



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Weekly Summary for August 18 - August 24

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Summary: Hot and humid weather persisted across the state last week, with highs ranging between the high 90s and mid-100s. Most areas of the state received at least some measurable rainfall during the week. South East Texas and the Northern Plains received two or more inches of rainfall, while the Edwards Plateau, Trans-Pecos and South Central Texas received between one to four inches in isolated areas. Other areas within the state received an inch or less of rainfall.

Small Grains: Preparations continued for winter wheat seedings and small grain farmers were applying weed control in the Northern High Plains. Other activities included plowing and spreading of fertilizer.

Row Crops: In areas of the Blacklands, corn continued to mature, while harvest was nearing completion in South Central Texas. Cotton harvest made good progress in areas of the Coastal Bend. In areas of the Trans-Pecos, cotton bolls continued to open. Sorghum harvest was active in many areas of the state. Sugarcane aphid infestation was reported in some areas of the Cross Timbers. Peanuts progressed in areas of the Southern High Plains, while many fields in areas of South Texas were setting pods. Rice harvest continued in the Upper Coast.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: Pecans remained in mostly good condition throughout the state. Irrigation was active in some pecan orchards. Fruit and vegetable production slowed in areas of North East Texas. Grasshoppers continued to be found in vegetable gardens.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Showers helped green pastures and rangeland in many parts of the state, while some deteriorated due to lack of sufficient moisture. In areas of the Edwards Plateau, livestock herds were being thinned due to continued drought conditions. Supplemental feeding continued throughout the state, due to lack of sufficient nutrients being found in pastures.

Stage		Crop Progress			
		Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev. Week	Prev. Year	5 Year Avg
Corn					
	Dough	90	89	87	89
	Dented	78	77	70	75
	Mature	70	60	58	62
	Harvested	46	32	51	52
Cotton					
	Squaring	100	99	99	99
	Setting Bolls	85	83	88	91
	Bolls Opening	23	16	13	17
	Harvested	6	4	4	7
Peanuts					
	Pegging	99	97	100	99
Rice					
	Headed	100	97	100	98
	Harvested	48	40	67	67
Sorghum					
	Headed	93	92	91	90
	Coloring	90	89	76	72
	Mature	84	83	66	64
	Harvested	61	53	64	55
Soybeans					
	Blooming	81	80	97	97
	Setting Pods	80	78	76	91
	Dropping	27	23	38	48
Leaves					
	Harvested	8	N/A	9	12
Sunflowers					
	Harvested	45	37	13	12

Crop Condition

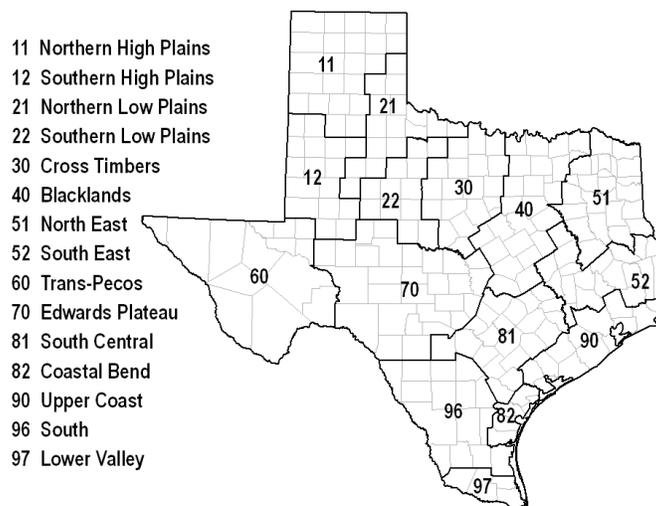
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index ¹	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2014	2013
Corn	17	48	29	5	1	81	75
Cotton	8	28	40	17	7	63	59
Peanuts	7	49	33	10	1	74	71
Rice	7	47	43	3	--	77	75
Sorghum	12	46	31	9	2	76	76
Soybeans	7	43	45	4	1	74	73
Range and Pasture	5	25	36	21	13	--	--

¹ 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.

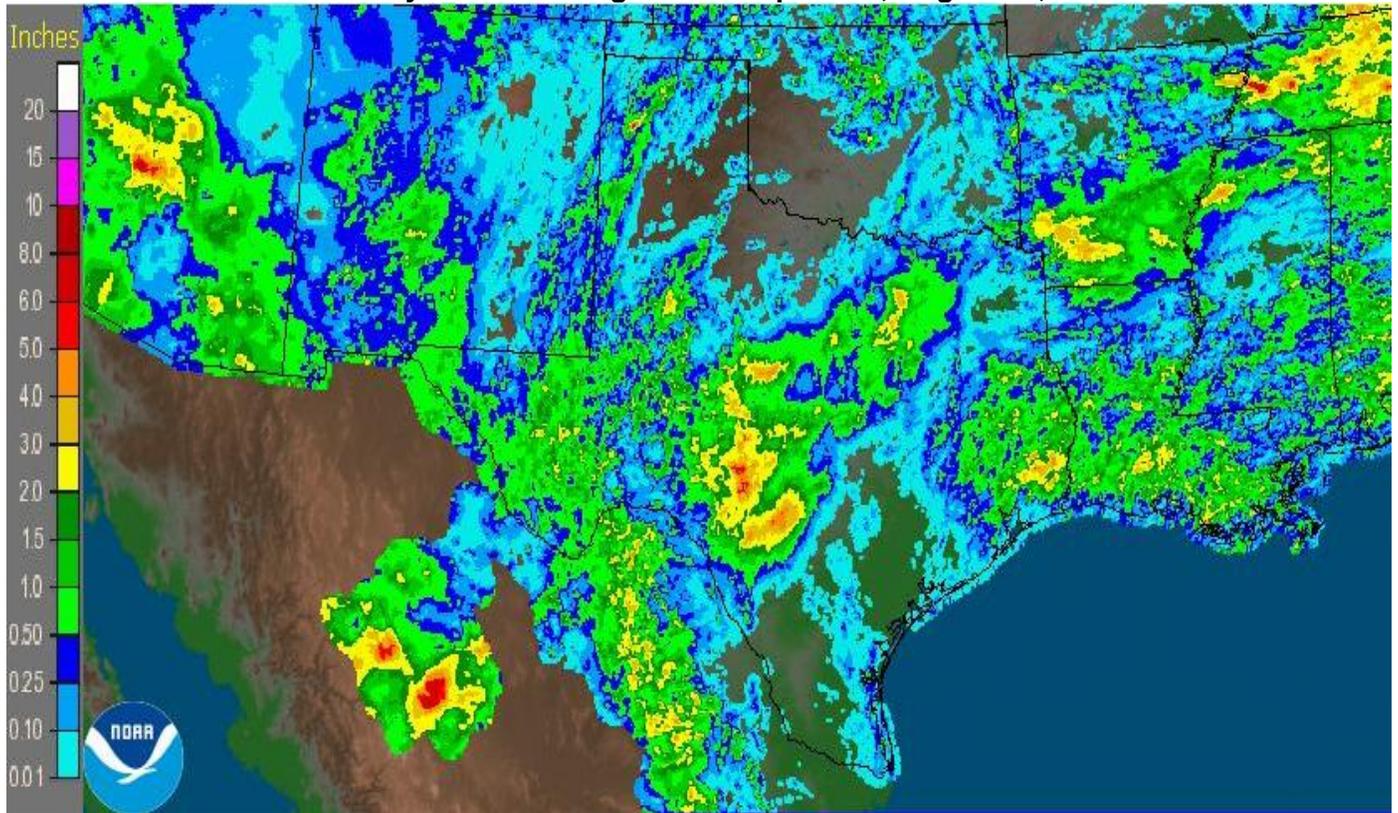
Top Soil Moisture Condition by District

District	Topsoil Moisture Condition by District				Subsoil Moisture Condition by District				Days Suitable for Fieldwork
	Percentage of Acreage				Percentage of Acreage				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
11	40	40	20	0	41	30	29	0	6.7
12	31	60	8	1	31	60	8	1	6.8
21	20	48	31	1	18	51	30	1	6.9
22	47	39	14	0	37	47	16	0	6.6
30	27	56	17	0	29	49	22	0	6.4
40	31	33	34	2	24	35	38	3	6.7
51	8	27	61	4	2	28	63	7	6.8
52	16	43	34	7	14	42	37	7	6.4
60	37	36	26	1	36	49	14	1	7.0
70	27	52	21	0	24	47	29	0	6.0
81	49	39	10	2	42	47	11	0	6.8
82	44	38	13	5	38	46	12	4	7.0
90	13	42	35	10	9	31	50	10	6.6
96	39	48	13	0	32	56	12	0	6.9
97	31	63	6	0	34	66	0	0	7.0
State	32	45	22	1	29	46	24	1	6.7

Texas Agricultural Districts



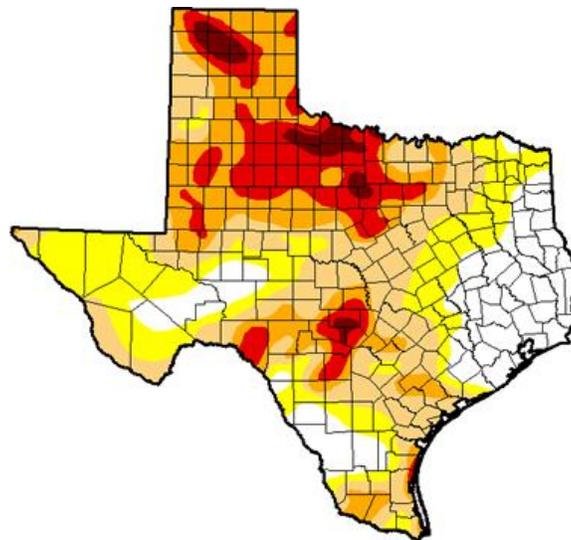
Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, August 25, 2014



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

Drought Monitor

Valid August 19, 2014



Intensity:

 D0 Abnormally Dry	 D3 Extreme Drought
 D1 Moderate Drought	 D4 Exceptional Drought
 D2 Severe Drought	

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