



# Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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**WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER 5 - 11**

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## Summary

Northern and Eastern portions of the state received rainfall last week with parts of Northeast Texas recording up to two inches for the week. Other areas experienced scattered showers. Most areas of Central and West Texas received little or no precipitation.

**Small Grains:** Winter wheat and oats seeding progressed last week. Low soil moisture delayed

seeding activities in some areas and left producers in need of rainfall to complete the seeding process. Heat and lack of moisture also impeded the germination and growth of some dry land wheat in the Low Plains and North Texas. However some early-planted wheat had already reached grazing stage.

**Row Crops:** Cotton harvest continued across West Texas and the Plains, with defoliant being sprayed on late-season cotton. Some of the harvested crop had made its way to the gin. Insurance adjusters were out in cotton fields, and in some areas dry land cotton was being zeroed out and destroyed. Sorghum harvest was ongoing in the High Plains while soybeans continued to be harvested in the High Plains and North Texas. Harvest of peanuts and sunflowers progressed in the Plains.

**Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops:** Pecan harvest continued around the state. In South Texas, irrigation was active on some fall corn and vegetable fields. Harvest of cabbage and fresh market spinach was underway. In the Lower Valley, winter vegetable harvest had begun and citrus, sugarcane, and late-season cantaloupe harvest continued.

**Livestock, Range, and Pasture:** Dry, windy weather across much of the state hindered range and pasture growth and slowed planting activities. However, thanks to previous rainfall, many pastures remained in fair to good condition. Livestock were generally doing well with good forage availability. However supplemental feeding was still underway in

		Crop Progress			
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2011	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Harvested	100	99	99	97
Cotton	Bolls Opening	98	97	98	97
	Harvested	71	56	75	54
Peanuts	Harvested	96	91	79	84
Sorghum	Mature	98	96	94	97
	Harvested	85	78	84	85
Soybeans	Harvested	94	91	95	94
Sunflowers	Harvested	90	88	87	82
Winter Wheat	Planted	91	87	86	88
	Emerged	74	69	55	68
Oats	Planted	91	90	86	88
	Emerged	79	78	63	59

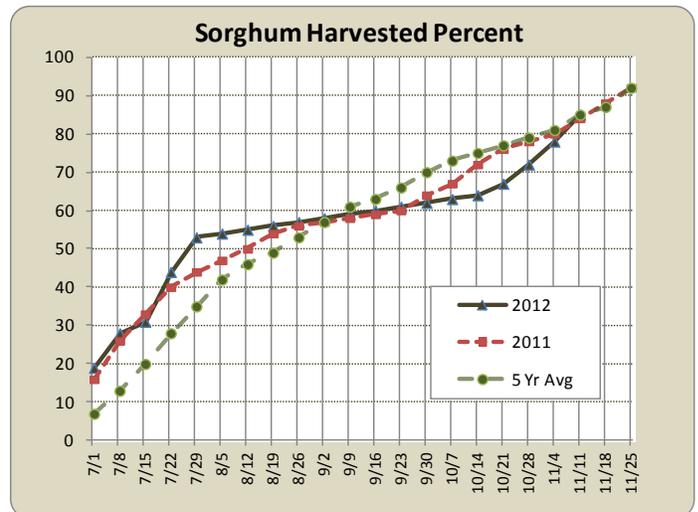
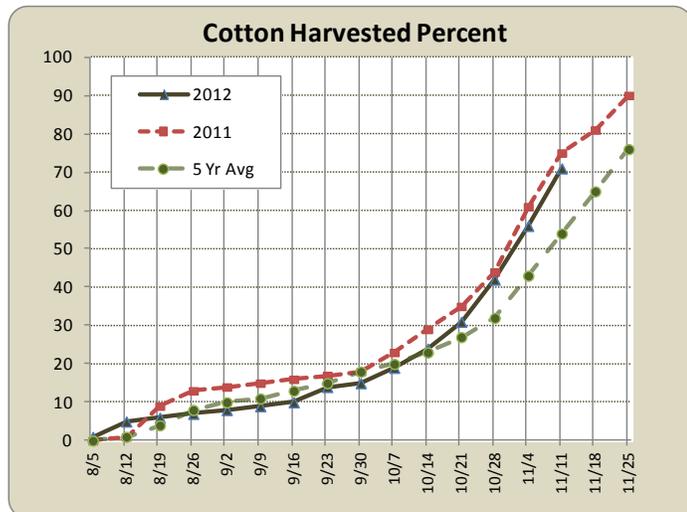
Visit our web site to view the crop progress regional maps, available at [www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics\\_by\\_State/Texas/Publications/Crop\\_Progress\\_&\\_Condition/maps/](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Texas/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/maps/).

some areas. Many producers reported good winter hay supplies. Fire danger existed in areas of the Trans-Pecos as well as East Texas.

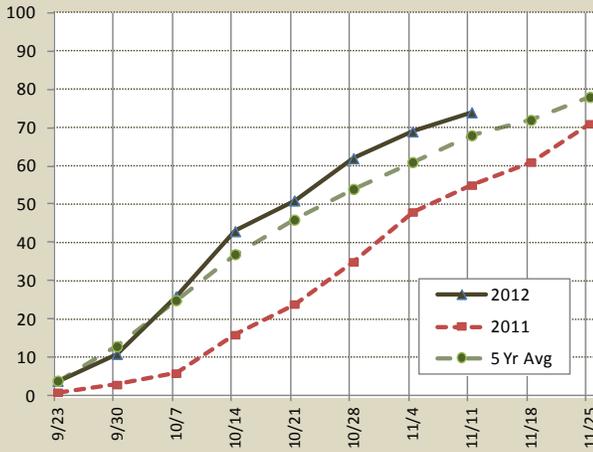
Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2012	2011
Corn	14	37	30	12	7	70	33
Cotton	3	19	29	27	22	46	34
Peanuts	5	47	33	11	4	71	45
Sorghum	16	33	27	15	9	68	49
Soybeans	6	31	50	12	1	68	18
Wheat	5	25	42	22	6	59	48
Oats	5	31	52	8	4	67	33
Range and Pasture	3	18	33	26	20	--	--

\* 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.

Tops Soil Moisture Condition by District									
District	Percent of Acreage				District	Percent of Acreage			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
1-N	59	35	6	0	6	42	56	2	0
1-S	35	54	11	0	7	20	49	31	0
2-N	34	51	15	0	8-N	5	47	48	0
2-S	26	48	26	0	8-S	72	28	0	0
3	14	63	23	0	9	3	38	52	7
4	18	53	29	0	10-N	23	54	23	0
5-N	5	45	49	1	10-S	62	33	5	0
5-S	10	50	38	2	State	24	49	26	1



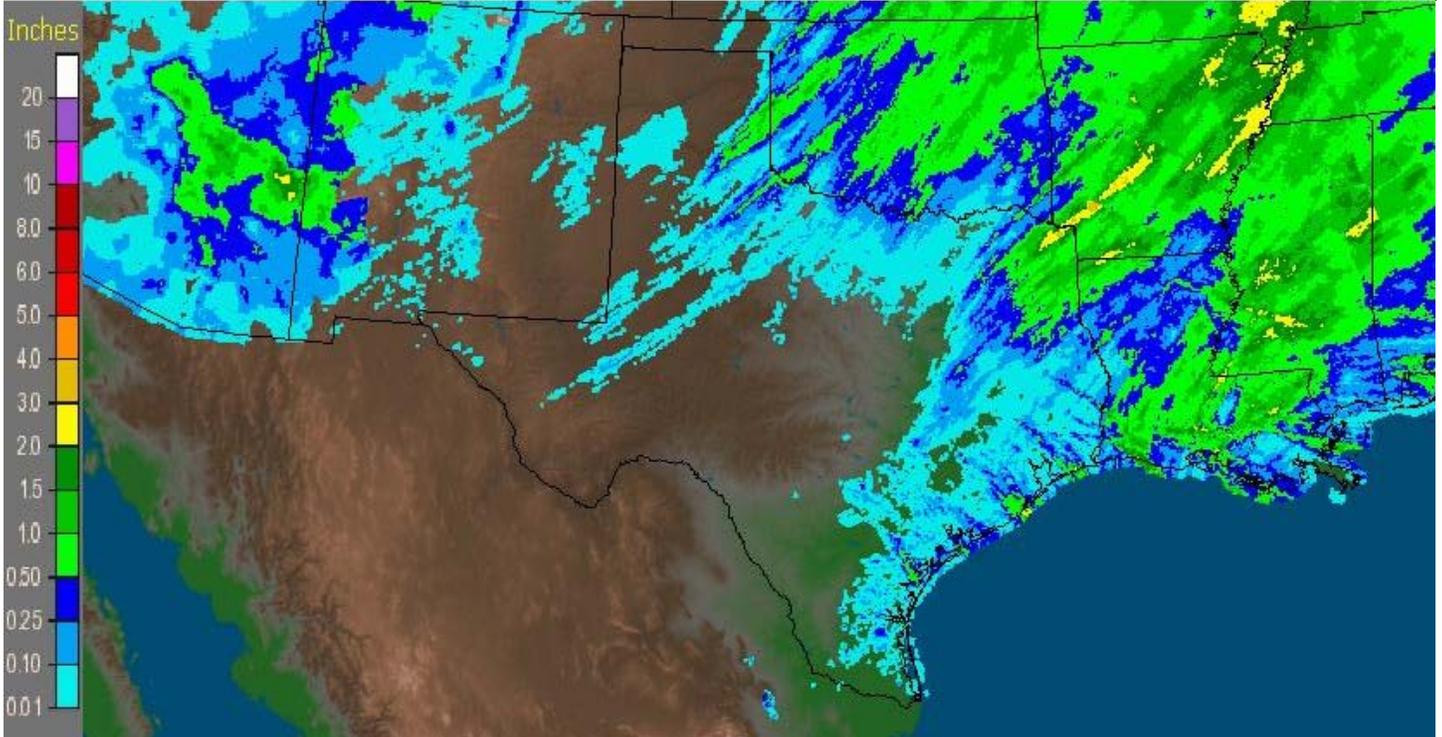
### Wheat Emerged Percent



### Oats Emerged Percent



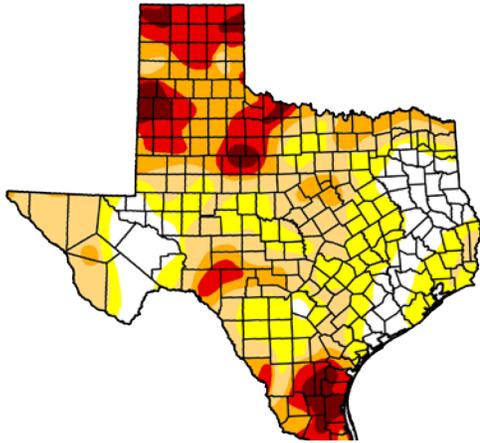
### Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, November 12, 2012



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

# Drought Monitor

Valid 11/6/2012, 7:00 am EST



## Intensity:



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

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