



# Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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**Weekly Summary for February 29- March 6**

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The majority of the state experienced moderate temperatures during the past week, along with mostly dry, windy conditions. Areas of the North and South East districts received between 0.10 to 0.25 of an inch of precipitation, while some fields were still saturated from the previous week's rain. Topsoil moisture levels in other districts across the state were impacted by high winds and the lack of precipitation.

Stage	Crop Progress			
	Percent of Acreage			
	Current	Prev. Week	Prev. Year	5 Year Avg
<b>Corn</b>				
Planted	5	--	5	12
<b>Pecans</b>				
Harvested	100	99	100	100
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Planted	2	--	1	8

**Small Grains:** Winter wheat in areas of the Panhandle, the Cross Timbers and the Blacklands continued to progress and irrigated fields benefitted from the additional moisture. Overall, small grain conditions were rated mostly fair to good.

**Row Crops:** Corn planting began in areas of the Blacklands, while planting in other areas was delayed due to wet topsoil. In areas of the Upper Coast and the Lower Valley, sorghum planting continued.

**Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops:** Fruit trees in the Cross Timbers and Northeast Texas started to bloom, while some growers continued to prune trees for the growing season. Field preparation and planting of vegetables progressed in East Texas. Harvest of sugarcane, citrus, onions, and vegetables continued in areas of the Lower Valley.

**Livestock, Range and Pasture:** Livestock in most areas of the state remained in good condition as supplemental feeding continued in areas of the Cross Timbers, Northern Low Plains, and South Texas. Pastures in areas of the Blacklands and Northeast Texas continued to improve due to recent rainfall. However, there were still signs of stress due to dry conditions in areas of the Trans-Pecos and South Central Texas.

## Crop Condition

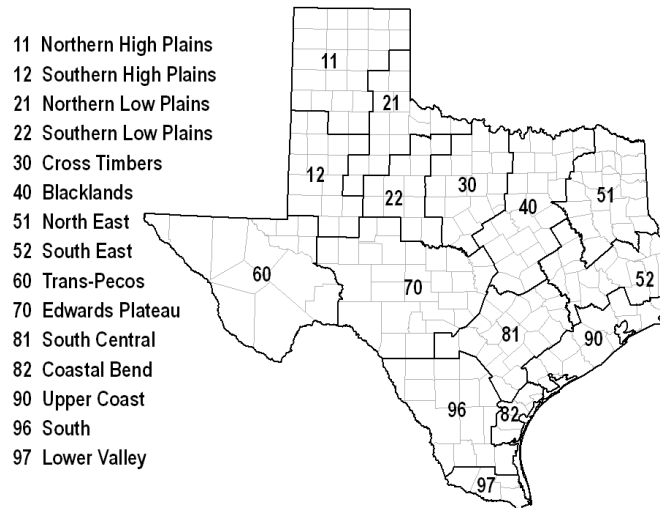
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index <sup>1</sup>	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2016	2015
Wheat	10	32	45	11	2	70	72
Oats	3	29	40	22	6	59	71
Range and Pasture	3	32	43	17	5	--	--

<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.

### Soil Moisture Condition and Days Suitable by District

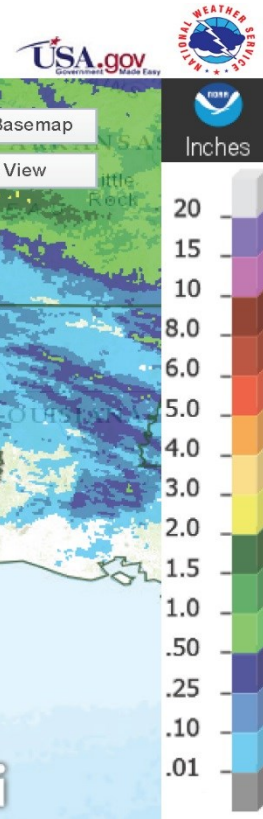
District	Topsoil Moisture Condition by District				Subsoil Moisture Condition by District				Days Suitable for Fieldwork
	Percentage of Acreage				Percentage of Acreage				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
11	7	40	50	3	5	24	71	0	6.8
12	12	50	37	1	4	35	59	2	7.0
21	4	50	46	0	8	31	61	0	6.9
22	6	43	48	3	3	29	51	17	6.6
30	4	30	65	1	4	19	73	4	6.0
40	6	14	70	10	4	12	76	8	6.1
51	0	13	69	18	0	4	75	21	6.4
52	2	19	76	3	2	23	72	3	7.0
60	40	25	35	0	37	26	37	0	7.0
70	10	47	42	1	10	56	33	1	6.8
81	2	28	64	6	0	27	64	9	5.9
82	6	52	37	5	3	20	70	7	7.0
90	0	12	86	2	0	7	86	7	6.0
96	6	43	50	1	7	24	68	1	6.7
97	0	80	20	0	0	40	60	0	7.0
State	7	37	52	4	4	25	66	5	6.6

### Texas Agricultural Districts

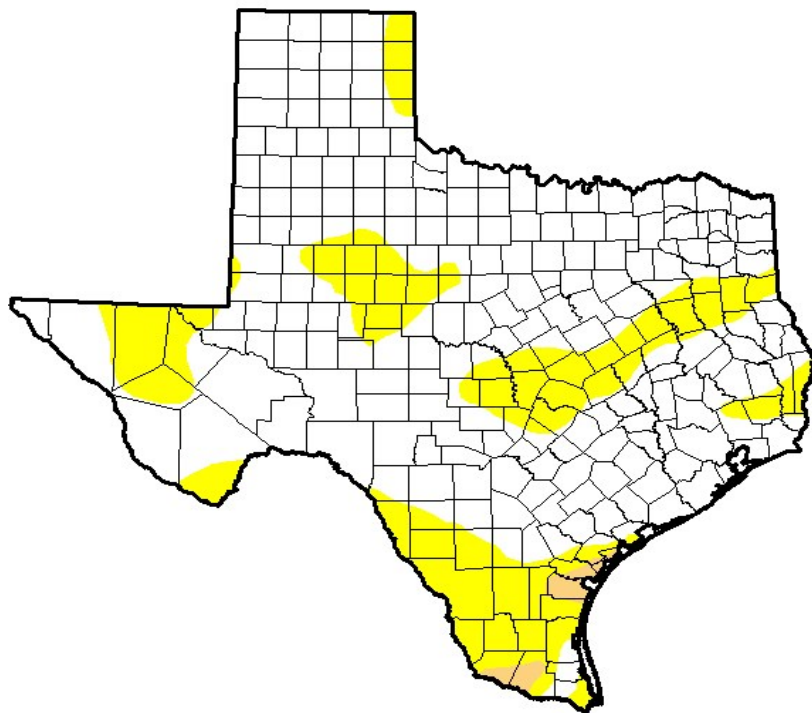


# Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, March 6, 2016

Source: National Weather Service, [www.nws.noaa.gov](http://www.nws.noaa.gov)



# Drought Monitor, Valid March 1, 2016



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	75.35	24.65	1.09	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>2/23/2016</i>	77.61	22.39	0.79	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>12/1/2015</i>	96.38	3.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12/29/2015</i>	95.48	4.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<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>3/3/2015</i>	38.78	61.22	43.02	26.89	13.29	3.37

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

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