



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Weekly Summary for Sep 5-Sep 11

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The majority of the state received measurable rainfall last week. Areas of Southeast Texas, the Plains, and Trans-Pecos received up to two inches precipitation. Coastal areas, including the Upper Coast and the Coastal Bend, received 2 to 6 inches in localized areas. Other areas received only scattered showers, with portions of Edwards Plateau and Northeast Texas recording no measurable precipitation.

Small Grains: Wheat seeding was underway in areas of the Northern Plains, Edwards Plateau, and South Central. Producers in areas of the Cross Timbers and South Texas began seeding oats, while seed bed preparation continued in other areas of the state.

Stage	Crop Progress			
	Percent of Acreage			
	Current	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
Corn				
Dented	83	82	83	86
Mature	67	66	66	72
Harvested	58	57	53	58
Cotton				
Bolls Opening	29	28	31	39
Harvested	8	7	7	11
Sorghum				
Coloring	81	80	82	82
Mature	77	76	69	74
Harvested	60	49	58	62
Soybeans				
Dropping Leaves	64	48	61	69
Harvested	42	39	30	44
Sunflowers				
Harvested	35	25	44	43
Winter Wheat				
Planted	5	2	4	5

Row Crops: Corn development continued to progress favorably across the state, with harvest wrapping up in areas of the Blacklands and South Central Texas. Some producers in the Northern High Plains were waiting for irrigated corn to dry in anticipation for harvest. In the Blacklands, the Coastal Bend, and the Upper Coast cotton harvest was delayed due to the recent rainfall and wet field conditions. Cotton harvest continued in areas of South Texas. Cool temperatures last week slowed cotton growth in the Northern High Plains. Sorghum harvest continued in the Blacklands, though sugarcane aphid problems remained a concern in areas of the Northern High Plains. Soybeans harvest was also delayed due to wet conditions. Rice harvest continued in the Upper Coast and peanuts were progressing well.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: Fall vegetable planting preparations continued of the Lower Valley, and the development of the pecan crop made good to progress.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Livestock were in good condition throughout most of the state. Range and pasture conditions improved due to recent rainfall and stock tanks were still full from previous weeks. Armyworm infestations persisted in some areas of East Texas.

Crop Condition

Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index ¹	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2016	2015
Corn	11	45	31	11	2	74	75
Cotton	7	33	39	16	5	65	67
Peanuts	16	42	34	7	1	78	78
Rice	13	55	25	4	3	80	74
Sorghum	15	41	34	8	2	76	80
Soybeans	6	41	44	7	2	72	65
Range and Pasture	17	41	31	8	3	--	--

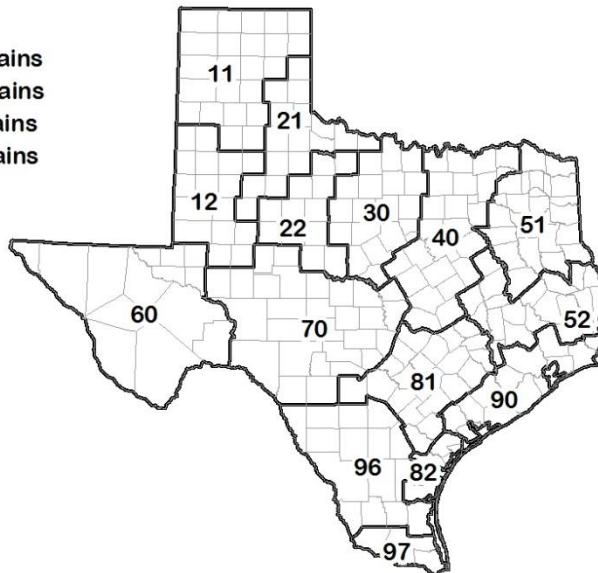
¹ The formula for the condition index is $I = (5V + 25P + 60F + 90G + 110E)/100$ where I = crop condition index and V, P, F, G, E = percentage of crop rated very poor, poor, fair, good, excellent.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable by District

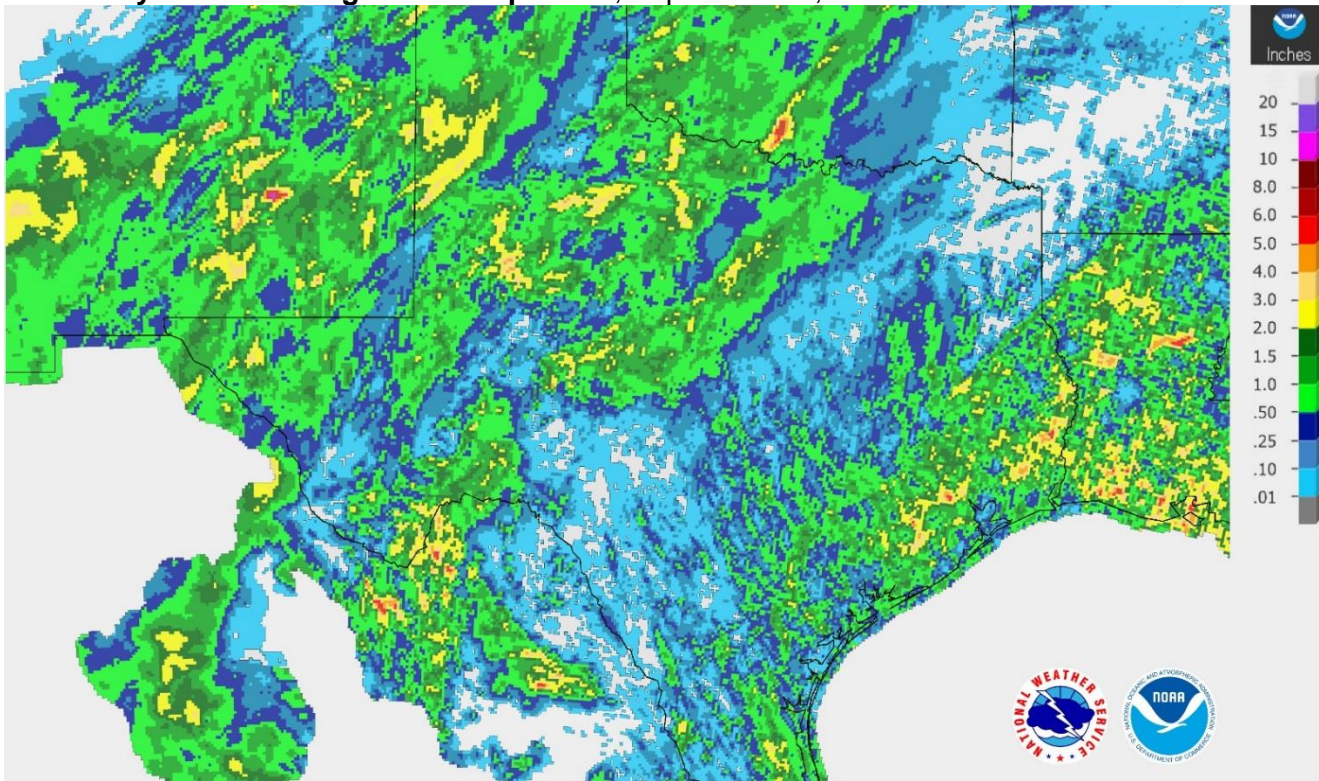
District	Topsoil Moisture Condition by District				Subsoil Moisture Condition by District				Days Suitable for Fieldwork
	Percentage of Acreage				Percentage of Acreage				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
11	13	13	68	6	12	24	63	1	3.0
12	1	17	45	37	2	17	71	10	2.0
21	2	27	62	9	2	24	68	6	5.0
22	12	34	50	4	15	31	49	5	6.0
30	7	17	74	2	8	25	67	0	5.0
40	1	12	72	15	1	8	77	14	5.0
51	2	10	70	18	2	9	74	15	6.0
52	1	6	60	33	2	5	66	27	6.0
60	12	12	60	16	13	14	58	15	6.0
70	9	11	67	13	9	13	68	10	6.0
81	1	8	70	21	1	8	72	19	5.0
82	3	34	59	4	5	42	51	2	5.0
90	1	1	35	63	1	3	53	43	3.0
96	0	12	88	0	0	16	84	0	5.0
97	26	64	10	0	26	63	11	0	7.0
State	6	17	60	17	6	19	65	10	4.0

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

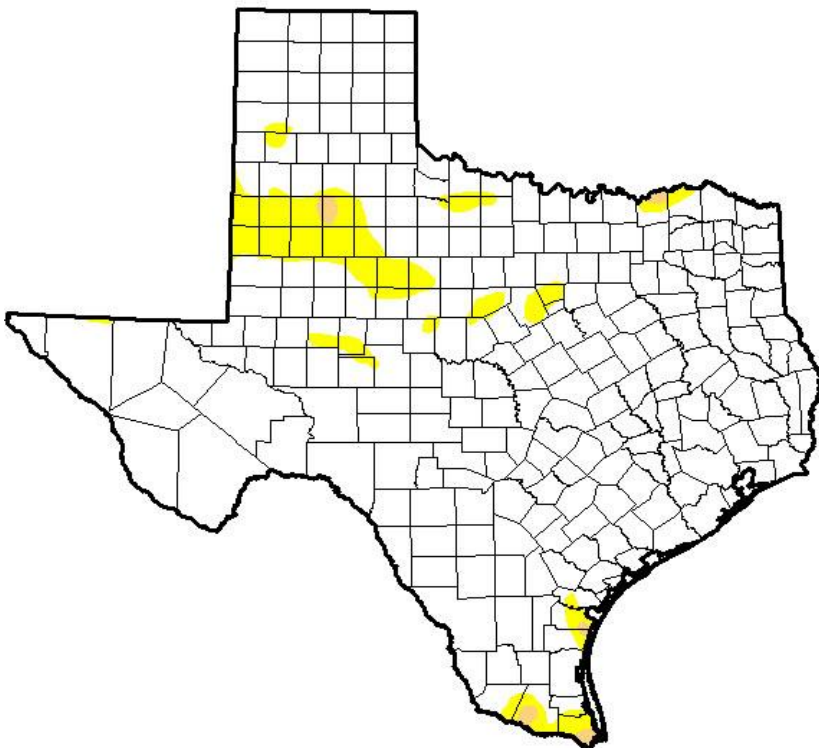


Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, September 11, 2016



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

Drought Monitor, Valid September 6, 2016



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	92.46	7.54	0.57	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 8/30/2016	89.86	10.14	2.43	0.16	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 6/7/2016	98.31	1.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 1/2/2015	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 9/6/2015	52.57	47.43	27.14	13.23	2.50	0.00

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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