



# Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Weekly Summary for March 1 - March 8

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Cold temperatures continued throughout North Texas with some areas receiving upwards of 3 inches of snow. Scattered showers were experienced throughout the state during the week, bringing 0.01 to 3.0 inches of precipitation. Eastern parts of Texas received upwards of 4 inches of rainfall.

Crop Progress				
Stage	Percent of Acreage			
	Current	Prev. Week	Prev. Year	5 Year Avg
<b>Corn</b>				
Planted	6	4	10	15
<b>Pecans</b>				
Harvested	100	99	100	100
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Planted	1	N/A	6	10

**Small Grains:** Winter wheat made progress due to increase moisture throughout the state, with conditions rated fair to good.

**Row Crops:** Producers in South Central, the Upper Coast, and the Southern parts of the state began planting corn. Sorghum planting was active in areas of the Coastal Bend and the Lower Valley. Field preparations for cotton and sorghum continued in areas of the High Plains and Trans-Pecos.

**Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops:** Vegetables continued to make favorable progress in areas of the Southern part of the state and Lower Valley.

**Livestock, Range and Pasture:** Livestock began experiencing stress due to wet, cool conditions in areas of East Texas. Supplemental feeding remained active. Range and pasture progressed throughout the state; however, continued cold temperatures began to deteriorate conditions in areas of the Blacklands and the South East.

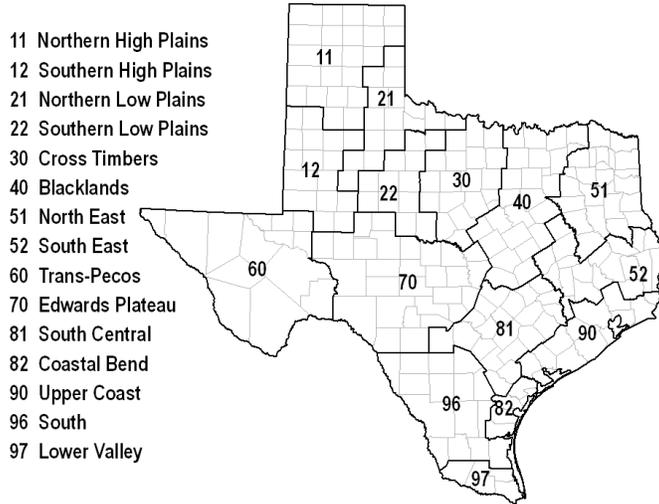
Crop Condition							
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index <sup>1</sup>	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2015	2014
Wheat	9	41	39	8	3	72	--
Oats	6	43	39	9	3	71	--
Range and Pasture	6	29	41	17	7	--	--

<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.

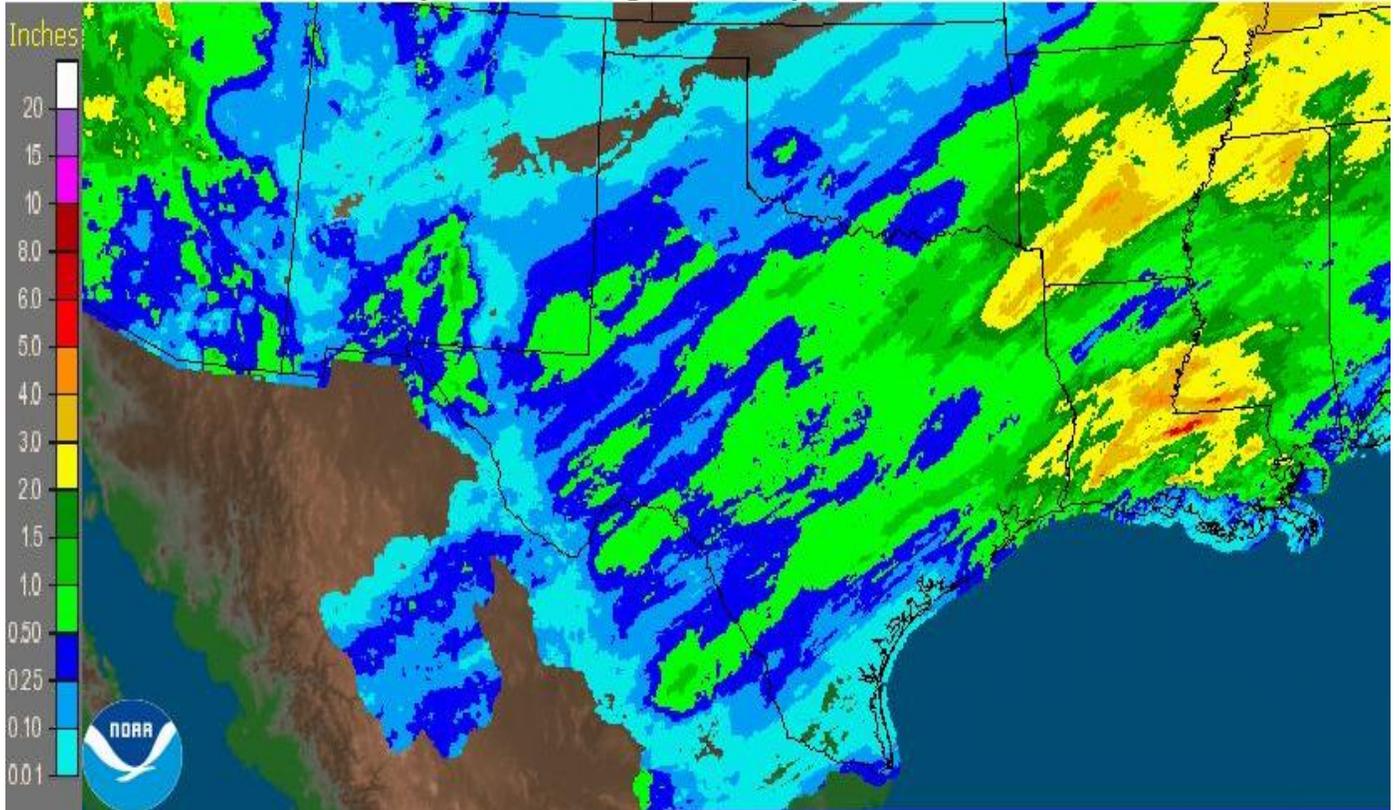
**Top Soil Moisture Condition by District**

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	5	32	59	4	20	37	42	1	2.1
12	6	28	60	6	5	47	46	2	1.2
21	6	21	66	7	8	33	56	3	4.2
22	4	31	59	6	7	25	63	5	1.7
30	5	20	64	11	17	30	52	1	2.2
40	1	3	47	49	1	5	65	29	0.6
51	6	6	42	46	6	5	54	35	2.5
52	2	10	36	52	2	11	46	41	3.4
60	18	33	36	13	21	28	39	12	7.0
70	15	25	54	6	14	28	52	6	4.2
81	0	16	77	7	0	22	74	4	4.0
82	1	4	58	37	3	10	21	66	0.8
90	0	1	74	25	0	4	75	21	3.6
96	1	25	55	19	1	27	62	10	4.0
97	0	8	76	16	3	11	70	16	5.8
State	4	20	60	16	8	26	55	11	2.4

**Texas Agricultural Districts**

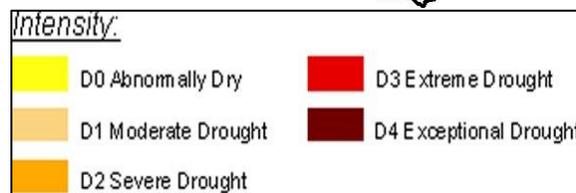
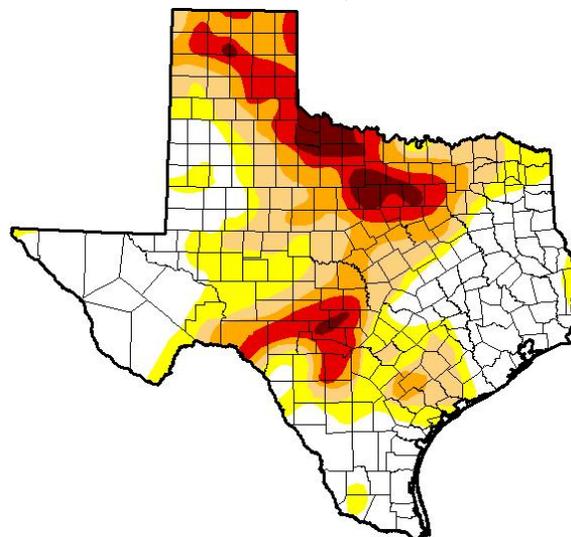


### Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, March 8, 2015



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

### Drought Monitor Valid March 3, 2015



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