



# Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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**Weekly Summary for March 16 - 22**

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Areas of South Texas, the Coastal Bend, the Upper Coast and South East Texas received the majority of the state's rainfall, totaling three or more inches. Parts of the Edwards Plateau and the Blacklands received up to three inches of precipitation. Most other areas observed one or more inches of moisture.

**Small Grains:** Winter wheat in the Northern High and Low Plains continued to progress, due to warm temperatures. In South Texas, wheat and oats entered the heading stage. Winter wheat fields began to improve due to recent fertilization in the Southern Low Plains.

**Row Crops:** Producers in the Lower Valley delayed planting sorghum due to wet field conditions. In the Blacklands and South Central Texas corn planting was active. Field preparations for cotton continued in many areas of the Northern Low Plains and the Upper Coast.

**Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops:** Onion harvest preparations continued in the Lower Valley. Producers in the Trans-Pecos irrigated and fertilized pecan orchards. Fruit trees in the Cross-Timbers began budding, while trees in North East Texas and the Edwards Plateau were blooming. Vegetables and citrus harvest was active in the Lower Valley, but was slowed due to muddy conditions.

**Livestock, Range and Pasture:** Cattle grazed winter pastures in the Blacklands and North East Texas. Producers in the Southern Low Plains began slowing supplemental feed. Range and pasture conditions were rated fair to good.

Crop Progress				
Stage	Percent of Acreage			
	Current	Prev. Week	Prev. Year	5 Year Avg
<b>Corn</b>				
Planted	14	11	19	37
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Planted	7	4	14	28
<b>Oats</b>				
Headed	1	N/A	3	7

### Crop Condition

Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index <sup>1</sup>	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2015	2014
Wheat	10	45	35	7	3	74	--
Oats	7	47	35	8	3	73	--
Range and Pasture	9	34	37	14	6	--	--

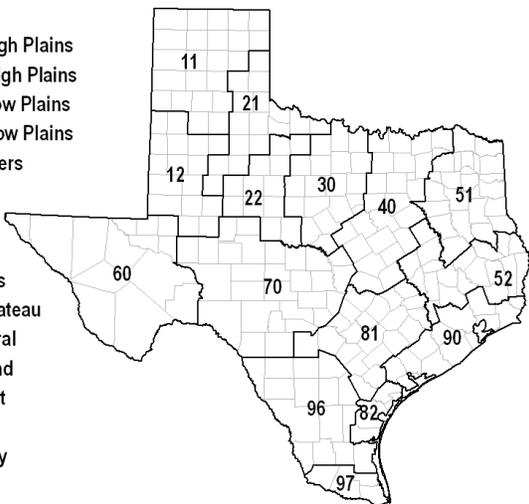
<sup>1</sup> The formula for the condition index is  $I = (5V + 25P + 60F + 90G + 110E)/100$  where I = crop condition index and V, P, F, G, E = percentage of crop rated very poor, poor, fair, good, excellent.

### Top Soil Moisture Condition by District

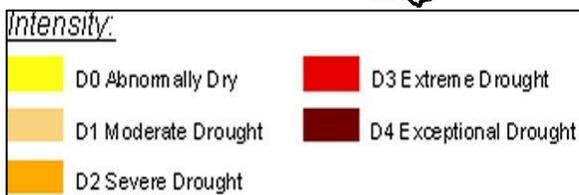
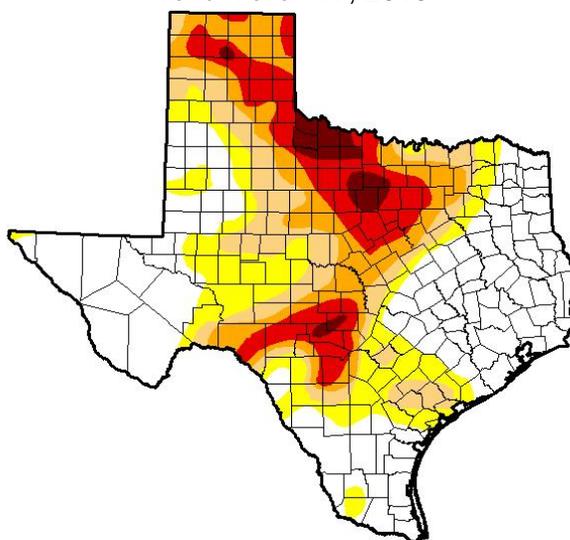
District	Topsoil Moisture Condition by District				Subsoil Moisture Condition by District				Days Suitable for Fieldwork
	Percentage of Acreage				Percentage of Acreage				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
11	7	30	62	1	18	39	42	1	5.4
12	4	27	67	2	4	44	50	2	5.9
21	6	39	52	3	7	41	52	0	5.9
22	3	31	52	14	4	21	70	5	3.1
30	4	16	72	8	13	26	58	3	3.5
40	1	2	30	67	1	4	48	47	0.7
51	6	5	23	66	6	4	35	55	2.9
52	3	7	25	65	2	8	30	60	2.9
60	6	27	54	13	17	21	49	13	5.6
70	11	19	61	9	13	22	56	9	5.1
81	1	8	61	30	1	10	67	22	3.7
82	0	1	6	93	1	3	16	80	0.0
90	0	1	22	77	0	2	60	38	1.1
96	1	16	42	41	2	36	52	10	3.6
97	0	8	30	62	2	11	48	39	3.7
State	3	19	52	26	7	25	51	17	3.9

### 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

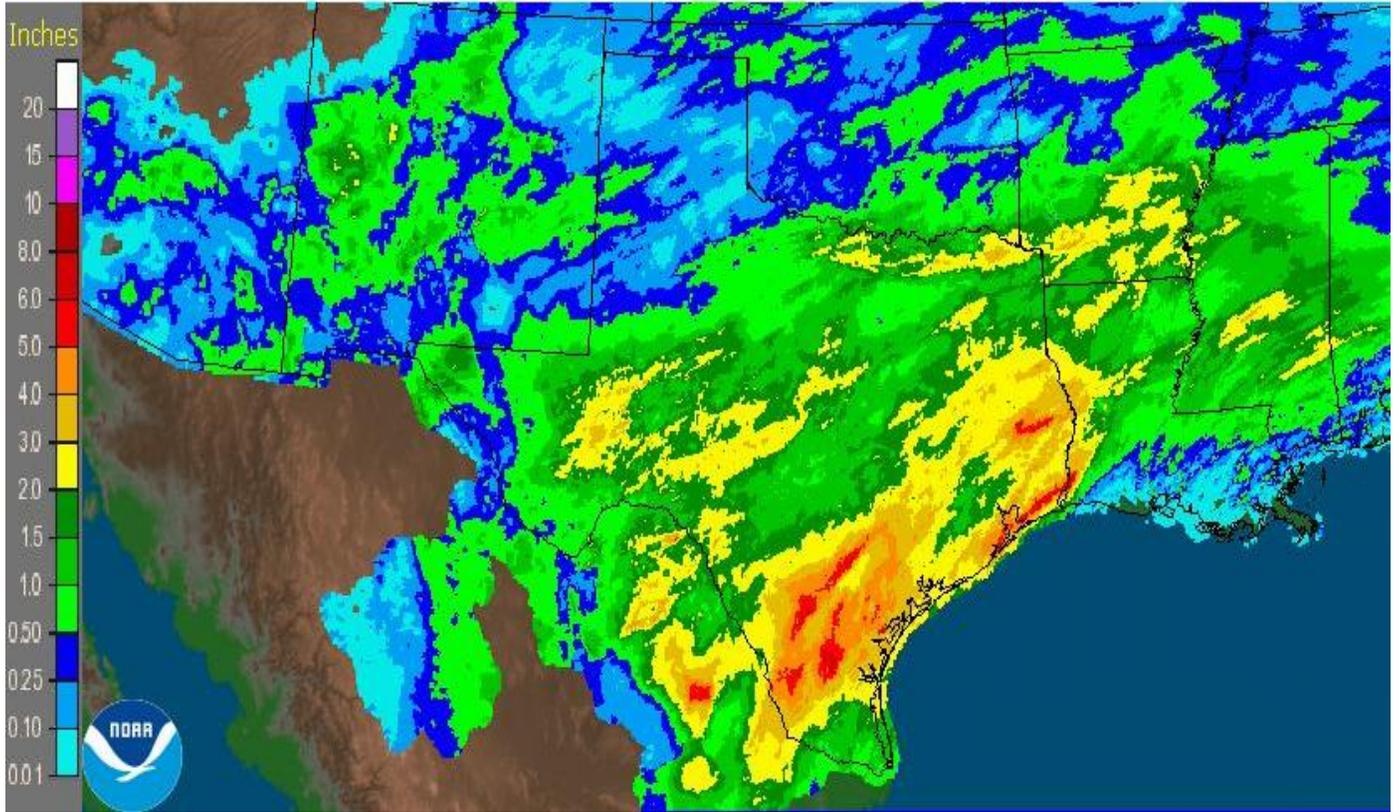


### Drought Monitor Valid March 17, 2015



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

Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, March 22, 2015



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