



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Weekly Summary for August 10-August 16

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High temperatures and dry conditions were experienced across the state with highs ranging between the mid-90s and low 100s. Some producers in areas of the Northern High Plains and the Edwards Plateau were concerned with possible wildfire outbreaks due to dry conditions. Areas of the Edwards Plateau, South East and South Texas received upwards of 2 inches of rainfall. Light precipitation of upwards of 0.1 of an inch was experienced in areas of the Trans-Pecos, the High and Low Plains and the Cross Timbers. Other areas of the state received little to no measurable rainfall.

Small Grains: Preparations continued for winter wheat and small grain seedings across the state. Some producers in areas of the Northern High Plains applied weed control and delayed planting due to increasing grasshopper populations.

Row Crops: Cotton continued to progress across the northern part of the state, with cotton bolls opening in areas of the Edwards Plateau, while some producers in areas of the Coastal Bend and the Lower Valley were beginning harvest. Corn and sorghum harvest continued in areas of the Blacklands, South Central and South East Texas, while in areas of the Upper Coast and South Texas harvest neared completion. Problems with spider mites and sugarcane aphids affecting row crops were experienced in some fields in areas of the Northern High Plains. Peanuts continued to peg in areas of South Texas.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: Preparations for fall vegetable planting began in areas of the Lower Valley and North East Texas. Pecan development continued in areas of the Cross Timbers and South Texas.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Livestock producers continued supplemental feeding across the state due to dryer pastures. Pond water levels began dropping from lack of precipitation in some areas. Heat stress affected livestock in some areas of South Central Texas. While livestock producers took steps to mitigate issues with feral hogs, grasshoppers, and horn flies impacting their livestock and pasture.

Stage	Crop Progress			
	Percent of Acreage			
	Current	Prev. Week	Prev. Year	5 Year Avg
Corn				
Silked	98	97	100	99
Dough	87	86	89	83
Dented	58	55	77	69
Mature	53	49	59	59
Harvested	40	23	30	41
Cotton				
Squaring	95	94	99	99
Setting Bolls	61	56	82	86
Bolls Opening	11	9	15	15
Peanuts				
Pegging	94	87	95	97
Rice				
Headed	97	95	97	97
Harvested	34	22	35	45
Sorghum				
Headed	89	87	92	87
Coloring	67	66	89	74
Mature	57	56	83	67
Harvested	39	33	52	50
Soybeans				
Planted	100	98	100	100
Emerged	100	97	100	100
Blooming	86	85	80	92
Setting Pods	67	59	77	83
Dropping Leaves	16	11	21	17
Sunflowers				
Harvested	30	19	36	12

Crop Condition

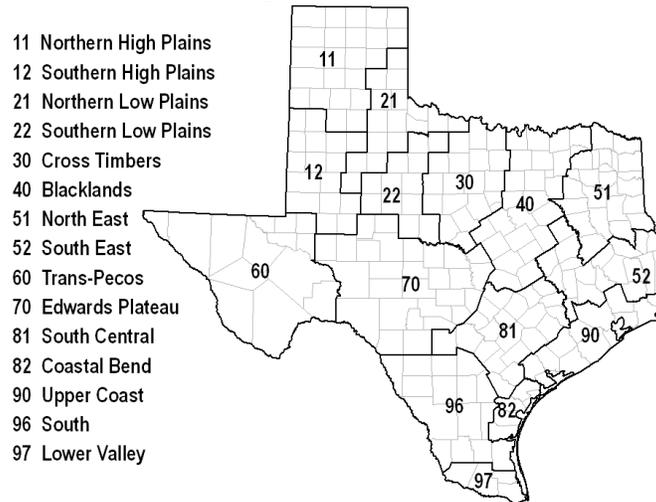
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index ¹	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2015	2014
Corn	14	42	32	9	3	75	80
Cotton	7	39	43	10	1	71	62
Peanuts	7	55	37	1	0	80	74
Rice	9	44	41	4	2	75	77
Sorghum	15	52	23	6	4	79	76
Soybeans	5	35	46	12	2	68	74
Range and Pasture	5	30	40	18	7	--	--

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.

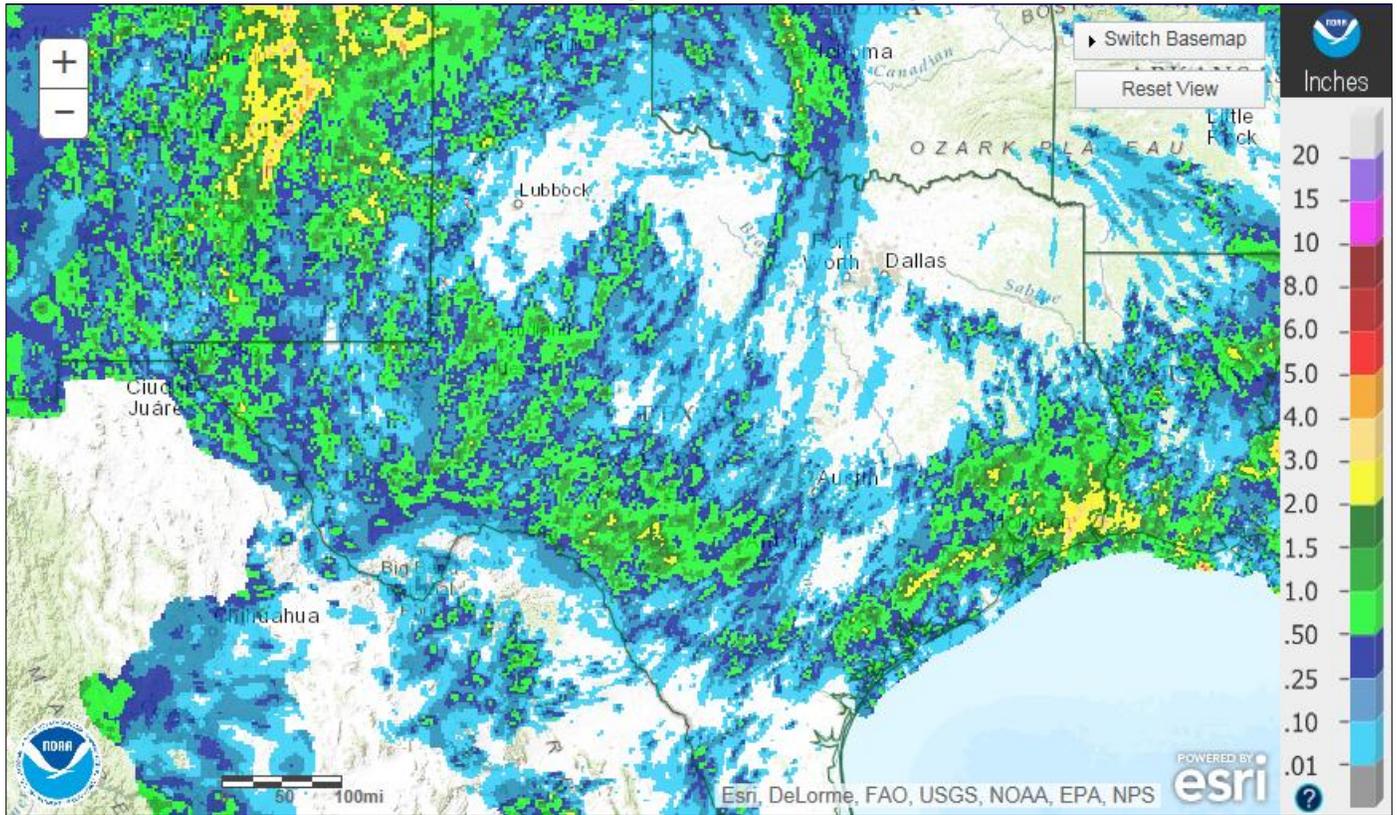
Top Soil Moisture Condition by District

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	31	66	3	5	22	72	1	5.3
12	6	42	42	10	2	41	48	9	6.9
21	10	51	38	1	2	36	62	0	6.9
22	14	62	24	0	1	46	50	3	7.0
30	9	58	32	1	4	41	54	1	6.5
40	46	47	7	0	21	56	23	0	6.9
51	34	39	25	2	21	47	28	4	6.6
52	39	43	13	5	30	49	16	5	6.8
60	31	26	43	0	30	24	46	0	6.8
70	30	56	13	1	22	51	25	2	6.4
81	19	56	17	8	12	60	25	3	6.6
82	15	49	36	0	1	36	61	2	7.0
90	42	33	21	4	3	63	30	4	5.3
96	51	30	19	0	32	27	41	0	7.0
97	0	85	15	0	0	2	98	0	7.0
State	18	45	34	3	9	40	48	3	6.4

Texas Agricultural Districts

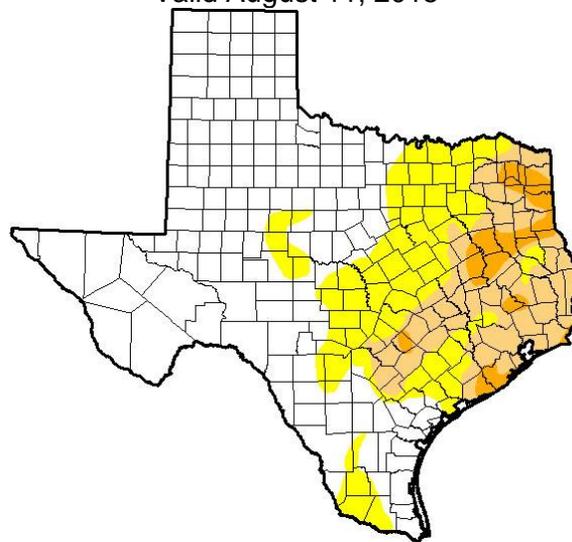


Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, August 16, 2015



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

Drought Monitor
Valid August 11, 2015



<i>Intensity:</i>	
 D0 Abnormally Dry	 D3 Extreme Drought
 D1 Moderate Drought	 D4 Exceptional Drought
 D2 Severe Drought	

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