



# Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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**WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR FEBRUARY 17 - 23**

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## Summary

Mild temperatures were experienced early in the week with many areas reaching the 80 degree mark by week's end. North East Texas and the Upper Coast saw up to 1.5 inches of precipitation. The remainder of the state received little to no precipitation. Most areas of the state reported below normal accumulated precipitation levels.

**Small Grains:** Wheat fields began to show signs of growth with warmer weather in areas with adequate moisture.

Producers continued to fertilize fields. Irrigation of oat fields continued in South Texas.

**Row Crops:** Alfalfa emerged from dormancy in the Trans-Pecos. Producers in the Coastal Bend resumed corn planting and prepared to plant sorghum for grain. Cool soil temperatures delayed Corn planting in the Blacklands.

**Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop:** Late spinach planting drew to an end in South East Texas and producers were reported having an emerged crop just in time for baby spinach cutting in the next 10 to 15 days. Fruit tree producers in North East Texas continued to prune and thin tree limbs. Spinach and cabbage continued to be harvested in South Texas. Onions were reported growing at the 4 leaf stage.

**Livestock, Range and Pasture:** Cattle continued to be fed with supplemental feeds, due to deteriorating pastures. Cattle continued to graze on wheat fields.

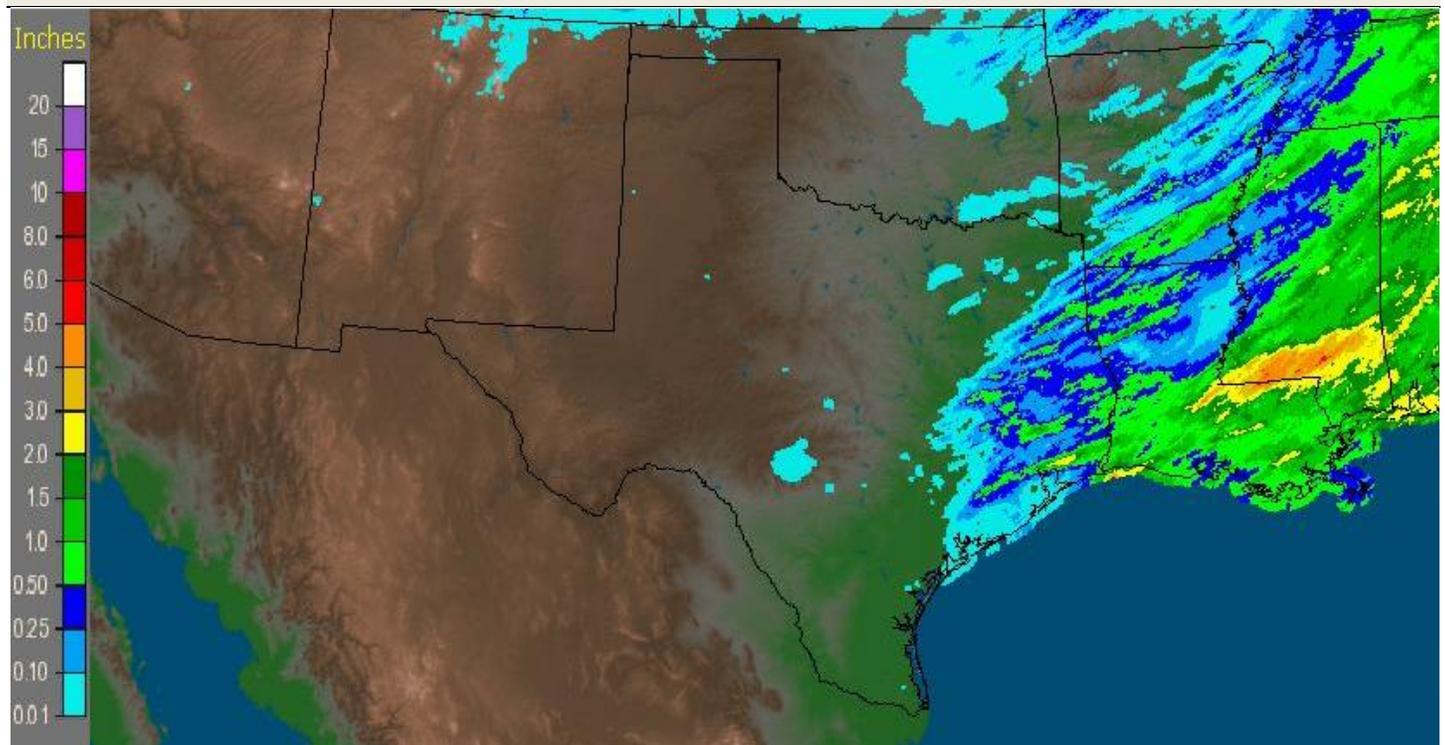
Crop Progress					
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2013	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Planted	3	--	8	3
Winter Wheat	Emerged	100	99	99	100
Pecans	Harvested	100	99	100	100

Crop Condition					
Crop	Percent of Acreage				
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor
Wheat	1	15	37	31	16
Oats	9	28	36	18	9
Range and Pasture	2	13	33	33	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	46	47	7	0	6	53	30	15	2
1-S	42	48	9	1	7	28	48	23	1
2-N	30	43	22	5	8-N	18	57	25	0
2-S	49	41	10	0	8-S	23	62	13	2
3	24	49	24	3	9	8	32	57	3
4	17	44	37	2	10-N	43	46	11	0
5-N	4	16	71	9	10-S	0	36	62	2
5-S	1	25	57	17	State	31	44	23	2

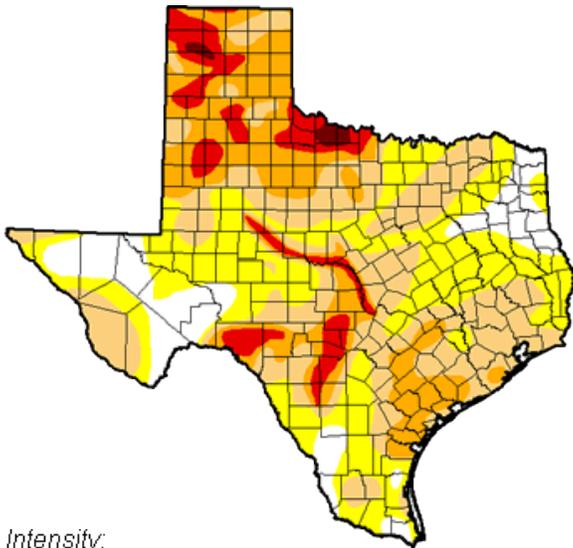
Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, February 23, 2014



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

# Drought Monitor

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## Intensity:



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

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