



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Weekly Summary for Sep 19-Sep 25

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Areas of the Northern Low Plains, Southern Low Plains, and the Edwards Plateau received up to 6 inches of rainfall, while the Upper Coast, Southeast Texas, and the Trans-Pecos received between trace amounts and 2 inches of precipitation. The rest of the state received little to no measurable rainfall.

Small Grains: Weather conditions last week were favorable for small grains seeding in many parts of the state. Many producers were taking advantage of improved soil moisture to get seed in the ground. Winter wheat seeding progressed well in areas of the Northern Low Plains due to recent rain showers and continued throughout much the state, with preparations still underway in areas of the Blacklands. Oat seeding began in areas of South Texas and continued in South Central.

Stage	Crop Progress			
	Percent of Acreage			
	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
Corn				
Dented	94	93	89	95
Mature	76	75	75	82
Harvested	64	63	62	67
Cotton				
Bolls Opening	49	31	56	57
Harvested	11	9	15	15
Peanuts				
Harvested	2	1	16	6
Sorghum				
Coloring	91	82	94	90
Mature	79	78	75	77
Harvested	65	61	62	65
Soybeans				
Dropping Leaves	84	71	67	78
Harvested	50	45	45	58
Sunflowers				
Harvested	50	40	56	52
Winter Wheat				
Planted	30	14	22	27
Oats				
Planted	10	N/A	4	14

Row Crops: In areas of the Northern High Plains, cotton bolls opened rapidly due to warm temperatures last week and cotton producers prepared for harvest in the Southern High Plains and Northern Low Plains. Cotton producers applied harvest aids in areas of the Blacklands and Northeast Texas. Cotton harvest was active in southern areas of the state and cotton gins were in full-swing. Corn and sorghum continued to mature in the Plains with harvest underway in some areas. Silage harvest was active as well, with producers chopping corn and sorghum silage and adding it to their winter feed supplies. Corn harvest neared completion in the Blacklands. Sugarcane aphids remained a concern for sorghum fields in the High Plains. Warm, dry weather pushed peanut maturity in the Northern Low Plains, while in South Texas, final irrigation was being applied in anticipation of harvest in coming weeks. Soybeans were still setting pods and dropping leaves in areas of the Northern High Plains and harvest was underway in the Blacklands.

Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops: Pecans progressed well in areas of the Trans-Pecos, Edwards Plateau, and South Texas. Vegetable producers continued preparations for fall planting in areas of the Lower Valley. Sesame fields were maturing in areas of South Texas.

Livestock, Range, and Pasture: Livestock were in good condition and stock tanks benefitted from the recent precipitation. Pasture and range conditions remain fair and forage production was slowed in areas of the Blacklands. Armyworm activity was reported in many areas across the state. Fall calving was underway in areas of Northeast 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	8	34	38	15	5	66	65
Peanuts	16	42	35	6	1	78	78
Sorghum	15	41	34	8	2	76	80
Soybeans	6	36	43	12	3	68	64
Range and Pasture	15	44	31	8	2	--	--

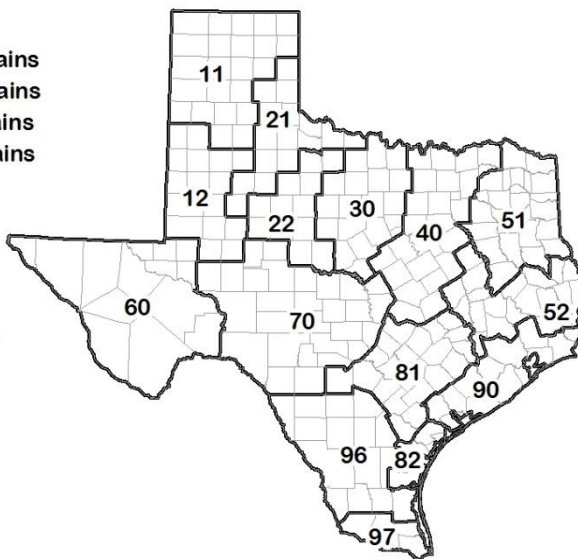
¹ The formula for the condition index is $I = (5V + 25P + 60F + 90G + 110E)/100$ where I = crop condition index and V, P, F, G, E = percentage of crop rated very poor, poor, fair, good, excellent.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable by District

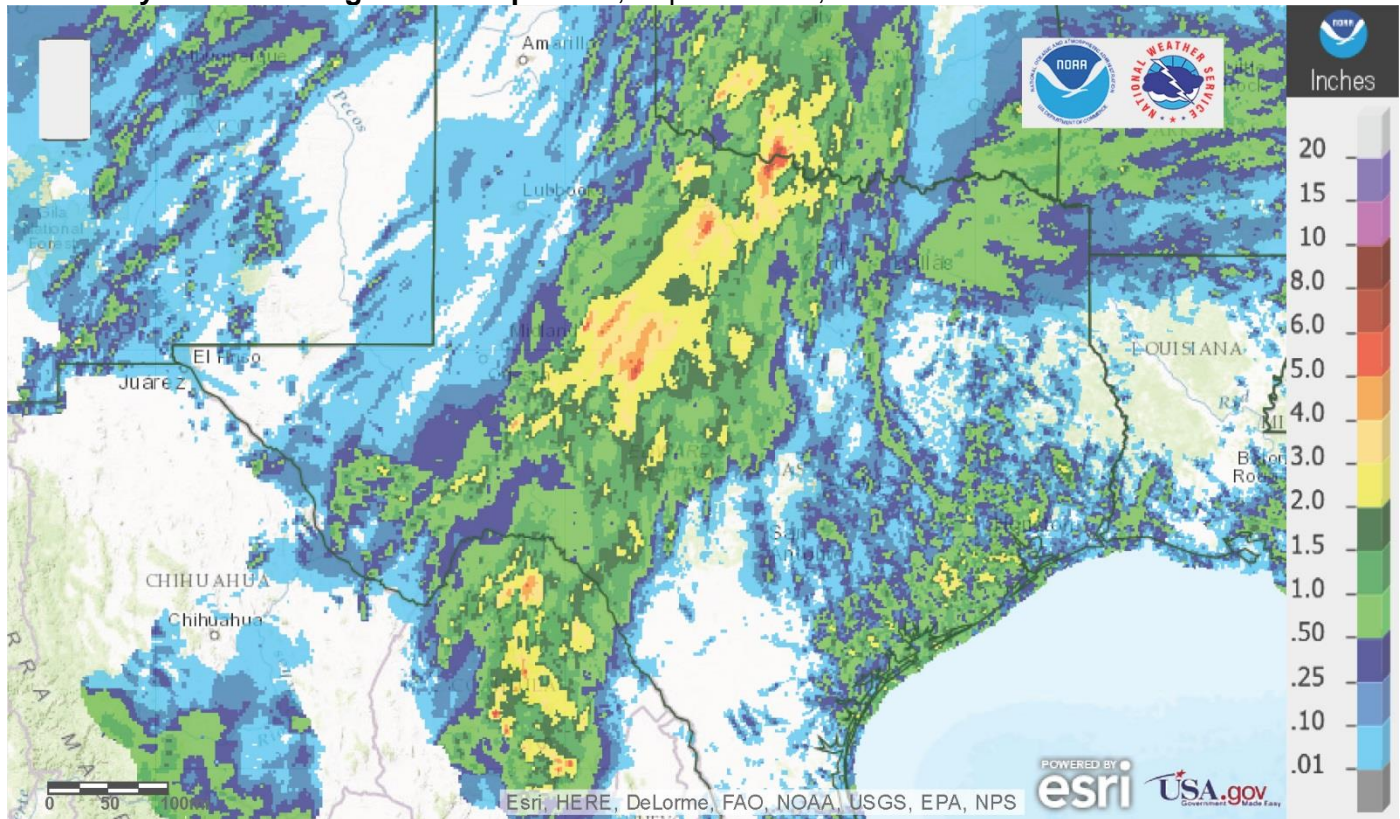
District	Topsoil Moisture Condition by District				Subsoil Moisture Condition by District				Days Suitable for Fieldwork
	Percentage of Acreage				Percentage of Acreage				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
11	12	14	70	4	11	19	69	1	6.3
12	0	9	63	28	1	8	68	23	5.7
21	0	9	72	19	1	12	81	6	4.8
22	1	17	65	17	2	23	63	12	4.1
30	7	12	65	16	9	19	62	10	5.2
40	11	34	46	9	4	26	62	8	6.3
51	3	28	64	5	3	22	68	7	6.9
52	0	11	51	38	1	9	62	28	5.7
60	15	20	65	0	16	14	70	0	6.8
70	3	20	49	28	2	22	50	26	6.1
81	2	21	64	13	2	15	67	16	6.3
82	4	14	74	8	3	24	70	3	5.8
90	0	8	46	46	0	9	55	36	4.5
96	13	34	53	0	1	38	61	0	6.2
97	82	8	10	0	25	64	11	0	7.0
State	8	17	59	16	5	19	64	12	5.8

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

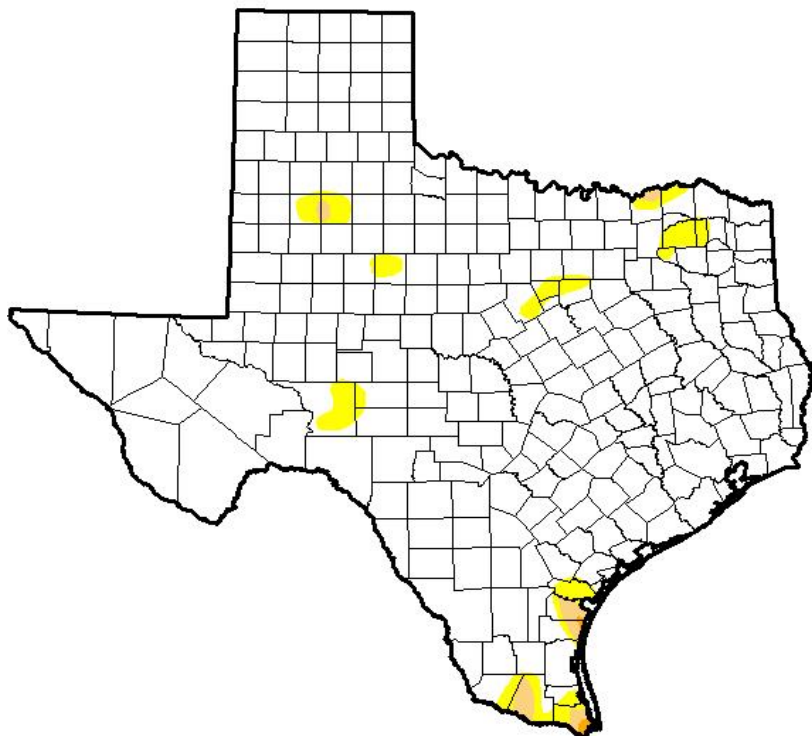


Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, September 25, 2016



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

Drought Monitor, Valid September 20, 2016



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	95.44	4.56	0.94	0.12	0.00	0.00
Last Week 9/13/2016	96.22	3.78	0.67	0.09	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 6/21/2016	98.62	1.38	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 9/22/2015	40.27	59.73	30.40	14.04	4.72	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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