



# Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Weekly Summary for May 4- May 10

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Many areas of the state received measurable rainfall last week from trace amounts to upwards of 10 inches. Areas to the north of the state received the highest amount of precipitation with parts of the Southern High Plains and the Cross Timbers receiving upwards of 10 inches. Hail was also experienced across the state. Areas of the Northern Plains reported pea-sized hail, while the Trans-Pecos reported golf to tennis ball sized hail. The Blacklands also reported experiencing hail and high winds.

### Small Grains:

Winter wheat continued to mature throughout the state with areas of the Northern Plains reporting some hail damage to crops, along with the Blacklands. Wind damage to both wheat and oats was reported in areas of the Edwards Plateau and South Central Texas.

### Row Crops:

Planting of cotton, corn, sorghum, and soybeans remained active in areas of the Upper Coast, Lower Valley, and South Texas. Last weeks' rainfall delayed planting of row crops in areas of the Plains and South Central Texas.

### Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops:

Vegetable planting remained active in East Texas, while onion harvest continued in areas of the Lower Valley. Pecans reached full pollination stage in areas of the Trans Pecos. In areas of the Northern High Plains, producers were preparing fields for planting sunflowers, while in South Texas some fields were being prepared for planting peanuts.

### Livestock, Range and Pasture:

Livestock conditions continued to improve across the state, with recent rainfall filling ponds and tanks in areas of Northern Plains and the Blacklands. Some areas of South Texas have experienced higher than normal weed infestation.

Crop Progress				
Stage	Percent of Acreage			
	Current	Prev. Week	Prev. Year	5 Year Avg
<b>Corn</b>				
Planted	71	70	79	83
Emerged	64	60	64	66
Silked	3	N/ A	4	5
<b>Cotton</b>				
Planted	16	13	23	26
Squaring	2	1	2	4
<b>Peanuts</b>				
Planted	8	4	16	34
<b>Rice</b>				
Planted	78	65	90	94
Emerged	72	63	80	81
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Planted	64	63	79	74
Headed	1	N/ A	3	5
<b>Soybeans</b>				
Planted	60	48	30	72
Emerged	26	15	18	54
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Planted	53	49	18	37
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Headed	89	82	70	76
<b>Oats</b>				
Headed	97	87	90	92

### Crop Condition

Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index <sup>1</sup>	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2015	2014
Corn	24	46	22	4	4	82	63
Rice	4	48	43	4	1	74	71
Sorghum	17	30	33	9	11	68	63
Wheat	12	45	29	10	4	74	33
Oats	13	48	25	11	3	75	57
Range and Pasture	23	46	24	5	2	-	-

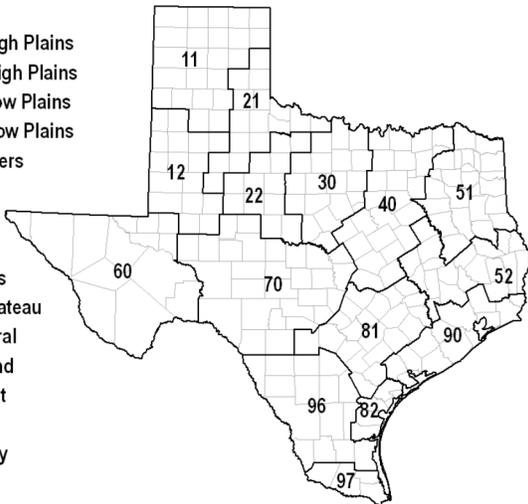
<sup>1</sup> The formula for the condition index is  $I = (5V + 25P + 60F + 90G + 110E)/100$  where I = crop condition index and V, P, F, G, E = percentage of crop rated very poor, poor, fair, good, excellent.

### Top Soil Moisture Condition by District

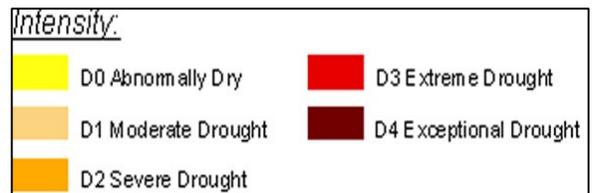
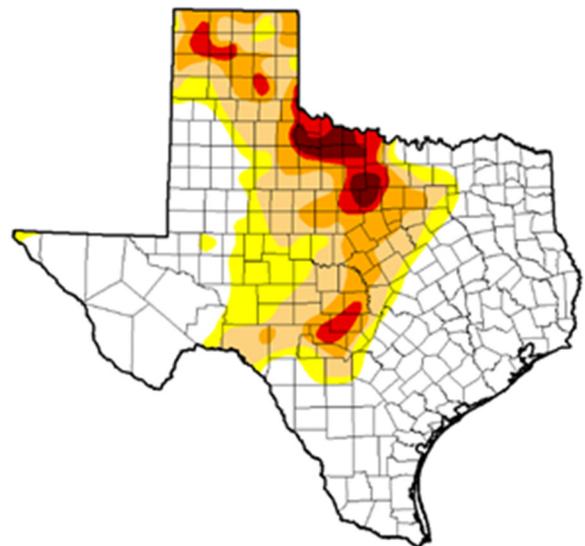
District	Topsoil Moisture Condition by District				Subsoil Moisture Condition by District				Days Suitable for Fieldwork
	Percentage of Acreage				Percentage of Acreage				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
11	1	10	71	18	6	25	63	6	2.3
12	4	15	65	16	4	19	64	13	2.4
21	2	8	59	31	2	16	61	21	3.3
22	2	30	56	12	3	14	77	6	2.9
30	2	10	67	21	2	22	65	11	2.9
40	0	1	56	43	0	4	59	37	3.1
51	6	1	48	45	6	1	43	50	4.3
52	1	7	46	46	2	7	41	50	5.6
60	23	21	44	12	24	21	36	19	6.1
70	3	29	59	9	4	20	62	14	5.6
81	0	15	67	18	1	12	77	10	5.6
82	0	0	47	53	0	1	39	60	7.0
90	0	4	72	24	0	3	52	45	5.8
96	0	16	79	5	0	19	77	4	6.9
97	0	1	88	11	1	1	84	14	7.0
State	2	11	64	23	3	14	64	19	3.7

### 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

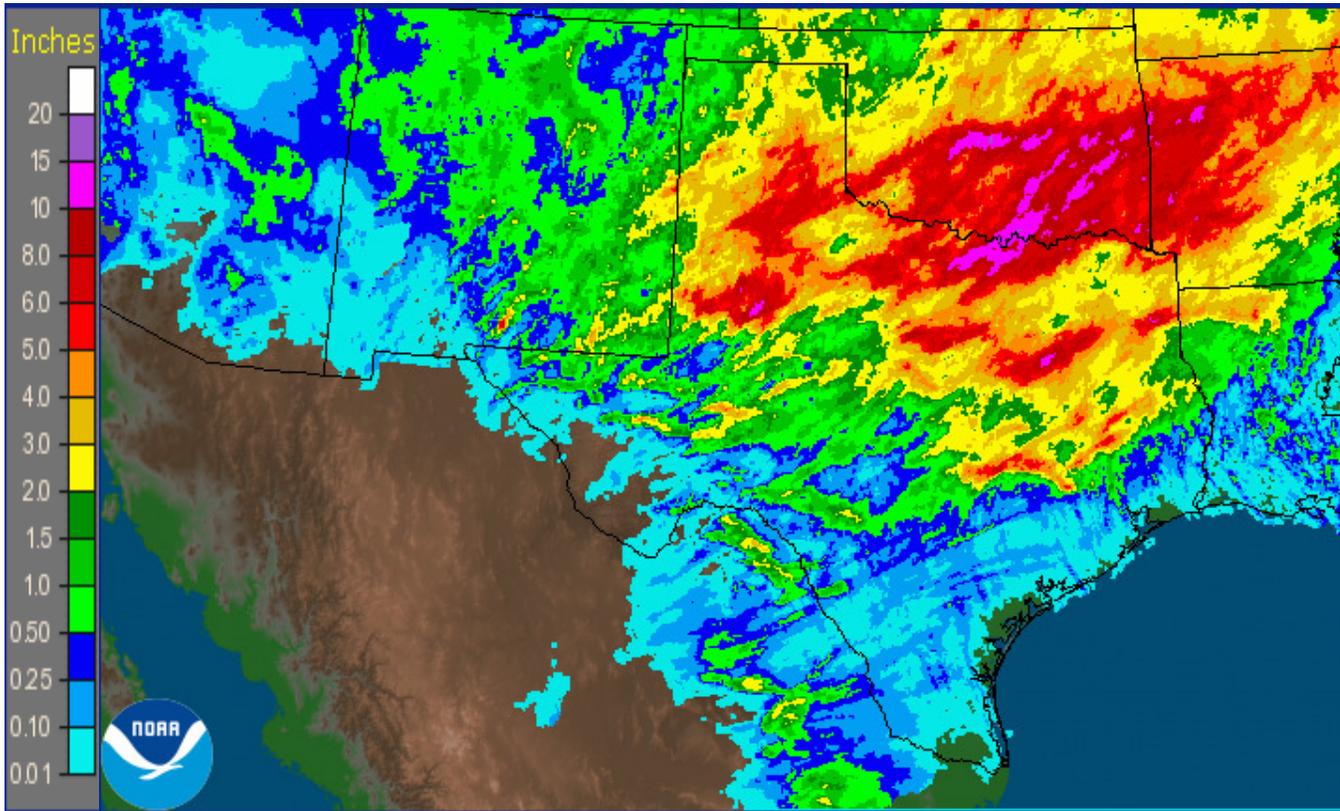


### Drought Monitor Valid May 05, 2015



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 10, 2015



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