



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Weekly Summary for February 23 - March 1

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Eastern parts of Texas received upwards of 2 inches of rainfall, while the remainder of the state reported 0.01 to 1.5 inches of precipitation. Snow and ice conditions persisted throughout the north and eastern part of the state.

Small Grains: Winter wheat condition throughout the state were rated fair to good. Increased moisture in areas of the High Plains improved winter wheat conditions. Oat conditions were rated good to fair.

Row Crops: Areas of the High Plains, the Trans-Pecos, and the Coastal Bend continued field preparations for cotton and sorghum planting. Producers delayed corn planting in several areas of the state due to cold, wet weather.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: The Lower Valley continued harvest of citrus and vegetables. While vegetable harvest progressed in the South East. Fruit tree pruning continued in North East Texas.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Supplemental feeding remained active. Range and pasture conditions continued to improve in areas of the state that received precipitation. Range and pasture conditions were rated fair to good.

Crop Progress				
Stage	Percent of Acreage			
	Current	Prev. Week	Prev. Year	5 Year Avg
Corn				
Planted	4	2	7	7
Pecans				
Harvested	99	98	100	100
Oats				
Emerged	100	99	100	100

Crop Condition

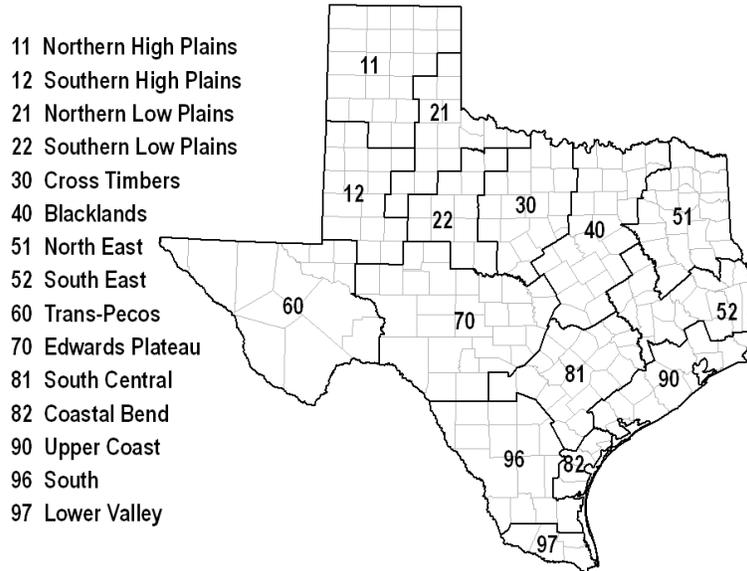
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index ¹	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2015	2014
Wheat	9	37	42	9	3	71	--
Oats	6	42	39	10	3	70	--
Range and Pasture	5	29	41	18	7	--	--

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.

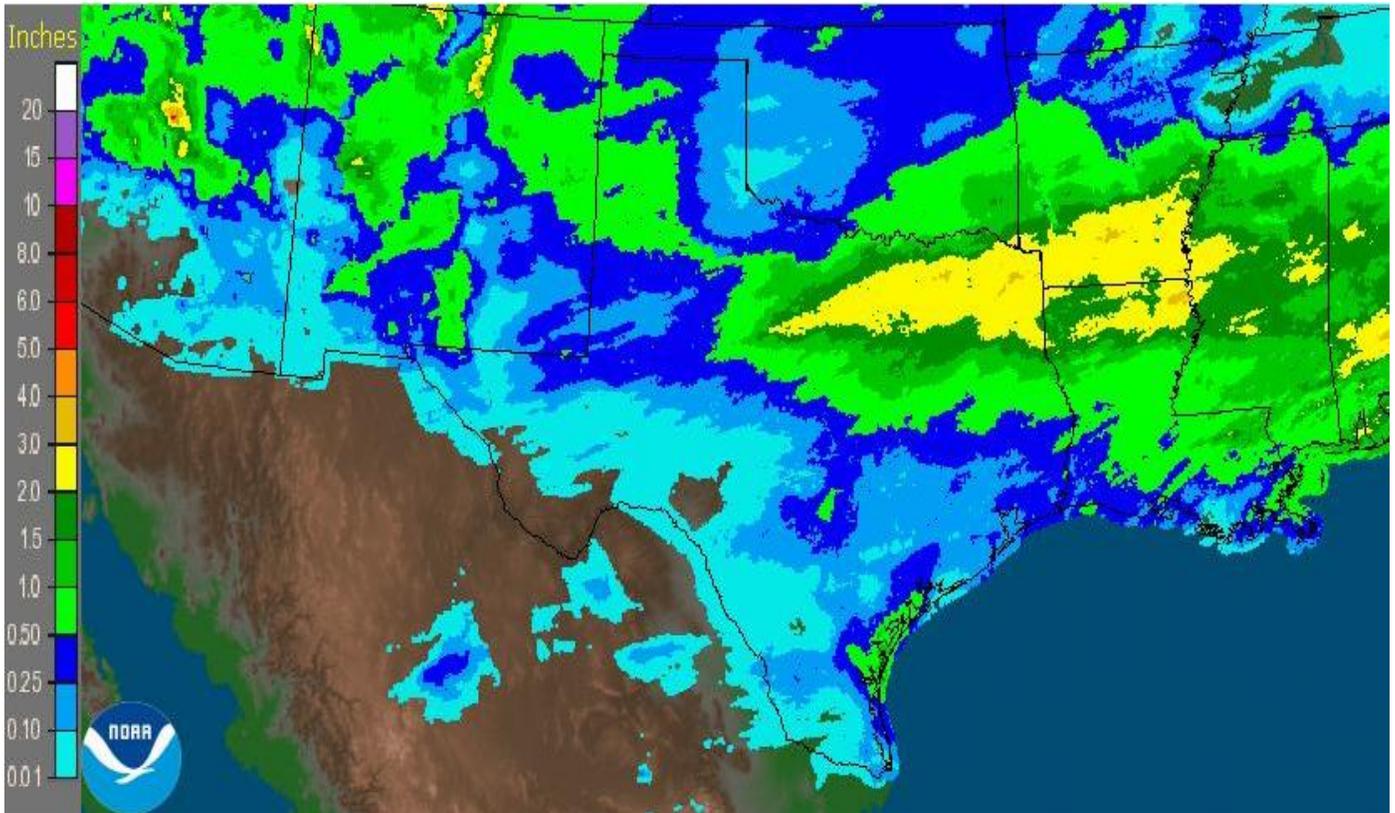
Top Soil Moisture Condition by District

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	7	36	53	4	14	44	41	1	2.4
12	7	35	52	6	6	44	48	2	3.8
21	13	17	65	5	8	38	50	4	4.5
22	5	47	41	7	7	40	49	4	2.5
30	14	29	54	3	20	34	45	1	1.9
40	1	3	62	34	1	9	75	15	1.4
51	5	8	51	36	7	11	52	30	3.8
52	3	9	46	42	2	10	56	32	4.2
60	20	33	34	13	21	28	39	12	6.4
70	17	28	49	6	18	30	47	5	4.5
81	1	18	72	9	2	25	69	4	4.2
82	1	5	86	8	5	9	53	33	4.4
90	0	3	71	26	0	4	84	12	4.1
96	2	41	51	6	2	41	54	3	4.3
97	0	8	77	15	3	11	73	13	5.8
State	6	24	58	12	7	30	56	7	3.3

Texas Agricultural Districts

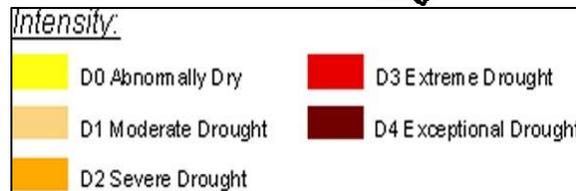
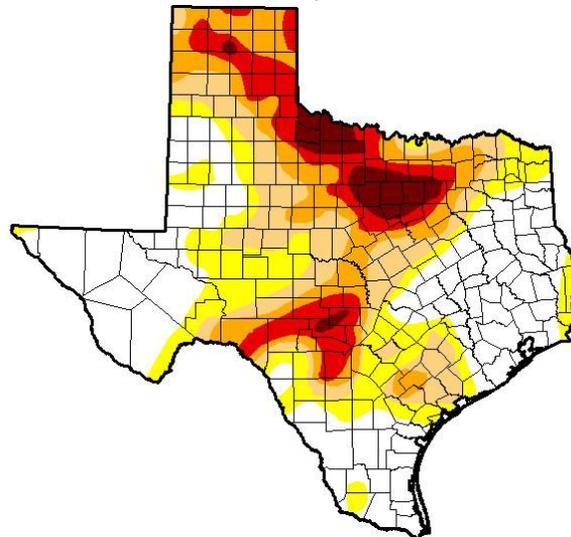


Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, March 1, 2015



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

Drought Monitor Valid February 24, 2015



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