



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Weekly Summary for April 27- May 3

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Isolated showers were experienced in most areas of the state, which delayed planting of row crops in some areas. The Blacklands received up to 8 inches of rainfall while areas of the Plains, the Cross Timbers, and East Texas reported totals from .25 to 6 inches. Hail damage was reported in areas of the Northern High Plains, the Cross Timbers, and the South Central Texas. Meanwhile, areas of the Trans-Pecos, the Lower Valley, and South Texas received little to no precipitation.

Small Grains: Winter Wheat continued to progress throughout the state. Some areas in the Northern High Plains, the Blacklands, and the Edwards Plateau reported hail and hard rain damage, meanwhile winter wheat began to mature in South Texas. Some producers in the Cross Timbers were baling wheat hay.

Row Crops: Cotton planting was delayed in many areas of the state due to wet conditions. Corn and Sorghum planting was also delayed in areas of the Northern High Plains, and the Blacklands. However, corn was emerging in areas of the Blacklands, and South East Texas.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: Onion harvest was interrupted by rainfall in the Lower Valley, while vegetable planting in the North East Texas remained active where conditions allowed. Some disease pressure was reported for vegetables and fruit trees in the area. Pecans were developing blooms in areas of the Trans-Pecos, the Edwards Plateau, and South Texas.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Moisture conditions favored grass growth throughout the state, aiding range and pasture development. Improving range and pasture conditions were encouraging for producers in most areas of the state.

Stage		Crop Progress			
		Percent of Acreage			
		Current	Prev. Week	Prev. Year	5 Year Avg
Corn	Planted	70	56	72	74
	Emerged	60	49	58	60
Cotton	Planted	13	9	16	20
	Squaring	1	N/A	1	1
Peanuts	Planted	4	1	6	15
Rice	Planted	65	64	84	91
	Emerged	63	61	74	76
Sorghum	Planted	63	57	68	67
Soybeans	Planted	48	21	28	65
	Emerged	15	3	13	35
Sunflowers	Planted	49	38	17	32
Winter Wheat	Headed	82	60	58	65
	Headed	87	65	79	87

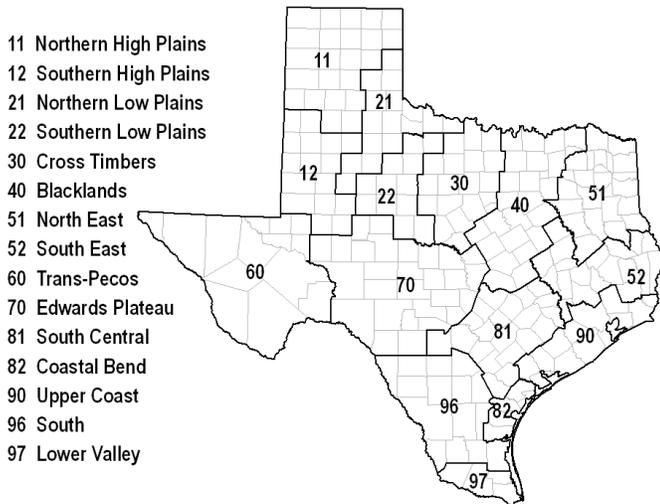
Crop	Crop Condition					Index ¹	
	Percent of Acreage					2015	2014
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor		
Corn	30	39	21	5	5	82	64
Rice	3	53	39	4	1	75	71
Sorghum	20	24	30	9	17	65	63
Wheat	12	40	33	10	5	72	36
Oats	12	49	25	11	3	75	57
Range and Pasture	20	46	26	6	2	--	--

¹The 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

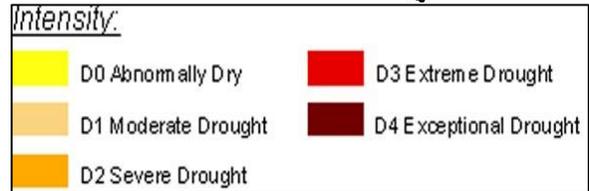
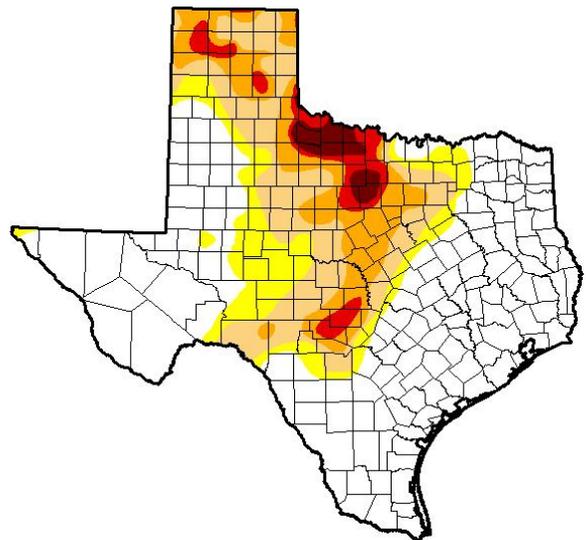
District	Topsoil Moisture Condition by District				Subsoil Moisture Condition by District				Days Suitable for Fieldwork
	Percentage of Acreage				Percentage of Acreage				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
11	6	26	67	1	16	36	47	1	4.9
12	13	34	49	4	5	49	43	3	6.2
21	4	15	72	9	6	22	67	5	4.7
22	3	29	56	12	4	14	78	4	2.9
30	2	19	76	3	12	24	64	0	4.4
40	0	9	54	37	1	3	68	28	3.6
51	7	0	52	41	6	2	48	44	5.1
52	1	7	56	36	1	7	56	36	5.4
60	20	28	40	12	18	22	40	20	7.0
70	3	22	66	9	4	18	65	13	6.3
81	0	4	70	26	0	7	78	15	5.1
82	0	0	43	57	0	1	39	60	5.0
90	0	2	71	27	0	1	49	50	4.2
96	0	14	73	13	0	7	81	12	6.0
97	1	1	80	18	1	1	80	18	6.6
State	4	18	63	15	6	21	59	14	4.9

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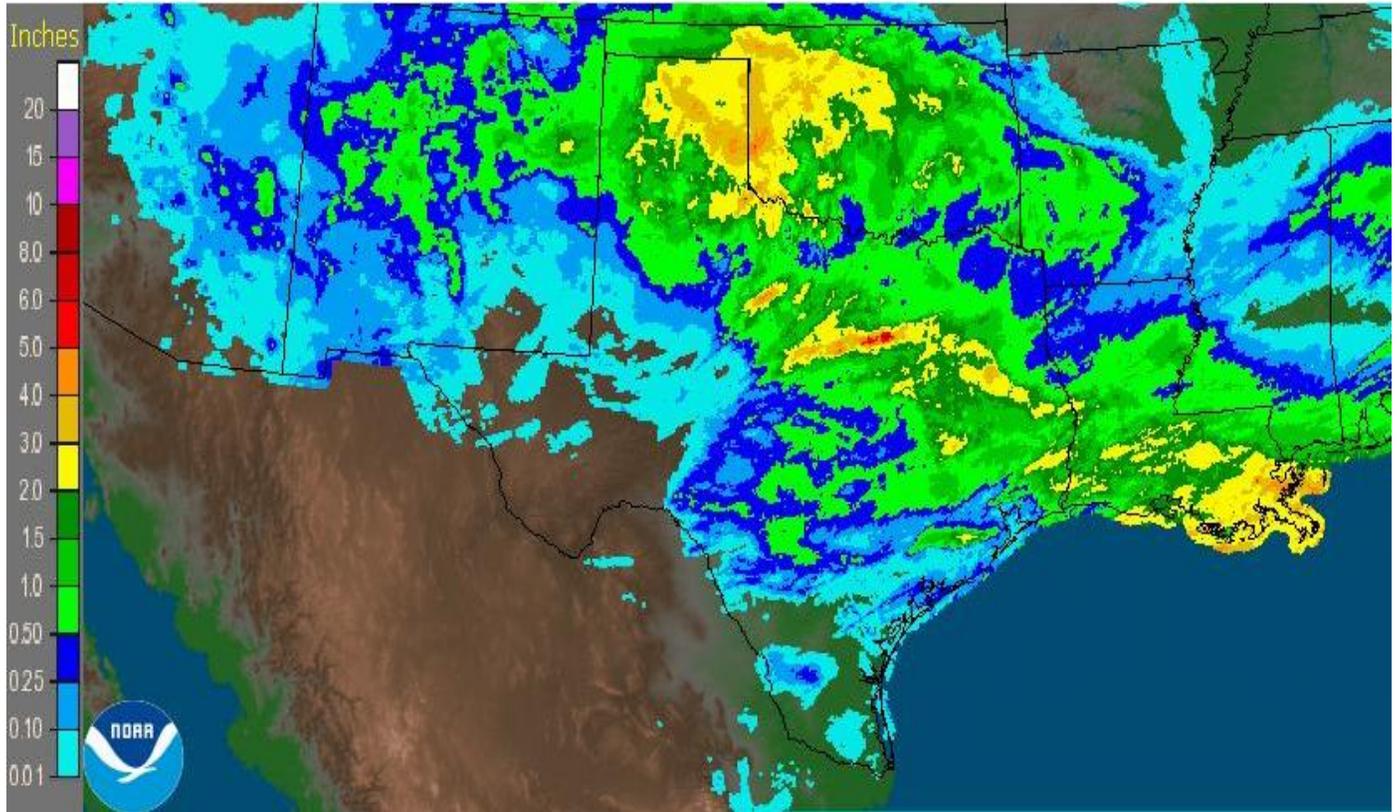
Drought Monitor

Valid April 28, 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, May 3, 2015



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