



# Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Weekly Summary for August 03-August 09

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Hot, dry weather was felt across the state last week. Portions of the Trans Pecos, the Northern and Southern High Plains received two inches or more of rainfall. Also, areas of the Cross Timbers and the Upper Coast received a quarter of an inch or more of precipitation. The rest of the state received little to no measurable rainfall last week.

**Small Grains:** Preparations for fall seeding continued across the state.

**Row Crops:** Cotton in the Northern Low Plains and South Texas progressed to the blooming stage, while in the Coastal Bend many fields were being prepared for harvest. Peanuts continued to peg in areas of the Southern High Plains. Many sunflower fields deteriorated in the Blacklands due to hot weather. Soybeans dropping leaves continued in many areas of the Upper Coast, while soybeans emerged was 97% complete across the state. Harvest of corn neared completion in many areas of the Upper Coast. In the Northern High Plains, some irrigated corn was cut for silage and other fields were sprayed with insecticides. Sorghum harvest was wrapping up in some areas of the Upper Coast, while fields matured in the Edwards Plateau.

**Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops:** Harvest of summer vegetables neared completion in North East Texas. Lack of sufficient moisture stressed pecan orchards in the Cross Timbers. Pecan development in the Trans Pecos and the Edwards Plateau progressed favorably.

**Livestock, Range and Pasture:** Livestock producers in many areas of the state continued to provide supplemental feed. Feral hog damage continued to be seen in many areas of North East Texas. Hot, dry weather continued to deteriorate pastures across the state. Range and pasture condition was rated fair to good.

Crop Progress

Stage	Percent of Acreage			
	Current	Prev. Week	Prev. Year	5 Year Avg
<b>Corn</b>				
Silked	97	91	100	97
Dough	86	74	88	76
Dented	55	53	76	65
Mature	49	44	49	55
Harvested	23	N/A	15	31
<b>Cotton</b>				
Squaring	94	89	97	97
Setting Bolls	56	44	75	75
Bolls Opening	9	8	11	13
<b>Peanuts</b>				
Pegging	87	60	84	92
<b>Rice</b>				
Headed	95	84	95	94
Harvested	22	N/A	5	22
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Headed	87	86	91	85
Coloring	66	65	88	73
Mature	56	55	82	66
Harvested	33	29	45	47
<b>Soybeans</b>				
Planted	98	97	100	100
Emerged	97	90	100	100
Blooming	85	80	78	91
Setting Pods	59	58	71	77
Dropping Leaves	11	N/A	7	4
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Harvested	19	7	28	7

Crop Condition

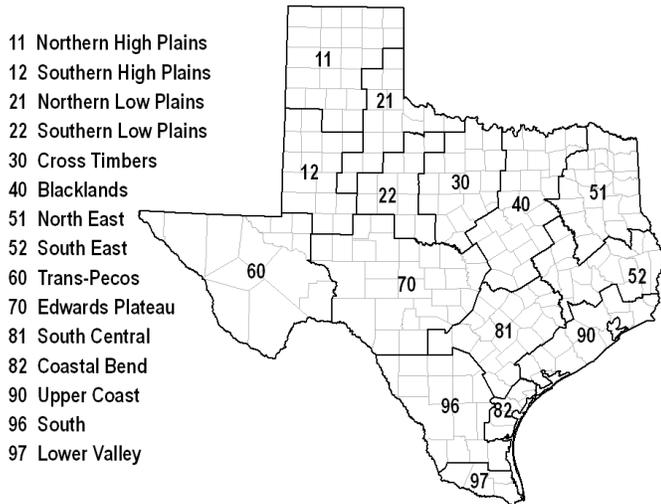
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index <sup>1</sup>	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2015	2014
Corn	14	43	31	9	3	75	80
Cotton	7	41	41	10	1	72	64
Peanuts	7	55	37	1	0	80	75
Rice	9	44	42	2	3	75	77
Sorghum	14	52	22	6	6	77	76
Soybeans	5	40	43	11	1	70	74
Range and Pasture	6	36	38	16	4	---	---

<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.

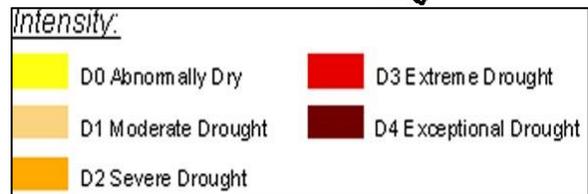
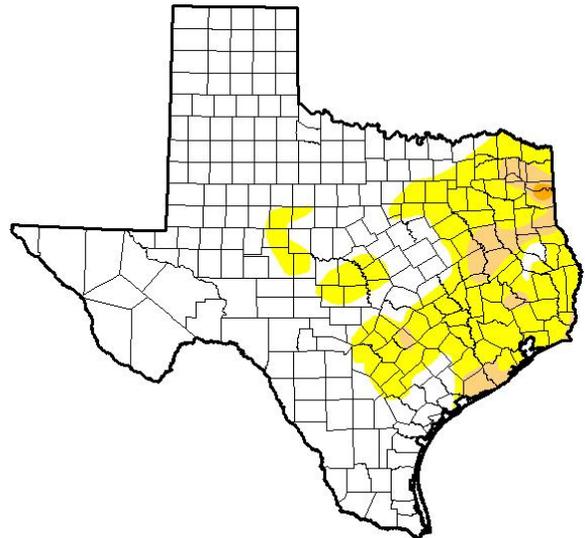
### Top Soil Moisture Condition by District

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	0	30	66	4	5	20	72	3	5.9
12	5	39	46	10	1	38	52	9	6.2
21	5	47	46	2	0	36	63	1	6.5
22	7	51	42	0	1	29	67	3	6.6
30	8	51	40	1	4	35	56	5	6.1
40	31	55	14	0	13	50	37	0	6.9
51	26	43	28	3	16	44	36	4	6.5
52	30	50	15	5	19	57	19	5	6.8
60	29	24	47	0	29	23	48	0	6.8
70	26	52	20	2	19	47	32	2	6.4
81	21	52	21	6	11	53	33	3	6.8
82	9	44	47	0	0	31	65	4	6.0
90	44	40	13	3	3	66	28	3	6.8
96	37	35	28	0	18	40	42	0	7.0
97	0	85	15	0	0	2	98	0	7.0
State	13	46	38	3	6	36	55	3	6.4

### Texas Agricultural Districts

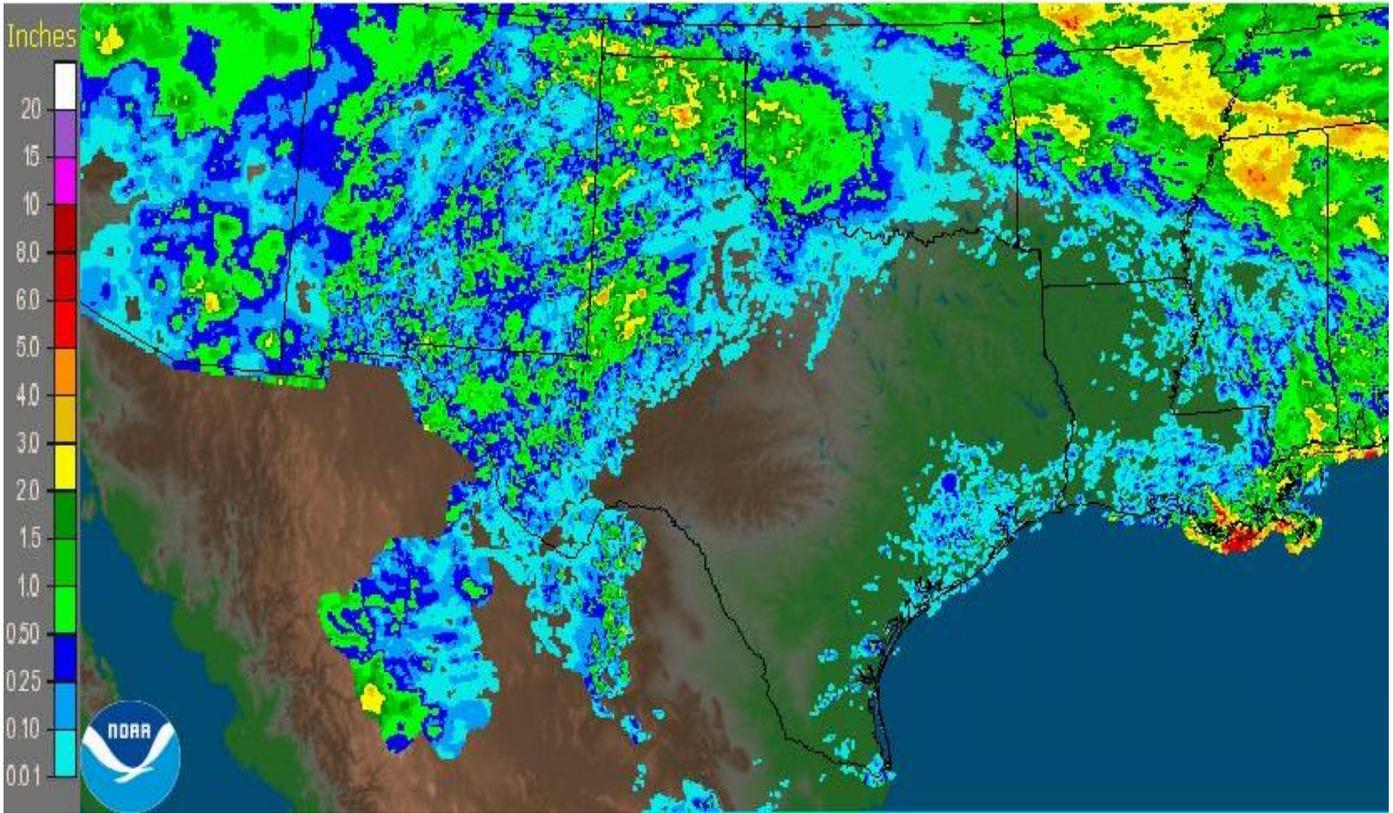


### Drought Monitor Valid August 4, 2015



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

Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, August 9, 2015



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