



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Weekly Summary for May 25 - May 31

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Most areas of the state, with the exception of far West Texas and a few scattered areas of the High Plains, received rainfall. Areas of the Upper Coast, South Central Texas, the Blacklands, and South East Texas received upwards of 10 inches of rain. Most of the state recorded amounts from half an inch up to 6 inches. Saturated fields and continuous rains have caused planting and harvesting delays in many parts of the state. Cool, cloudy weather hampered crop progress in many areas.

Small Grains: Last weeks' rains contributed to winter wheat and oats progress. However, areas of the Blacklands, the Edwards Plateau, South Central Texas, the Lower Valley, and South Texas continued to experience lodging of wheat and oats due to flooding and high winds. Wet conditions delayed harvesting in several areas where crops had reached maturity.

Row Crops: Across the state planting of row crops was delayed due to rainfall; however, a break in the weather allowed for some cotton and corn planting in the High Plains, the Northern Low Plains, and the Edwards Plateau. Cotton planting at 46 percent was 24 points behind normal due to continued rainfall. Corn condition was rated good to fair and continued to progress across the state; however, corn and sorghum producers in areas of East Texas reported crop damage due to high winds and rainfall. Peanut, sunflower, and sorghum planting continued in the High Plains as conditions allowed.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: Vegetable harvest continued to be delayed due to wet fields. Onion crop loss was experienced in areas of South Texas due to rainfall. Pecans continued to progress in areas of the Trans-Pecos, the Edwards Plateau, and the Lower Valley.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Range and pasture continued to progress. Livestock conditions continued to improve across the state. Areas in South Texas have reported some stress to livestock due to mosquito populations increasing.

Crop Progress

Stage	Percent of Acreage			
	Current	Prev. Week	Prev. Year	5 Year Avg
Corn				
Planted	83	77	100	97
Emerged	78	74	98	90
Silked	24	15	29	34
Cotton				
Planted	46	29	60	70
Squaring	5	4	7	9
Peanuts				
Planted	75	32	80	86
Rice				
Planted	85	84	99	99
Emerged	82	81	98	93
Sorghum				
Planted	73	72	85	82
Headed	22	15	32	40
Soybeans				
Planted	70	69	87	93
Emerged	52	51	70	85
Sunflowers				
Planted	68	61	83	69
Winter Wheat				
Headed	99	98	97	96
Harvested	9	4	15	19
Oats				
Harvested	16	9	42	49

Crop Condition

Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index ¹	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2015	2014
Corn	24	47	21	4	4	82	74
Rice	7	45	43	4	1	75	75
Sorghum	19	38	27	6	10	73	72
Soybeans	4	39	50	6	1	71	68
Wheat	12	39	32	11	6	71	36
Oats	5	35	28	19	13	59	56
Range and Pasture	26	46	23	4	1	--	--

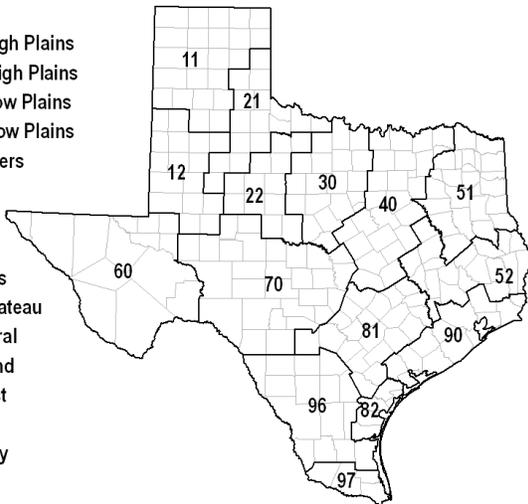
¹ The formula for the condition index is $I = (5V + 25P + 60F + 90G + 110E)/100$ where I = crop condition index and V, P, F, G, E = percentage of crop rated very poor, poor, fair, good, excellent.

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	0	1	75	24	0	6	82	12	3.9
12	1	4	61	34	1	5	69	25	4.4
21	1	5	43	51	0	3	52	45	3.0
22	0	11	67	22	0	10	82	8	1.1
30	1	2	49	48	0	4	57	39	1.6
40	0	0	17	83	0	1	22	77	0.5
51	7	0	24	69	7	0	25	68	2.3
52	1	7	15	77	1	7	15	77	2.0
60	27	27	46	0	31	27	42	0	6.8
70	3	7	50	40	2	8	56	34	3.1
81	0	1	32	67	1	3	45	51	2.7
82	0	0	3	97	0	0	6	94	0.0
90	0	0	29	71	0	1	32	67	1.2
96	0	1	52	47	0	1	72	27	4.4
97	0	0	89	11	0	0	88	12	6.2
State	1	3	51	45	1	4	58	37	2.9

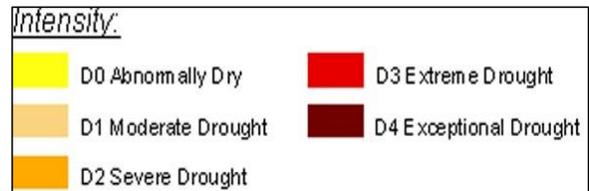
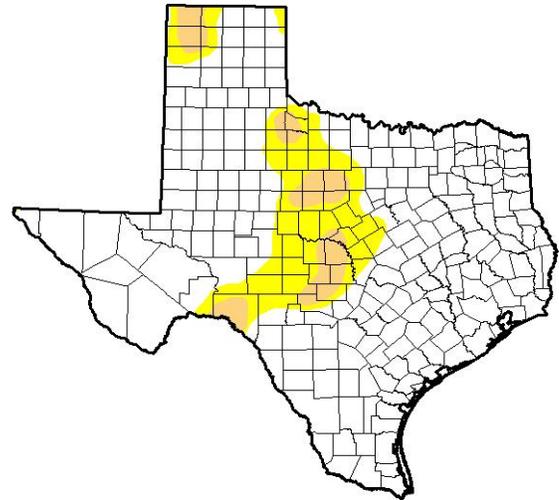
Texas Agricultural Districts

- 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



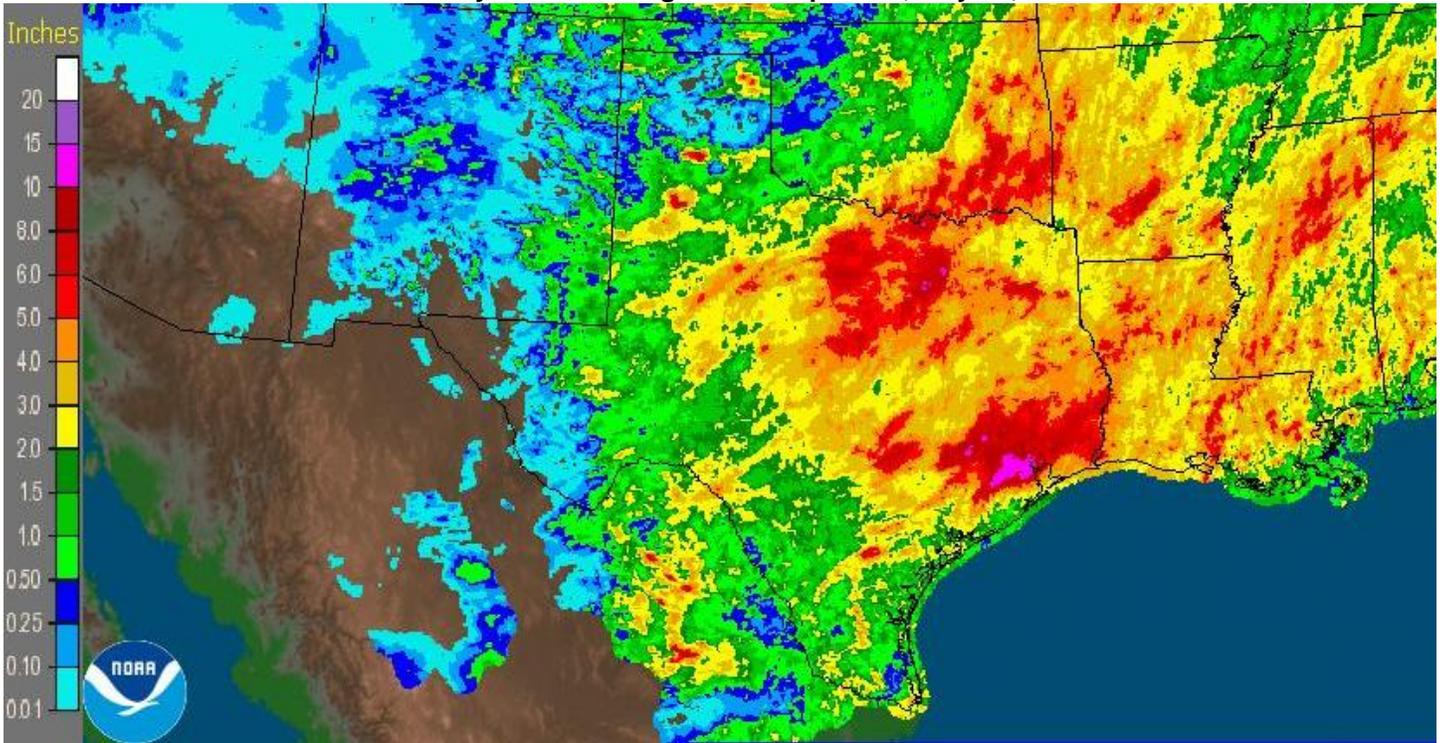
Drought Monitor

Valid May 26, 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 31, 2015



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