



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR OCTOBER 21 - 27

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Summary

Precipitation was mostly concentrated along the coast, in the Blacklands, and in East Texas. While temperatures warmed across much of the state, areas of the Panhandle experienced freezing temperatures at night, and some hail was received in the Cross Timbers. Rainfall improved soil moisture levels across the state.

Small Grains: Wheat fields were in good condition across the state as newly seeded crops benefitted from improved soil moisture levels. However, some areas were still in need of additional rainfall. Small grain seeding made good progress, but was slowed by wet conditions in the Blacklands and East Texas.

Row Crops: Producers in

the Panhandle were harvesting cotton, sorghum, and peanuts. Cotton harvest progressed in most areas, but was slowed by wet conditions in the Blacklands and North East Texas. Peanut harvest continued in South Texas.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: Pumpkin harvest was wrapping up in the Northern High Plains. Pecans were being harvested in the Edwards Plateau, South Central Texas, and South Texas. Producers in the Coastal Bend harvested sesame and some guar. Planting of winter vegetables continued in the Lower Valley, where producers were also harvesting naval and early oranges, as well as sugarcane.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Winter pastures and rangeland across the state continued to benefit from previous rains. Timely rains allowed many producers to make another cutting of hay. Some areas that received adequate rainfall have seen stock tanks and ponds replenished. Army worms remained a concern in the Cross Timbers, the Blacklands, North East Texas, and South Central Texas.

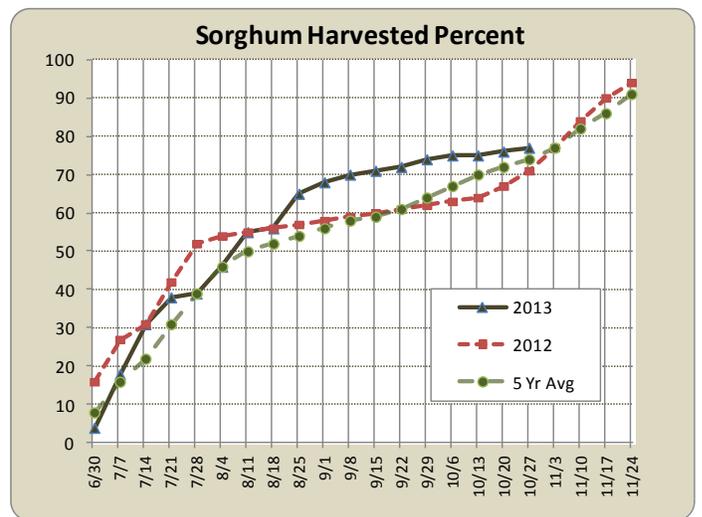
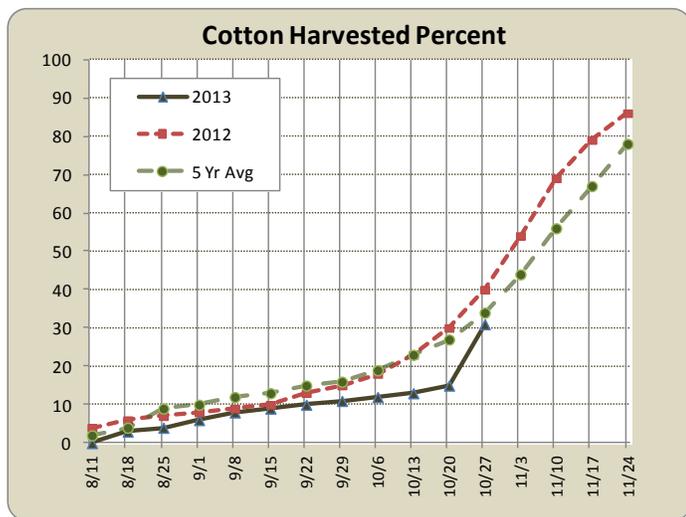
Crop Progress					
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week *	2012	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Mature	100	89	100	100
	Harvested	92	77	96	90
Cotton	Bolls Opening	91	75	95	91
	Harvested	31	15	40	34
Peanuts	Harvested	57	44	76	59
Sorghum	Coloring	99	98	99	97
	Mature	95	85	94	89
	Harvested	77	76	71	74
Soybeans	Setting Pods	99	98	0	0
	Dropping Leaves	96	95	99	98
	Harvested	86	85	90	88
Sunflower	Harvested	54	53	71	64
Winter Wheat	Planted	75	69	81	78
	Emerged	56	42	60	54
Oats	Planted	63	61	82	76
	Emerged	45	43	64	45

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/.

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	24	36	19	16	54	46
Peanuts	2	52	36	7	3	73	71
Sorghum	12	46	33	8	1	76	68
Soybeans	7	30	50	11	2	68	68
Wheat	11	35	40	10	4	65	66
Oats	11	57	32	0	0	83	78
Range and Pasture	5	25	38	21	11	--	--

* 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	52	20	1	6	21	67	12	0
1-S	28	42	29	1	7	8	15	72	5
2-N	22	40	38	0	8-N	4	27	64	5
2-S	12	47	41	0	8-S	2	22	58	18
3	17	18	62	3	9	3	16	68	13
4	7	23	54	16	10-N	1	6	89	4
5-N	2	13	73	12	10-S	7	59	34	0
5-S	1	34	51	14	State	11	30	52	7



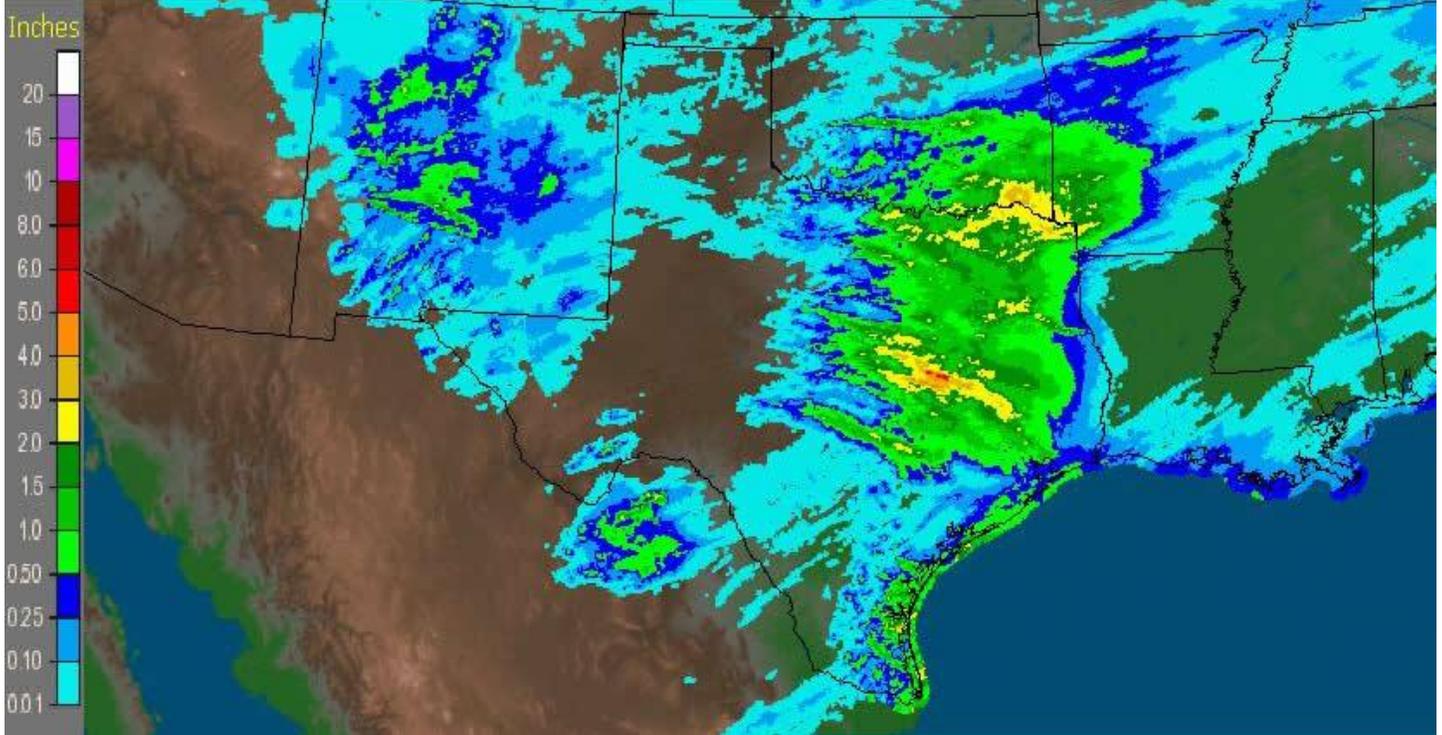
Wheat Emerged Percent



Oats Emerged Percent



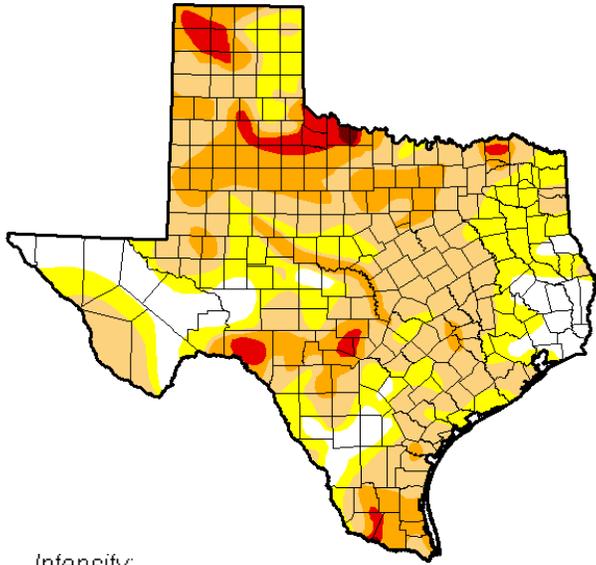
Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, October 27, 2013



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

Drought Monitor

Valid 10/22/2013, 7:00 am ET



Intensity:



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

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