



# Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Weekly Summary for March 28 - April 3

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Weather conditions across the state continued to be dry and windy, with most areas receiving less than one half inch of precipitation. However, isolated areas of Northeast Texas reported up to 3 inches of rainfall.

**Small Grains:** Wheat progressed throughout the state, though some issues with rust and lack of moisture were reported in areas of the Northern and Southern Low Plains. Oats were reported to be in poor condition in the Blacklands. Irrigation of winter wheat was active in the Northern High Plains.

## Crop Progress

Stage	Percent of Acreage			
	Current	Prev. Week	Prev. Year	5 Year Avg
<b>Corn</b>				
Planted	42	38	32	47
Emerged	23	5	7	24
<b>Cotton</b>				
Planted	5	2	1	8
<b>Rice</b>				
Planted	47	16	15	37
Emerged	20	N/A	N/A	12
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Planted	36	31	20	36
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Headed	12	5	6	12
<b>Oats</b>				
Headed	15	8	6	25

**Row Crops:** Producers in areas of the Northern Low Plains and the Upper Coast were finishing preparation for cotton planting, while in South Texas cotton planting was nearing completion. Corn planting continued in areas of the Blacklands and sorghum planting resumed in the Coastal Bend. Corn and sorghum made good progress in the Coastal Bend, the Upper Coast, and South Texas.

**Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops:** Peach trees were dropping fruit in the Edwards Plateau due to high winds. In the Lower Valley, harvest of sugarcane and vegetables continued and spring vegetable crops progressed. Pecan trees in the Cross Timbers were in bud break stage. Also, onions made progress in South Texas.

**Livestock, Range and Pasture:** Supplemental feeding continued in the Cross Timbers and Northeast Texas. Livestock conditions were rated fair to good. Warmer weather aided pasture growth throughout the state.

## Crop Condition

Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index <sup>1</sup>	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2016	2015
Wheat	11	36	42	9	2	72	74
Oats	8	34	39	15	4	67	75
Range and Pasture	9	39	39	11	2	--	--

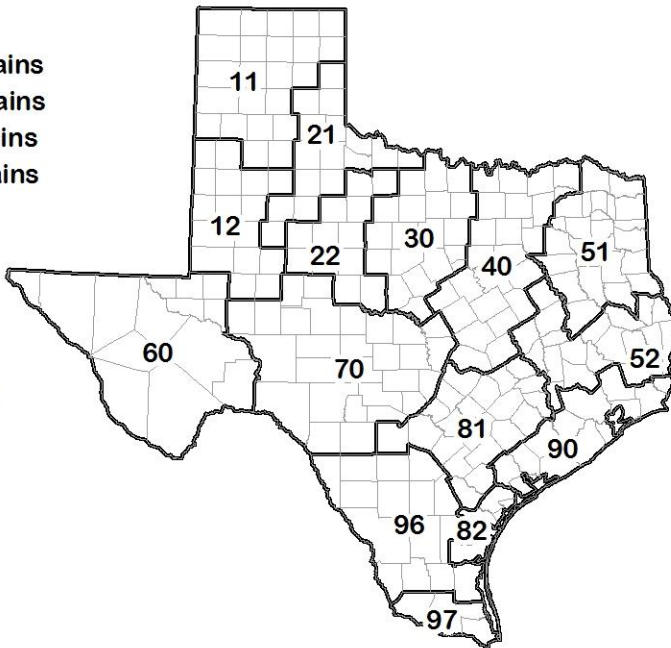
<sup>1</sup> The formula for the condition index is  $I = (5V + 25P + 60F + 90G + 110E)/100$  where I = crop condition index and V, P, F, G, E = percentage of crop rated very poor, poor, fair, good, excellent.

**Soil Moisture 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	18	60	22	0	9	37	54	0	6.0
12	17	51	32	0	1	44	54	1	6.4
21	18	53	29	0	4	40	56	0	6.9
22	11	54	34	1	3	33	46	18	5.9
30	4	24	68	4	6	21	71	2	5.6
40	0	2	73	25	0	6	68	26	5.4
51	0	1	54	45	0	1	66	33	5.4
52	1	3	79	17	0	8	75	17	6.4
60	48	18	34	0	45	20	35	0	7.0
70	8	36	44	12	6	22	68	4	6.2
81	1	21	70	8	1	16	70	13	6.1
82	0	2	74	24	0	2	61	37	6.0
90	0	34	62	4	0	5	80	15	5.4
96	4	29	67	0	5	7	86	2	6.5
97	0	56	44	0	0	26	74	0	7.0
State	10	37	46	7	4	25	62	9	6.1

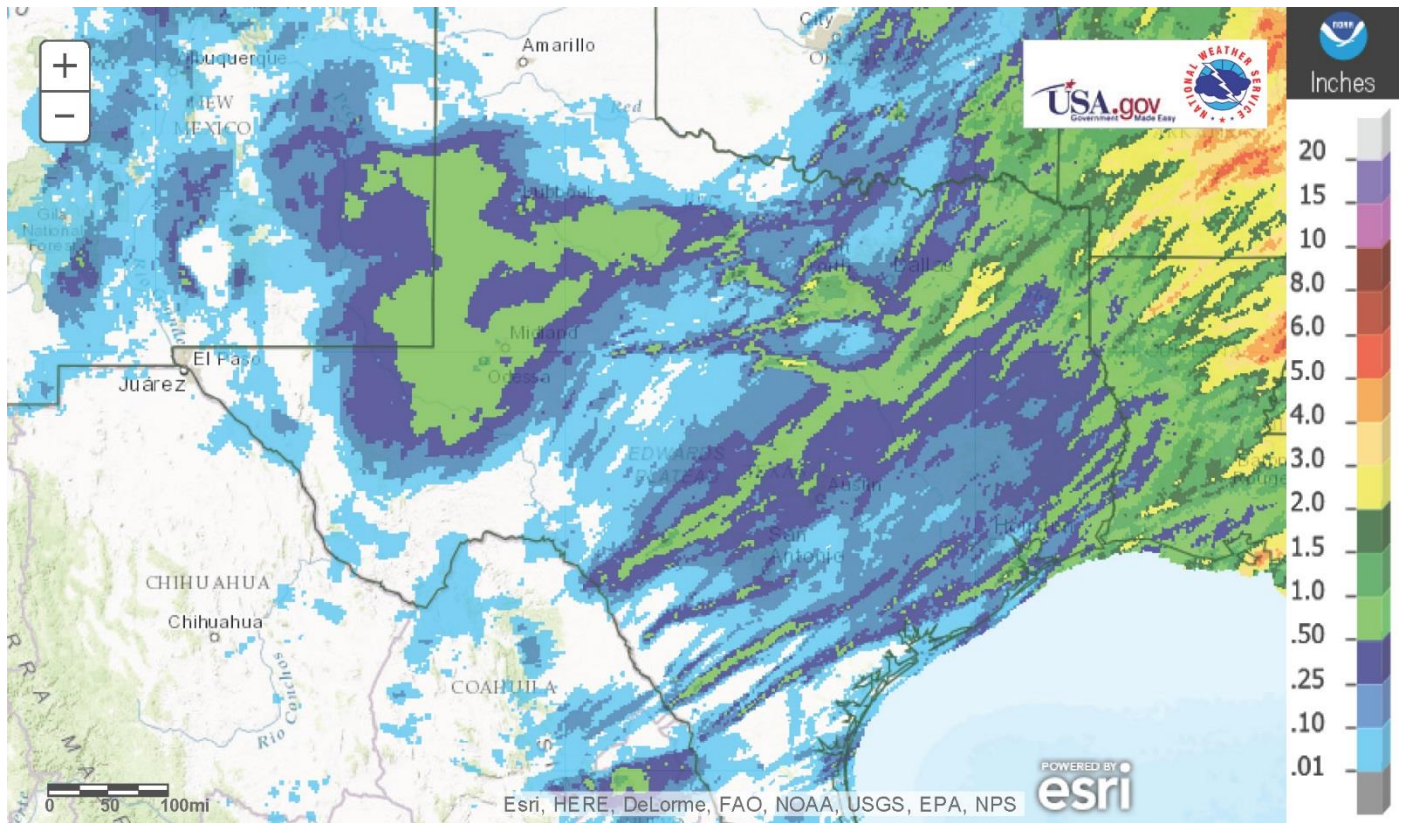
**Texas Agricultural Districts**

- 11 Northern High Plains
- 12 Southern High Plains
- 21 Northern Low Plains
- 22 Southern Low Plains
- 30 Cross Timbers
- 40 Blacklands
- 51 North East
- 52 South East
- 60 Trans-Pecos
- 70 Edwards Plateau
- 81 South Central
- 82 Coaster Bend
- 90 Upper Coast
- 96 South
- 97 Lower Valley



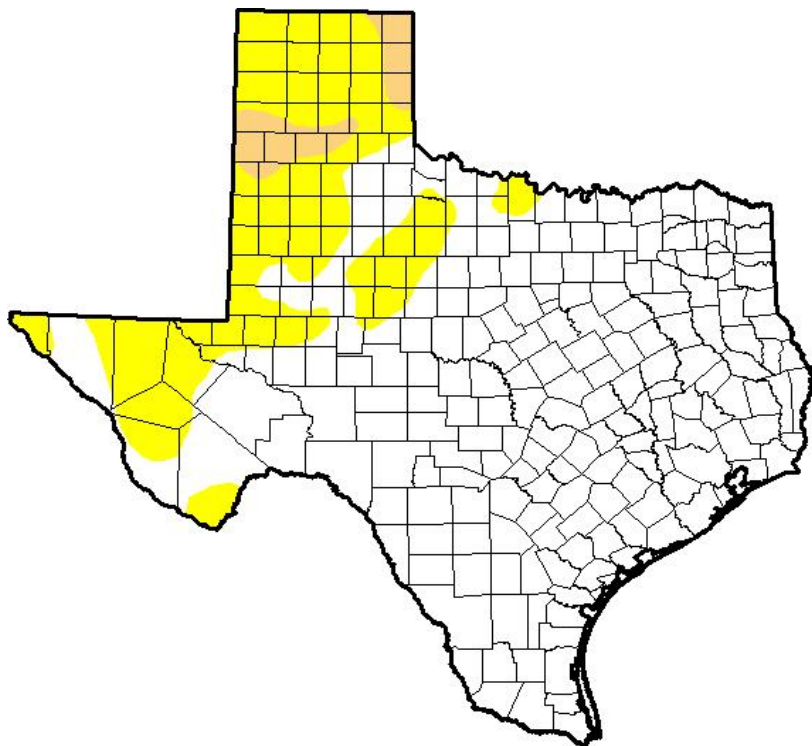
# Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, April 3, 2016

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



## Drought Monitor, Valid March 29, 2016

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



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	75.16	24.84	2.96	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 3/22/2016	85.64	14.36	0.68	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 12/29/2015	95.48	4.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 1/2/2016	95.48	4.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 9/29/2015	34.51	65.49	38.32	17.55	6.27	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 3/31/2015	50.74	49.26	36.62	25.44	15.10	3.31

*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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