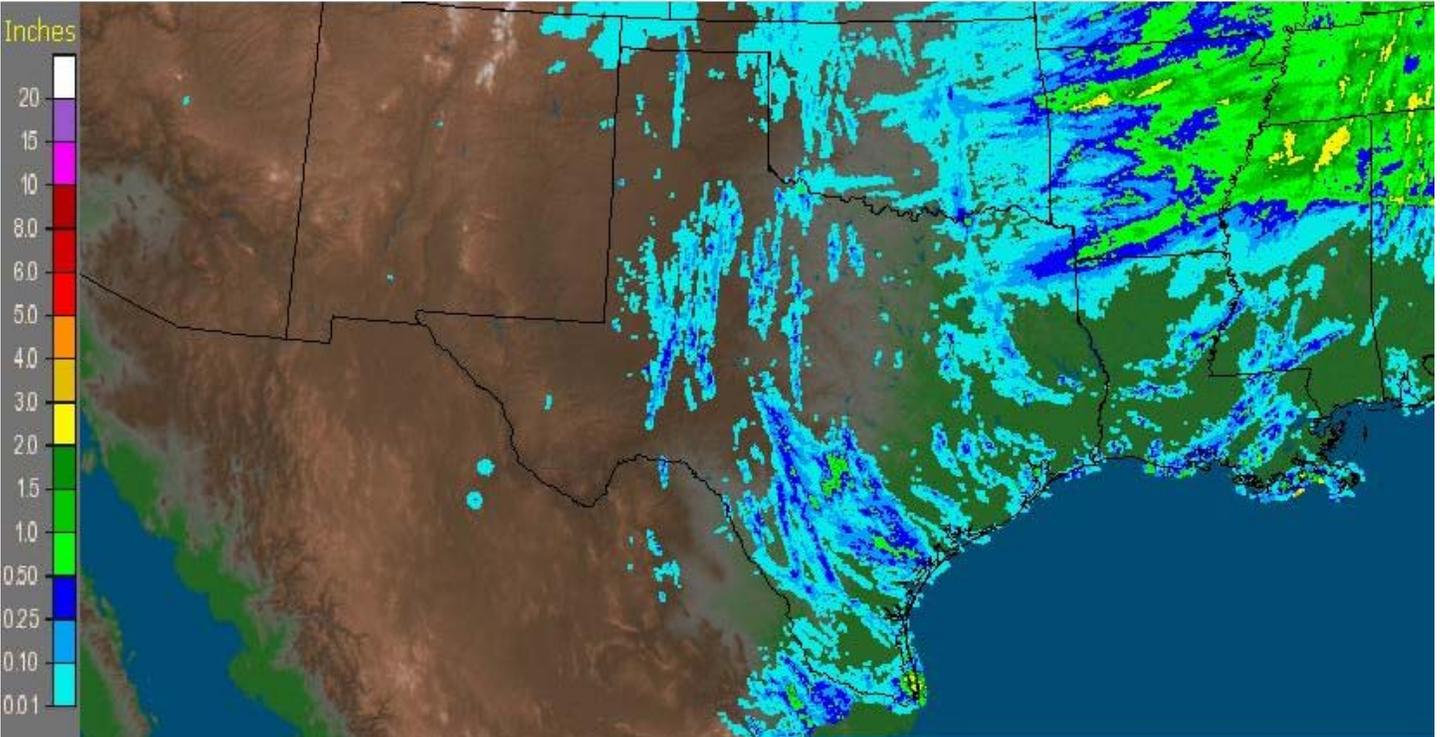
\* The formula for the condition index is  $I = (5V + 25P + 60F + 90G + 110E)/100$  where I = crop condition index and V, P, F, G, E = percentage of crop rated very poor, poor, fair, good, excellent.

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	38	17	23	5	4	11	3	4	19	10	5	27	3	23	60
Short	40	28	22	23	56	30	18	32	39	32	24	42	12	36	20
Adequate	22	50	47	66	33	56	66	59	42	50	70	28	68	41	20
Surplus	0	5	8	6	7	3	13	5	0	8	1	3	17	0	0





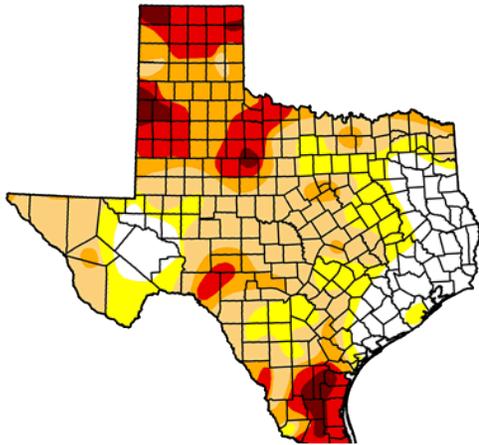
### Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, October 8, 2012



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

# Drought Monitor

Valid 10/2/2012, 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/>

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