



# Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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**WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER 19 - 25**

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## Summary

Portions of East Texas, South Texas, and the Lower Valley experienced scattered showers last week with some areas recording up to one inch of rainfall. Most other areas of the state remained dry.

**Small Grains:** Winter wheat seeding was starting to wind down in most areas and oats seeding was mostly complete around the state. Most fields had

emerged and livestock grazing was underway on some early-planted fields. In many areas, small grains were greatly in need of additional moisture, although irrigation was active where possible. Some fields had failed to germinate and others were showing signs of drought stress.

**Row Crops:** Cotton harvest was ongoing in the Plains and the Trans-Pecos, aided by dry weather. Some producers were continuing to destroy failed cotton crops. Sorghum and soybean harvest continued in the High Plains. Elsewhere, harvest activities were mostly complete. Corn and sorghum stalks were being chopped for hay in some areas. Many producers were preparing the soil for the next crop season.

**Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops:** Cabbage and spinach harvest was active in South Texas. Producers were busy shipping fresh market spinach. In the Lower Valley, harvest of fall vegetables, citrus, and sugarcane continued. In the Trans-Pecos, chili and pumpkin harvest had mostly wrapped up.

**Livestock, Range, and Pasture:** Winter pastures had emerged in most areas but grasses were drying out quickly due to a prolonged shortage of moisture. Lack of rainfall was also hindering the re-growth of grazed fields with some pastures going dormant. Some livestock producers found forage to be unavailable and had begun winter feeding of hay and supplements. Body condition scores on cattle were reported to be mostly fair to good, though the change in weather was having a negative effect on some herds.

Crop Progress						
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage				
		Current	Prev Week	2011	5 Yr Avg	
Cotton	Bolls Opening	100	99	100	99	
	Harvested	87	80	90	76	
Peanuts	Harvested	99	98	95	97	
Sorghum	Mature	100	99	99	99	
	Harvested	95	91	92	92	
Soybeans	Harvested	97	95	98	98	
Sunflowers	Harvested	92	91	90	88	
Winter Wheat	Planted	96	94	93	94	
	Emerged	85	79	71	78	
Oats	Planted	96	95	92	93	
	Emerged	89	85	80	74	

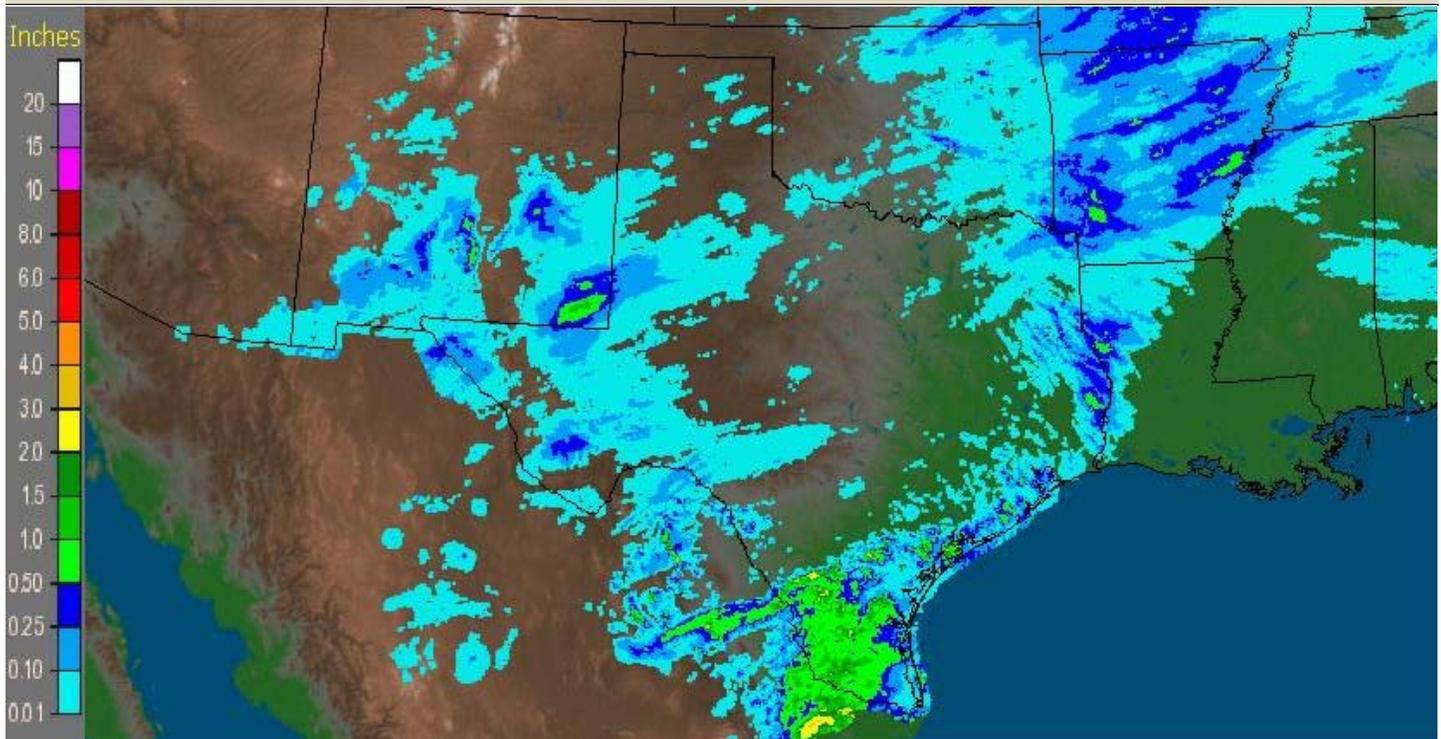
Visit our web site to view the crop progress regional maps, available at [www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics\\_by\\_State/Texas/Publications/Crop\\_Progress\\_&\\_Condition/maps/](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Texas/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/maps/).

Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2012	2011
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	3	18	39	28	12	51	51
Oats	2	17	38	24	19	47	41
Range and Pasture	2	13	33	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.

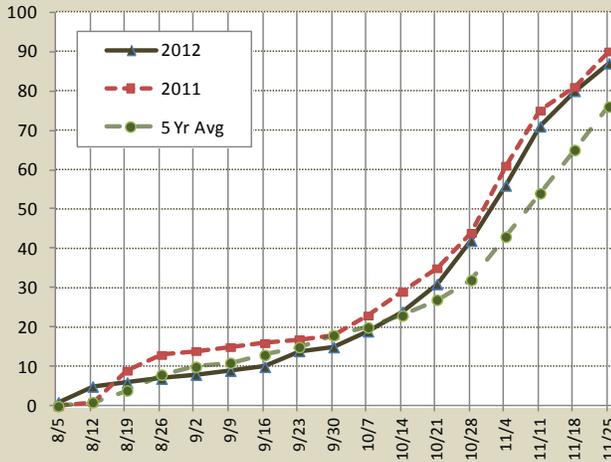
Tops Soil Moisture Condition by District									
District	Percent of Acreage				District	Percent of Acreage			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
1-N	64	30	6	0	6	51	47	2	0
1-S	47	44	9	0	7	35	46	19	0
2-N	45	46	9	0	8-N	17	52	31	0
2-S	30	59	11	0	8-S	46	43	11	0
3	24	65	11	0	9	6	54	38	2
4	38	46	16	0	10-N	29	56	15	0
5-N	14	65	21	0	10-S	72	20	8	0
5-S	22	51	27	0	State	34	50	16	0

### Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, November 25, 2012

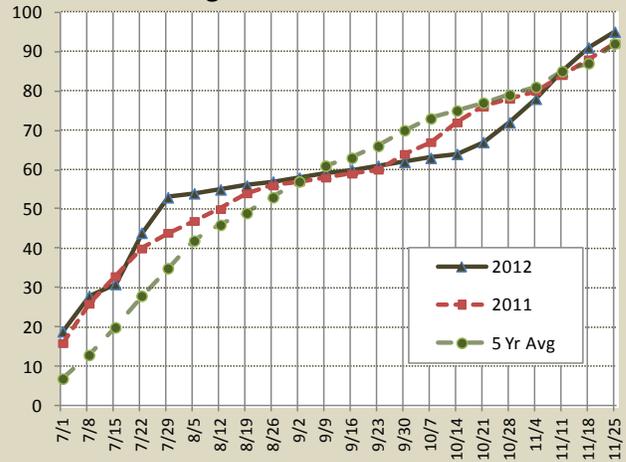


Source: National Weather Service, [www.nws.noaa.gov](http://www.nws.noaa.gov)

**Cotton Harvested Percent**



**Sorghum Harvested Percent**



**Wheat Emerged Percent**

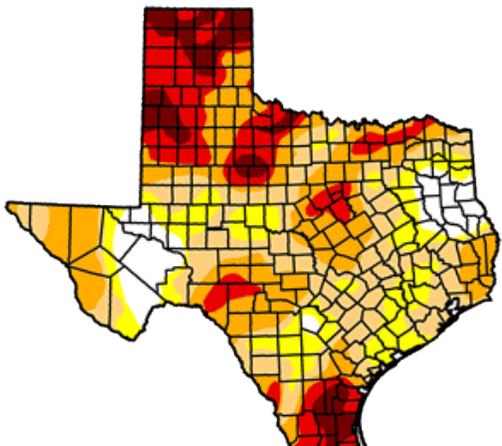


**Oats Emerged Percent**



**Drought Monitor**

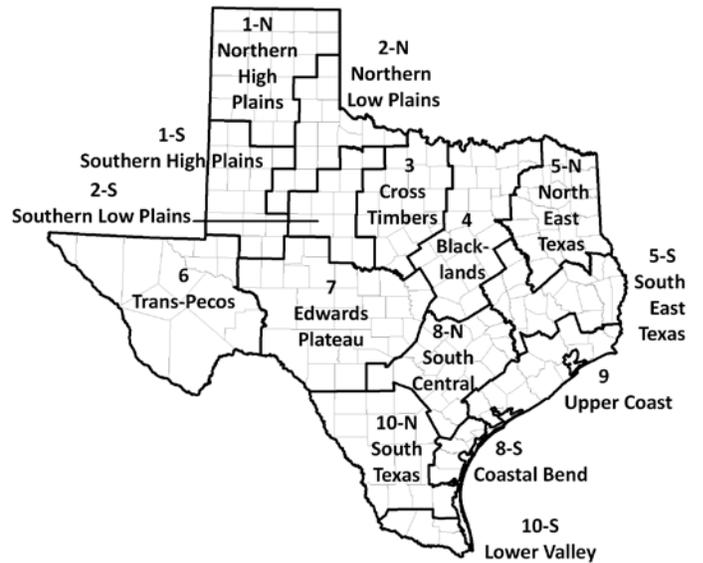
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**Intensity:**

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

**Texas Agricultural Districts**



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