



# Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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**Weekly Summary for October 26-Nov 1**

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Precipitation was experienced across most of the state. Areas of the Upper Coast, South Central, and South East Texas received upwards of 10 inches. Isolated areas reported flash flooding as rainfall totals reached upwards of 15 to 20 inches in South East Texas. In areas of the Cross Timbers, the Blacklands, and North East precipitation reached upwards of 2.0 inches. Across the rest of the state precipitation ranged from trace amounts to upwards of 0.25 inch of rain.

**Small Grains:** Recent precipitation helped with winter wheat and oat development as seeding continued. Some delays were experienced in areas of the Cross Timbers, and the Blacklands due to past weeks rains.

**Row Crops:** Cotton harvest made good progress early in the week in areas of the Southern Low Plains, the Cross Timbers, and the Edwards Plateau. However, rain later in the week delayed activities in most areas. Cotton is currently at 40 percent, 9 points above previous year, and 3 points behind normal. Corn and sorghum harvest also continued to progress, but delays were experienced with the rain event late in the week. Corn harvest is currently at 84 percent, 1 point behind previous year and 10 points behind normal.

**Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops:** Fall vegetables continued to make progress in areas of the Lower Valley. Pecans harvest was active in areas of South Texas, as pecan producers experienced harvest delays due to rainfall.

**Livestock, Range and Pasture:** Livestock remain in good condition across most of the state, with some livestock producers continuing supplemental feeding in areas of the Blacklands. In areas of North East Texas and the Blacklands weather conditions caused stress on livestock. Range and pasture conditions and stock tank levels improved with last week's rainfall in areas of North East Texas issues with feral hogs continued.

Stage	Crop Progress			
	Percent of Acreage			
	Current	Prev. Week	Prev. Year	5 Year Avg
<b>Corn</b>				
Mature	100	98	98	100
Harvested	84	77	85	94
<b>Cotton</b>				
Bolls Opening	96	93	90	95
Harvested	40	37	31	43
<b>Peanuts</b>				
Harvested	57	42	60	72
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Mature	95	93	94	95
Harvested	83	80	79	79
<b>Soybeans</b>				
Dropping Leaves	99	98	89	96
Harvested	84	80	60	84
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Harvested	85	75	87	80
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Planted	71	67	85	83
Emerging	55	44	67	60
<b>Oats</b>				
Planted	77	71	81	81
Emerging	31	30	35	53

### Crop Condition

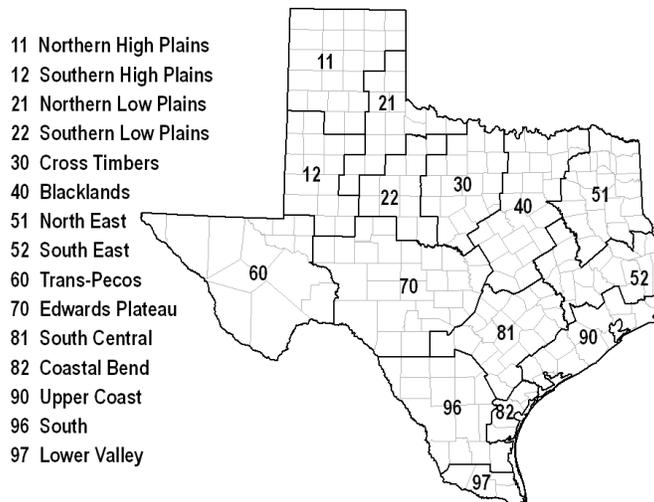
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index <sup>1</sup>	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2015	2014
Corn	15	41	33	8	3	75	81
Cotton	4	34	44	14	4	65	61
Peanuts	7	58	34	1	0	81	71
Sorghum	16	51	24	6	3	80	76
Soybeans	5	28	42	22	3	62	75
Wheat	18	25	38	13	6	69	71
Range and Pasture	3	21	38	25	13	--	--

<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.

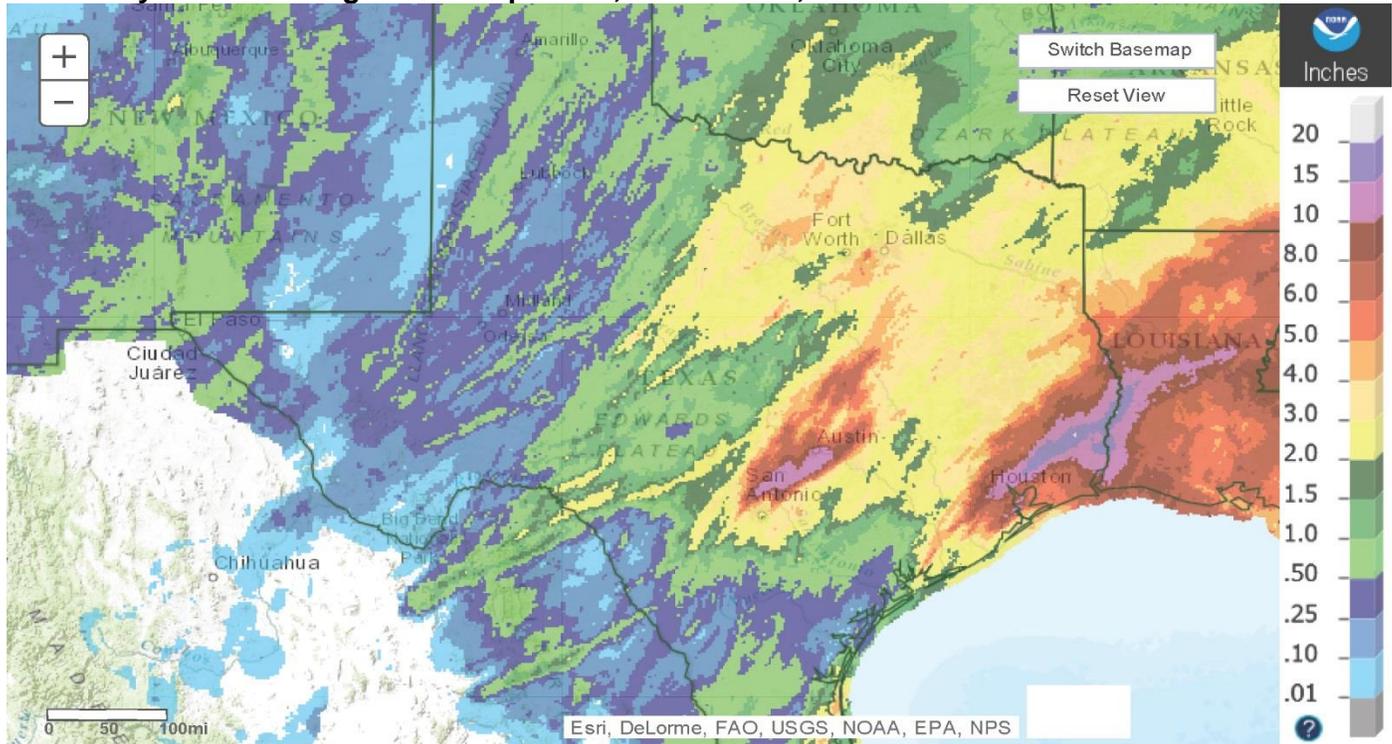
### Top Soil Moisture Condition by District

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	1	4	78	17	1	13	86	0	4.0
12	3	16	58	23	2	17	66	15	4.2
21	3	20	71	6	9	30	59	2	4.7
22	0	30	39	31	6	32	51	11	3.5
30	5	13	63	19	8	17	67	8	4.4
40	0	7	46	47	1	16	43	40	1.7
51	11	6	45	38	9	6	59	26	4.7
52	18	15	49	18	24	24	41	11	3.5
60	21	17	59	3	20	13	64	3	6.3
70	9	28	57	6	12	41	46	1	4.1
81	1	7	66	26	1	37	46	16	3.2
82	3	6	26	65	2	25	67	6	3.5
90	1	8	67	24	0	38	44	18	2.9
96	4	18	73	5	5	18	75	2	4.5
97	0	19	52	29	0	2	72	26	5.8
State	3	13	59	25	4	21	62	13	3.8

### Texas Agricultural Districts

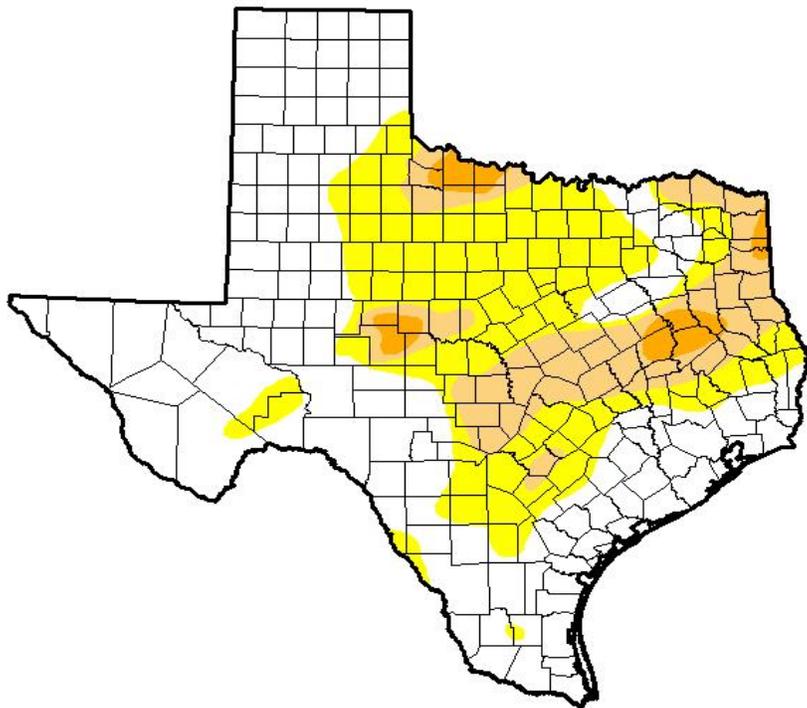


# Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, November 1, 2015



Texas: Last 7-Day Observed Precipitation  
 Valid on: November 01, 2015 12:00 UTC  
 Source: National Weather Service, [www.nws.noaa.gov](http://www.nws.noaa.gov)

## Drought Monitor Valid October 27, 2015



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	56.34	43.66	15.67	2.85	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>10/20/2015</i>	34.75	65.25	50.28	41.88	21.40	5.52
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>7/29/2015</i>	86.45	13.55	0.65	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>1/3/2014</i>	34.37	65.63	44.68	25.73	11.70	3.17
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>9/29/2015</i>	34.51	65.49	38.32	17.55	6.27	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>10/28/2014</i>	24.84	75.16	49.20	27.86	11.90	3.62

*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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