



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Weekly Summary for September 21-27

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Scattered, mostly light showers were experienced across the Plains, the Trans-Pecos, the Upper Coast, and South East Texas, with precipitation levels ranging from trace amounts to upwards of 0.50 of an inch. A few isolated areas received upwards of 2.0 inches, however many areas in Central Texas experienced little to no measurable rainfall.

Small Grains: Wheat producers in areas of the High and Low Plains continued seeding operations. In the Edwards Plateau, the Blacklands, and South Texas some producers continued to wait for soil moisture conditions to improve.

Row Crops: Cotton harvest continued to progress across much of the state, as cotton in the Northern High Plains neared harvest stage. Cotton harvest is currently at 16 percent, 1 point behind previous year, and 1 point above normal. Corn and sorghum harvest remained active in areas of the High Plains, and the Blacklands. Corn harvest is currently at 63 percent, 5 points behind previous year and 5 points behind normal. Peanut harvest was active in areas of the Southern High Plains, while in South Texas irrigation continued.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: Pecan producers prepared for harvest in areas of the Cross Timbers, and the Edwards Plateau. Vegetables continued to progress in areas of the Lower Valley.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Livestock continued to progress, as supplemental feeding continued across the state. Low levels of precipitation left pastures and stock tanks in need of rainfall. In North East Texas, feral hog damage continued. Armyworm activity was reported in areas of the Blacklands and North East Texas.

Stage	Crop Progress			
	Percent of Acreage			
	Current	Prev. Week	Prev. Year	5 Year Avg
Corn				
Dough	100	97	100	100
Dented	90	88	99	98
Mature	76	73	76	87
Harvested	63	61	68	68
Cotton				
Setting Bolls	98	97	100	100
Bolls Opening	60	46	50	62
Harvested	16	13	17	15
Peanuts				
Harvested	17	15	2	8
Rice				
Harvested	98	97	98	99
Sorghum				
Headed	100	99	100	100
Coloring	95	90	95	92
Mature	76	71	89	79
Harvested	63	61	68	65
Soybeans				
Dropping Leaves	67	66	71	84
Harvested	46	42	38	65
Sunflowers				
Harvested	59	49	82	59
Winter Wheat				
Planted	24	18	38	34
Emerged	2	N/A	12	9
Oats				
Planted	6	N/A	14	22

Crop Condition

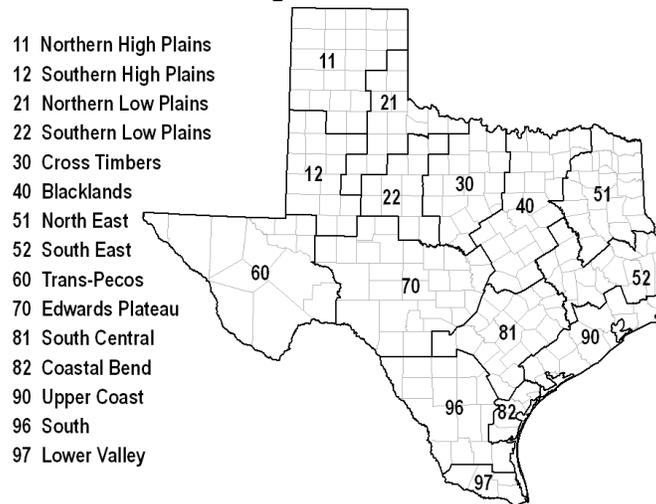
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index ¹	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2015	2014
Corn	15	41	33	8	3	75	81
Cotton	4	34	44	15	3	65	60
Peanuts	7	48	44	1		78	71
Rice	8	43	41	6	2	74	78
Sorghum	16	51	24	6	3	80	76
Soybeans	5	33	39	20	3	64	75
Range and Pasture	5	22	38	25	10	--	--

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.

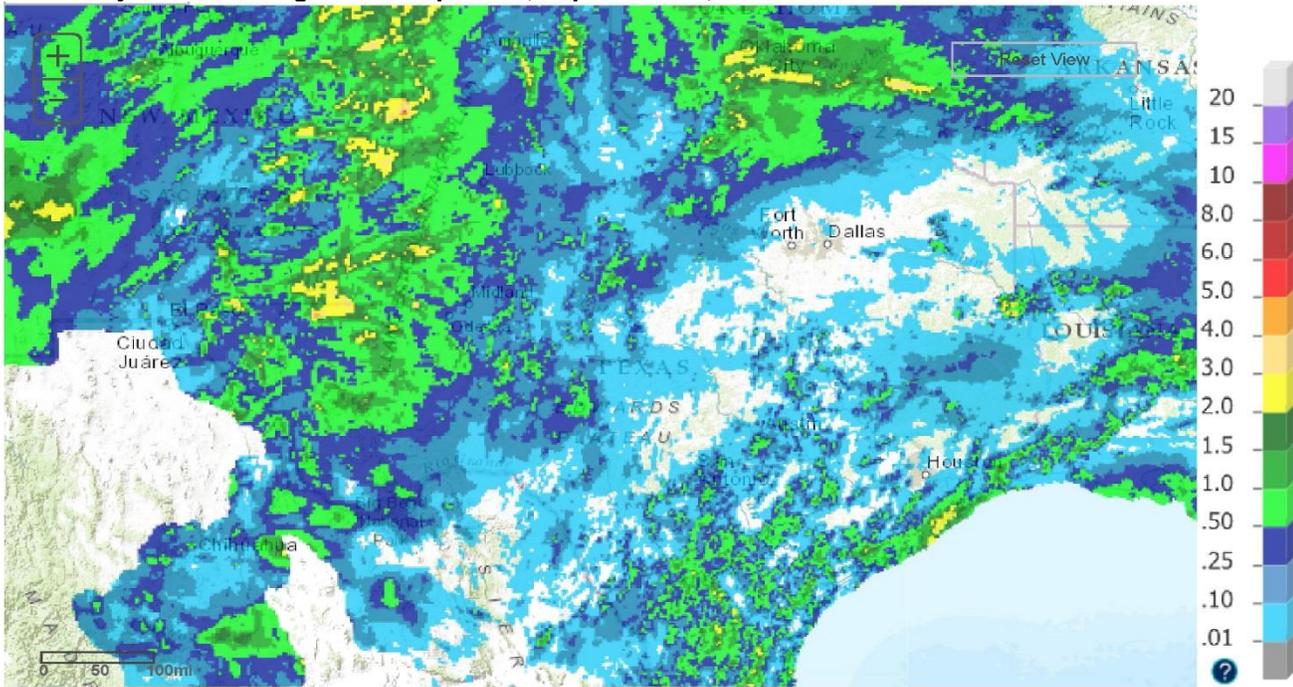
Top Soil Moisture Condition by District

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	8	54	38	0	9	41	46	4	6.3
12	16	60	24	0	4	68	28	0	5.8
21	36	41	22	1	18	52	30	0	6.8
22	47	51	2	0	27	51	22	0	6.8
30	16	59	25	0	6	63	31	0	5.9
40	28	62	10	0	17	62	21	0	6.8
51	29	41	28	2	24	41	31	4	6.7
52	33	41	21	5	37	38	20	5	6.4
60	25	49	26	0	29	45	26	0	7.0
70	66	28	6	0	35	57	8	0	6.4
81	21	43	22	14	9	60	27	4	6.6
82	3	25	71	1	1	31	68	0	7.0
90	3	13	66	18	3	42	49	6	6.1
96	42	27	28	3	30	41	28	1	7.0
97	0	36	43	21	0	1	78	21	7.0
State	22	48	27	3	13	51	34	2	6.4

Texas Agricultural Districts



Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, September 27, 2015



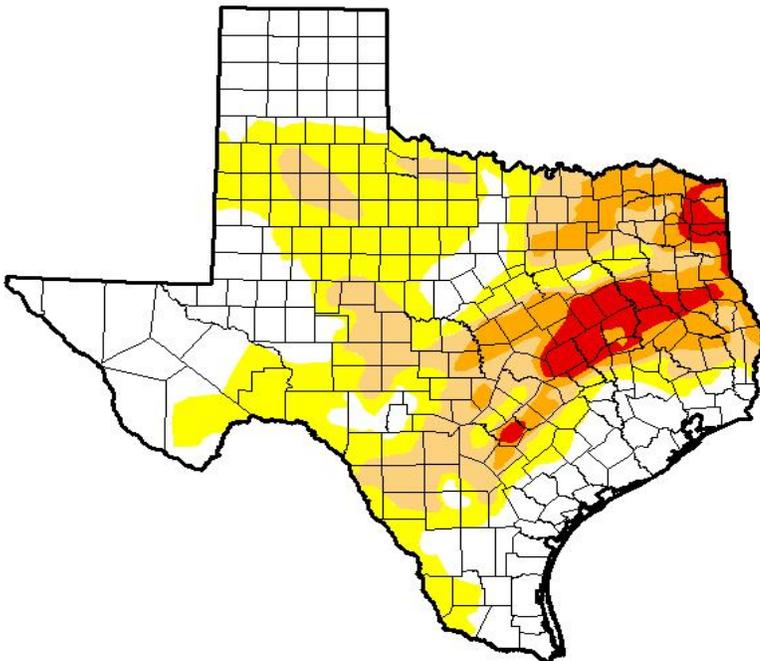
Texas: 7-Day Observed Precipitation
Valid on: September 27, 2015 12:00 UTC



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

Drought Monitor

Valid September 22, 2015



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	40.27	59.73	30.40	14.04	4.72	0.00
Last Week <i>9/15/2015</i>	48.77	51.23	26.71	10.46	3.92	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>6/23/2015</i>	95.37	4.63	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>1/25/2014</i>	34.37	65.63	44.68	25.73	11.70	3.17
Start of Water Year <i>9/30/2014</i>	28.92	71.08	48.95	29.54	11.26	2.69
One Year Ago <i>9/23/2014</i>	24.37	75.63	52.18	28.54	11.39	1.79

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.

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