



# Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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**WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR JUL 29 – AUG 4**

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## Summary

Precipitation was scarce across the state last week. The Northern High Plains and Trans-Pecos received the most significant rainfall, with isolated areas receiving up to 4 inches. Other areas receiving rainfall reported totals less than an inch. South Texas, the Lower Valley and the Coastal Bend remained dry. Summer temperatures returned with highs averaging from the high 90's to mid 100's.

**Small Grains:** Small grain producers across the state continued field work ahead of fall seeding.

**Row Crops:** Irrigated cotton in the Plains was squaring and setting bolls, and producers sprayed for weeds. Corn and sorghum harvest continued in the Blacklands. Cotton irrigation was in full swing

across the Edwards Plateau and South Central Texas. Some producers in the Lower Valley and the Coastal Bend were harvesting cotton. Others were concerned with the timing of defoliant applications. Rice harvest in the Upper Coast was active last week. Army worm populations were a concern in the Northern High Plains.

**Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops:** Some producers in the Edwards Plateau irrigated pecan crops heavily due to lack of moisture and high temperatures. Summer harvest of melons, peas, peaches, and tomatoes continued in North East Texas, although production slowed due to hot weather. Late cantaloupe harvest continued in the Lower Valley.

**Livestock, Range and Pasture:** While many pastures in the Plains continued to improve with recent rains, pastures across the southern part of the state showed signs of stress due to lack of rain, hot temperatures, and increasing winds. Previous rains and hotter temperatures also encouraged more weed growth in range and pastures. Hay harvest was active across the state last week, with some producers in the Trans-Pecos working on third and fourth cuttings of alfalfa.

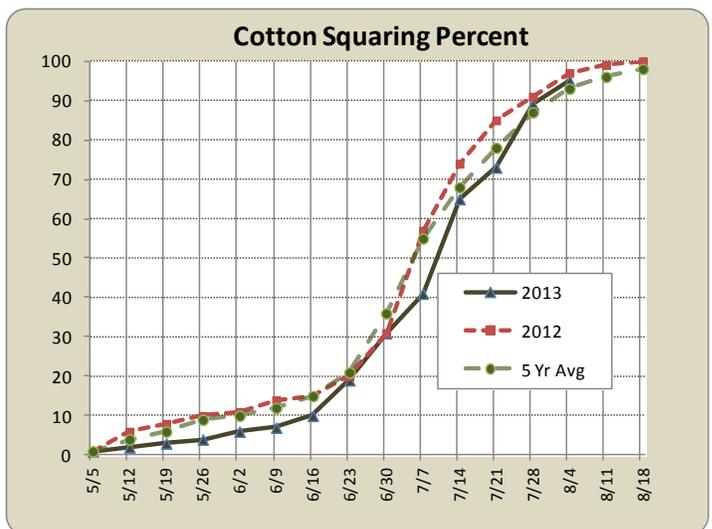
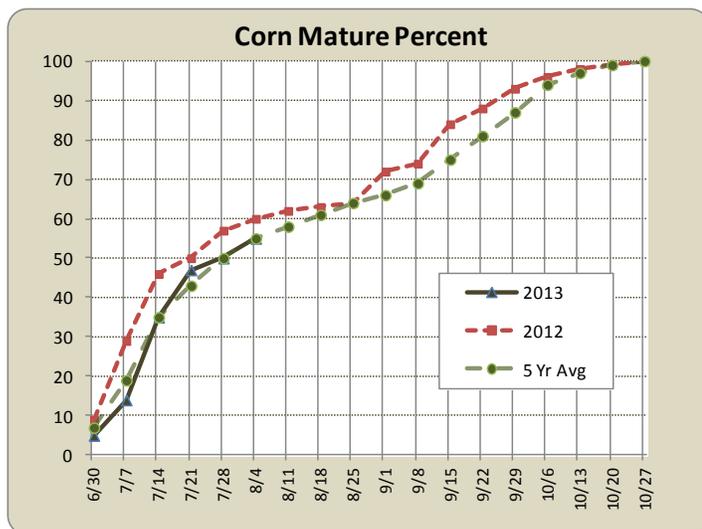
		Crop Progress			
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2012	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Silked (Tasseled)	94	89	95	95
	Dough	70	65	71	70
	Dent	60	58	67	61
	Mature	55	50	60	55
Cotton	Squaring	95	89	97	93
	Setting Bolls	42	26	65	62
	Bolls Opening	9	7	16	14
Peanuts	Pegging	97	94	85	89
Rice	Headed	98	92	90	91
	Harvested	6	2	13	15
Sorghum	Headed	82	80	82	78
	Coloring	73	71	72	65
	Mature	63	60	68	60
	Harvested	46	39	54	46
Soybeans	Blooming	94	91	85	92
	Setting Pods	56	45	77	81
Sunflowers	Harvested	3	1	0	0

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/).

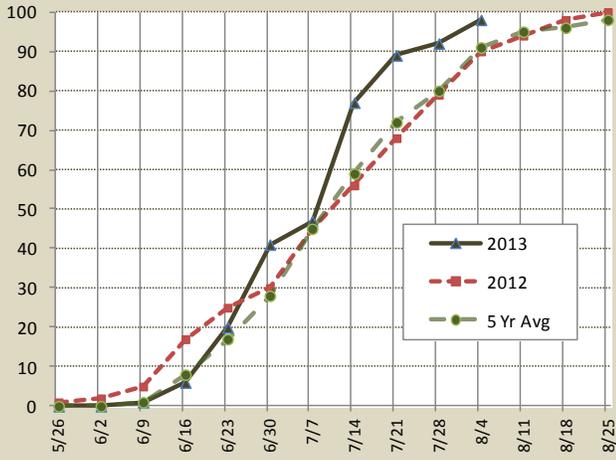
Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2013	2012
Corn	9	41	41	8	1	73	67
Cotton	5	27	37	20	11	58	50
Peanuts	0	54	34	8	4	71	77
Rice	15	26	57	2	0	75	80
Sorghum	7	43	32	9	9	68	70
Soybeans	9	36	47	7	1	72	69
Range and Pasture	2	17	38	25	18	--	--

\* 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.

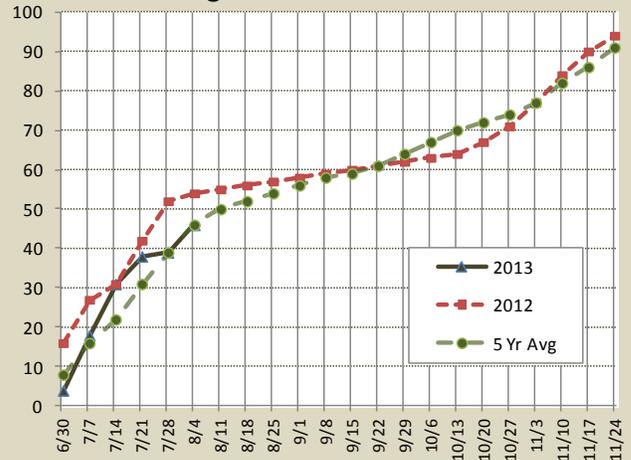
Top Soil Moisture Condition by District									
District	Percent of Acreage				District	Percent of Acreage			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
1-N	29	55	14	2	6	27	56	17	0
1-S	14	42	42	2	7	17	40	41	2
2-N	7	47	46	0	8-N	33	48	19	0
2-S	3	53	44	0	8-S	30	60	10	0
3	7	41	49	3	9	20	30	50	0
4	11	44	45	0	10-N	13	61	26	0
5-N	23	51	26	0	10-S	50	40	10	0
5-S	36	44	20	0	State	19	47	33	1



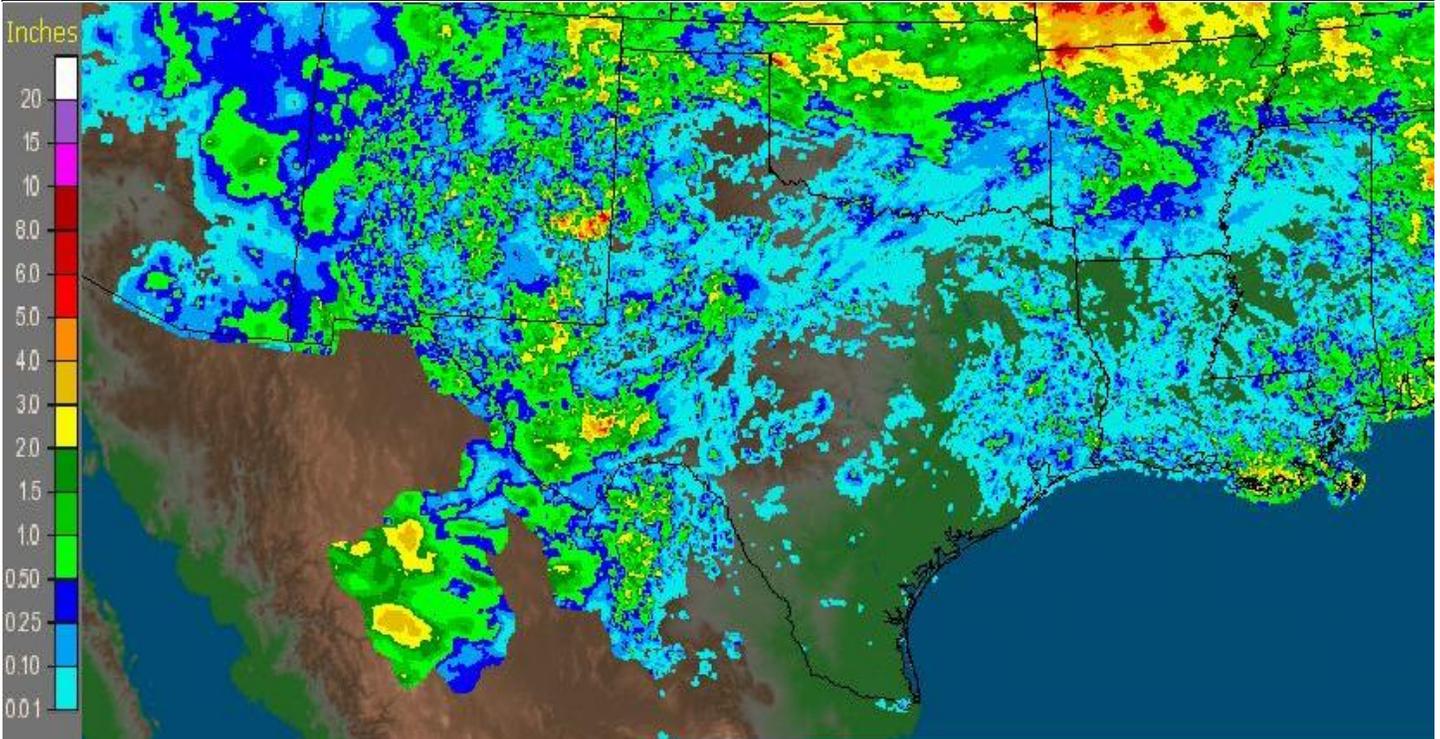
**Rice Headed Percent**



**Sorghum Harvested Percent**



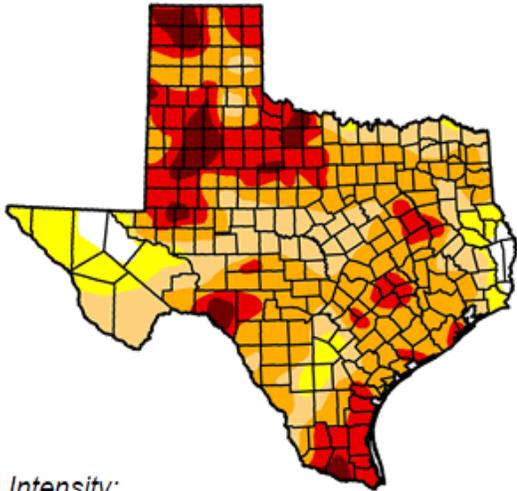
**Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, August 4, 2013**



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

# Drought Monitor

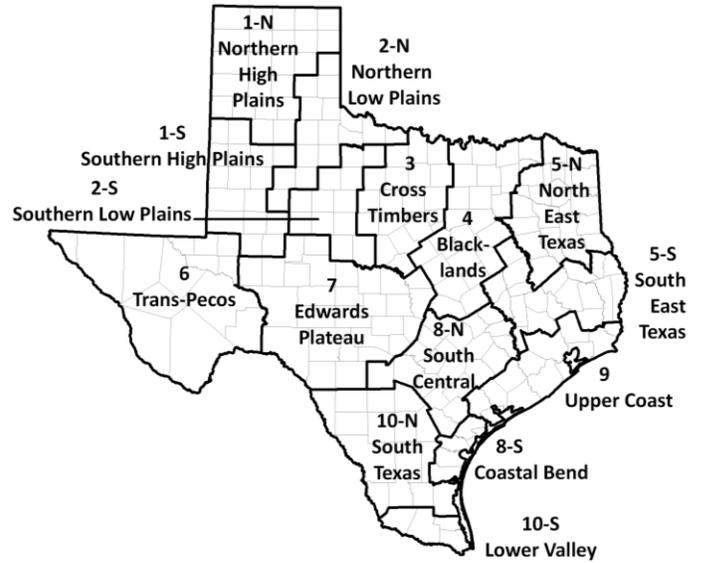
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## Intensity:



# Texas Agricultural Districts



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