



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Weekly Summary for October 9- October 12

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Summary: Many areas of Texas received precipitation last week. Portions of the Blacklands and North East Texas received up to five inches of rainfall. Areas of the Cross Timbers, South East Texas and the Northern High Plains received three or more inches. Most other areas of the state received from trace amounts up to two plus inches of rainfall.

Small Grains: Winter wheat seeding continued in many areas of the state. Producers in the Northern High Plains and the Blacklands continued spraying wheat fields to prevent further damage from fall armyworms. In some areas of the Blacklands and Northern High Plains, winter wheat had emerged due to recent rainfall. Oats seeding continued in South Texas. Wheat seeding progressed well in areas of the Cross-Timbers due to recent precipitation.

Row Crops: In the Northern High Plains, cooler, wet weather had delayed corn harvest, while harvest was active in areas of the Northern Low Plains. Peanut harvest had begun in areas of the Southern High Plains, while recently dug peanuts continued to be dried in areas of the Northern Low Plains. Producers defoliated cotton in many areas of the state and cotton ginning continued in the Upper Coast. Producers across the state continued to remove cotton stalks from fields. Sorghum harvest progressed in the Cross-Timbers, while in the Blacklands, sugarcane aphids continued to damage fields. Soybean harvest was active in the Northern High Plains.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: In South Texas, spinach and cabbage planting continued. Harvest of watermelons was wrapping up in North East Texas. In the Trans-Pecos, harvest of Pawnee pecans was underway, while Western pecans had progressed to the shuck separation stage.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Pastures continued to green up in areas that had received rainfall. Army worms and grasshoppers damaged crops and pastures in eastern areas of the state. Livestock began to graze on corn stalks, where harvest had been completed. In areas of North East Texas, cattle were under pressure from horn flies.

Stage	Crop Progress			
	Percent of Acreage			
	Current	Prev. Week	Prev. Year ¹	5 Year Avg ²
Corn				
Mature	85	79	N/A	96
Harvested	70	69	N/A	82
Cotton				
Bolls Opening	63	60	N/A	81
Harvested	20	19	N/A	21
Peanuts				
Harvested	16	5	N/A	34
Sorghum				
Coloring	97	96	N/A	94
Mature	91	90	N/A	81
Harvested	74	73	N/A	70
Soybeans				
Dropping Leaves	86	85	N/A	93
Harvested	54	50	N/A	79
Sunflowers				
Harvested	84	83	N/A	57
Winter Wheat				
Planted	63	54	N/A	60
Emerged	41	31	N/A	32
Oats				
Planted	49	41	N/A	54
Emerged	10	5	N/A	21

¹ Due to a lapse in federal funding in October 2013, the Crop Progress reports for the weeks ending October 6, 2013 and October 13, 2013 were canceled. Therefore, previous year estimates for the corresponding weeks will not be available.

² Five-year average estimates will reflect the years 2009-2013 using published estimates for 2009-2012 and imputed estimates for 2013.

Crop Condition

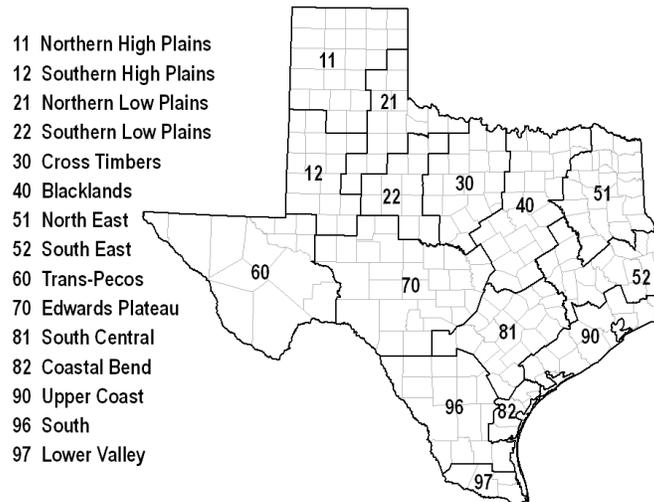
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index ¹	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2014	2013
Corn	18	49	27	5	1	81	75
Cotton	7	26	41	18	8	61	58
Peanuts	8	47	27	12	6	71	79
Sorghum	12	46	31	9	2	76	69
Soybeans	8	44	43	4	1	75	68
Range and Pasture	5	29	39	17	10	--	--

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.

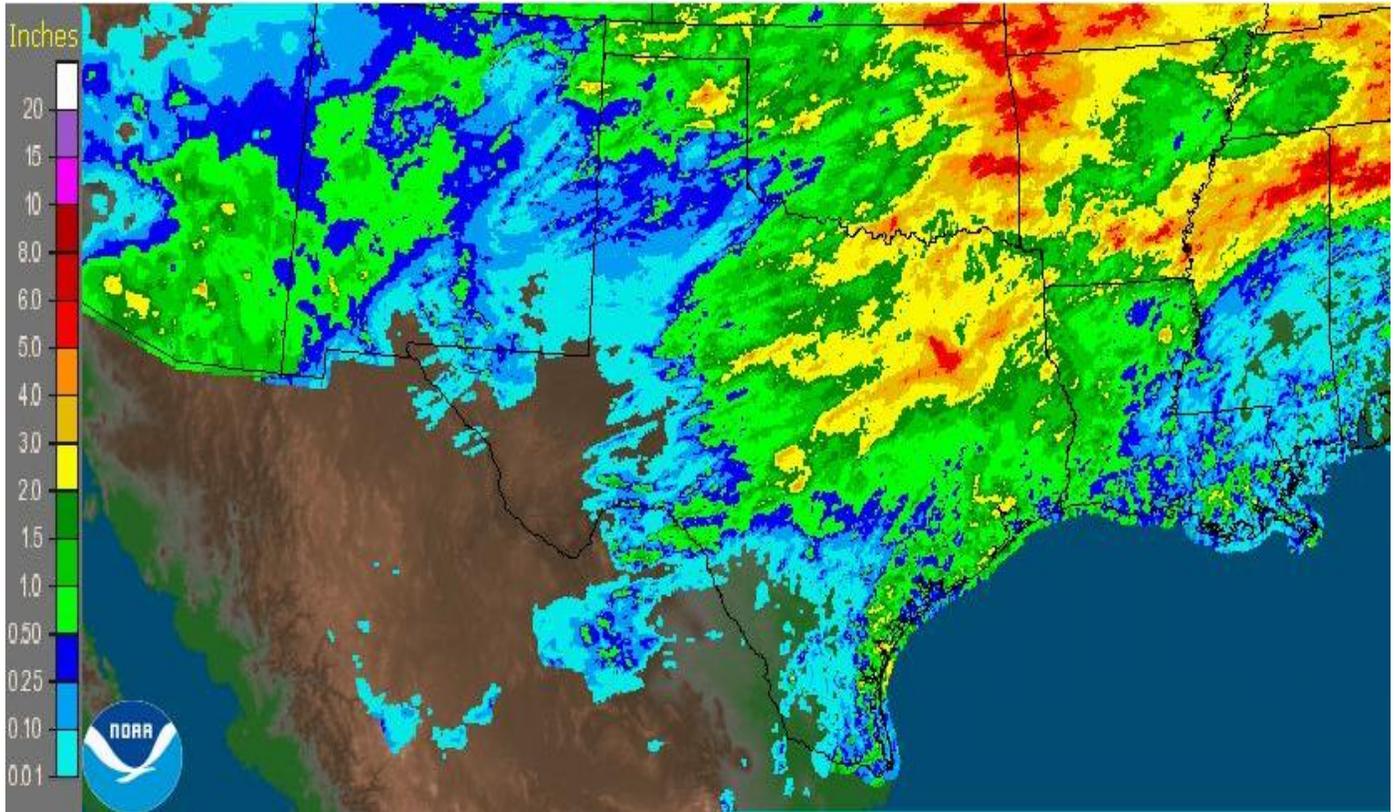
Top Soil Moisture Condition by District

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	15	31	51	3	24	31	43	2	5.7
12	10	24	60	6	11	37	50	2	6.7
21	15	37	43	5	12	40	47	1	6.8
22	23	48	25	4	24	36	37	3	6.1
30	32	51	16	1	39	46	15	0	6.2
40	15	27	51	7	8	36	52	4	5.2
51	8	26	58	8	7	36	54	3	6.1
52	8	30	41	21	6	30	49	15	5.9
60	17	32	48	3	18	37	43	2	7.0
70	20	48	30	2	19	50	30	1	6.4
81	13	46	38	3	19	52	23	6	6.4
82	3	20	65	12	21	30	36	13	5.0
90	4	14	65	17	3	16	64	17	4.5
96	24	45	31	0	11	61	28	0	7.0
97	0	27	67	6	6	29	59	6	7.0
State	16	36	44	4	17	41	39	3	6.1

Texas Agricultural Districts



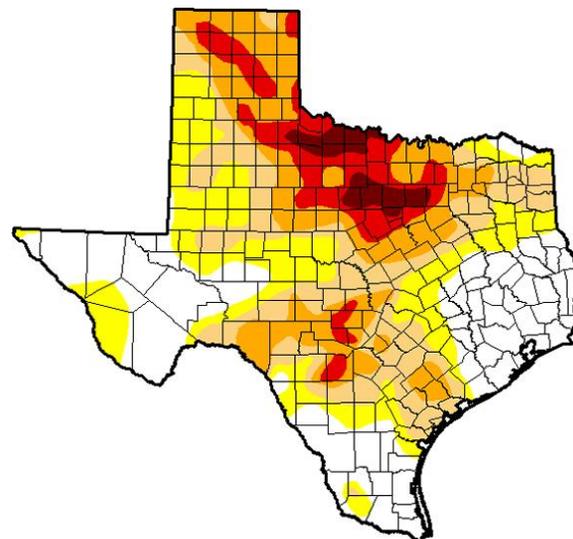
Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, October 13, 2014



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

Drought Monitor

Valid October 7, 2014



Intensity:

Yellow	D0 Abnormally Dry	Red	D3 Extreme Drought
Light Brown	D1 Moderate Drought	Dark Brown	D4 Exceptional Drought
Orange	D2 Severe Drought		

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