



# Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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**WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER 23 – 29**

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## Summary

Precipitation was widely received across the state last week. The week began with warmer, milder temperatures. As the week progressed, however, cooler temperatures and rainfall were received. This past weekend, all areas of the state experienced as little as 0.01 an inch, while the South Central portion of the state received as much as 10 inches.

**Small Grains:** The majority of producers had their wheat seeded before additional rainfall was received this past weekend. Early seeded wheat benefitted greatly from recent precipitation. Producers in the Northern Plains and the Cross Timbers were seeing good stands. Grasshoppers were causing damage to newly seeded wheat in the Cross Timbers and rye in the Blacklands. Small grain seeding progressed rapidly in South Central Texas as producers took advantage of recent precipitation.

Crop Progress					
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2012	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Dough	100	98	100	100
	Dent	98	93	98	99
	Mature	87	80	93	87
	Harvested	64	62	74	70
Cotton	Setting Bolls	100	99	100	100
	Bolls Opening	53	39	70	63
	Harvested	11	10	15	16
Peanuts	Harvested	2	0	6	17
Rice	Harvested	100	99	98	98
Sorghum	Coloring	96	92	89	88
	Mature	79	75	76	74
	Harvested	74	72	62	64
Soybeans	Setting Pods	96	88	100	100
	Dropping Leaves	87	77	82	88
	Harvested	73	63	66	71
Sunflowers	Harvested	33	31	44	50
Winter Wheat	Planted	42	29	41	39
	Emerged	15	2	10	12
Oats	Planted	29	18	38	32

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/).

**Row Crops:** Corn harvest was in full swing across the state. Cotton harvest in South Central Texas was nearly completed. Producers in South East Texas halted cotton harvest due to the large amounts of rain received. Cotton in the Northern and Southern Plains progressed, but remained slightly behind normal. A few producers in the Northern Low Plains began dryland cotton harvest, but expected to be in full swing within the next 2 weeks. Grain sorghum continued to mature and producers were preparing for harvest in the Northern High Plains. The harvest of grain sorghum in the Edwards Plateau was winding down with the exception of a few late planted fields. Sorghum, soybeans, corn and sunflowers have

all been harvested in the Blacklands. Producers in the Northern Low Plains, Southern High Plains and South Texas were preparing for peanut harvest.

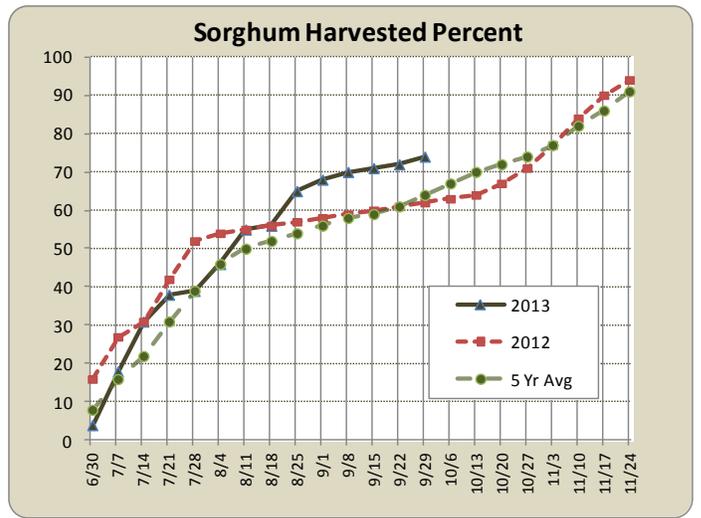
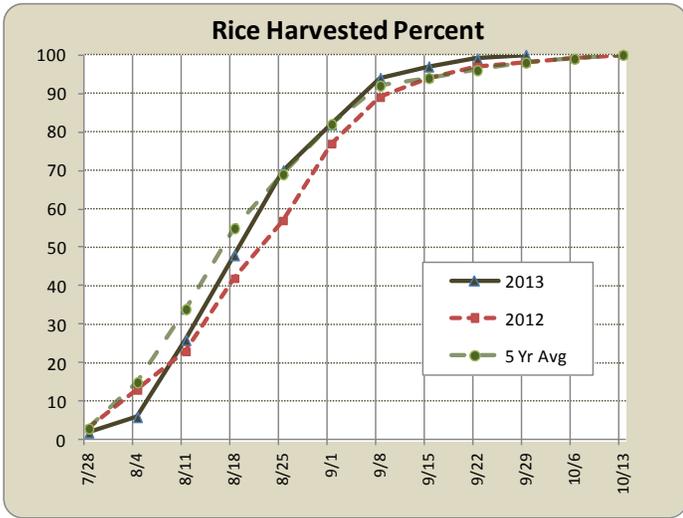
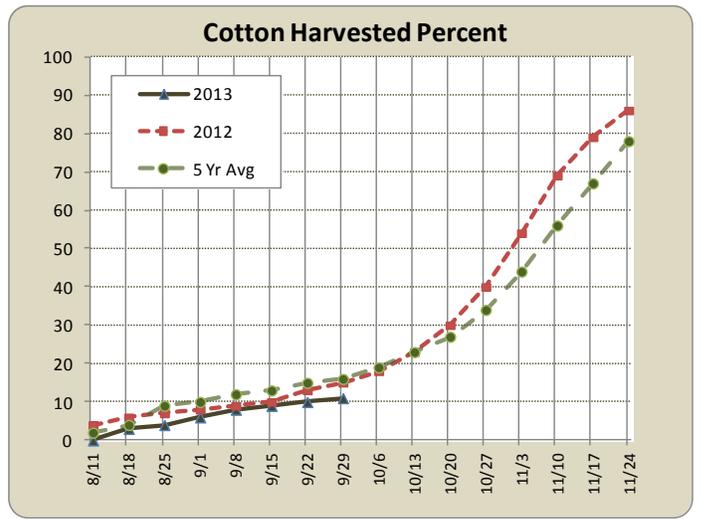
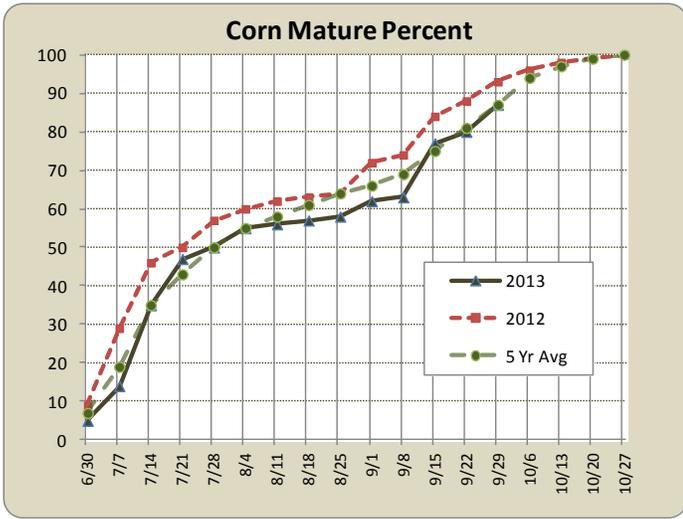
**Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops:** Potato and pumpkin harvest continued in the Northern High Plains, while producers in the Southern High Plains began to harvest peas. Sesame harvest in the Coastal Bend was nearly complete.

**Livestock, Range and Pasture:** North East Texas receives as much as 6 to 8 inches of rain this past week. Ponds and creeks benefitted greatly from the recent precipitation. There were reports of armyworm, and grasshopper activity in North East and South East Texas. Pastures and rangeland in the Northern Low Plains were still in need of additional moisture. Livestock was in good condition; however, some supplemental feedings took place. Producers continued to wean and sell calves and cull cows.

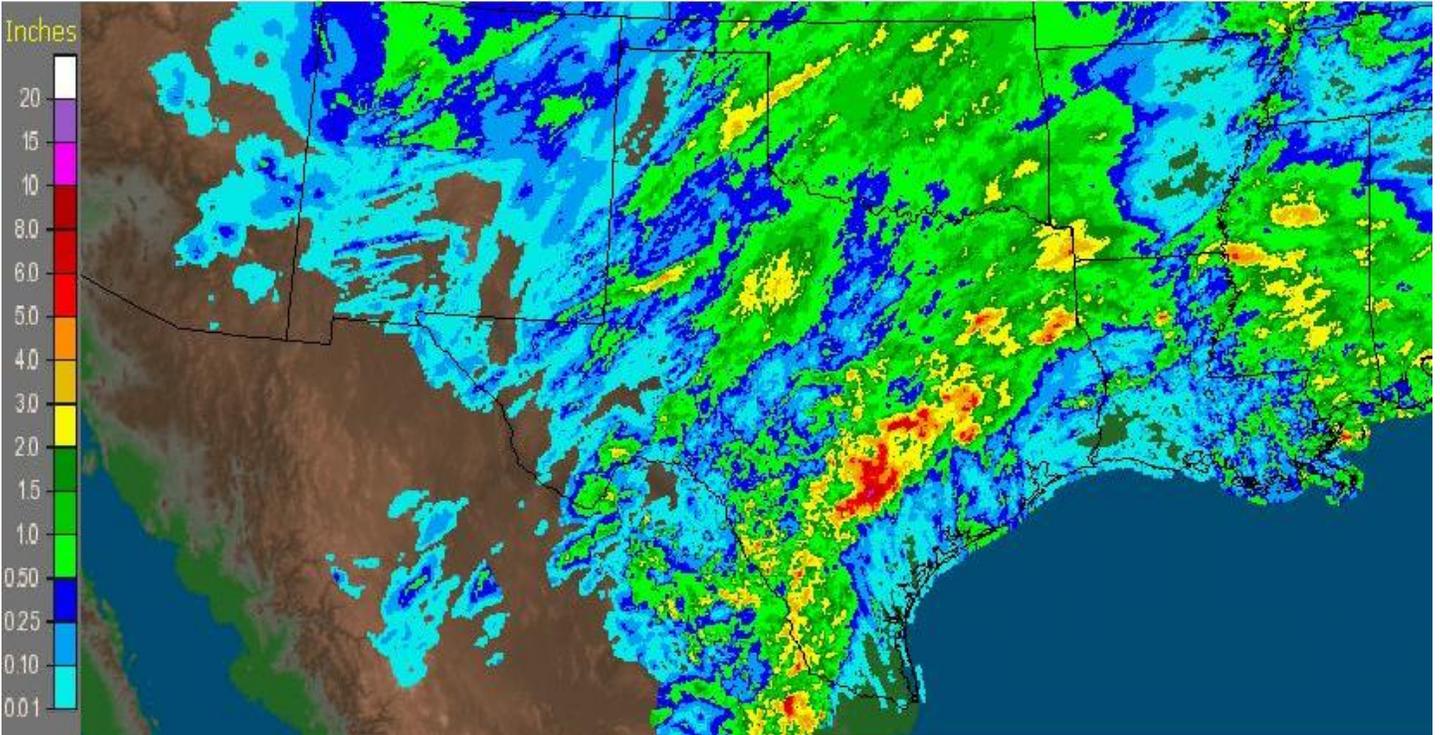
Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2013	2012
Corn	13	41	35	10	1	75	70
Cotton	5	25	36	19	15	55	47
Peanuts	1	51	37	8	3	71	75
Rice	12	36	47	5	0	75	74
Sorghum	12	46	33	8	1	76	68
Soybeans	7	30	50	11	2	68	68
Range and Pasture	3	15	34	29	19	--	--

\* 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	17	56	18	9	6	27	57	15	1
1-S	23	61	15	1	7	18	27	48	7
2-N	16	61	23	0	8-N	12	35	50	3
2-S	30	45	25	0	8-S	0	5	75	20
3	19	42	37	2	9	2	18	61	19
4	13	39	46	2	10-N	6	42	52	0
5-N	10	34	54	2	10-S	0	37	24	39
5-S	21	49	25	5	State	16	42	37	5



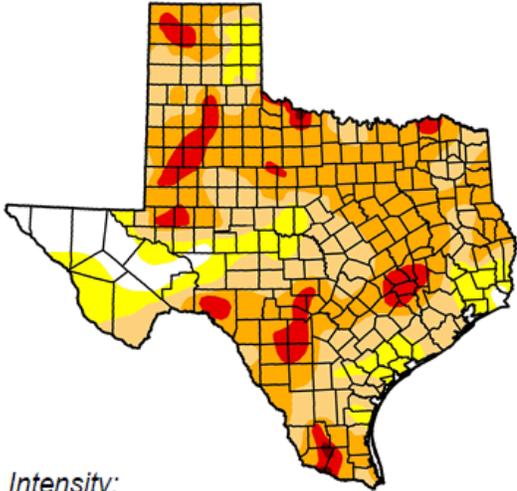
## Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, September 29, 2013



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

# Drought Monitor

Valid 9/24/2013, 7:00 am EST



## Intensity:



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

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