



# Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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**WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER 16 – 22**

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## Summary

The week began with warm and dry weather across most of the state. As the week progressed, however, cooler temperatures and much need precipitation were received. Last week, most of the state received at least 1 inch of rain, while parts of North East Texas, the Upper Coast and the Edwards Plateau received as much as 8 inches.

**Small Grains:** Early seeded wheat was off to a good start due to the added moisture. Additional seedings were ongoing except for parts of the state where they were delayed by the rain.

**Row Crops:** Cotton in the Northern and Southern High Plains progressed nicely with the added precipitation. Producers were preparing for defoliation in the coming week. Peanuts continued to mature in South Texas and were ready for harvest as field conditions allow. Producers in the Blacklands had to postpone the harvest of cotton, soybeans, sorghum, and sunflowers until fields dry out.

**Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops:** Watermelon harvest was completed for the year. In South Texas, pecan development continued to make good progress with no reports of insects. Seedbed preparation for cabbage and spinach will resume as field conditions allow. 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	98	95	99	99
	Dent	93	90	97	97
	Mature	80	77	88	81
	Harvested	62	61	69	66
Cotton	Setting Bolls	99	98	100	99
	Bolls Opening	39	31	59	53
	Harvested	10	9	13	15
Rice	Harvested	99	97	97	96
Sorghum	Headed	100	99	99	99
	Coloring	92	86	83	84
	Mature	75	74	75	71
	Harvested	72	71	61	61
Soybeans	Setting Pods	88	80	100	100
	Dropping Leaves	77	66	79	84
	Harvested	63	50	61	65
Sunflowers	Harvested	31	28	40	38
Winter Wheat	Planted	29	17	27	26
	Emerged	2	0	3	3
Oats	Planted	18	4	21	14

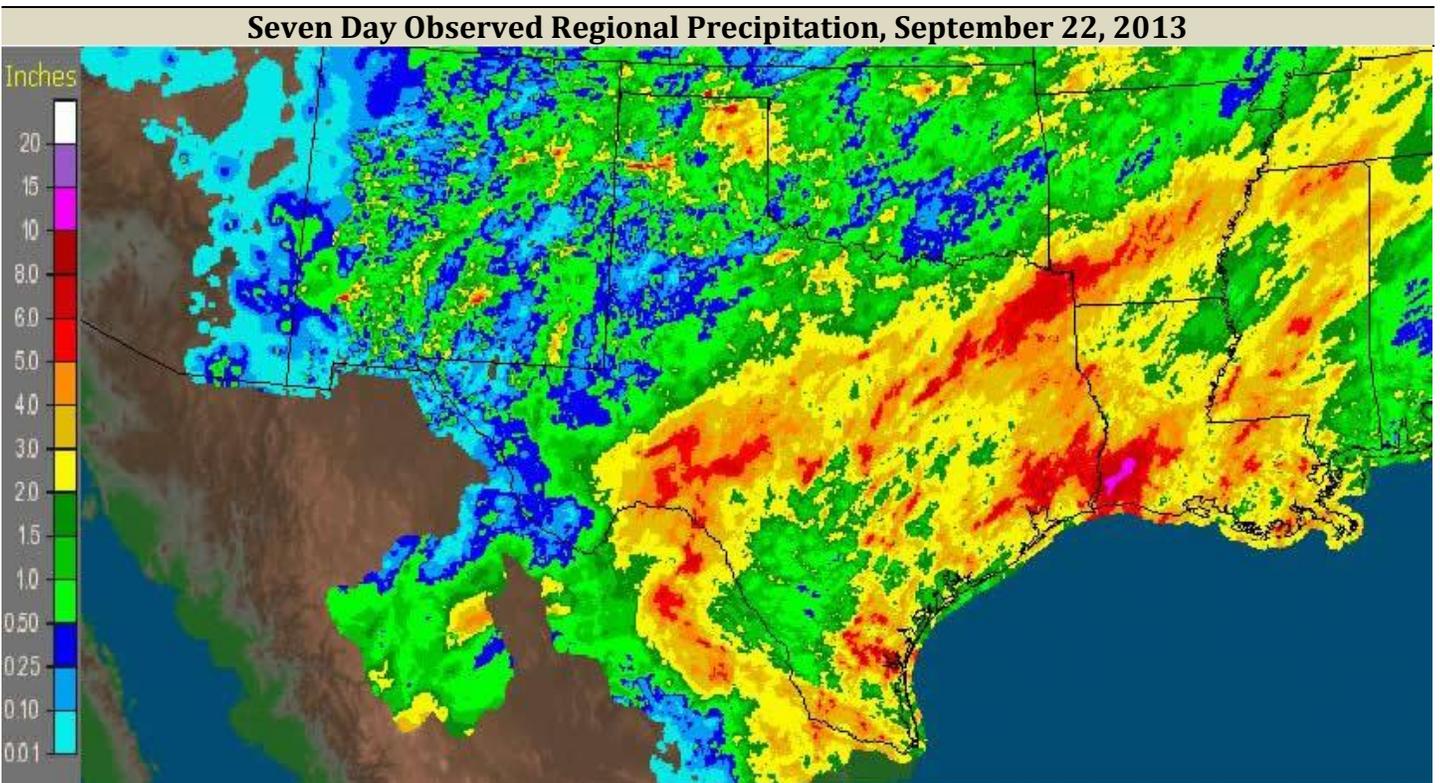
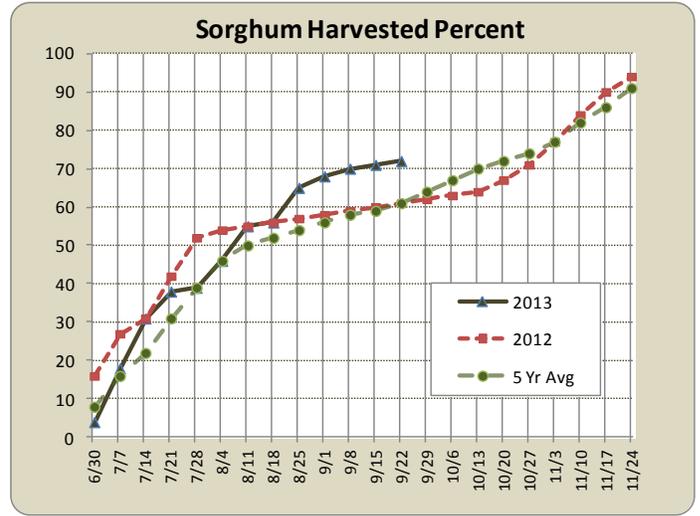
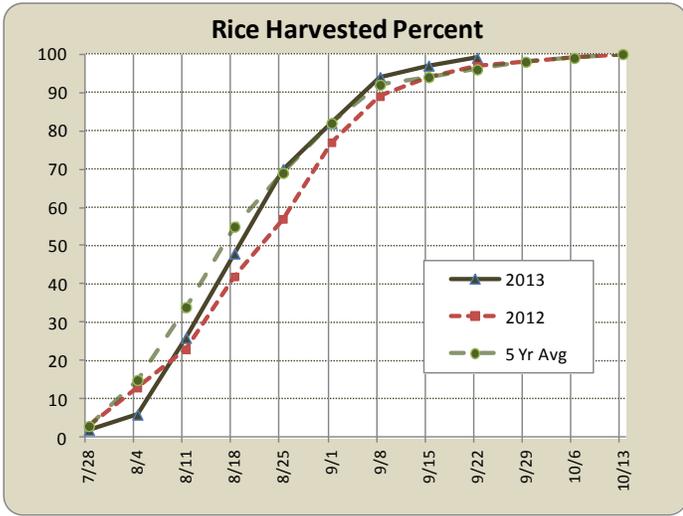
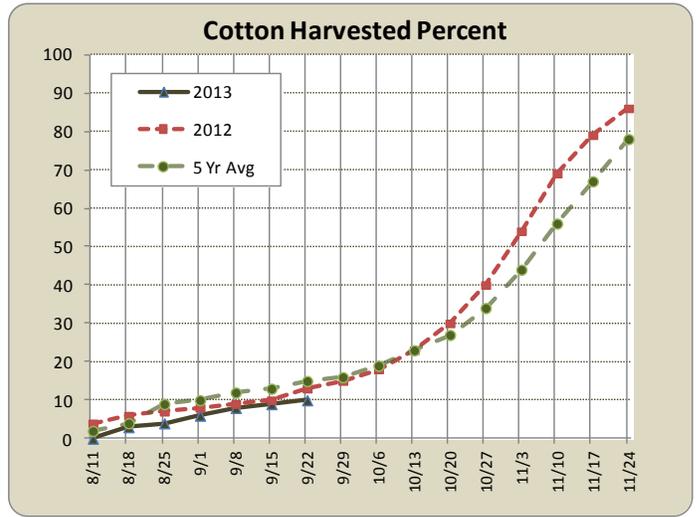
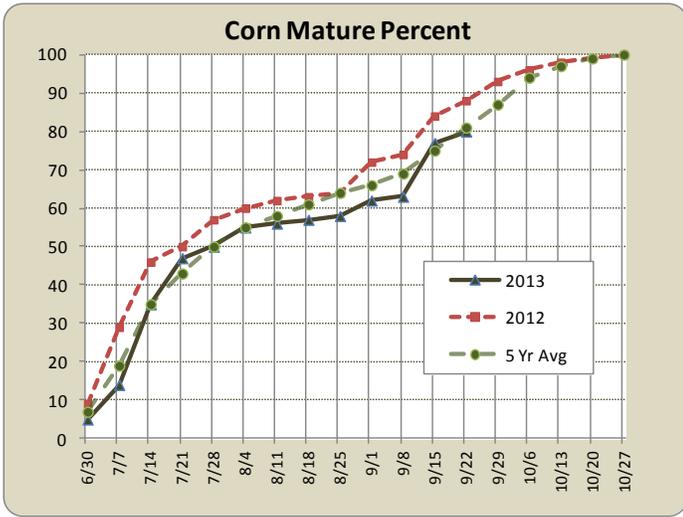
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**Livestock, Range and Pasture:** Fall calving was underway in the Northern High Plains. Many stock ponds in the Blacklands were full and running over. Range and pastures in the Blacklands, North East Texas and the Lower Valley were in good condition and appear to have benefitted greatly from the 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	6	26	35	17	16	56	48
Peanuts	1	51	38	7	3	72	81
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	2	12	32	31	23	--	--

\* 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.

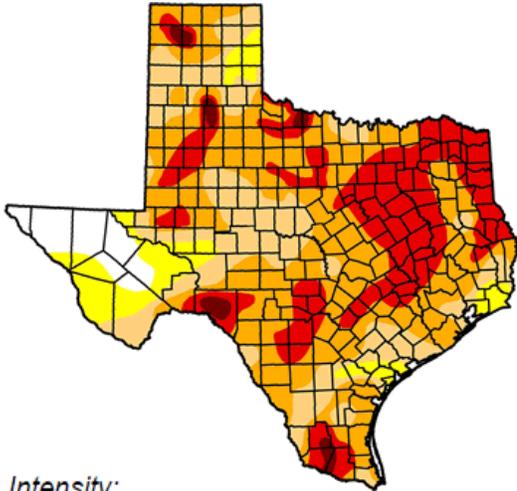
Top Soil Moisture Condition by District									
District	Percent of Acreage				District	Percent of Acreage			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
1-N	18	60	12	10	6	18	32	49	1
1-S	24	63	12	1	7	19	32	45	4
2-N	23	47	30	0	8-N	26	42	31	1
2-S	28	47	25	0	8-S	0	5	75	20
3	20	51	29	0	9	15	24	53	8
4	33	33	34	0	10-N	3	31	64	2
5-N	23	35	40	2	10-S	0	37	20	43
5-S	33	47	12	8	State	22	41	33	4



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

# Drought Monitor

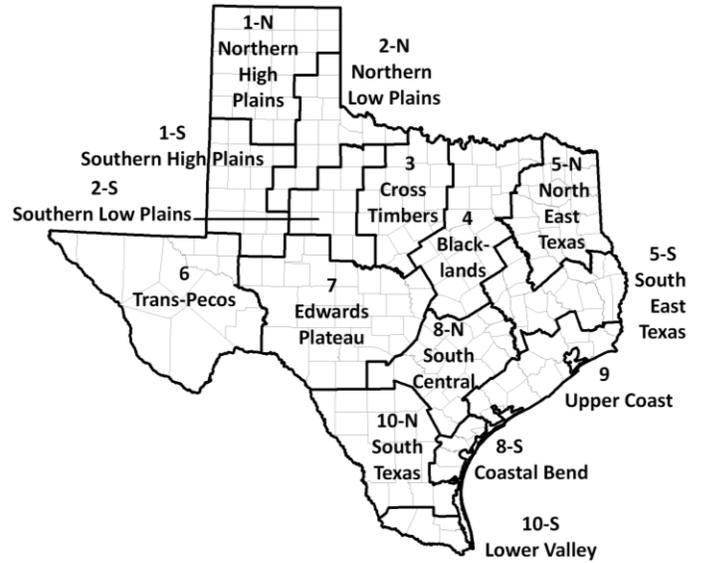
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## Intensity:



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