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Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR APRIL 15 – 21 **ISSUE TX-CW1013** **RELEASED APRIL 22, 2013**

Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2013	2012
Corn	2	56	36	3	3	75	87
Rice	0	2	63	35	0	48	87
Sorghum	1	23	34	4	38	45	80
Wheat	1	11	28	29	31	37	58
Oats	2	20	43	25	10	53	80
Range and Pasture	2	16	29	29	24	- -	- -

* 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

Rainfall continued to concentrate mostly in the northeastern parts of the state, as some areas in the Blacklands and East Texas received an inch or more of rain last week. Portions of the Cross Timbers, the Edwards Plateau, South Central Texas, and the Upper Coast recorded closer to a half inch of precipitation, while the rest of the state saw little to no moisture. The Plains experienced another freeze event along with high winds, which continued to dry out soil moisture.

Crop Progress					
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2012	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Planted	59	56	63	62
	Emerged	53	49	52	53
Cotton	Planted	12	10	22	17
Rice	Planted	91	85	77	83
	Emerged	77	64	61	64
Sorghum	Planted	62	59	59	58
Soybeans	Planted	44	38	57	57
Sunflowers	Planted	14	0	15	13
Winter Wheat	Headed	34	21	65	41
Oats	Headed	67	54	93	75

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: Freezing temperatures in the Plains negatively impacted wheat in the boot and early heading stages. Producers were still assessing damage from previous freeze events. Wheat and oats in the Blacklands and North East Texas that survived earlier freezes were heading out and in good condition. Irrigated wheat across the rest of the state continued to show promise, while dry land wheat struggled due to a lack of moisture.

Row Crops: Irrigated crops across South Texas continued to develop. Rice planting in the Upper Coast was slowed by previous heavy rains, with some producers waiting on fields to dry while others waited to rebuild washed-out levees. Producers in that region also planted soybeans and cotton where conditions allowed fieldwork. In the Edwards Plateau, farmers planted sorghum and a few began planting cotton.

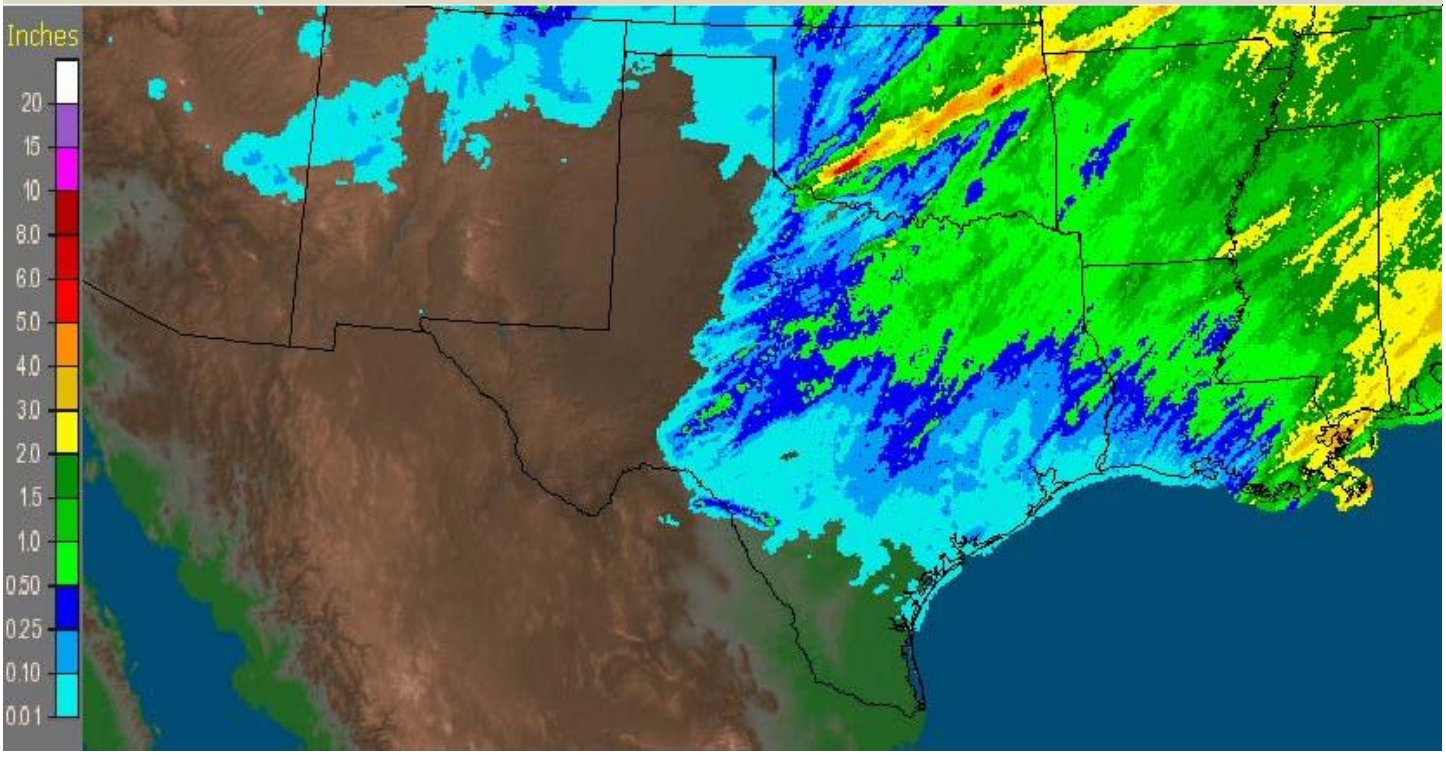
Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: Pecans in the Southern High Plains were budding and producers started spraying zinc. Farmers in North East Texas harvested a few cool season vegetables and assessed blueberry and peach damage from prior freeze events. Harvest of citrus and vegetables continued in the Lower Valley.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Livestock producers in South Texas and the Coastal Bend continued to supplement with hay and some reduced inventory due to poor pasture conditions. Areas that received rain last week experienced good forage growth, although many producers reported that growth was slower than otherwise expected due to cooler temperatures.

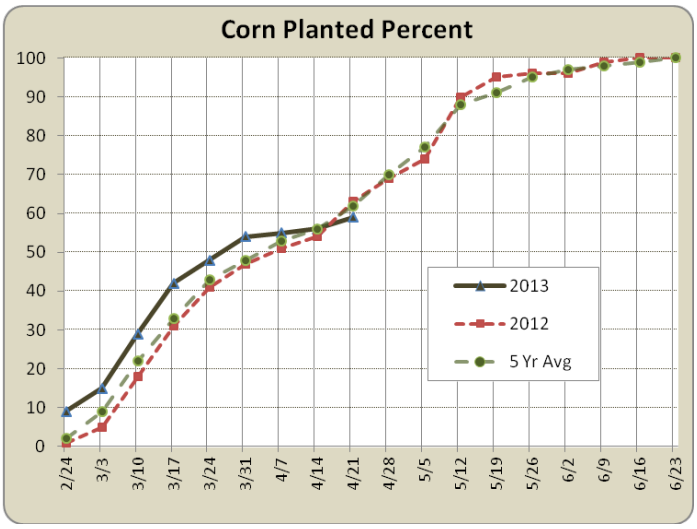
Tops Soil Moisture Condition by District

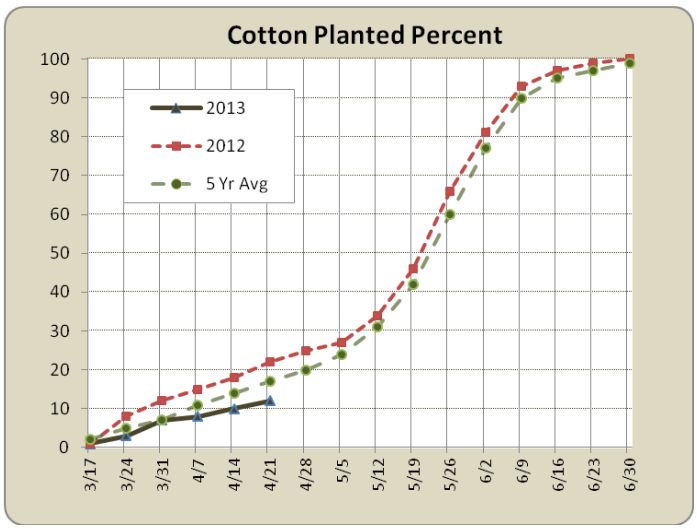
District	Percent of Acreage				District	Percent of Acreage			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
1-N	51	44	5	0	**6**	63	36	1	0
1-S	55	39	6	0	**7**	40	35	25	0
2-N	14	39	47	0	**8-N**	20	53	22	5
2-S	60	40	0	0	**8-S**	73	23	4	0
3	21	32	47	0	**9**	14	25	55	6
4	7	32	53	8	**10-N**	59	31	10	0
5-N	2	23	71	4	**10-S**	99	1	0	0
5-S	7	26	61	6	**State**	32	34	32	2

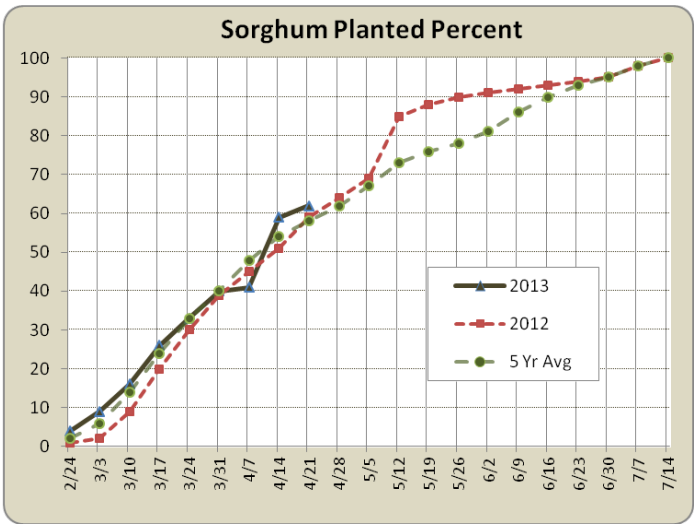
Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, April 21, 2013

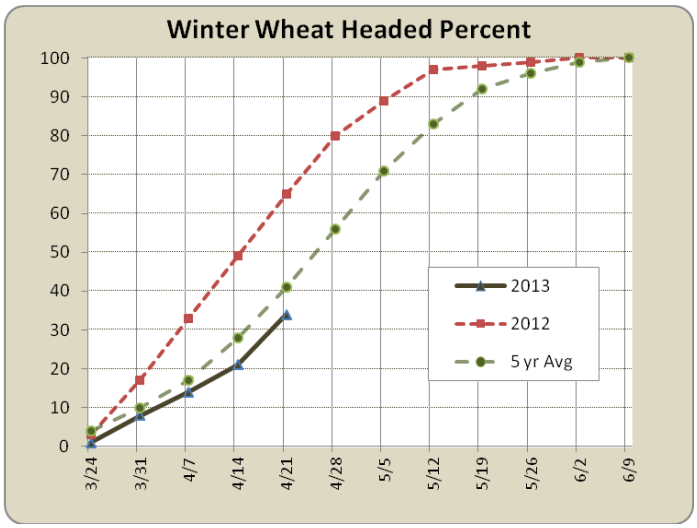


Source: National Weather Service, *www.nws.noaa.gov*









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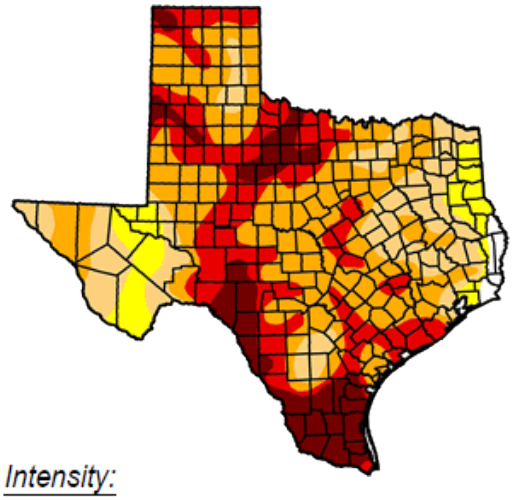

Intensity:

- 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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