



# Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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**WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER 2 – 8**

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## Summary

Scattered showers fell across most of the state, with areas from the Lower Valley to South East Texas receiving upward of 1 inch of precipitation. Many areas of the Plains and the Cross Timbers remained hot and dry.

**Small Grains:** Some producers across the state were seeding wheat for fall grazing as moisture levels allowed, whereas others waited on additional moisture.

**Row Crops:** Cotton bolls were opening in North East Texas and the Trans Pecos. Producers in the Blacklands were defoliating cotton and harvest had begun. Cotton harvest was temporarily delayed in portions of the Lower Valley, South Texas, and the Coastal Bend by rain showers. Corn and sorghum harvest was

underway in the Southern High Plains. Soybeans were being harvested in the Blacklands and South Central Texas. Peanuts in South Texas were setting pods and irrigation continued.

**Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops:** Vegetable crops in South Texas and the Lower Valley benefitted from recent rains. Spinach producers in South Texas were making preparations for planting. Potato harvest continued in the Northern High Plains.

**Livestock, Range and Pasture:** Hay production slowed across the state due to hot, dry conditions. Stock tank levels and livestock water supplies were an issue across the Cross Timbers, the Blacklands, and North East Texas. Forage availability and condition improved in areas of South Texas, the Lower Valley, and Coastal Bend that received rainfall, however pastures continued to dry across most of the state.

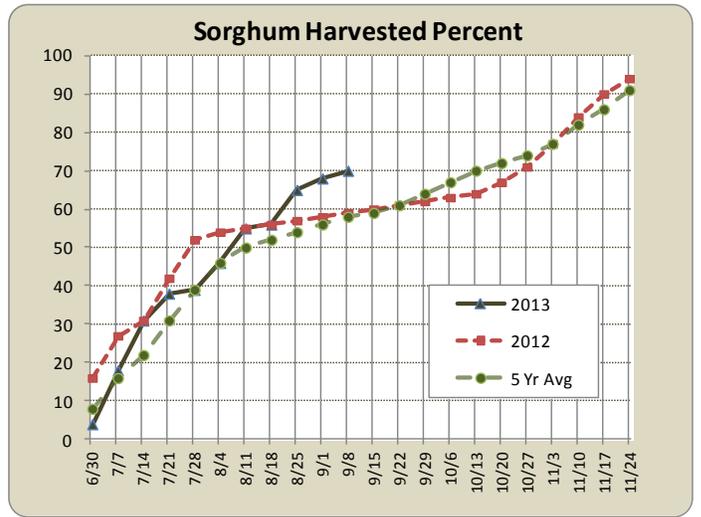
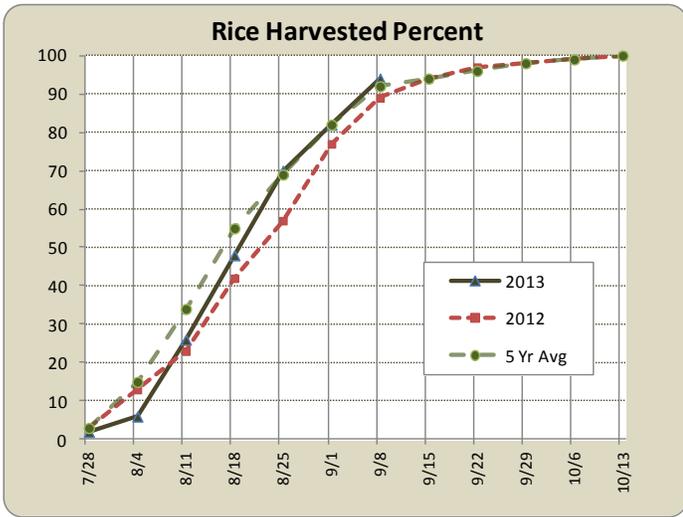
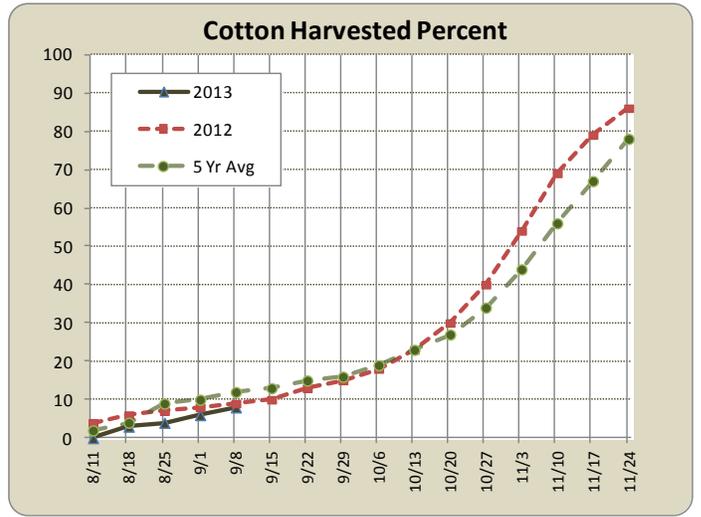
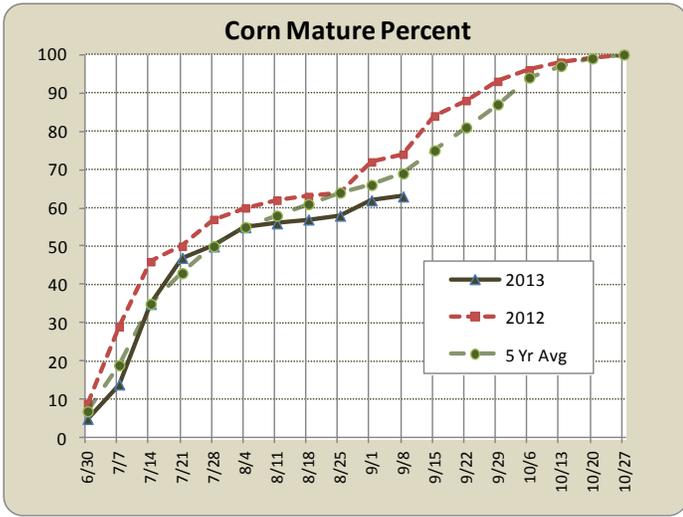
Crop Progress					
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2012	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Dough	93	91	97	97
	Dent	80	79	89	88
	Mature	63	62	74	69
	Harvested	60	59	62	58
Cotton	Setting Bolls	97	93	98	96
	Bolls Opening	20	16	40	33
	Harvested	8	6	9	12
Rice	Harvested	94	82	89	92
Sorghum	Headed	97	95	96	96
	Coloring	79	78	77	76
	Mature	73	70	73	66
	Harvested	70	68	59	58
Soybeans	Blooming	99	98	100	100
	Setting Pods	79	78	99	100
	Dropping Leaves	61	53	75	77
	Harvested	38	24	47	45
Sunflowers	Harvested	21	16	28	24
Winter Wheat	Planted	3	0	3	4

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/).

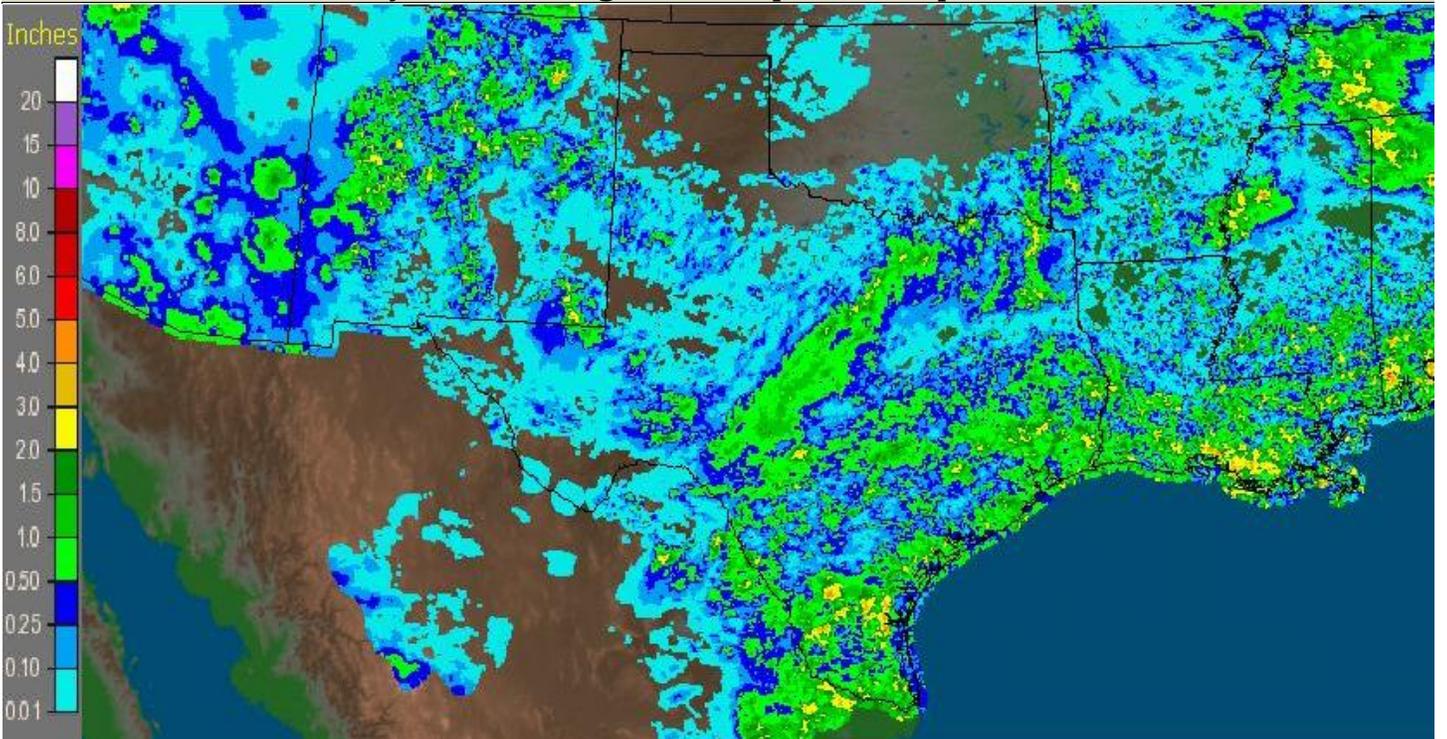
Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2013	2012
Corn	13	41	35	10	1	75	70
Cotton	6	27	37	17	13	58	47
Peanuts	0	61	37	2	0	78	77
Rice	12	36	47	5	0	75	74
Sorghum	12	46	33	8	1	76	68
Soybeans	9	33	45	10	3	69	65
Range and Pasture	1	10	30	32	27	--	--

\* 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>	34	61	5	0	<b>6</b>	46	43	11	0
<b>1-S</b>	12	71	15	2	<b>7</b>	35	47	18	0
<b>2-N</b>	18	55	27	0	<b>8-N</b>	54	37	9	0
<b>2-S</b>	14	71	15	0	<b>8-S</b>	35	33	22	10
<b>3</b>	24	59	17	0	<b>9</b>	14	31	47	8
<b>4</b>	49	42	9	0	<b>10-N</b>	35	43	21	1
<b>5-N</b>	44	42	14	0	<b>10-S</b>	25	20	41	14
<b>5-S</b>	36	52	7	5	<b>State</b>	35	48	16	1



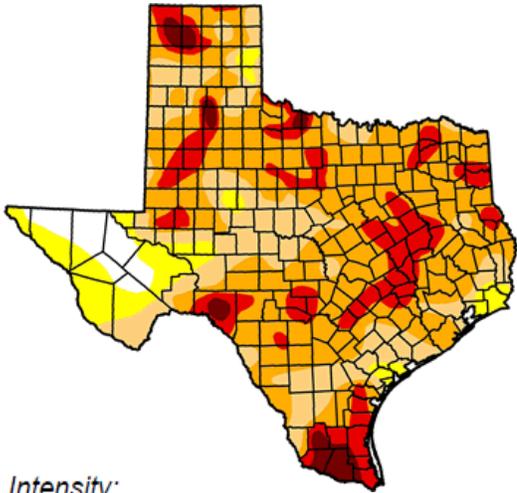
## Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, September 8, 2013



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

# Drought Monitor

Valid 9/3/2013, 7:00 am EST



## Intensity:

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|---|--|
|  D0 Abnormally Dry     |  D3 Drought - Extreme     |
|  D1 Drought - Moderate |  D4 Drought - Exceptional |
|  D2 Drought - Severe   |  |

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

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