



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER 9 - 15

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Summary

Hot and dry conditions continued across much of the state last week, with most areas receiving less than one quarter inch of rainfall. Coastal areas of the Lower Valley and the Coastal Bend, however, received significant rain with storms producing very heavy rainfall in localized areas.

Small Grains: Wheat seeding continued in many areas of the state. Some producers dry seeded in anticipation of future rainfall, while others continued to wait for additional moisture.

Row Crops: Cotton harvest continued from South Central Texas to the Lower Valley; however, some harvesting was delayed due to heavy rainfall. Peanuts continued to mature in South Texas. Producers in the Blacklands harvested cotton, soybeans, sorghum, and sunflowers.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: Fall planted vegetables were showing signs of stress in North East Texas. Vegetable planting continued in the Lower Valley. Pecan nut development continued in South Texas. Heavy precipitation delayed sesame harvest in the Coastal Bend.

Crop Progress					
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2012	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Dough	95	93	98	98
	Dent	90	80	95	93
	Mature	77	63	84	75
	Harvested	61	60	67	62
Cotton	Setting Bolls	98	97	99	98
	Bolls Opening	31	20	49	42
	Harvested	9	8	10	13
Rice	Harvested	97	94	94	94
Sorghum	Headed	99	97	98	97
	Coloring	86	79	80	79
	Mature	74	73	74	68
	Harvested	71	70	60	59
Soybeans	Blooming	100	99	100	100
	Setting Pods	80	79	100	100
	Dropping Leaves	66	61	76	80
	Harvested	50	38	54	57
Sunflowers	Harvested	28	21	34	30
Winter Wheat	Planted	17	3	10	12
Oats	Planted	4	0	7	3

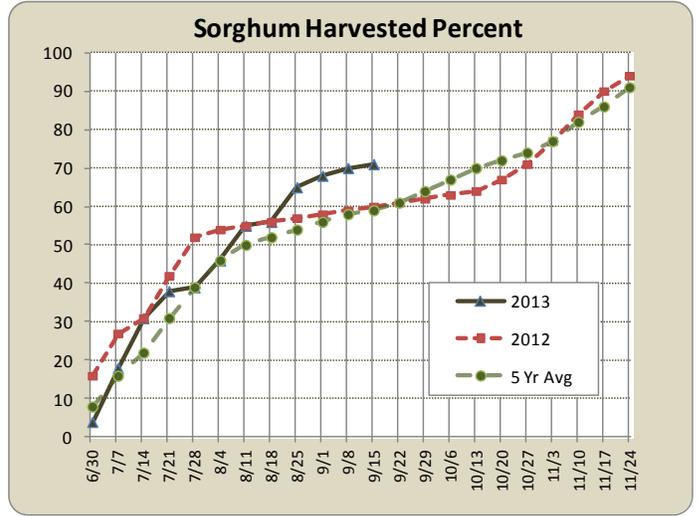
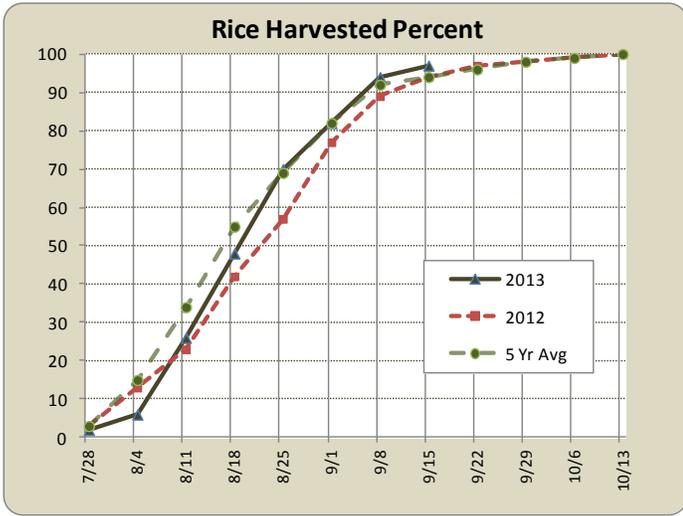
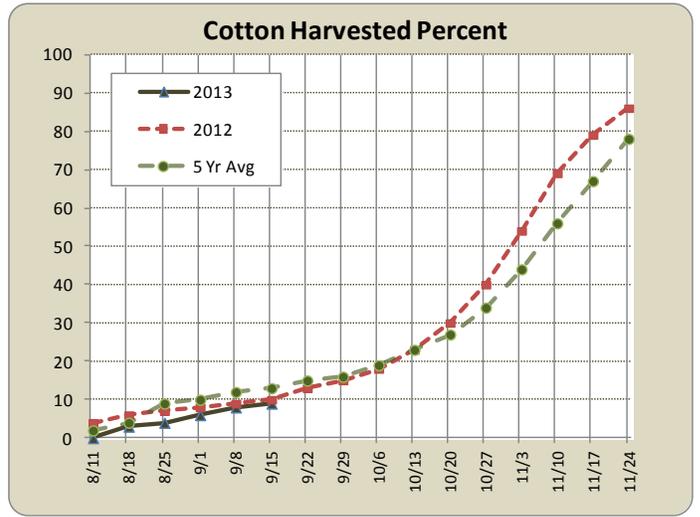
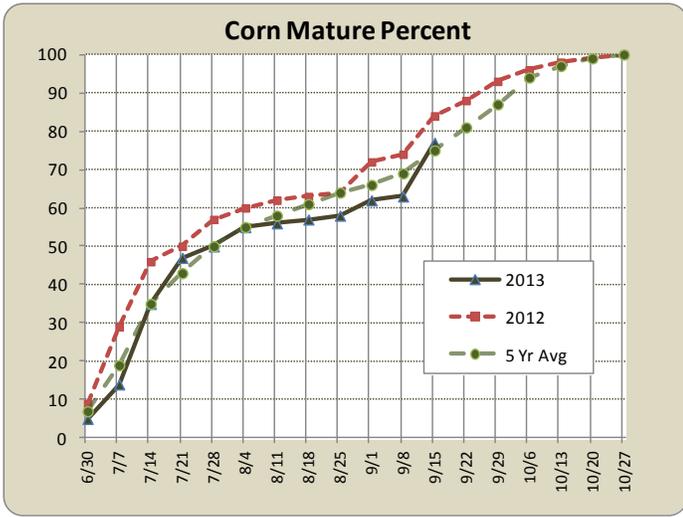
Visit our web site to view the crop progress regional maps, available at www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Texas/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/maps/.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Producers in the Cross Timbers, the Blacklands, and North East Texas continued to be concerned about livestock water supplies. Some hay was being baled in the Cross Timbers, with some producers supplementing with hay. Pastures in the Plains were stressed by hot, dry conditions, but range and pasture conditions in South Texas, the Coastal Bend, and the Lower Valley has improved with recent rains.

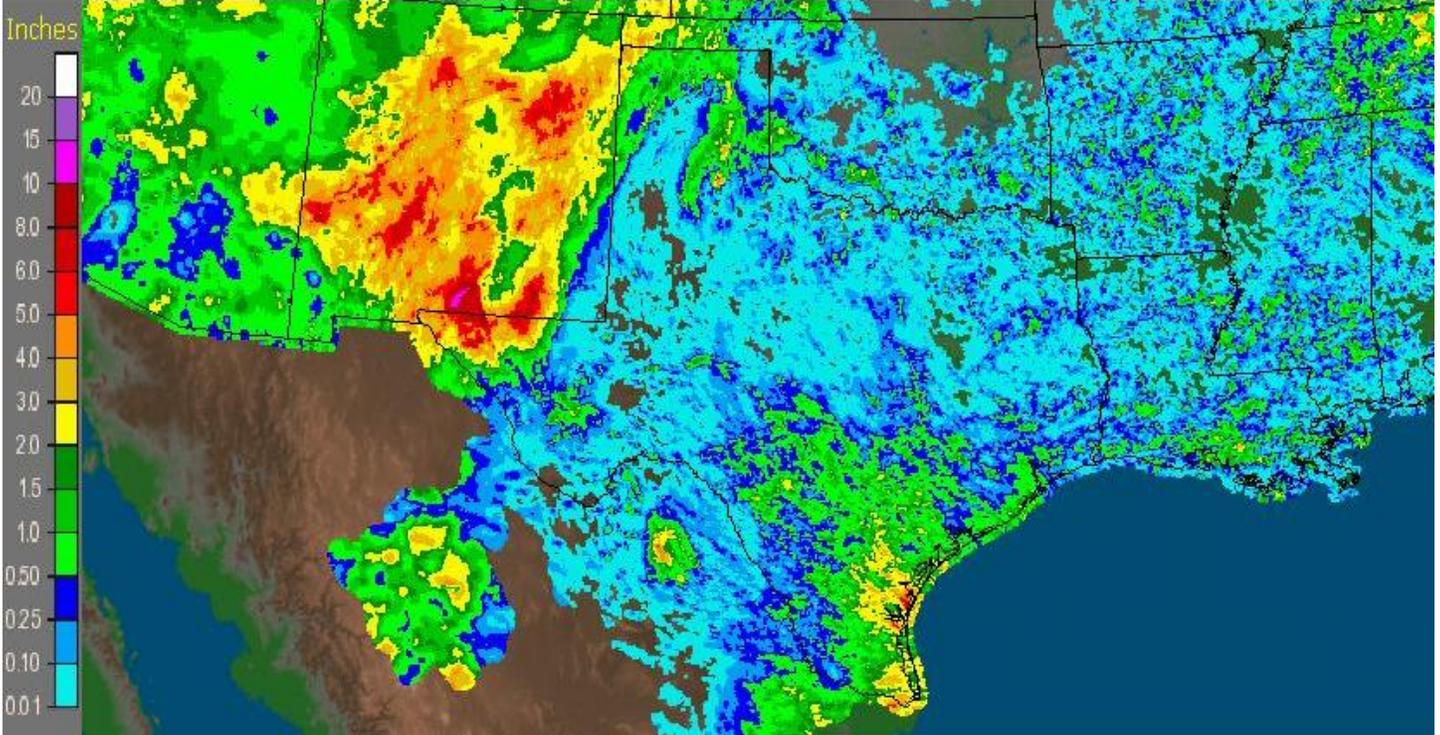
Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2013	2012
Corn	13	41	35	10	1	75	70
Cotton	5	26	35	19	15	55	49
Peanuts	0	53	36	8	3	71	78
Rice	12	36	47	5	0	75	74
Sorghum	12	46	33	8	1	76	68
Soybeans	7	30	50	11	2	68	68
Range and Pasture	1	11	29	33	26	--	--

* 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	27	62	9	2	6	39	43	18	0
1-S	25	63	11	1	7	38	41	21	0
2-N	33	43	24	0	8-N	56	32	10	2
2-S	34	61	5	0	8-S	0	10	67	23
3	36	57	7	0	9	15	28	52	5
4	49	43	8	0	10-N	22	40	36	2
5-N	48	39	13	0	10-S	15	75	10	0
5-S	47	34	12	7	State	37	45	16	2



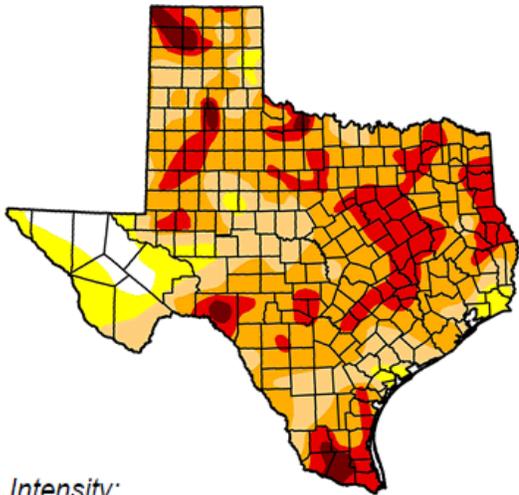
Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, September 15, 2013



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

Drought Monitor

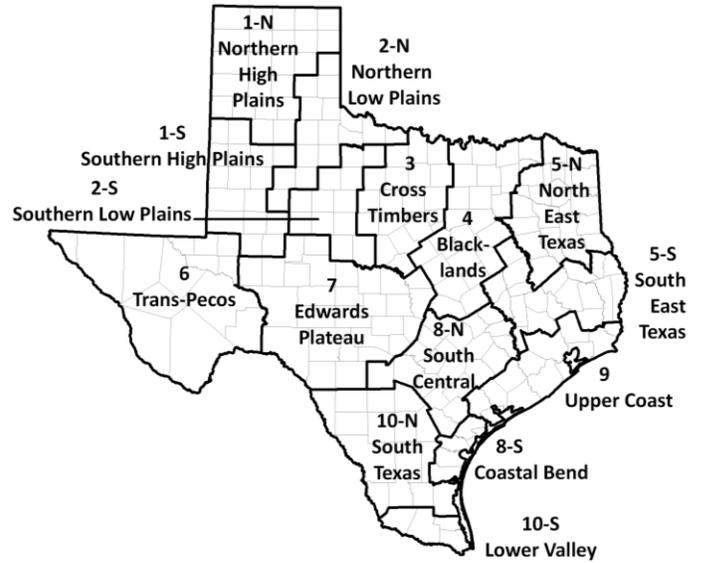
Valid 9/10/2013, 7:00 am EST



Intensity:

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

Texas Agricultural Districts



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