



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR MARCH 3 - 9

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Summary

Cold temperatures returned early last week, as a winter storm brought a variety of precipitation ranging from ice to snow and sleet to rain in many areas of Texas. Warmer temperatures were seen toward the end of the week. 1-2 inches of precipitation was observed in the Upper Coast and the Coastal Bend. The remainder of the state received precipitation ranging from a trace up to 1 inch.

Crop Progress					
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2013	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Planted	10	8	27	18
Sorghum	Planted	7	3	15	11

Crop Condition					
Crop	Percent of Acreage				
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor
Wheat	4	24	41	20	11
Oats	4	25	42	21	8
Range and pasture	2	14	32	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.

Small Grains: Wheat

suffered from the effects of cold temperatures in the Northern Low Plains. Producers in the Cross Timbers reported that cold temperatures have slowed development of wheat. Cold temperatures continued to delay the oat crop in the Edwards Plateau.

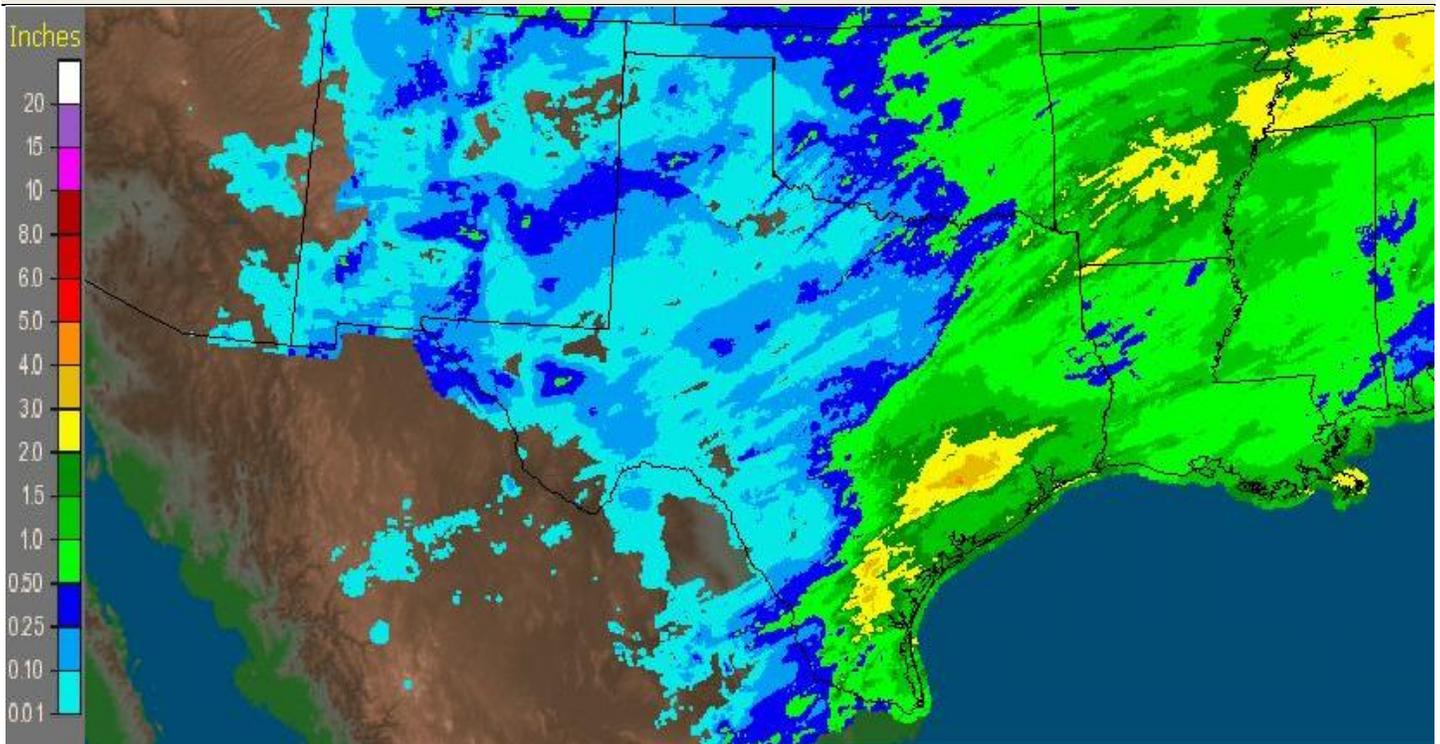
Row Crops: Dry conditions in South Texas allowed for fieldwork in preparation of cotton and sorghum planting. Early planted corn fields began to see first signs of emerging. Dry soil conditions continued to delay corn planting in the Blacklands. Cotton fields continued to see declining soil moisture in the Northern Low Plains. Reseeding of Alfalfa in the Trans-Pecos continued this week.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop: Recent cold temperatures have been affecting the peach crop in the Edwards Plateau. Pecan orchards continued to be hedged, with a few producers preparing for the upcoming irrigation cycle. Vegetables began to show signs of freeze damage in South East Texas. Harvest of citrus and sugarcane continued in the Lower Valley.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Livestock prices remained very strong. Cattle producers reported hay is in short supply in the Northern Low Plains. Lambing continued in the Edwards Plateau. Range and pasture were in mostly fair to poor condition. Cold weather damaged pastures in some areas.

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	56	38	6	0	6	56	28	13	3
1-S	45	48	6	1	7	28	49	23	0
2-N	32	52	16	0	8-N	13	55	32	0
2-S	50	44	6	0	8-S	17	44	33	6
3	37	57	6	0	9	5	14	73	8
4	18	41	38	3	10-N	41	39	19	1
5-N	3	12	68	17	10-S	0	27	72	1
5-S	1	20	55	24	State	33	43	22	2

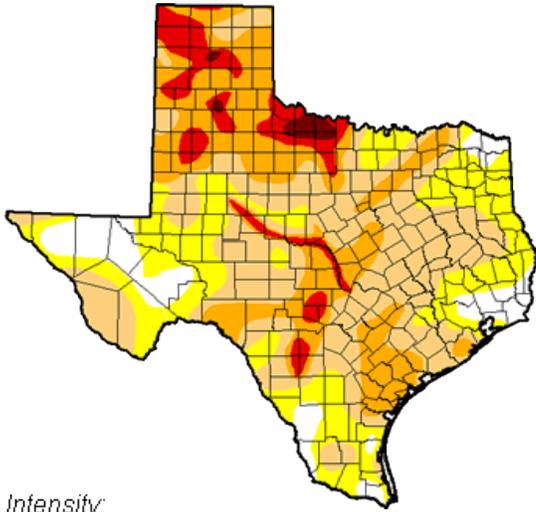
Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, March 9, 2014



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

Drought Monitor

Valid 3/4/2014, 7:00 am ET



Intensity:



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

Texas Agricultural Districts

