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Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Issue: TX-CW0916 **Weekly Summary for March 07- March 13** **Released: March 14, 2016**

Most areas of the state received measurable rainfall last week, ranging between 0.10 to 10.0 inches. Areas of East Texas and the Upper Coast received the heaviest amounts of precipitation, with upwards of 10 inches reported. Less than an inch of precipitation was observed in the High Plains and Trans-Pecos.

Crop Progress

Stage	Percent of Acreage			
	Current	Prev. Week	Prev. Year	5 Year Avg
Corn				
Planted	20	5	10	22
Sorghum				
Planted	15	2	3	15

Small Grains: Winter wheat progressed well throughout the state. In areas of the Low Plains and South Texas, some producers were treating wheat for rust due to high humidity. Oats progressed well in the Southern High Plains.

Row Crops: Cotton planting preparations continued in the Northern Low Plains. In areas of the Cross Timbers, South East Texas, and the Upper Coast producers made good progress planting corn ahead of the rains. Corn planting in areas of the Blacklands and sorghum planting in the Upper Coast were interrupted due to rainfall.

Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops: In the Lower Valley harvest of sugarcane, citrus, and vegetables were temporarily interrupted due to wet fields. Fruit and nut trees were blooming in the Cross Timbers and the Blacklands.

Livestock, Range, and Pasture: Livestock conditions were favorable throughout the state. Range and pasture continued to progress due to recent rainfall and warm season grasses are greening rapidly. Some producers in North East Texas experienced flooding and could not reach their pastures.

Crop Condition

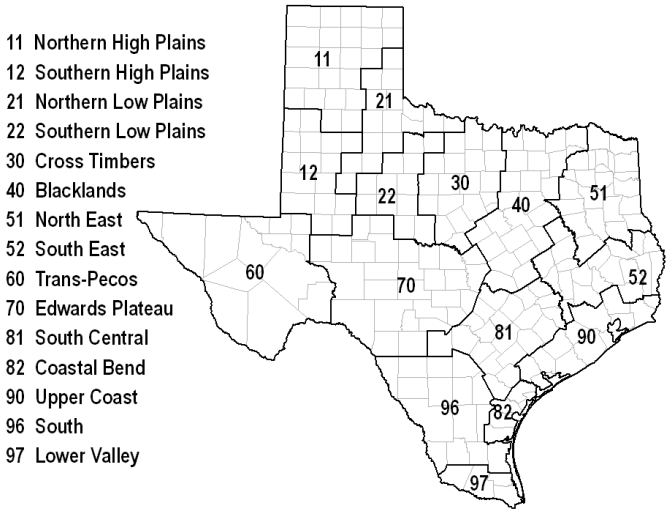
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index [1]	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2016	2015
Wheat	11	35	43	9	2	72	73
Oats	5	31	40	19	5	62	73
Range and Pasture	5	32	43	16	4	--	--

[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.

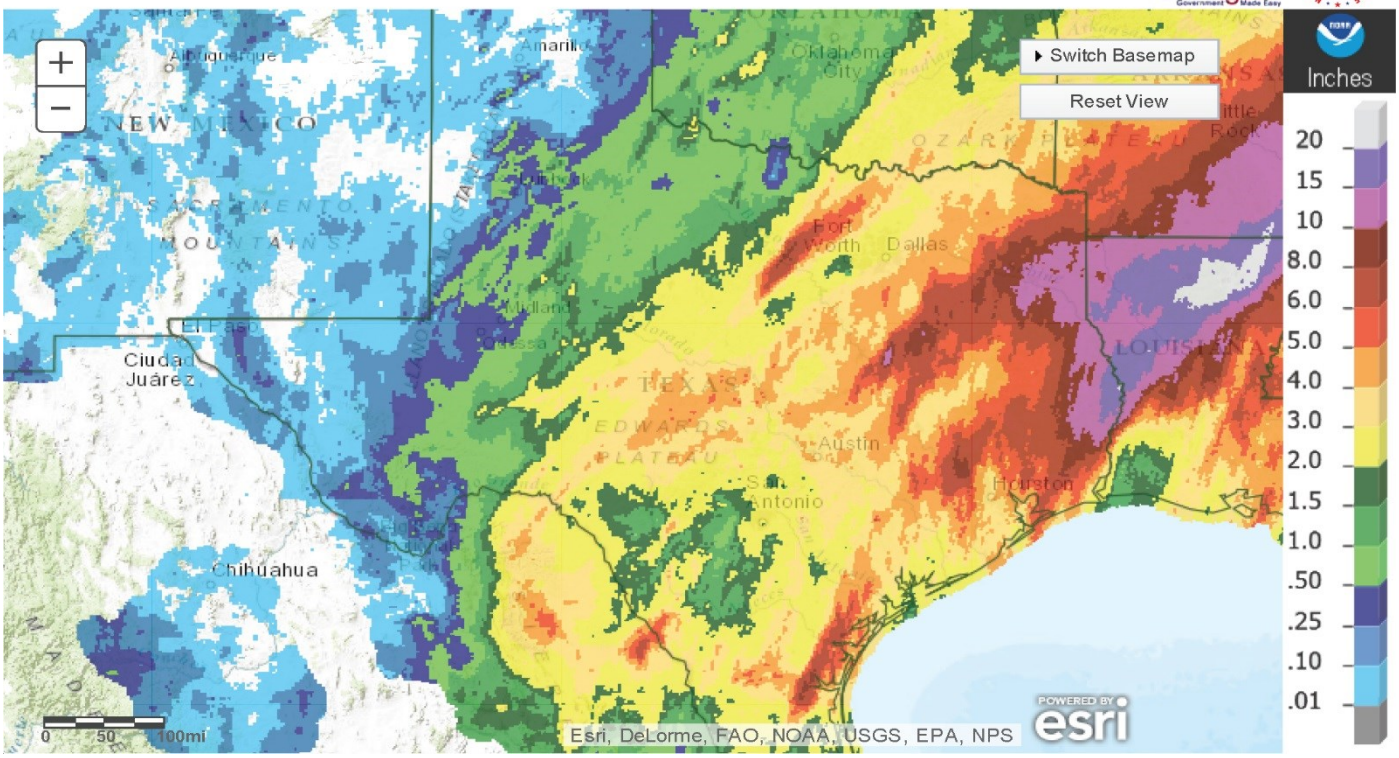
Soil Moisture and Days Suitable by District

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	9	39	49	3	5	25	70	0	6.3
12	12	50	37	1	4	36	58	2	6.6
21	5	41	53	1	2	31	67	0	5.8
22	5	28	60	7	3	28	49	20	4.7
30	3	22	67	8	3	17	76	4	2.0
40	3	5	47	45	3	5	60	32	2.0
51	0	7	44	49	0	2	49	49	3.5
52	1	7	45	47	1	13	48	38	2.8
60	42	24	34	0	40	23	37	0	7.0
70	9	26	55	10	7	30	60	3	2.8
81	1	18	68	13	0	17	70	13	4.0
82	0	0	6	94	0	3	53	44	3.4
90	0	6	63	31	0	4	76	20	3.2
96	3	9	75	13	4	19	64	13	4.1
97	0	22	78	0	0	34	66	0	4.0
State	6	27	51	16	4	22	62	12	4.6

Texas Agricultural Districts

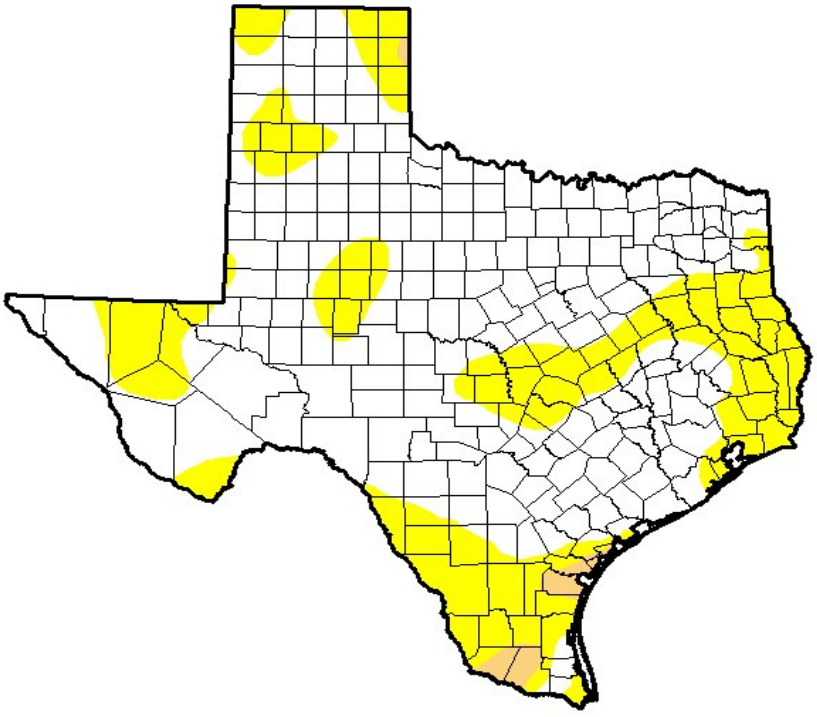


Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, March 13, 2016



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

Drought Monitor, Valid March 8, 2016



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	69.32	30.68	1.47	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 3/1/2016	75.35	24.65	1.09	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 12/8/2015	97.17	2.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12/29/2015	95.48	4.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 9/29/2015	34.51	65.49	38.32	17.55	6.27	0.00
One Year Ago 3/10/2015	42.15	57.85	41.05	25.89	12.76	2.97

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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