



# Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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**Weekly Summary for October 20 - October 26**

**RELEASES OCTOBER 27, 2014**

Precipitation fell across much of the state. Areas of the Trans-Pecos and the Plains received one or more inches of rainfall. Portions of the Lower Valley received two or more inches of precipitation. The rest of the state received little to no rainfall.

**Small Grains:** Winter wheat and oat seeding continued in many areas of the state. Producers in the Blacklands continued spraying as armyworms were still present in fields. Sowing of wheat fields continued in many areas of the Coastal Bend.

**Row Crops:** Corn harvest was active in many areas of the Northern High Plains as dry weather aided farmers. Cotton harvest continued around the state with many fields

defoliated and ready for picking. Stalk removal progressed in the Upper Coast, while bolls continued to open in the Edwards Plateau. In South Texas and the Plains, peanut harvest was in full swing.

**Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops:** Pecan harvest continued in many areas of the Cross-Timbers and South Texas. Harvest of Pawnee pecans had wrapped up and Western pecan shucks continued to separate in the Trans-Pecos. In South Texas, cabbage harvest was nearing completion, while onions and cabbage were being planted in the Lower Valley. Sugarcane harvest was active in many areas of the Lower Valley, while tomatoes and peppers were progressing due to recent moisture.

**Livestock, Range and Pasture:** Winter pastures and rangeland across the state continued to benefit from recent rainfall. Signs of feral hogs continued to be seen in parts of the Blacklands and North East Texas. Livestock remained in good condition across the state.

Stage	Crop Progress			
	Percent of Acreage			
	Current	Prev. Week	Prev. Year	5 Year Avg
<b>Corn</b>				
Mature	95	94	98	100
Harvested	77	76	90	93
<b>Cotton</b>				
Bolls Opening	86	79	89	92
Harvested	30	22	29	34
<b>Peanuts</b>				
Harvested	39	26	55	60
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Coloring	99	98	99	97
Mature	93	92	94	90
Harvested	76	75	77	75
<b>Soybeans</b>				
Dropping Leaves	88	87	96	97
Harvested	58	56	86	86
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Harvested	86	85	54	64
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Planted	77	71	74	76
Emerged	58	50	54	51
<b>Oats</b>				
Planted	80	72	63	73
Emerged	30	22	45	44

### Crop Condition

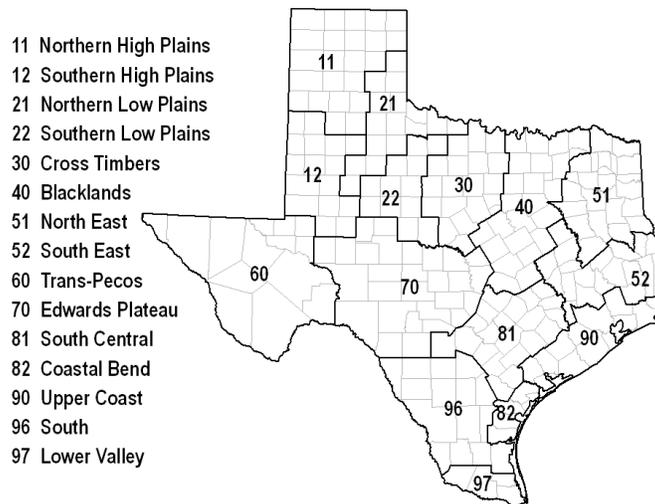
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index <sup>1</sup>	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2014	2013
Corn	18	49	27	5	1	81	75
Cotton	7	26	41	17	9	60	55
Peanuts	8	47	27	12	6	71	73
Sorghum	12	46	31	9	2	76	68
Soybeans	8	44	43	4	1	75	68
Wheat	13	37	33	12	5	71	71
Range and Pasture	4	28	40	19	9	--	--

<sup>1</sup> 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	18	41	40	1	23	40	35	2	6.0
12	12	41	44	3	11	51	37	1	6.4
21	14	46	40	0	10	46	44	0	6.5
22	24	52	21	3	25	38	34	3	6.3
30	23	48	28	1	31	47	22	0	6.6
40	19	21	57	3	11	34	52	3	6.1
51	7	21	66	6	6	34	56	4	6.8
52	6	36	51	7	4	31	58	7	6.4
60	19	37	43	1	18	37	44	1	6.6
70	22	49	28	1	19	53	28	0	6.6
81	19	52	27	2	26	49	20	5	6.8
82	21	15	54	10	18	29	47	6	6.6
90	6	17	65	12	5	15	66	14	5.8
96	27	54	19	0	20	58	22	0	7.0
97	0	26	63	11	6	27	59	8	6.5
State	18	42	38	2	17	44	37	2	6.4

### Texas Agricultural Districts



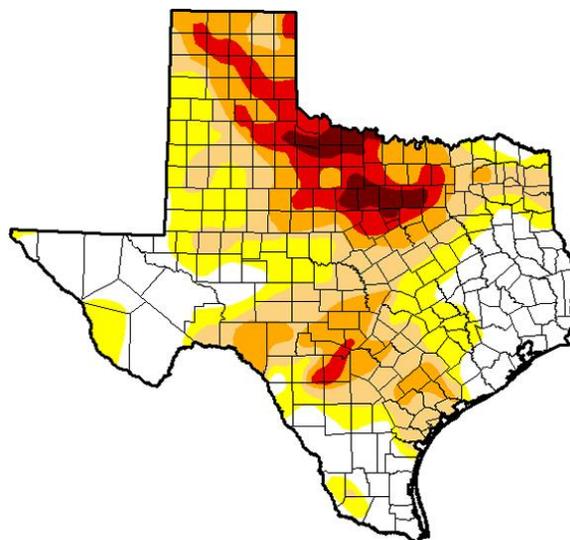
### Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, October 26, 2014



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

### Drought Monitor

Valid October 21, 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/>