



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Weekly Summary for March 8 - March 15

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Most areas of the state received rainfall last week, from 0.10 to 10 inches. Areas of the Upper Coast and East Texas received the heaviest amounts of precipitation, with upwards of 10 inches reported.

Small Grains: Winter wheat progressed well throughout the state. Areas of the Northern High Plains reported issues with army cut worms in some fields. Oats progressed well in the Cross Timbers.

Row Crops: Corn and Sorghum planting was delayed due to wet conditions in many parts of the state; however, South Texas continued planting corn. In South Central and the Coastal Bend sorghum planting continued.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: In South Texas spring vegetables planting continued. Vegetable producers were preparing fields for planting in South East Texas.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Supplemental feeding remained active, but began to slow as a result of warmer temperatures. Livestock condition was favorable throughout the state. Range and pasture made favorable progress with warmer temperatures experienced this past week.

Crop Progress				
Stage	Percent of Acreage			
	Current	Prev. Week	Prev. Year	5 Year Avg
Corn				
Planted	11	6	14	25
Sorghum				
Planted	4	1	10	18

Crop	Crop Condition					Index ¹	
	Percent of Acreage					2015	2014
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor		
Wheat	9	42	38	8	3	73	--
Oats	6	47	36	8	3	73	--
Range and Pasture	6	31	40	16	7	--	--

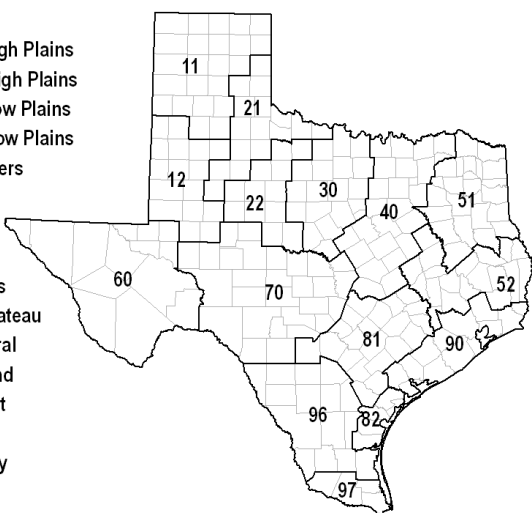
¹ The formula for the condition index is $I = (5V + 25P + 60F + 90G + 110E)/100$ where I = crop condition index and V, P, F, G, E = percentage of crop rated very poor, poor, fair, good, excellent.

Top Soil Moisture Condition by District

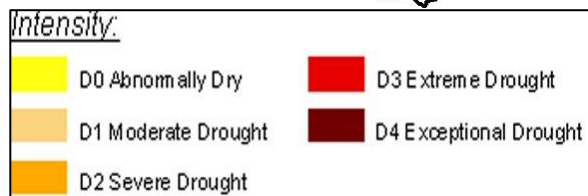
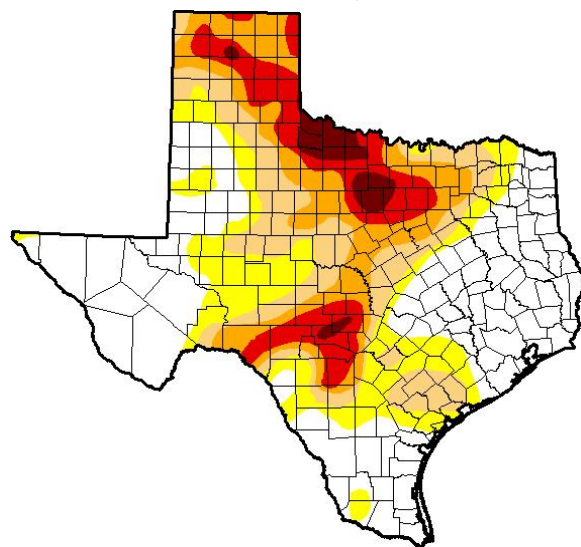
District	Topsoil Moisture Condition by District				Subsoil Moisture Condition by District				Days Suitable for Fieldwork
	Percentage of Acreage				Percentage of Acreage				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
11	7	28	63	2	19	39	41	1	6.4
12	6	28	65	1	5	48	46	1	5.9
21	6	30	57	7	8	37	52	3	5.1
22	4	30	59	7	6	24	65	5	4.3
30	5	18	67	10	16	25	58	1	3.0
40	1	2	39	58	1	4	58	37	0.9
51	6	6	30	58	6	5	43	46	3.3
52	2	9	22	67	2	9	30	59	2.0
60	19	31	37	13	19	29	40	12	6.4
70	15	25	54	6	15	28	52	5	5.4
81	1	11	74	14	1	18	72	9	2.8
82	1	1	24	74	2	11	12	75	0.8
90	0	1	50	49	0	5	63	32	0.6
96	1	20	76	3	2	27	63	8	4.6
97	0	8	76	16	3	11	70	16	5.4
State	4	19	58	19	8	26	52	14	4.2

Texas Agricultural Districts

- 11 Northern High Plains
- 12 Southern High Plains
- 21 Northern Low Plains
- 22 Southern Low Plains
- 30 Cross Timbers
- 40 Blacklands
- 51 North East
- 52 South East
- 60 Trans-Pecos
- 70 Edwards Plateau
- 81 South Central
- 82 Coastal Bend
- 90 Upper Coast
- 96 South
- 97 Lower Valley

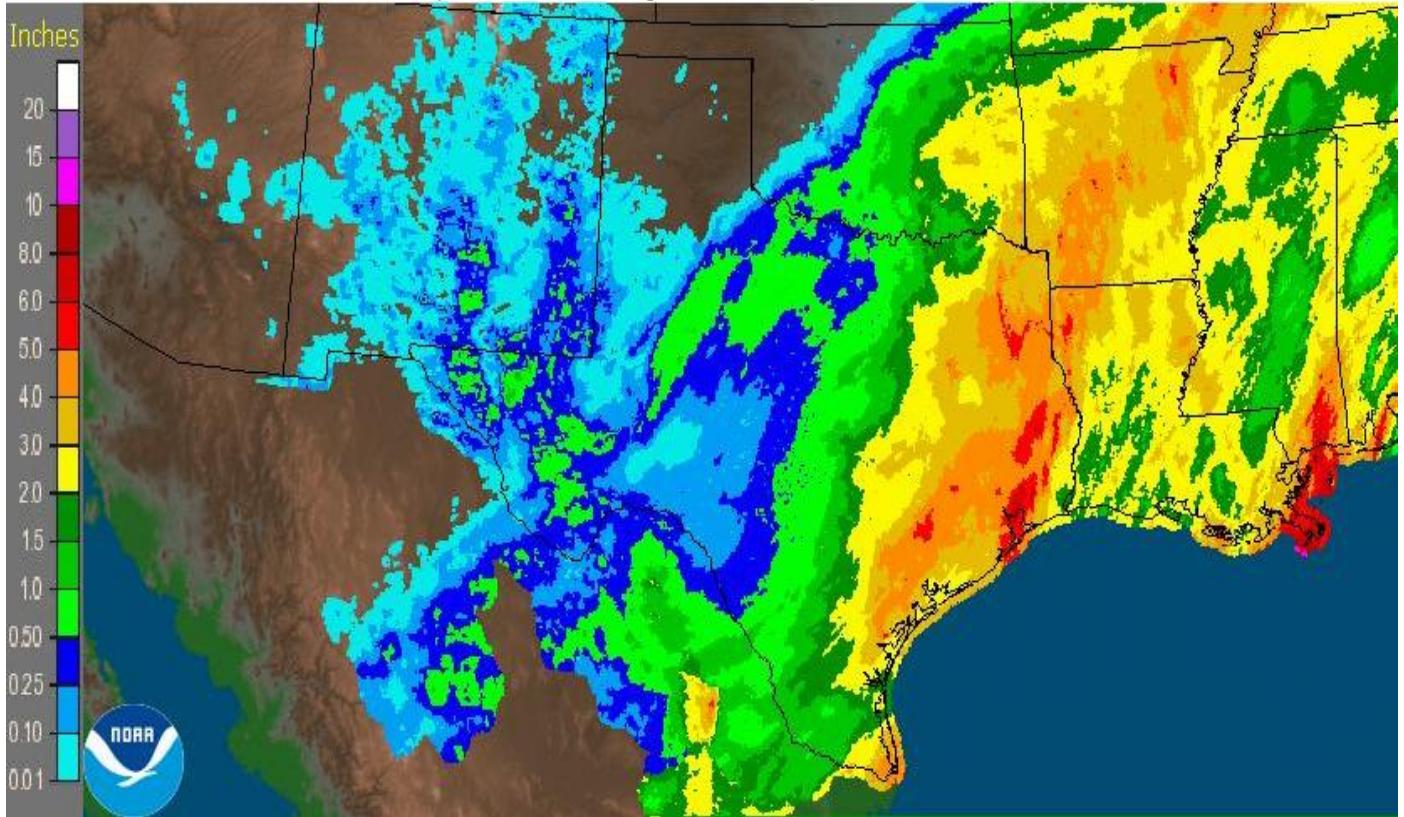


Drought Monitor Valid March 10, 2015



Source: National Drought Mitigation Center,
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<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu>

Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, March 15, 2015



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