



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Weekly Summary for November 17 - 23

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Most areas of the state received precipitation last week. Rainfall was heaviest in East and Central Texas, with some areas reporting five inches or more. Many northern and central areas of the state experienced snowfall and freezing temperatures.

Small Grains: Winter wheat and oats seeding was nearing completion in most areas. Around the state, emerging small grains benefited from recent rain showers, however plant development was hampered in some areas by cold temperatures.

Row Crops: Weather conditions affected harvest activities in much of the state. Cotton, sorghum, and sunflower harvest continued in the High and Low Plains, but was delayed in some areas due to snow and rain showers. Corn harvest had mostly wrapped up around the state. In South Texas, rainfall once again slowed peanut harvest.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: Pecan harvest continued around the state with some pest and scab issues observed. Pecan tree defoliation had begun in areas of the Trans-Pecos. In South Texas, spinach and cabbage harvest was underway while cabbage and onion development benefited from cooler temperatures and improved soil moisture. Tomatoes, onions, and cabbage continued to progress in the Lower Valley, and citrus harvest was ramping up.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Last week's soaking rains left pastures and rangeland in good condition across most of the state, providing plentiful forage for livestock. However freezing temperatures and dry conditions slowed grass growth in some areas. Many producers were supplementing with hay and protein as temperatures began to fall. Stock tank levels improved with rainfall, though moisture was still needed in some areas.

Crop Progress				
Stage	Percent of Acreage			
	Current	Prev. Week	Prev. Year	5 Year Avg
Corn				
Harvested	98	97	100	99
Cotton				
Bolls Opening	97	95	100	100
Harvested	57	46	70	79
Peanuts				
Harvested	94	88	98	97
Sorghum				
Mature	98	97	100	99
Harvested	84	83	98	91
Soybeans				
Harvested	81	80	93	95
Sunflowers				
Harvested	91	90	77	87
Winter Wheat				
Planted	92	89	95	94
Emerged	82	76	82	79
Oats				
Planted	95	93	89	92
Emerged	65	46	82	77

This is the final Crop Progress and Condition report for the 2014 season.
The next Crop Progress and Condition report will be available January 5, 2015.

Crop Condition

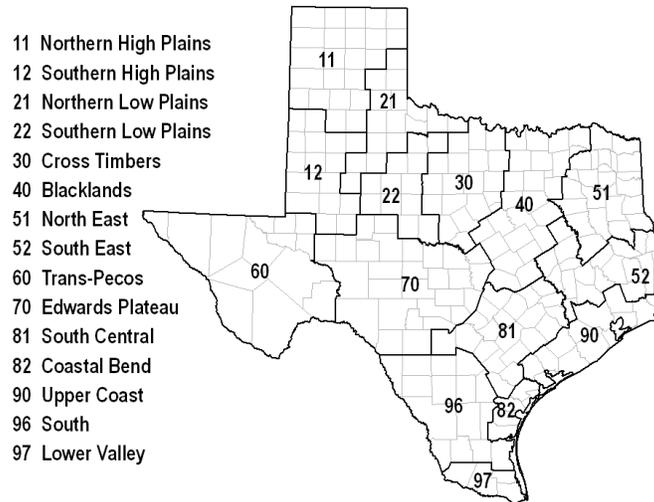
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index ¹	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2014	2013
Corn	18	49	27	5	1	81	75
Cotton	8	26	40	17	9	61	56
Peanuts	8	47	27	12	6	71	73
Sorghum	12	46	31	9	2	76	76
Soybeans	8	44	43	4	1	75	68
Wheat	11	38	38	9	4	72	60
Oats	9	46	35	6	4	74	80
Range and Pasture	5	28	39	19	9	--	--

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.

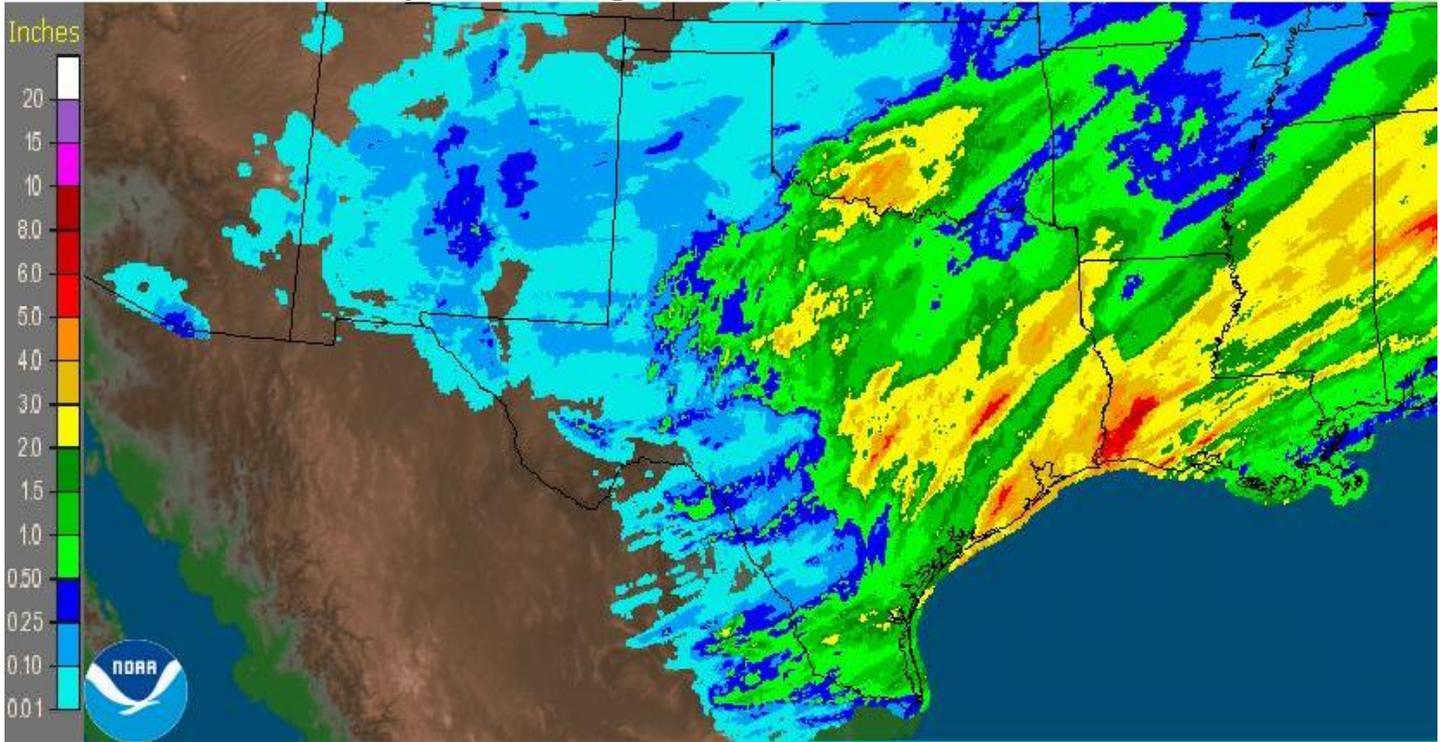
Top Soil Moisture Condition by District

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	24	46	30	0	23	51	26	0	5.3
12	12	28	55	5	12	40	46	2	5.9
21	16	25	58	1	9	37	54	0	5.2
22	12	36	43	9	18	35	43	4	4.4
30	9	43	44	4	23	45	31	1	5.7
40	10	22	64	4	8	24	64	4	5.2
51	8	18	70	4	7	21	68	4	5.6
52	5	27	44	24	6	23	57	14	5.6
60	21	31	47	1	18	36	45	1	7.0
70	13	30	51	6	8	38	48	6	6.1
81	4	29	55	12	8	38	47	7	4.8
82	1	1	69	29	6	28	56	10	3.2
90	0	5	77	18	1	10	76	13	1.5
96	8	29	46	17	4	41	52	3	3.6
97	0	25	52	23	7	25	47	21	5.9
State	12	29	53	6	12	36	49	3	5.1

Texas Agricultural Districts



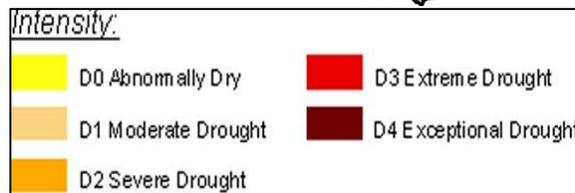
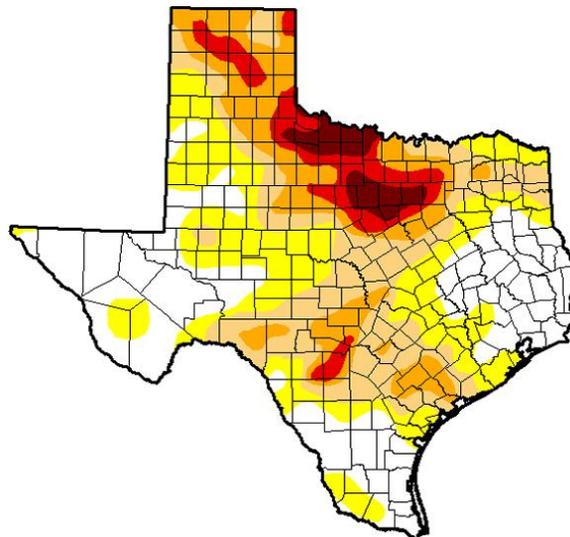
Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, November 23, 2014



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

Drought Monitor

Valid November 18, 2014



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