



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR OCTOBER 8 – 14

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Summary

Many areas of Texas received precipitation last week. Portions of East and Central Texas recorded three inches or more for the week. Parts of West Texas, South Texas, and the Low Plains received little or no rainfall while most other areas observed scattered showers.

Small Grains: Recently seeded winter wheat and oats were off to a good start in most areas due to timely rainfall. Plowing and seeding activities continued as well, with producers taking advantage of soil moisture while available.

Producers were hoping for additional precipitation over the next few weeks to aid in plant development. Some producers around North Texas were spraying for weeds.

Row Crops: High Plains producers continued to harvest corn, sorghum, and soybeans. Cotton harvest progressed in the Plains and West Texas while in East and South Texas harvest was reaching its later stages and modules were being removed from fields for ginning. First frost hit some areas of the Plains and cotton producers were using harvest aids to speed up maturity. Peanuts were still developing pods in the Low Plains, but in some areas peanut development ended with first frost and harvest commenced. Sunflower harvest continued in the Plains but had ended in other areas.

Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops: Preparations for pecan harvest were being made around the state with harvest beginning in some areas. In the Lower Valley, spinach and onion planting continued and cabbage development progressed. Irrigation was active on fall corn, citrus, and sugarcane. Harvest of sugarcane and early-season citrus progressed.

		Crop Progress			
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2011	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Dent	100	99	100	100
	Mature	98	96	100	98
	Harvested	88	82	86	84
Cotton	Bolls Opening	88	81	92	82
	Harvested	24	19	29	23
Peanuts	Harvested	34	17	50	36
Rice	Harvested	100	99	100	100
Sorghum	Coloring	97	94	93	94
	Mature	87	77	80	84
	Harvested	64	63	72	75
Soybeans	Dropping Leaves	92	90	95	95
	Harvested	80	73	81	84
Sunflowers	Harvested	62	49	78	60
Winter Wheat	Planted	67	55	49	65
	Emerged	43	26	16	37
Oats	Planted	64	52	39	55
	Emerged	40	19	5	18

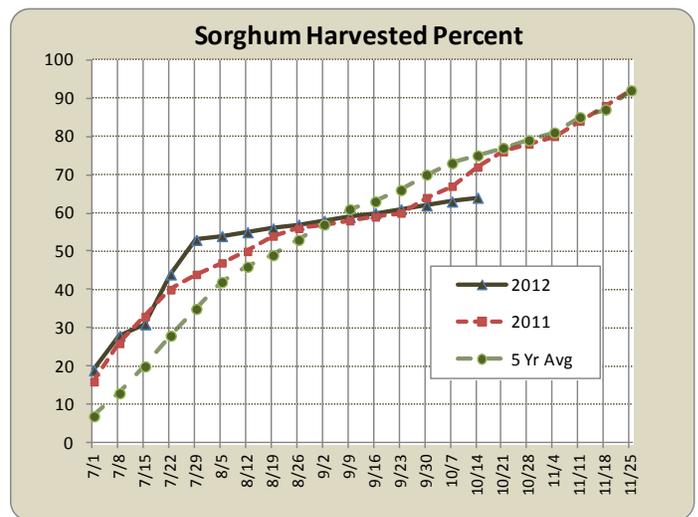
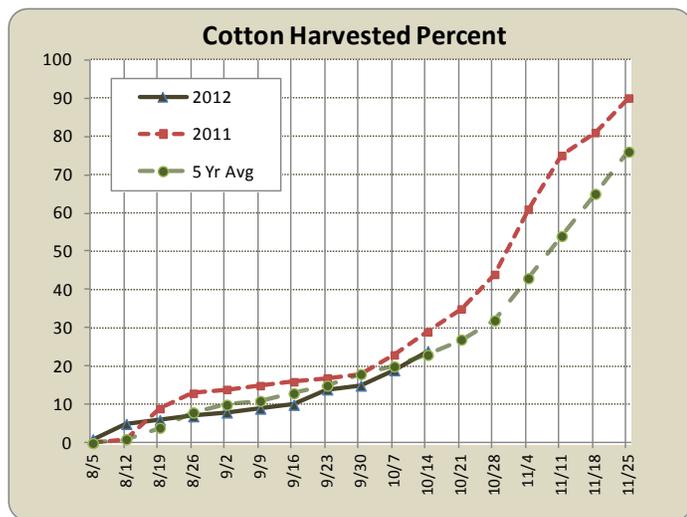
Visit our web site to view the crop progress regional maps, available at www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Texas/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/maps/.

Livestock, Range, and Pasture: Pastures continued to green up in areas that had received rainfall. Planting of winter grasses continued while cooler temperatures slowed the growth of warm-season grasses. Livestock benefited from the increase in forage growth but were removed from some pastures to facilitate pasture recovery. In areas of South Texas, soil moisture remained short and stock tank levels were low. Some livestock producers continued to reduce herd sizes.

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	18	31	27	20	47	37
Peanuts	5	46	35	11	3	71	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	21	34	24	18	--	--

* 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	36	33	17	8	6	11	3	5	19	16	7	27	8	22	60
Short	45	20	16	40	51	34	24	37	42	29	23	42	18	29	23
Adequate	19	46	63	43	42	55	66	56	38	53	67	28	67	49	17
Surplus	0	1	4	9	1	0	7	2	1	2	3	3	7	0	0



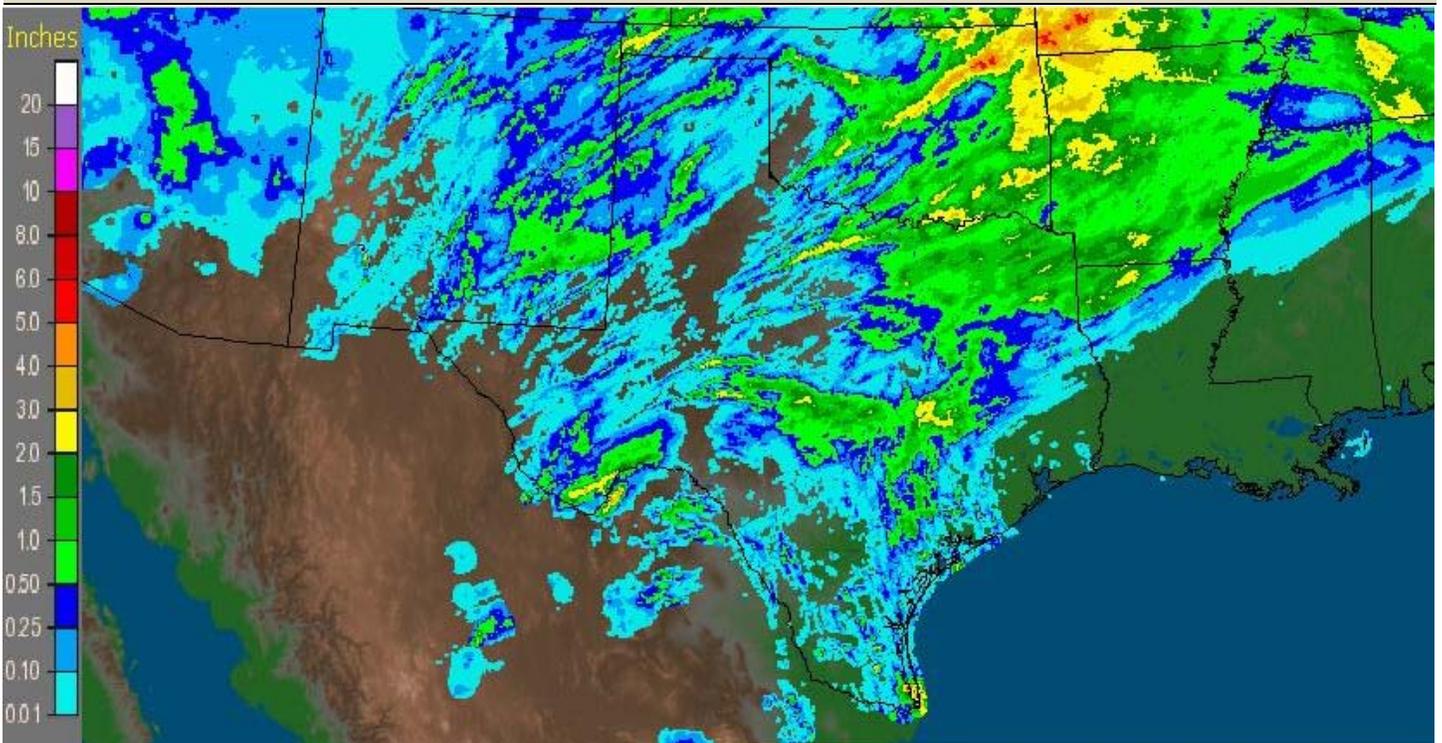
Wheat Emerged Percent



Oats Emerged Percent



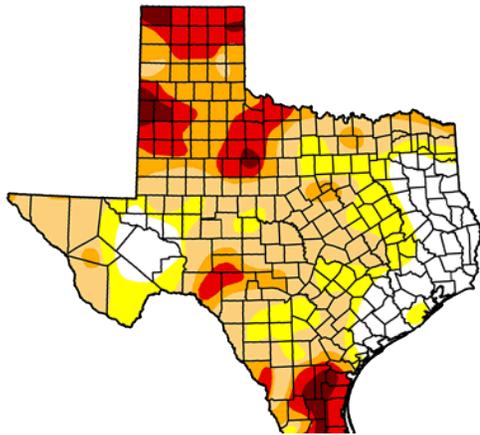
Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, October 14, 2012



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

Drought Monitor

Valid 10/9/2012, 7:00 am EST



Intensity:

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| D0 Abnormally Dry | D3 Drought - Extreme |
| D1 Drought - Moderate | D4 Drought - Exceptional |
| D2 Drought - Severe | |

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

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