



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR APRIL 8 – 14

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Crop	Crop Condition						Index	
	Percent of Acreage					2013	2012	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor			
Wheat	1	16	33	30	20	44	59	
Oats	2	21	41	27	9	53	80	
Range and Pasture	2	13	28	32	25	--	--	

* 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

Many parts of the state received measurable rainfall again last week. Some producers in the Cross Timbers saw as much as 2 to 3 inches, while pockets in the Upper Coast and South East Texas measured 3 to 5 inches. Areas from South Central to North East Texas also benefitted from scattered showers and localized accumulations up to 2 inches.

Crop	Stage	Crop Progress			
		Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2012	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Planted	56	55	54	56
	Emerged	49	39	47	46
Cotton	Planted	10	8	18	14
Rice	Planted	85	76	61	76
	Emerged	64	40	36	49
Sorghum	Planted	59	41	51	54
Soybeans	Planted	38	28	35	43
Winter Wheat	Headed	21	14	49	28
Oats	Headed	54	39	77	58

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/.

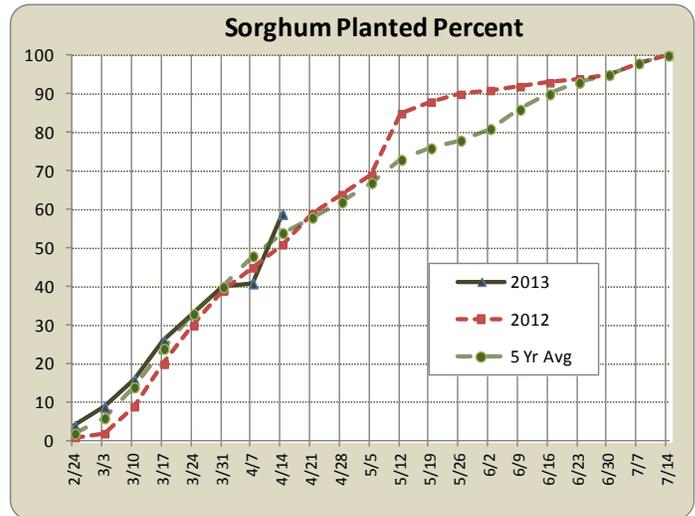
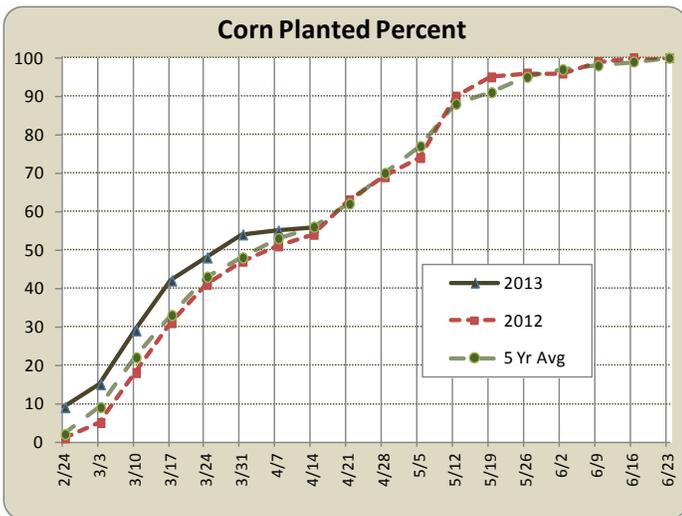
Small Grains: The Plains recorded another hard freeze last week and producers were still assessing damage to wheat crops. Some producers in the Cross Timbers and the Blacklands noted significant damage to small grains from the previous week's freeze. Wheat fields in East Texas began to head as did some irrigated fields in South Central Texas. Some oats in the Edwards Plateau were being cut for hay.

Row Crops: Recent rains helped the corn and sorghum crops from the Blacklands to South Central Texas and the Upper Coast, although cold and wet conditions delayed further sorghum planting in the Blacklands. Cotton planting was underway in the Trans-Pecos and South Central Texas. Producers in the Plains continued to make preparations for this year's cotton crop by pre-watering and applying pre-emergence herbicides. Heavy rains in the Upper Coast delayed some rice planting.

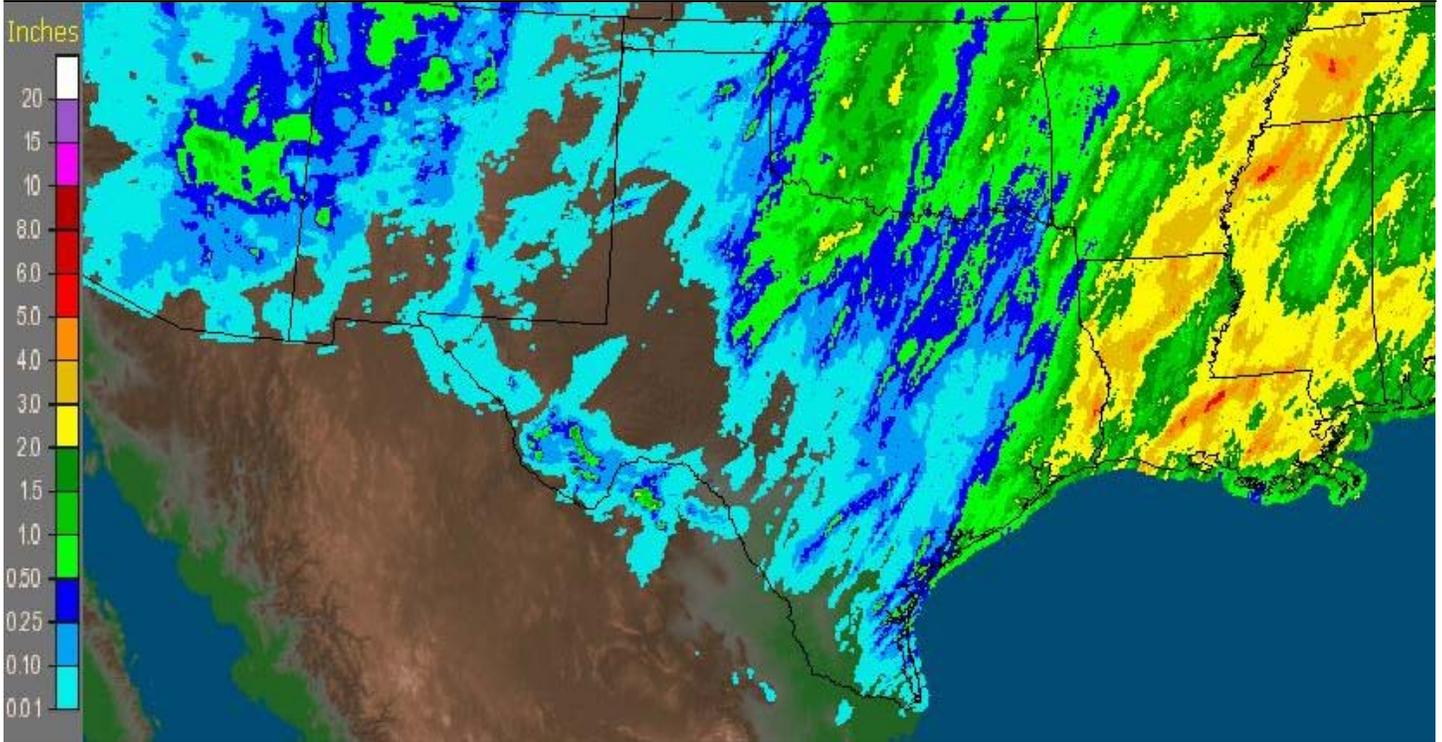
Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: Sugarcane and spinach harvest in South Texas and the Lower Valley was wrapping up. Harvest of citrus and vegetables continued to progress. Some onion farmers started harvesting. Pecan trees from the Trans-Pecos to South Central Texas began to break bud last week as producers started monitoring pests that emerged with warmer temperatures. Pecan and peach trees in the Cross Timbers and the Plains suffered freeze damage last week.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Poor pasture conditions in South Texas prompted livestock producers to continue selling off cattle. Rangeland in South Central Texas and the Edwards Plateau showed signs of recovering with the help of recent rains, while producers in the Blacklands and East Texas further reduced supplemental feeding as clover and ryegrass pastures began to thrive.

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	44	49	7	0	6	62	37	1	0
1-S	47	45	8	0	7	30	41	28	1
2-N	22	40	38	0	8-N	21	49	26	4
2-S	60	40	0	0	8-S	77	20	3	0
3	12	36	50	2	9	9	23	48	20
4	3	28	58	11	10-N	54	34	12	0
5-N	2	14	68	16	10-S	99	1	0	0
5-S	8	33	49	10	State	28	35	32	5



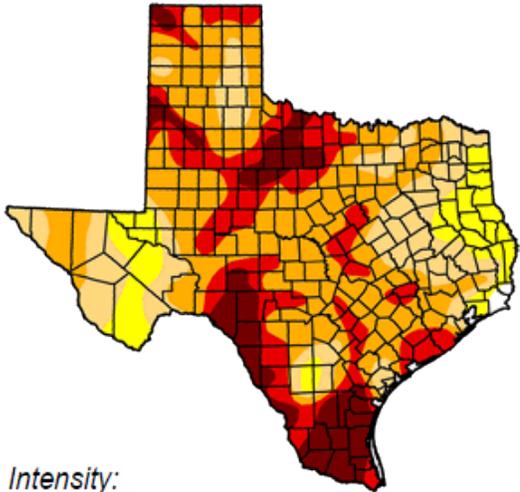
Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, April 14, 2013



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

Drought Monitor

Valid 4/9/2013, 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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