



# Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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**WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR AUG 26 – SEP 1**

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## Summary

Select areas of South Central Texas, the Coastal Bend, the Upper Coast, and the Lower Valley received significant rainfall in amounts totaling up to 4 inches. Other areas remained hot and dry, further depleting soil moisture levels.

**Small Grains:** Some producers in the Northern High Plains, Southern Low Plains, and the Edwards Plateau seeded small grains intended for fall grazing. Producers in other parts of the state continued to make field preparations and waited on additional moisture.

**Row Crops:** Cotton harvest continued from South Central Texas through the Lower Valley. Cotton in the Plains continued to mature with many areas reaching cutout. Defoliation was active in the Blacklands and the Edwards Plateau in advance of cotton harvest.

Rice harvest continued in South Central Texas and the Upper Coast, and some producers irrigated for a ratoon crop.

**Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops:** Potato harvest in the Northern High Plains was underway. Pecans in the Trans-Pecos were in the gel stage, and pecan producers in the Edwards Plateau irrigated trees. Some pecan producers in the Cross Timbers observed high aphid populations. Vegetable farmers in South Texas prepared seedbeds, and in the Lower Valley some producers were planting fall vegetables.

Crop Progress					
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2012	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Silked (Tasseled)	100	99	100	100
	Dough	91	89	95	95
	Dent	79	71	87	83
	Mature	62	58	72	66
	Harvested	59	52	60	56
Cotton	Squaring	100	99	100	100
	Setting Bolls	93	89	97	94
	Bolls Opening	16	13	30	25
	Harvested	6	4	8	10
Rice	Harvested	82	70	77	82
Sorghum	Headed	95	92	93	93
	Coloring	78	76	76	73
	Mature	70	66	72	64
	Harvested	68	65	58	56
Soybeans	Blooming	98	97	98	100
	Setting Pods	78	77	97	98
	Dropping Leaves	53	40	71	70
	Harvested	24	10	33	31
Sunflowers	Harvested	16	14	18	16

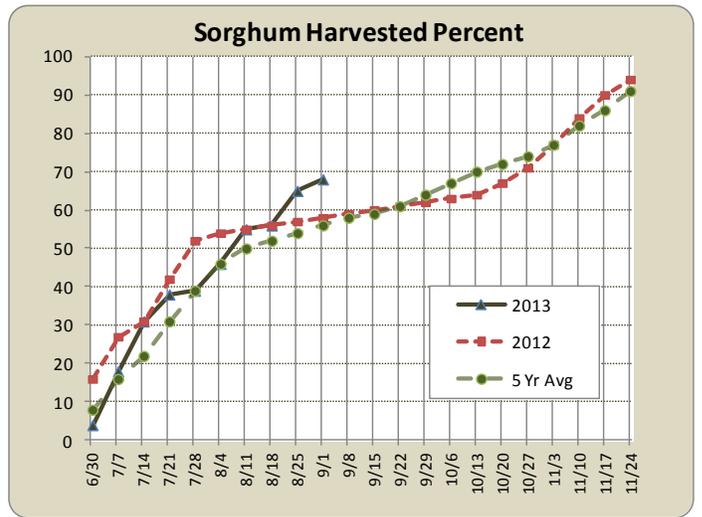
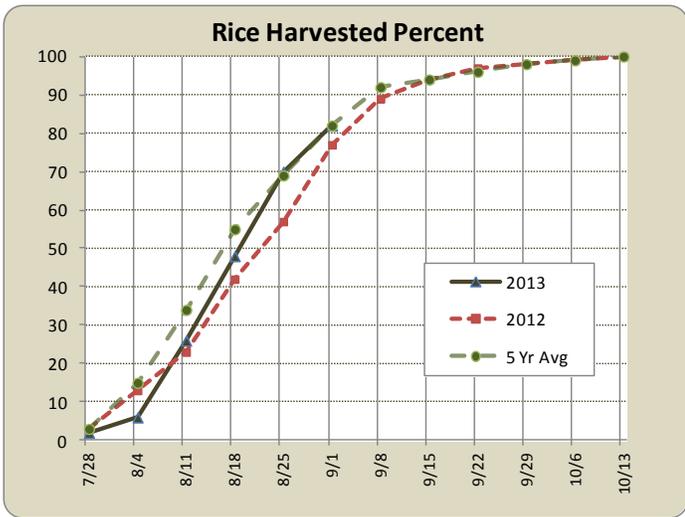
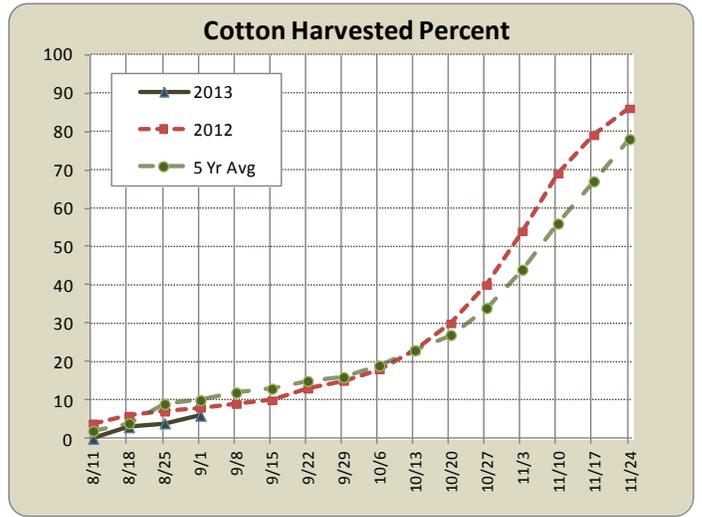
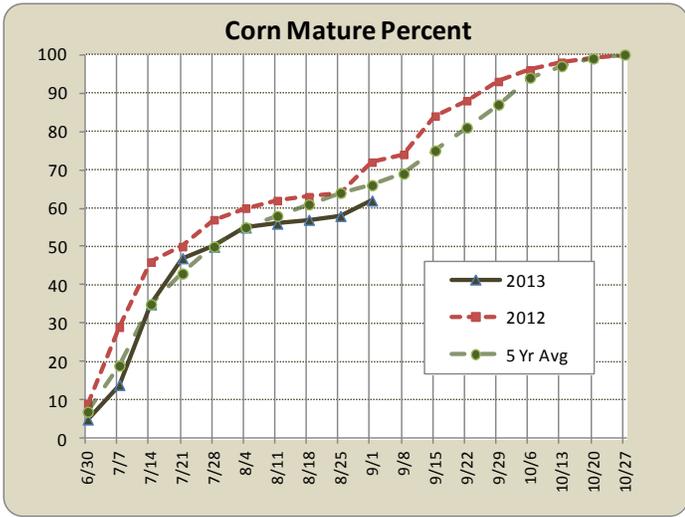
Visit our web site to view the crop progress regional maps, available at [www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics\\_by\\_State/Texas/Publications/Crop\\_Progress\\_&\\_Condition/maps/](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Texas/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/maps/).

**Livestock, Range and Pasture:** Pasture conditions and hay production continued to hinge on recent precipitation, with many areas of the state reporting insufficient moisture. Areas that received scattered showers still reported insufficient rainfall to fill stock tanks.

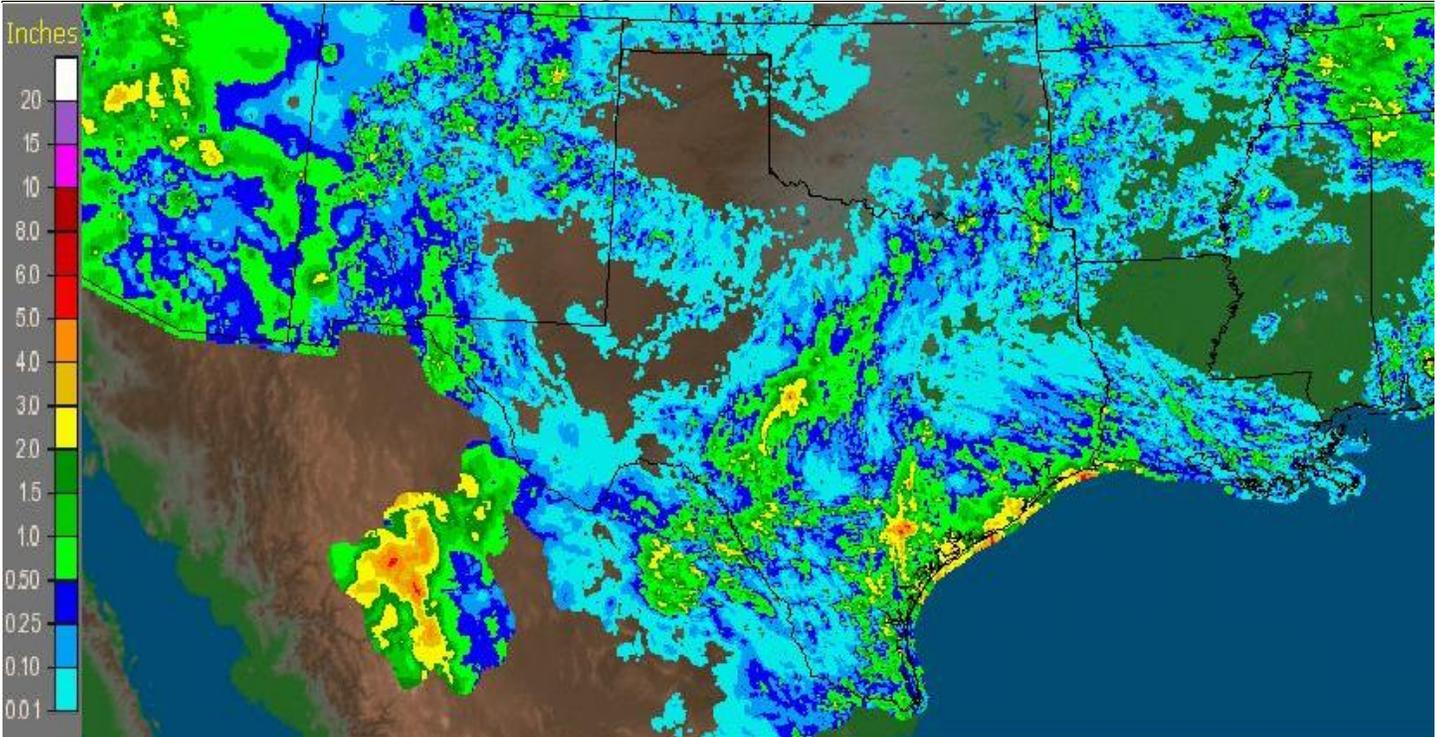
Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2013	2012
Corn	13	41	35	10	1	75	70
Cotton	6	28	33	18	15	57	49
Peanuts	0	53	36	8	3	71	79
Rice	12	36	47	5	0	75	74
Sorghum	12	46	33	8	1	76	68
Soybeans	10	35	40	13	2	70	69
Range and Pasture	1	12	31	32	24	--	--

\* 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.

Top Soil Moisture Condition by District									
District	Percent of Acreage				District	Percent of Acreage			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
<b>1-N</b>	24	63	13	0	<b>6</b>	43	41	16	0
<b>1-S</b>	15	63	20	2	<b>7</b>	34	47	19	0
<b>2-N</b>	18	52	30	0	<b>8-N</b>	55	33	12	0
<b>2-S</b>	20	59	21	0	<b>8-S</b>	36	35	22	7
<b>3</b>	14	66	20	0	<b>9</b>	7	22	55	16
<b>4</b>	41	49	10	0	<b>10-N</b>	32	40	27	1
<b>5-N</b>	49	42	9	0	<b>10-S</b>	33	32	22	13
<b>5-S</b>	40	45	11	4	<b>State</b>	32	48	18	2



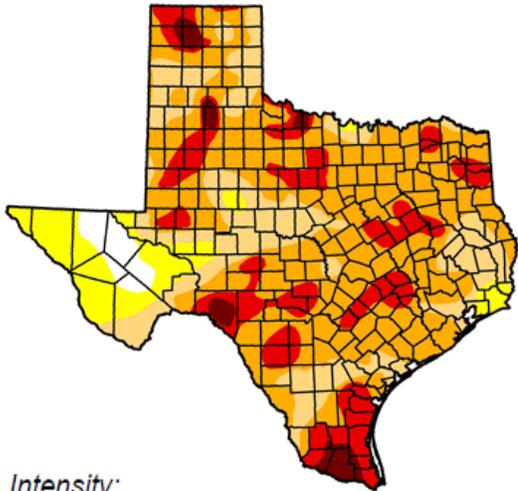
## Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, September 2, 2013



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

# Drought Monitor

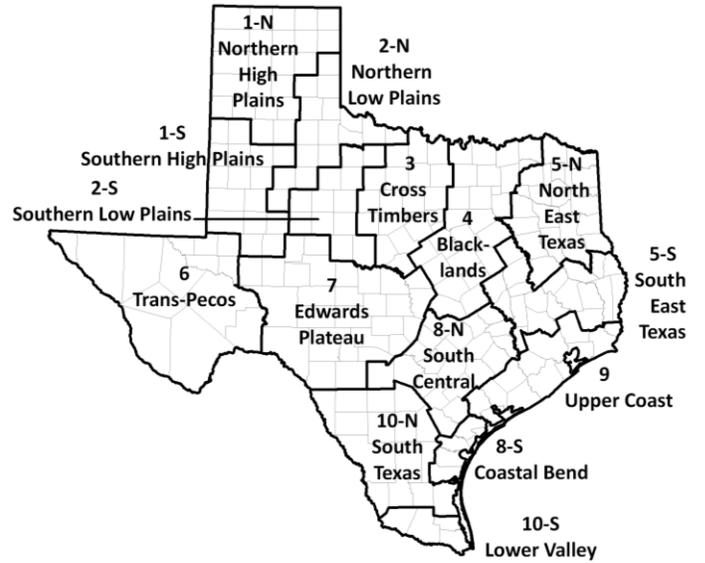
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## Intensity:



# Texas Agricultural Districts



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