



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Scattered showers and cooler temperatures were experienced across the state. Areas of the Trans-Pecos, the Edwards Plateau, the Blacklands, and East Texas received the highest measurable rainfall of upwards of 0.5 of an inch. Meanwhile, the rest of the state ranged from no measurable precipitation to trace amounts.

Small Grains Winter wheat and oat seeding continued in many areas of the state. Areas of the Northern Low Plains experienced delays due to wet field conditions. Armyworms caused damage in some areas of South Central Texas.

Row Crops: Cotton harvest continued in areas of the Plains, the Trans-Pecos, and the Cross Timbers. High winds experienced in areas of the Southern High Plains caused minor delays. Cotton harvest is currently at 56 percent, 11 points above previous year, and 9 points behind normal. Corn and sorghum harvest progressed in the areas of the High Plains. Corn harvest is currently at 92 percent, 4 points behind previous year and 6 points behind normal.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: Vegetables continued to progress in areas of East Texas and the Lower Valley. Pecans harvest was active in areas of the Cross Timbers, the Edwards Plateau and South Central Texas.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Livestock remained in good condition across the state, with some supplemental feeding taking place in areas of the Northern Low Plains, the Edwards Plateau, and South East Texas. Range and pasture conditions showed improvement with increased moisture in many areas of the state.

Stage	Crop Progress			
	Percent of Acreage			
	Current	Prev. Week	Prev. Year	5 Year Avg
Corn				
Harvested	92	87	96	98
Cotton				
Bolls Opening	100	99	95	98
Harvested	56	53	45	65
Peanuts				
Harvested	82	65	87	92
Sorghum				
Mature	97	96	97	98
Harvested	90	86	83	88
Soybeans				
Harvested	87	85	78	92
Sunflowers				
Harvested	88	86	90	88
Winter Wheat				
Planted	82	76	89	91
Emerged	73	59	76	72
Oats				
Planted	88	83	93	91
Emerged	65	52	46	68

Crop Condition

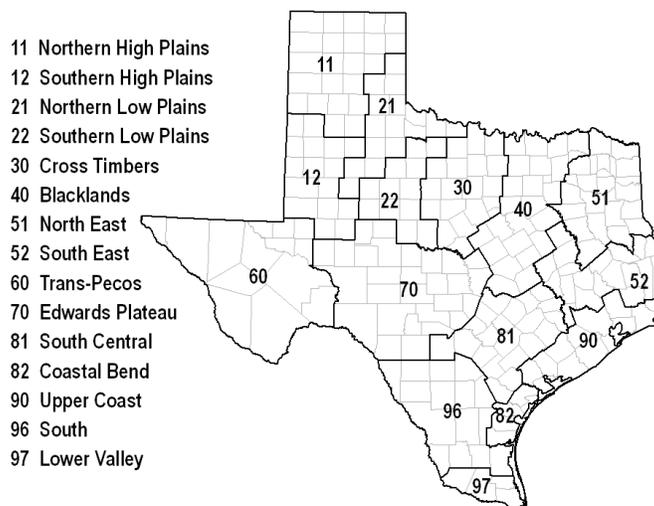
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index ¹	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2015	2014
Corn	15	41	33	8	3	75	81
Cotton	4	36	45	11	4	67	61
Peanuts	7	58	34	1	0	81	71
Sorghum	16	51	24	6	3	80	76
Soybeans	5	28	42	22	3	62	75
Wheat	19	29	39	9	4	73	73
Oats	9	35	23	27	6	62	70
Range and Pasture	4	29	40	18	9	--	--

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.

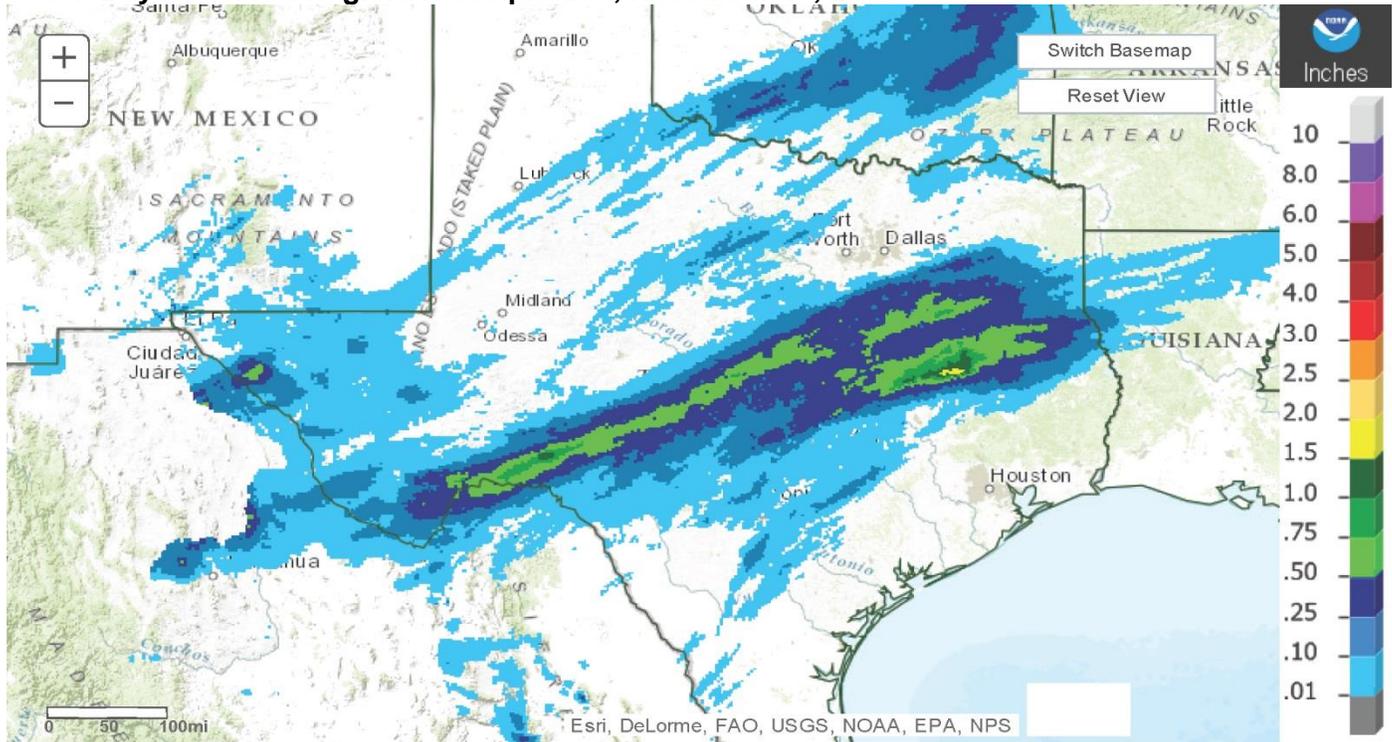
Top Soil Moisture Condition by District

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	8	86	6	0	16	84	0	5.9
12	4	25	59	12	3	29	59	9	6.5
21	4	26	66	4	10	30	59	1	6.3
22	1	12	81	6	4	8	84	4	4.0
30	2	16	67	15	3	17	72	8	4.6
40	0	2	43	55	0	6	56	38	2.3
51	7	2	48	43	7	4	57	32	5.8
52	19	7	63	11	19	9	64	8	5.1
60	23	19	56	2	23	14	61	2	6.5
70	4	14	68	14	7	32	53	8	6.1
81	0	3	70	27	0	16	63	21	5.7
82	4	8	47	41	2	6	64	28	4.0
90	0	1	75	24	0	32	53	15	1.9
96	5	8	85	2	5	6	88	1	6.8
97	0	19	78	3	0	2	98	0	7.0
State	3	12	67	18	3	17	69	11	5.2

Texas Agricultural Districts



Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, November 15, 2015



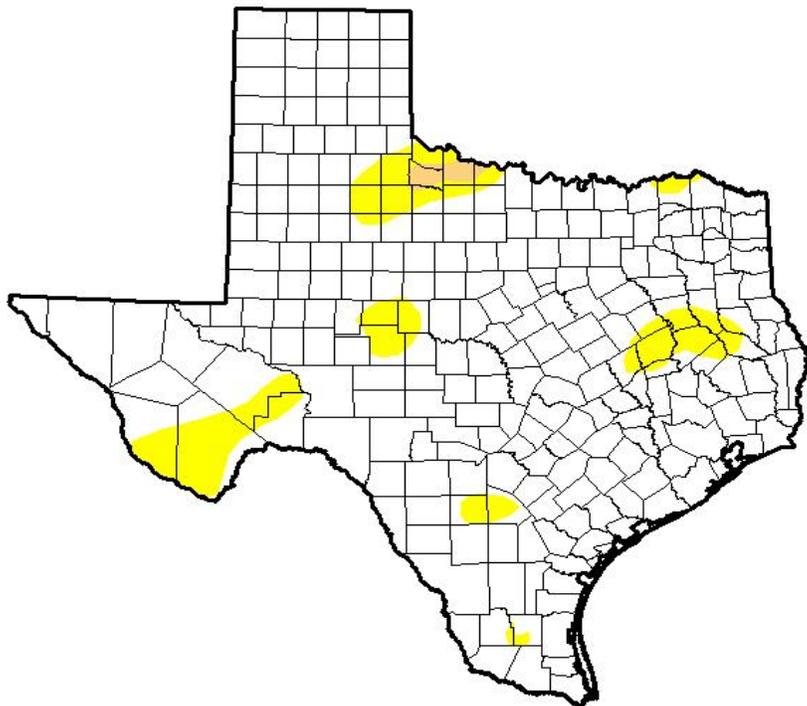
Texas: Yesterday's 1-Day Observed Precipitation
Valid on: November 15, 2015 12:00 UTC

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



Drought Monitor

Valid November 10, 2015



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	90.15	9.85	0.61	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>11/3/2015</i>	78.47	21.53	4.27	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>8/11/2015</i>	60.86	39.14	18.49	4.28	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12/30/2014</i>	34.37	65.63	44.68	25.73	11.70	3.17
Start of Water Year <i>9/29/2015</i>	34.51	65.49	38.32	17.55	6.27	0.00
One Year Ago <i>11/11/2014</i>	30.29	69.71	43.91	23.89	9.82	3.45

Intensity:

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

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