



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR MARCH 24 - 30

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Summary

Warmer weather along with thunderstorms, high winds, and increased humidity were reported in many areas of the state. Areas of North East Texas, the Upper Coast and the Coastal Bend received a quarter of an inch to an inch of precipitation. The Southern High Plains received a tenth of an inch to a quarter of an inch of precipitation. The remainder of the state received trace amounts of precipitation.

Small Grains: Lack of precipitation slowed development of the winter wheat crop in the Southern Low Plains. Small grains in the Cross Timbers showed signs of recovery following recent precipitation. Both winter wheat and oats were beginning to head in South Texas.

Row Crops: Many producers in the Northern High Plains planted early season corn. Irrigation of cotton fields continued in the Trans-Pecos. Rice had been planted in the Upper Coast. In South Texas, corn planting was nearing completion and some had begun to emerge.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop: Fruit trees had flowered in North East Texas. Pecans in the Trans-Pecos area began the bud swell stage of development. The peach crop progressed in the Edwards Plateau. Citrus, sugarcane, and vegetable harvest continued in the Lower Valley.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Supplemental feeding of livestock continued. Producers began to move livestock to spring and summer pastures. Cattle prices remained strong and demand for replacement heifers remained high.

Crop Progress					
Crop	Stage	Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev Week	2013	5 Yr Avg
Corn	Planted	28	20	53	48
	Emerged	8	0	23	23
Cotton	Planted	6	3	6	7
Rice	Planted	10	3	46	34
Sorghum	Planted	21	15	39	38
Winter Wheat	Headed	7	0	7	9
Oats	Headed	6	3	24	22

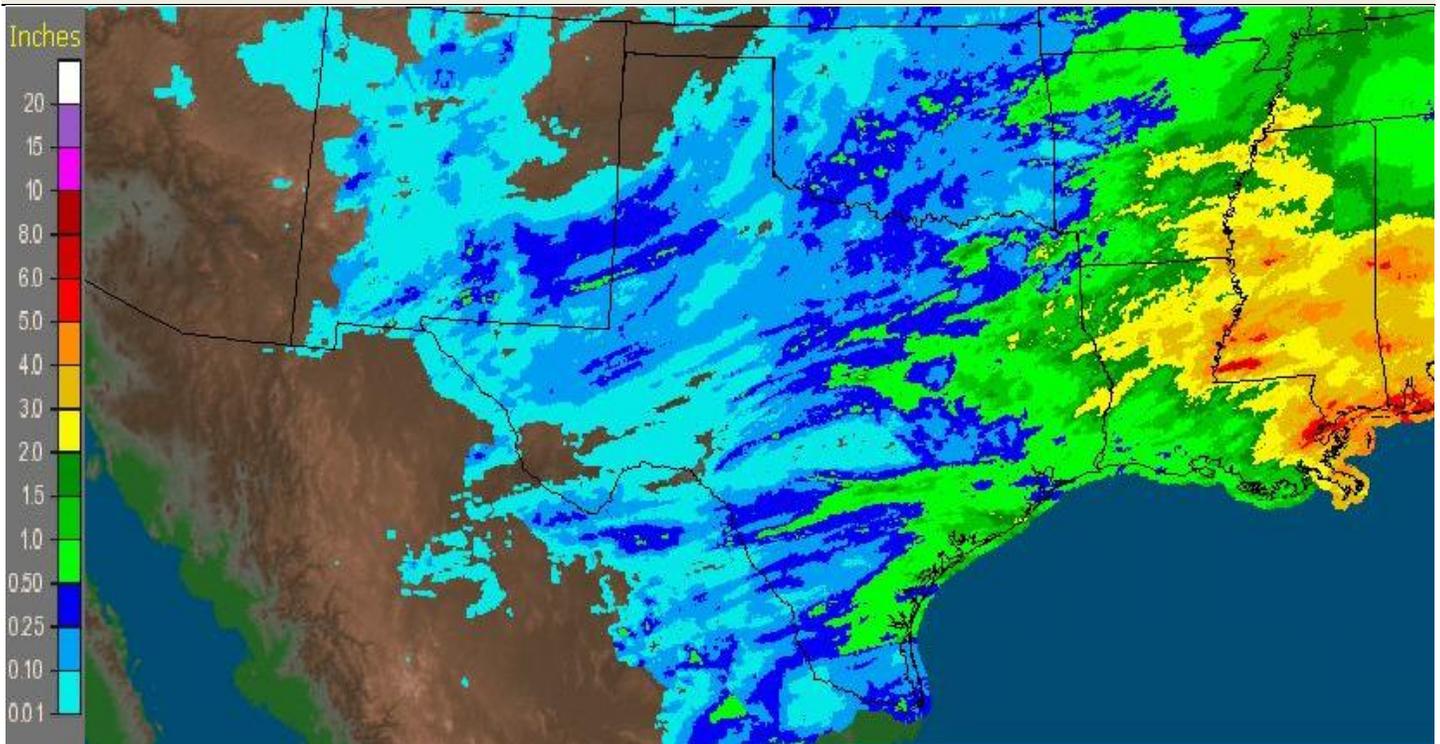
Crop Condition					
Crop	Percent of Acreage				
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor
Wheat	1	10	30	39	20
Oats	7	26	35	23	9
Range and pasture	2	14	33	31	20

* 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	62	34	3	1	6	56	27	14	3
1-S	51	46	3	0	7	35	46	19	0
2-N	44	53	2	1	8-N	10	53	37	0
2-S	47	51	2	0	8-S	4	42	48	6
3	34	58	8	0	9	4	14	69	13
4	15	41	43	1	10-N	21	47	32	0
5-N	2	7	75	16	10-S	0	27	73	0
5-S	2	18	60	20	State	34	41	23	2

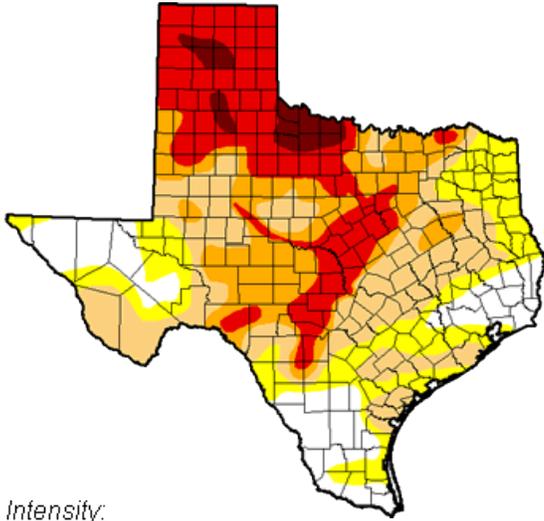
Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, March 30, 2014



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

Drought Monitor

Valid 3/25/2014, 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

