



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER 18 - 24

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Summary

Cooler temperatures continued last week and precipitation fell across the state. Many areas of the Panhandle experienced sleet and snowfall, however, high winds depleted soil moisture in areas that received no precipitation. Select areas of East Texas, South Central Texas, and the Lower Valley received 5 or more inches of rain.

Small Grains: Winter wheat progressed well in the Panhandle, particularly in areas that had received adequate moisture. Some producers were planting wheat behind cotton. Small grain seeding in South East Texas was slowed by wet weather.

Row Crops: Cotton harvest was active in the Panhandle, although some harvesting was delayed in areas that received precipitation. Peanut harvest continued last week.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: Pecan harvest was underway in the Edwards Plateau, North East Texas, and the Cross Timbers with varying yields and qualities reported. In the Trans-Pecos, producers were preparing to harvest pecans, and fall planted onions emerged. Sugarcane, citrus, and vegetable harvest continued in the Lower Valley. In South Texas, cabbage and spinach harvest was delayed by cold conditions and steady light rains.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Winter pastures across the state benefitted from recent rains. Many producers began supplemental feeding of hay and protein to lessen the effects of colder temperatures on livestock. In many areas of the state, livestock were placed on early planted winter pastures and small grains for grazing. Some areas that received significant rainfall reported replenished ponds and tanks.

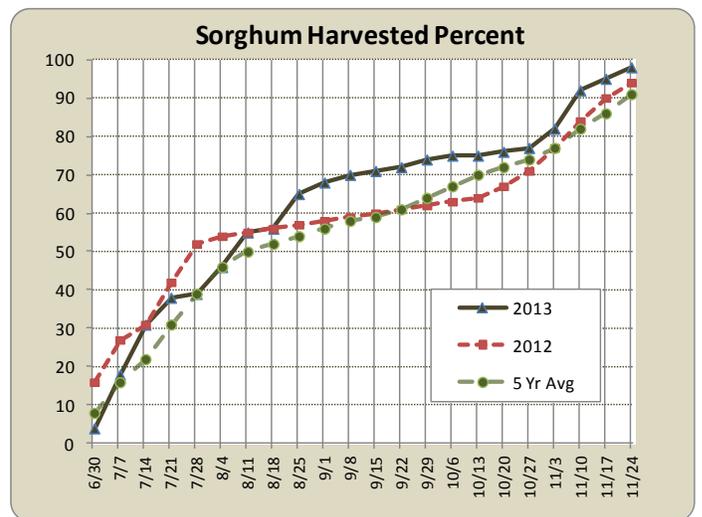
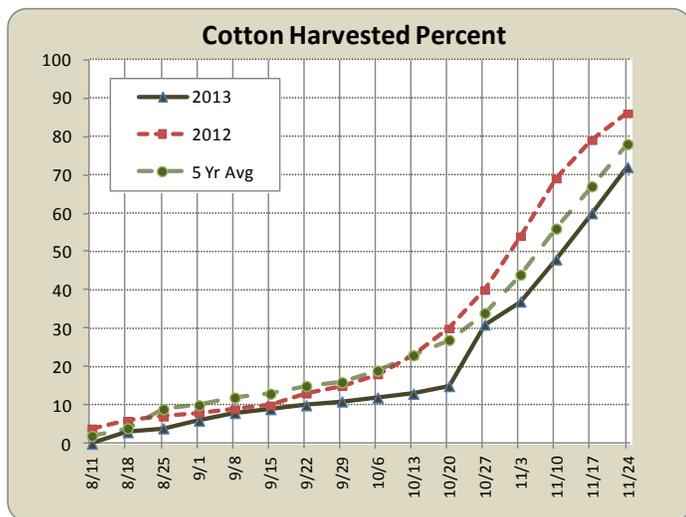
Crop Progress					
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2012	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Harvested	100	99	100	99
Cotton	Bolls Opening	100	99	100	99
	Harvested	72	60	86	78
Peanuts	Harvested	98	97	99	97
Sorghum	Harvested	98	95	94	91
Soybeans	Dropping Leaves	100	99	100	100
	Harvested	93	92	97	97
Sunflowers	Harvested	77	76	92	87
Winter Wheat	Planted	95	93	96	94
	Emerged	83	79	84	80
Oats	Planted	89	88	96	93
	Emerged	83	78	88	77

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	-
Cotton	4	25	39	19	13	56	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	6	26	40	20	8	59	51
Oats	14	47	35	3	1	80	47
Range and Pasture	5	26	39	21	9	--	--

* 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	38	48	13	1	6	27	49	24	0
1-S	37	40	18	5	7	10	31	53	6
2-N	30	42	26	2	8-N	6	23	61	10
2-S	13	63	24	0	8-S	0	27	67	6
3	18	31	49	2	9	3	15	67	15
4	2	5	76	17	10-N	0	25	73	2
5-N	0	8	71	21	10-S	0	38	51	11
5-S	0	5	47	48	State	13	27	49	11



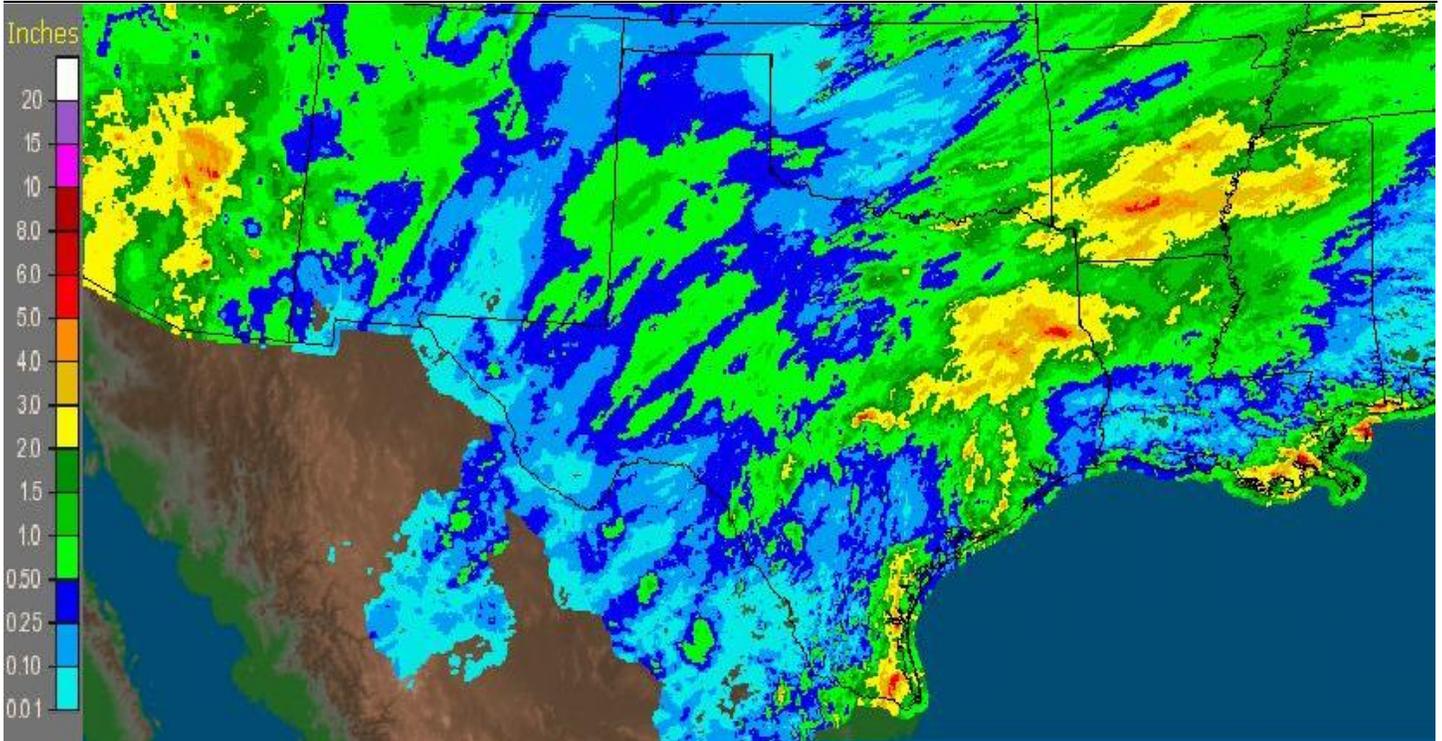
Wheat Emerged Percent



Oats Emerged Percent



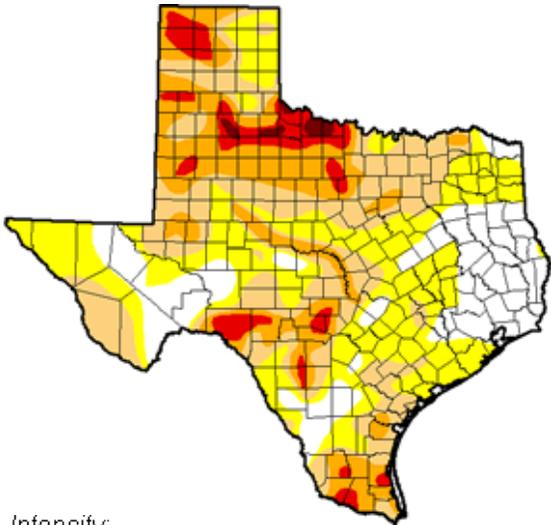
Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, November 24, 2013



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

Drought Monitor

Valid 11/19/2013, 7:00 am ET

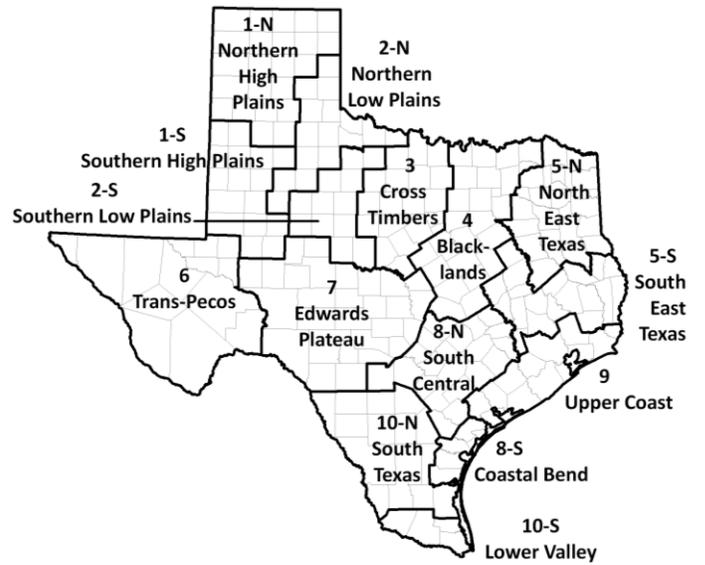


Intensity:



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

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