



# Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Many areas across the state received less than one inch or more precipitation last week, with the Upper Coast receiving the largest amounts. The Northern High Plains received some precipitation with most acres receiving one hundredth of an inch or less. Colder than normal temperatures also created adverse conditions for harvesting of crops.

| Crop Progress |                    |            |            |            |
|---------------|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Stage         | Percent of Acreage |            |            |            |
|               | Current            | Prev. Week | Prev. Year | 5 Year Avg |
| Cotton        |                    |            |            |            |
| Harvested     | 96                 | N/A        | 94         | 99         |
| Pecans        |                    |            |            |            |
| Harvested     | 86                 | N/A        | 92         | 94         |
| Winter Wheat  |                    |            |            |            |
| Emerged       | 95                 | N/A        | 93         | 94         |
| Oats          |                    |            |            |            |
| Emerged       | 94                 | N/A        | 95         | 96         |

**Small Grains:** Recent weather conditions have contributed to the development of the winter wheat crop in the Northern Plains. Oats continued to progress in the Blacklands and South Texas.

**Row Crops:** Statewide cotton harvest is up two points from the previous year, but three points behind normal. Harvest in the Northern Plains is near completion. Field preparations for corn were underway in areas of the Blacklands.

**Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops:** In South Texas, cold and damp conditions have temporarily delayed fresh and processing spinach harvest. The cabbage and onion crops were rated in mostly fair condition.

**Livestock, Range and Pasture:** Livestock were generally in fair to good condition across the state as supplemental feeding continued.

### Crop Condition

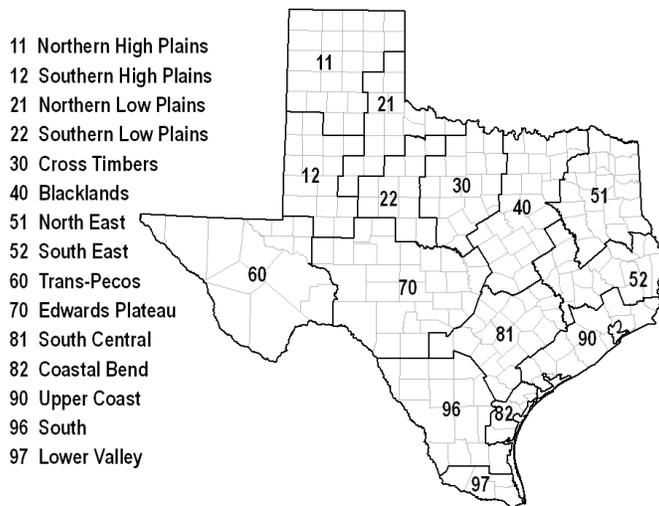
| Crop              | Percent of Acreage |      |      |      |           | Index <sup>1</sup> |      |
|-------------------|--------------------|------|------|------|-----------|--------------------|------|
|                   | Excellent          | Good | Fair | Poor | Very Poor | 2015               | 2014 |
| Wheat             | 7                  | 36   | 41   | 11   | 5         | 68                 | ---  |
| Oats              | 5                  | 44   | 39   | 9    | 3         | 71                 | ---  |
| Range and Pasture | 5                  | 28   | 41   | 17   | 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.

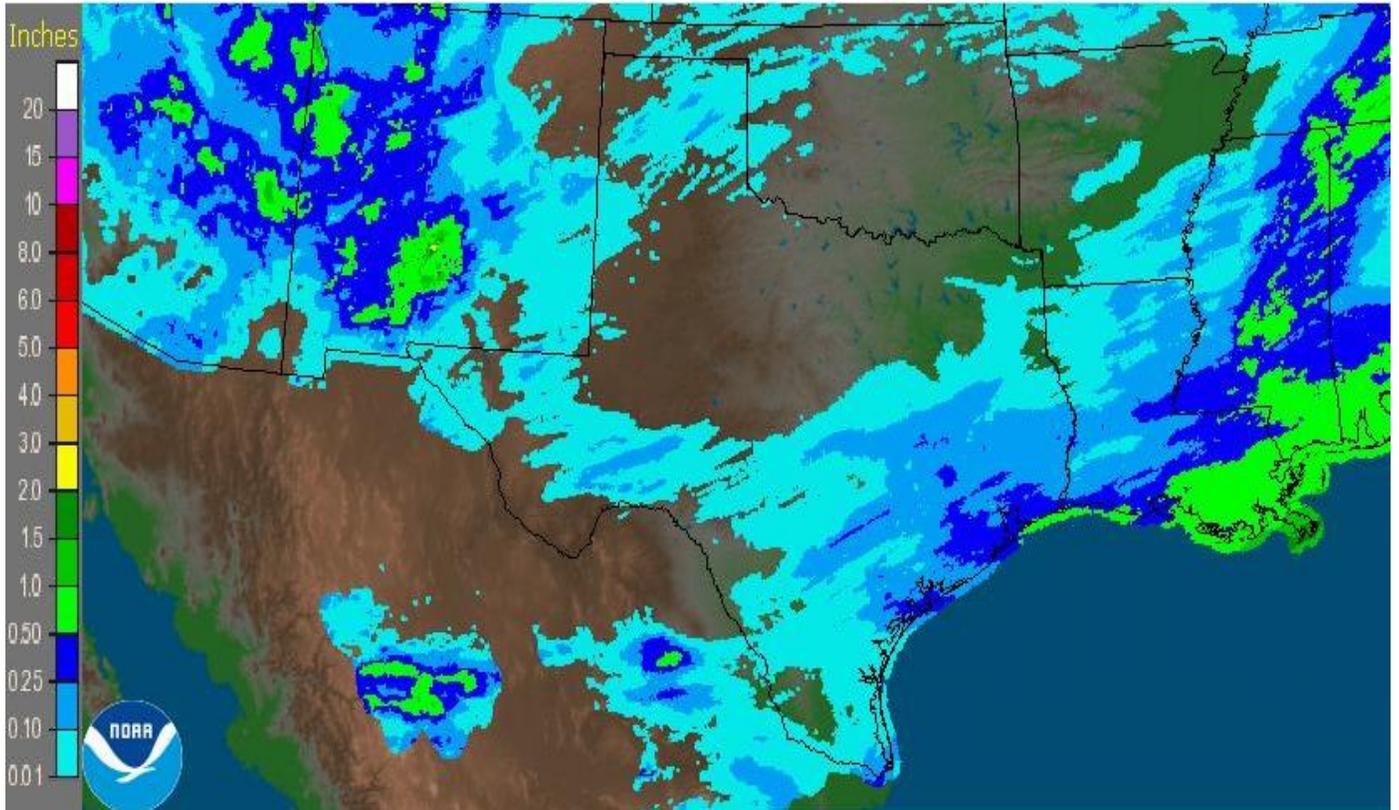
### Top Soil Moisture Condition by District

| 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       | 30                                     | 49    | 21       | 0       | 38                                     | 47    | 15       | 0       | 4.7                         |
| 12       | 7                                      | 36    | 54       | 3       | 7                                      | 47    | 44       | 2       | 6.2                         |
| 21       | 21                                     | 49    | 30       | 0       | 14                                     | 55    | 31       | 0       | 6.3                         |
| 22       | 8                                      | 37    | 49       | 6       | 10                                     | 43    | 41       | 6       | 4.9                         |
| 30       | 16                                     | 46    | 38       | 0       | 17                                     | 45    | 38       | 0       | 4.5                         |
| 40       | 3                                      | 10    | 65       | 22      | 2                                      | 16    | 71       | 11      | 3.5                         |
| 51       | 6                                      | 9     | 56       | 29      | 7                                      | 11    | 53       | 29      | 4.9                         |
| 52       | 3                                      | 10    | 35       | 52      | 3                                      | 9     | 51       | 37      | 3.2                         |
| 60       | 13                                     | 34    | 48       | 5       | 34                                     | 37    | 23       | 6       | 7.0                         |
| 70       | 14                                     | 39    | 42       | 5       | 14                                     | 44    | 38       | 4       | 5.8                         |
| 81       | 2                                      | 10    | 66       | 22      | 3                                      | 26    | 60       | 11      | 4.4                         |
| 82       | 0                                      | 2     | 70       | 28      | 4                                      | 25    | 45       | 26      | 3.5                         |
| 90       | 0                                      | 1     | 50       | 49      | 0                                      | 6     | 68       | 26      | 1.0                         |
| 96       | 1                                      | 30    | 55       | 14      | 3                                      | 36    | 54       | 7       | 3.3                         |
| 97       | 0                                      | 19    | 31       | 50      | 7                                      | 25    | 20       | 48      | 3.6                         |
| State    | 11                                     | 31    | 47       | 11      | 14                                     | 36    | 42       | 8       | 4.8                         |

### Texas Agricultural Districts

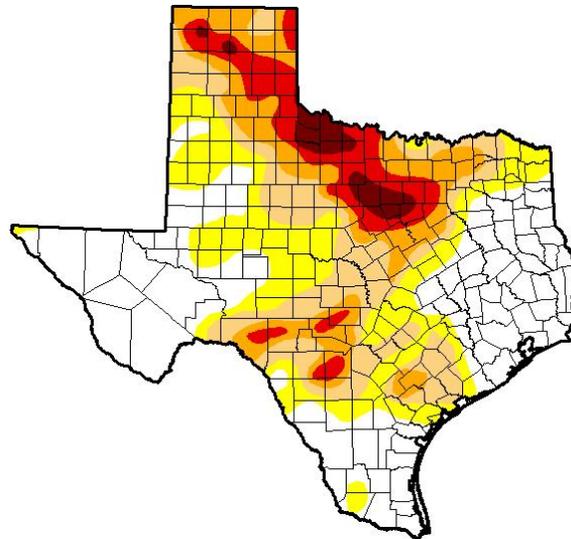


### Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, January 19, 2015.



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

### Drought Monitor Valid January 13, 2015



| <i>Intensity:</i>   |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| 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/>