



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Hot, dry conditions persisted across much of the state last week. Much of the rainfall received was concentrated in the southeastern part of the state with 0.10 to upwards of 4 inches of precipitation experienced, while the Upper Coast received upwards of 5 inches of rainfall in isolated areas. Areas of the High Plains and the Trans-Pecos received up to an inch of rainfall. Other areas received no measurable precipitation. Hail storms were experienced once again in areas of the Northern High Plains.

Small Grains: In preparation for wheat and oat seeding, some producers in areas of the Northern High Plains applied pesticide to mitigate grasshopper and other pest problems.

Row Crops: With only trace amounts of precipitation received in areas of the High Plains row crop producers continued irrigation. Corn and sorghum harvest remained active in several areas, while hail and pest damage were reported in areas of the Northern High Plains. Soybean harvest continued in areas of the Blacklands. Cotton harvest at 6 percent was 6 points below previous year, and 4 points below normal. Corn harvest at 52 percent, was 5 points below previous year, and 3 points below normal.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: Fall vegetable planting preparations continued in areas of North East Texas. While vegetable harvest neared completion in South Texas.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Supplemental feeding of livestock continued across the state. Pasture conditions in areas of South Texas continued to decline due to dry conditions. In areas of North East Texas feral hog activity was on the rise, along with armyworms beginning to appear in some pastures.

Crop Progress				
Stage	Percent of Acreage			
	Current	Prev. Week	Prev. Year	5 Year Avg
Corn				
Dough	92	90	97	95
Dented	75	69	89	84
Mature	57	56	72	67
Harvested	52	50	57	55
Cotton				
Squaring	100	99	100	100
Setting Bolls	92	91	97	97
Bolls Opening	21	17	34	32
Harvested	6	3	12	10
Peanuts				
Pegging	100	99	100	100
Rice				
Harvested	76	75	80	89
Sorghum				
Headed	97	96	98	96
Coloring	77	74	92	80
Mature	65	64	86	71
Harvested	52	49	65	59
Soybeans				
Setting Pods	99	98	95	94
Dropping Leaves	51	50	49	70
Harvested	24	19	29	39
Sunflowers				
Harvested	39	38	72	39
Winter Wheat				
Planted	1	N/A	3	2

Crop Condition

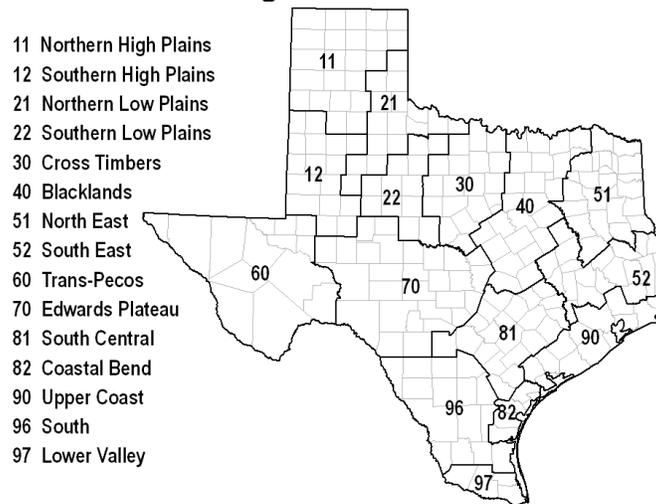
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index ¹	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2015	2014
Corn	15	41	33	8	3	75	81
Cotton	5	39	40	13	3	68	62
Peanuts	7	54	33	6	0	78	74
Rice	9	43	41	5	2	75	78
Sorghum	16	51	24	6	3	80	76
Soybeans	5	34	39	20	2	65	74
Range and Pasture	5	23	41	23	8	--	--

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.

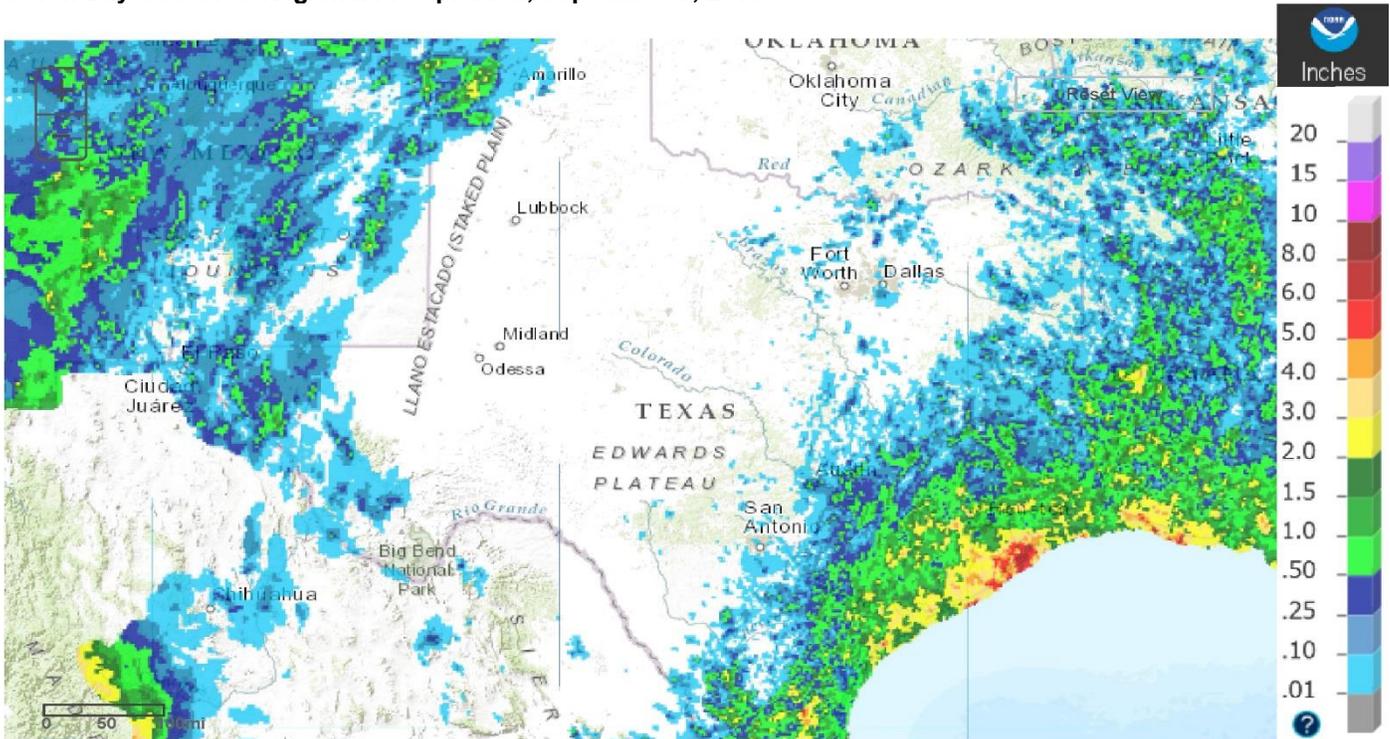
Top Soil Moisture Condition by District

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	5	48	45	2	8	31	59	2	6.9
12	16	60	23	1	11	57	31	1	7.0
21	24	57	18	1	6	52	42	0	7.0
22	31	64	5	0	8	62	30	0	6.7
30	25	48	27	0	3	57	40	0	6.4
40	40	45	15	0	22	58	20	0	7.0
51	14	47	36	3	15	44	37	4	6.7
52	37	38	20	5	36	38	21	5	6.8
60	33	45	22	0	32	45	23	0	7.0
70	63	29	8	0	30	59	11	0	6.7
81	36	39	18	7	17	55	25	3	6.8
82	10	59	30	1	4	61	34	1	7.0
90	5	32	53	10	2	40	52	6	4.2
96	53	29	18	0	35	40	25	0	6.9
97	0	54	46	0	0	25	75	0	7.0
State	22	49	27	2	13	48	38	1	6.7

Texas Agricultural Districts



Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, September 7, 2015

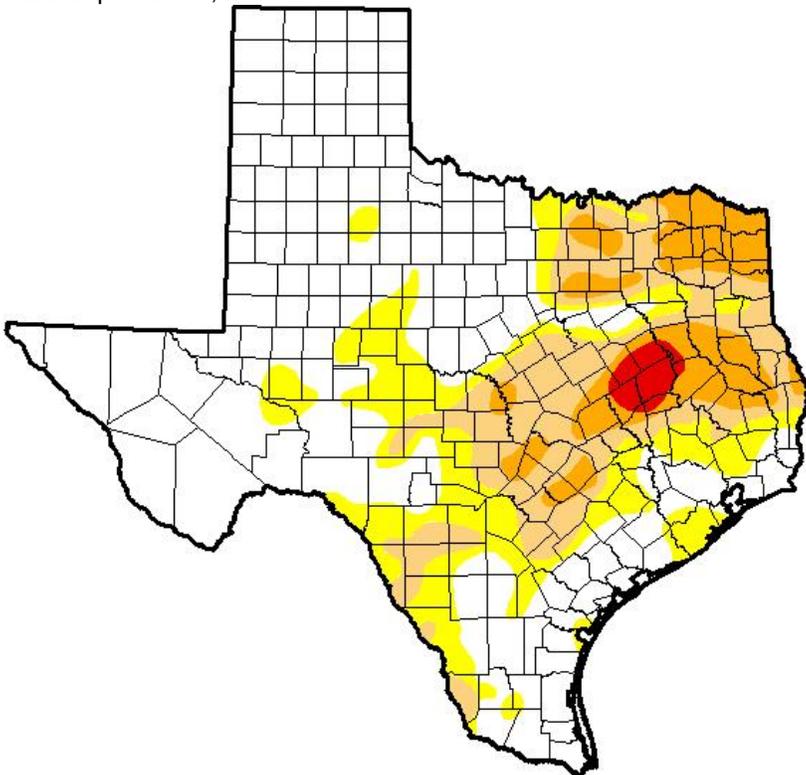


Texas: 7-Day Observed Precipitation
 Valid on: September 07, 2015 12:00 UTC
 Source: National Weather Service, www.nws.noaa.gov



Drought Monitor

Valid September 1, 2015



Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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