



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR MARCH 18 – 24

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Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2013	2012
Wheat	1	18	34	32	15	46	61
Oats	2	20	41	28	9	52	85
Range and Pasture	1	11	26	34	28	--	--

* 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.

Summary

Temperatures fluctuated across the state with some areas experiencing both unseasonably warm weather and frost conditions last week. Moisture was scarce as well, with very few areas reporting any measurable rainfall. Dry conditions and high winds continued to deplete soil moisture.

Crop Progress						
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage				
		Current	Prev Week	2012	5 Yr Avg	
Corn	Planted	48	42	41	43	
	Emerged	12	0	14	12	
Cotton	Planted	3	1	8	5	
Rice	Planted	21	7	3	18	
Sorghum	Planted	33	26	30	33	
Soybeans	Planted	6	2	3	6	
Winter Wheat	Headed	1	0	3	4	
Oats	Headed	15	3	20	10	

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/.

Small Grains: Winter wheat

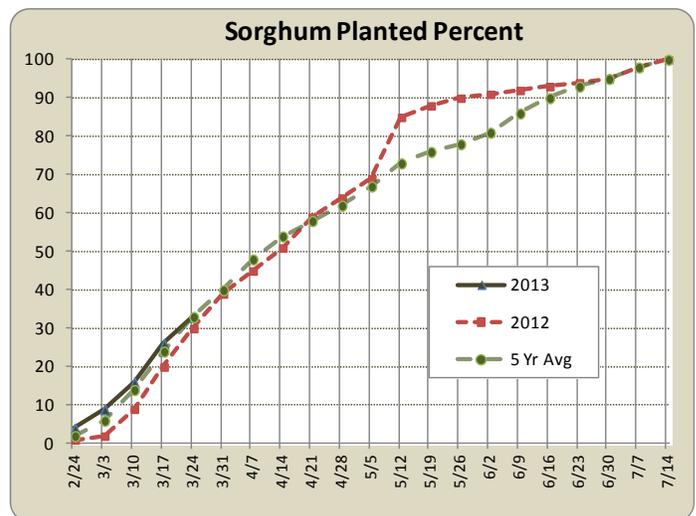
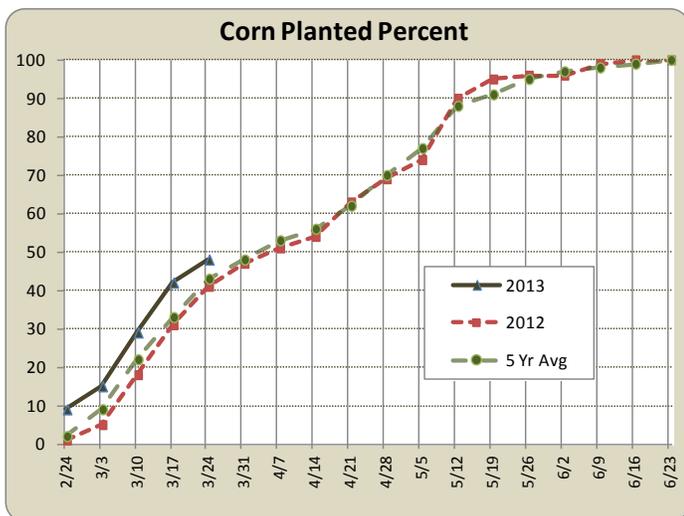
in the Blacklands and East Texas continued to do well, however dry land small grains across the rest of the state were stressed by lack of moisture. Irrigated fields in the Plains progressed well, where some producers treated for green bugs.

Row Crops: Producers in the Plains and the Trans-Pecos continued to prepare for cotton planting, while corn planting in the Blacklands and East Texas was wrapping up. Planting of corn, sorghum, and soybeans continued in the Edwards Plateau and South Central Texas, with some producers starting to plant cotton.

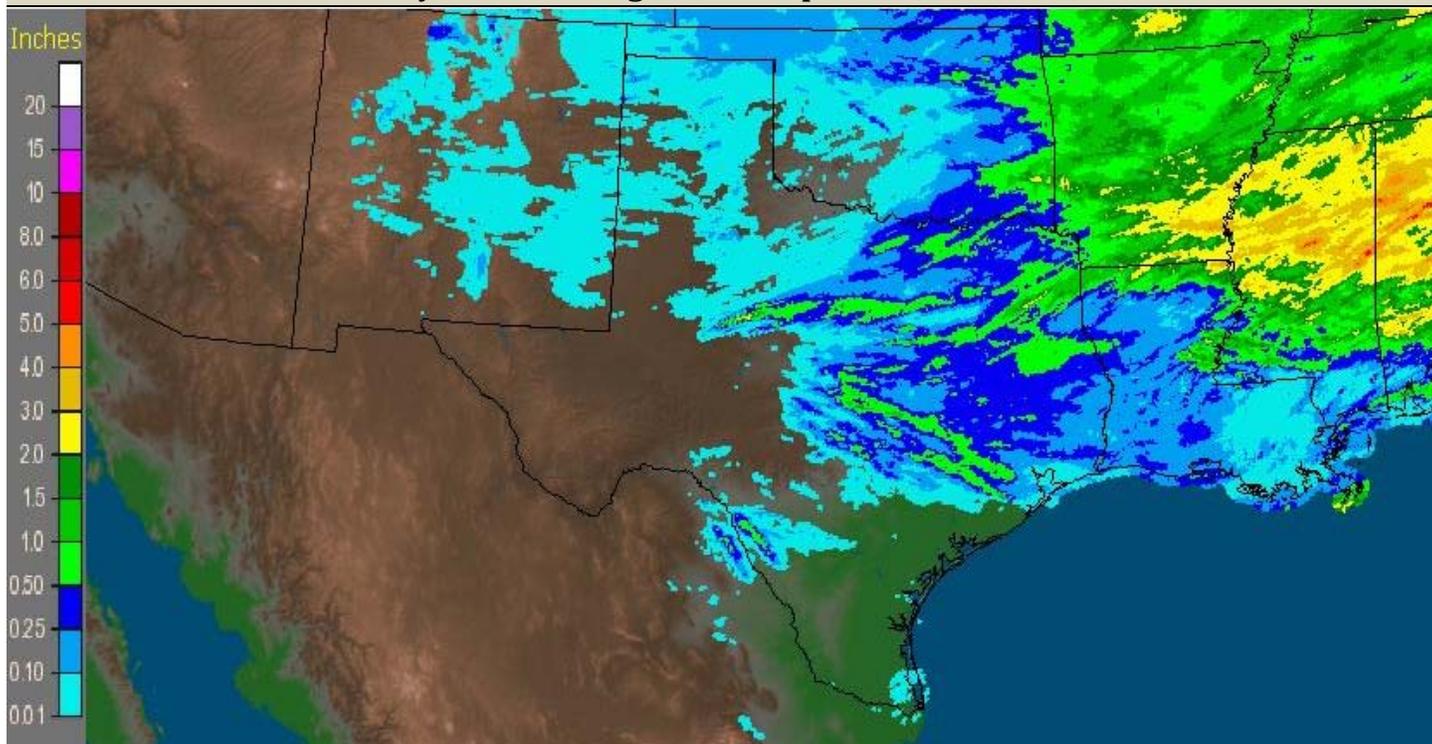
Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: Peaches were in full bloom in North East Texas last week, where producers also continued planting warm season vegetables. In the Lower Valley, spring vegetable crops progressed and producers prepared to begin harvesting onions.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Producers in the Blacklands and North East Texas were better able to utilize winter pastures and cut back on supplemental feeding. Pastures across the rest of the state were stressed due to lack of moisture and high winds, so cattle continued to be fed hay, or were grazed on wheat where available.

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	25	54	21	0	6	66	33	1	0
1-S	52	39	9	0	7	52	37	11	0
2-N	16	37	47	0	8-N	42	39	19	0
2-S	58	39	3	0	8-S	67	25	8	0
3	23	60	17	0	9	15	53	29	3
4	4	39	57	0	10-N	65	31	4	0
5-N	8	42	50	0	10-S	93	7	0	0
5-S	12	45	43	0	State	33	42	25	0



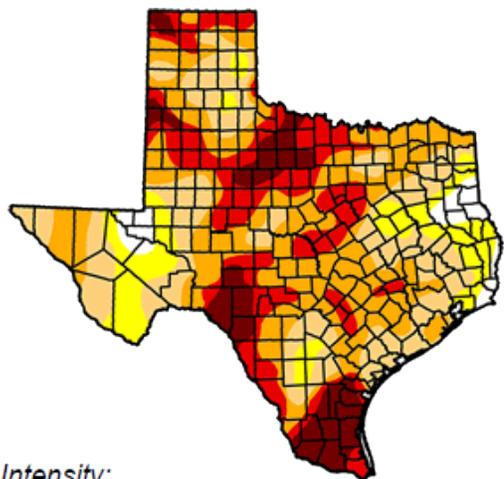
Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, March 24, 2013



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

Drought Monitor

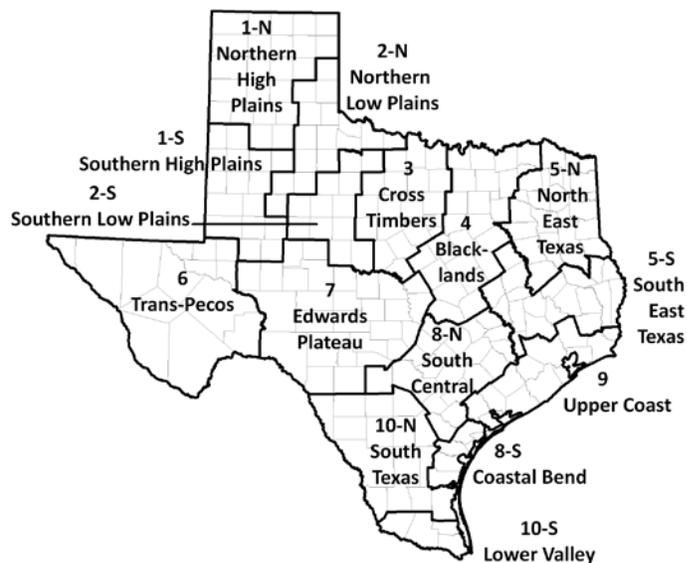
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Intensity:



Texas Agricultural Districts



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