



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Weekly Summary for August 24-August 30

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Scattered showers were received around the state last week. Areas of the Low Plains, the Cross Timbers, and the Blacklands received upwards of 2 inches, while the rest of the state observed little to no rainfall. Along with the rains, hail storms were experienced in areas of the Northern Low Plains and the Cross Timbers.

Small Grains: Producers continued with field preparations for small grains, as plowing and fertilizer application activities continued.

Row Crops: Cotton in areas of the High and Low Plains continued to develop, with some producers in areas of the Blacklands starting to harvest. Corn and sorghum harvest continued in many areas of the state aided by warm dry weather. Some sorghum producers in areas of the Northern High Plains continued with pesticide applications to mitigate the threat of sugarcane aphids. Hot weather conditions and lack of moisture have impacted soybeans in areas of the Blacklands, however harvest progressed in areas of the Blacklands and South Texas. Peanut crop continued to develop in South Texas.

Stage	Crop Progress			
	Percent of Acreage			
	Current	Prev. Week	Prev. Year	5 Year Avg
Corn				
Dough	90	88	95	92
Dented	69	65	85	80
Mature	56	55	71	65
Harvested	50	47	54	52
Cotton				
Squaring	99	97	100	100
Setting Bolls	91	75	92	94
Bolls Opening	17	13	32	24
Harvested	3	1	9	8
Peanuts				
Pegging	99	96	100	100
Rice				
Harvested	75	55	64	77
Sorghum				
Headed	96	91	96	94
Coloring	74	73	91	78
Mature	64	63	85	70
Harvested	49	45	64	57
Soybeans				
Blooming	100	87	82	95
Setting Pods	98	75	81	90
Dropping Leaves	50	35	35	59
Harvested	19	N/A	19	25
Sunflowers				
Harvested	38	37	57	26

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: Pecans remained in mostly good condition in areas of the Cross Timbers, the Edwards Plateau, and South Texas.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Pasture conditions declined in areas of the Cross Timbers due to hot dry weather conditions. Producers continued supplemental feeding of livestock in some areas of the state.

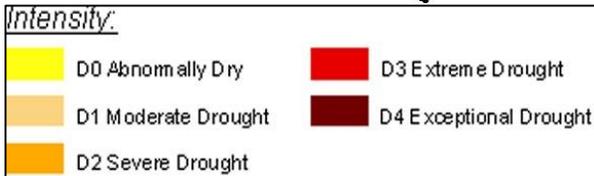
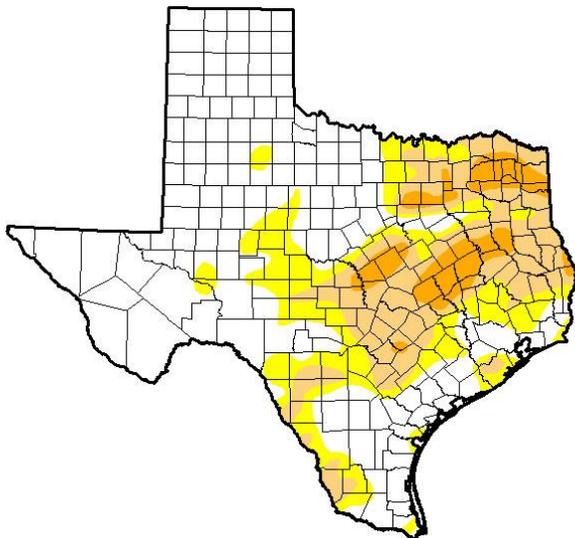
Crop	Crop Condition					Index ¹	
	Percent of Acreage					2015	2014
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor		
Corn	15	41	33	8	3	75	81
Cotton	5	40	40	11	4	68	62
Peanuts	7	55	37	1	0	80	74
Rice	9	43	41	5	2	75	77
Sorghum	16	51	24	6	3	80	76
Soybeans	5	32	41	20	2	64	74
Range and Pasture	5	26	41	21	7	--	--

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.

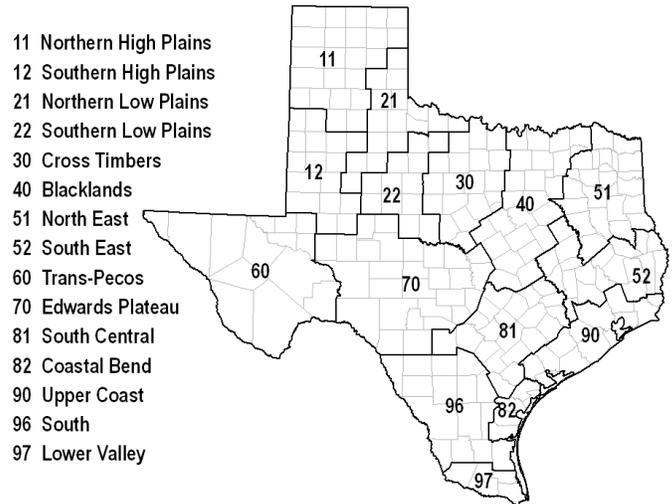
Top Soil Moisture Condition by District

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	3	39	54	4	9	22	67	2	6.7
12	11	56	32	1	9	52	38	1	6.9
21	15	55	29	1	2	48	50	0	6.9
22	28	64	8	0	7	59	34	0	6.7
30	26	47	26	1	4	55	41	0	6.0
40	36	41	23	0	20	56	24	0	6.8
51	13	41	39	7	14	42	40	4	6.3
52	37	38	20	5	33	40	22	5	6.5
60	24	26	50	0	28	24	48	0	6.8
70	57	30	13	0	25	60	15	0	6.7
81	28	43	22	7	16	54	27	3	6.6
82	17	44	38	1	0	61	38	1	7.0
90	5	42	46	7	1	45	48	6	5.2
96	51	28	21	0	34	40	26	0	7.0
97	0	37	63	0	0	25	75	0	7.0
State	19	45	34	2	11	45	43	1	6.6

Drought Monitor
Valid August 25, 2015



Texas Agricultural Districts



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 30, 2015

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

