



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Weekly Summary for November 23-Nov 29

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Note: This is the final weekly crop progress and condition report for the 2015 season. The next weekly crop progress and condition report will be available January 19, 2016.

Areas of the Blacklands and the Cross Timbers received rainfall upwards of 5 inches, with isolated showers in the Blacklands reaching upwards of 10 inches. The rest of the state primarily ranged from 0.01 of an inch in the Trans-Pecos and the Lower Valley to upwards of 1.0 inch in the Plains and South Central Texas.

Small Grains: Winter wheat and oats progressed well in areas of South Central and South Texas, with some seeding delays experienced in areas of the Upper Coast due to recent rainfall.

Row Crops: Cotton harvest continued in areas of the Plains as producers worked to get cotton harvested ahead of the Thanksgiving

storms. However, harvesting delays were experienced in areas of the Southern Low Plains and the Trans-Pecos. Cotton harvest is currently at 75 percent, 17 points above previous year, and 5 points behind normal. Most of the 2015 Texas corn and sorghum crop had been harvested. Corn harvest is currently at 96 percent, 4 points behind previous year and 4 points behind normal.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: Fall vegetables continued to progress in areas of South Texas. Pecan harvest was active in areas of the Edwards Plateau.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Livestock were in good condition with supplemental feeding continuing in areas of South Texas. Range and pasture remained in good condition in many areas of the state. Ponds were replenished in areas of North East Texas with recent rains.

Crop Progress

Stage	Percent of Acreage			
	Current	Prev. Week	Prev. Year	5 Year Avg
Corn				
Harvested	96	93	100	100
Cotton				
Harvested	75	60	58	80
Peanuts				
Harvested	97	85	95	98
Sorghum				
Mature	100	98	100	100
Harvested	98	91	85	94
Soybeans				
Harvested	90	88	82	94
Sunflowers				
Harvested	92	89	92	90
Winter Wheat				
Planted	89	83	93	95
Emerged	79	74	83	82
Oats				
Planted	92	89	96	94
Emerged	67	66	66	81

Crop Condition

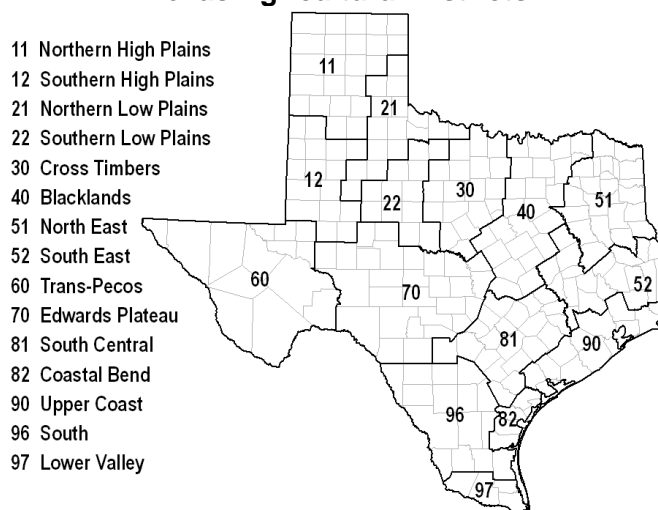
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index ¹	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2015	2014
Corn	11	48	29	8	4	75	81
Cotton	4	36	45	11	4	67	61
Peanuts	8	57	34	1	0	81	71
Sorghum	14	46	29	7	4	76	76
Soybeans	5	28	42	22	3	62	75
Wheat	20	36	33	8	3	76	72
Oats	9	38	27	20	6	66	74
Range and Pasture	5	28	42	18	7	--	--

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.

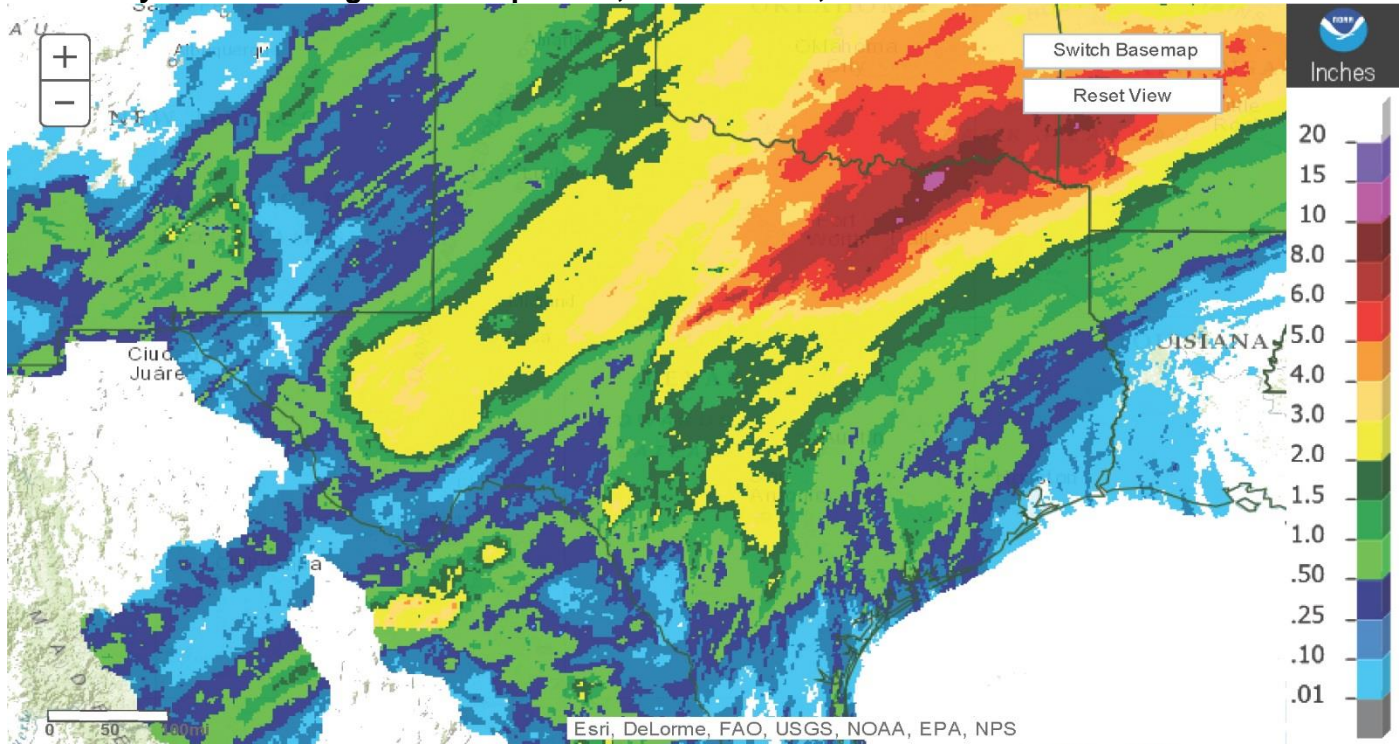
Top Soil Moisture Condition by District

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	1	7	80	12	0	12	87	1	3.8
12	5	16	67	12	2	20	69	9	4.5
21	1	14	52	33	8	18	53	21	3.8
22	0	9	38	53	0	8	72	20	3.2
30	1	4	54	41	1	6	60	33	3.7
40	0	1	15	84	1	1	19	79	1.3
51	7	1	32	60	6	3	40	51	4.6
52	0	2	48	50	0	2	54	44	2.7
60	22	20	56	2	23	16	59	2	5.8
70	5	17	60	18	8	21	61	10	4.1
81	0	3	67	30	1	10	69	20	3.8
82	4	10	45	41	2	8	62	28	4.0
90	0	0	75	25	0	15	70	15	2.5
96	2	5	87	6	3	6	87	4	4.6
97	0	19	81	0	0	31	69	0	7.0
State	2	8	59	31	2	12	64	22	3.7

Texas Agricultural Districts



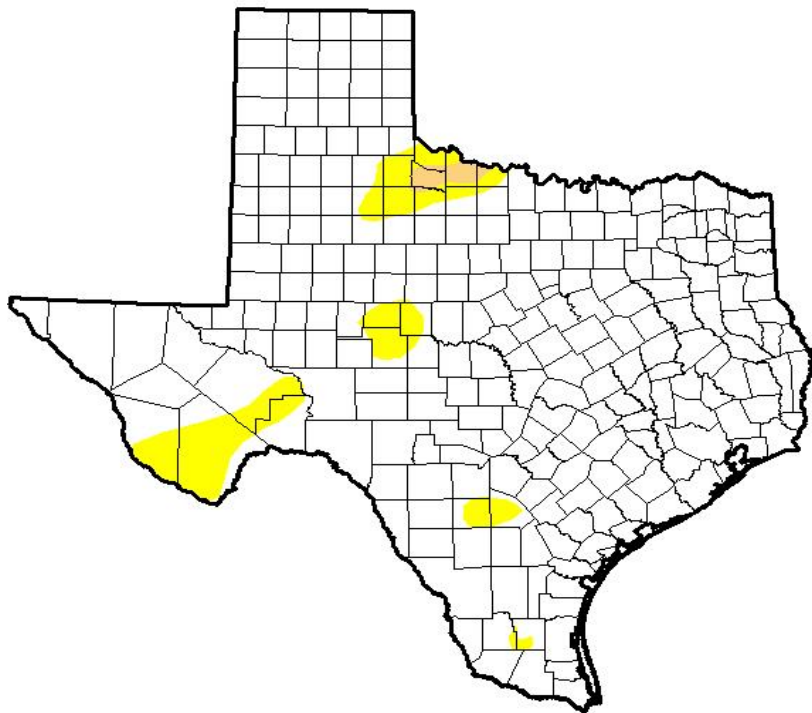
Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, November 29, 2015



Texas: Last 7-Day Observed Precipitation
 Valid on: November 29, 2015 12:00 UTC
 Source: National Weather Service, www.nws.noaa.gov



Drought Monitor Valid November 24, 2015



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	92.65	7.35	0.61	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>11/17/2015</i>	90.41	9.59	0.61	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>8/25/2015</i>	59.34	40.66	23.52	6.37	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>1/2/2014</i>	34.37	65.63	44.68	25.73	11.70	3.17
Start of Water Year <i>8/29/2015</i>	34.51	65.49	38.32	17.55	6.27	0.00
One Year Ago <i>11/25/2014</i>	34.11	65.89	42.56	22.05	9.50	2.57

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>

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