



# Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Weekly Summary for Sep 27 - Oct 2

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Many parts of the state received rainfall last week. Areas of the Edwards Plateau, South Central Texas, and South Texas received up to 6 inches of rainfall, while areas of the Blacklands, the Coastal Bend, and the Upper Coast received up to 3 inches of rainfall. Portions of East Texas and the Trans-Pecos recorded between .5 and 1.5 inches for the week, while most other areas experienced scattered showers.

**Small Grains:** Winter wheat and oats seeding was in full swing across the state with an increase in activity in some areas due to improved soil moisture conditions. Rainfall also aided recently seeded and emerged wheat, but delayed land preparations in areas of South Central Texas and the Southern Low Plains.

Stage	Crop Progress			
	Percent of Acreage			
	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
<b>Corn</b>				
Dented	98	94	96	98
Mature	86	76	82	87
Harvested	75	64	64	70
<b>Cotton</b>				
Bolls Opening	59	49	67	67
Harvested	17	11	20	17
<b>Peanuts</b>				
Harvested	8	2	24	12
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Coloring	93	91	97	93
Mature	80	79	82	80
Harvested	69	65	66	68
<b>Soybeans</b>				
Dropping Leaves	85	84	69	83
Harvested	55	50	48	63
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Harvested	58	50	60	58
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Planted	35	30	33	40
Emerged	18	10	6	14
<b>Oats</b>				
Planted	17	10	15	28

**Row Crops:** Cotton harvest continued across the southern half of the state while in areas of West Texas and the Plains, harvest was just getting underway. Many producers in areas of the High Plains were making plans to defoliate cotton. Cotton bolls were beginning to open in areas of the Southern Low Plains and the Trans-Pecos. Corn harvest was in full-swing in areas of the Northern High Plains, while some late planted corn was chopped for silage. Corn harvest continued in areas of South Texas. Sorghum harvest continued in the Northern High Plains and in the Southern Low Plains. Some peanut producers in South Texas anticipate harvest in the upcoming weeks, while peanut fields in areas of the Southern Low Plains were undergoing preparation for digging. Soybean harvest continued in the Blacklands.

**Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops:** In the Lower Valley, fall vegetable planting continued. Pecans development progressed in the Trans-Pecos and Edwards Plateau.

**Livestock, Range, and Pasture:** Livestock remained in good condition throughout most of the state. Stock tanks and ponds were still full due to recent rains. Range and pasture continued to improve in areas of South Texas and the Edwards Plateau. Fall armyworm activity remained a concern throughout many areas of the state.

### Crop Condition

Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index <sup>1</sup>	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2016	2015
Corn	11	45	31	11	2	74	75
Cotton	8	35	38	15	4	67	65
Peanuts	17	43	33	7	0	79	81
Sorghum	15	41	34	8	2	76	80
Soybeans	7	36	43	11	3	69	64
Range and Pasture	14	43	32	8	3	--	--

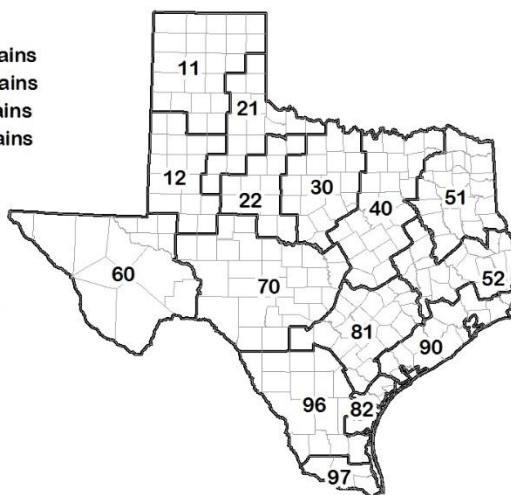
<sup>1</sup> The formula for the condition index is  $I = (5V + 25P + 60F + 90G + 110E)/100$  where I = crop condition index and V, P, F, G, E = percentage of crop rated very poor, poor, fair, good, excellent.

### Soil Moisture and Days Suitable by District

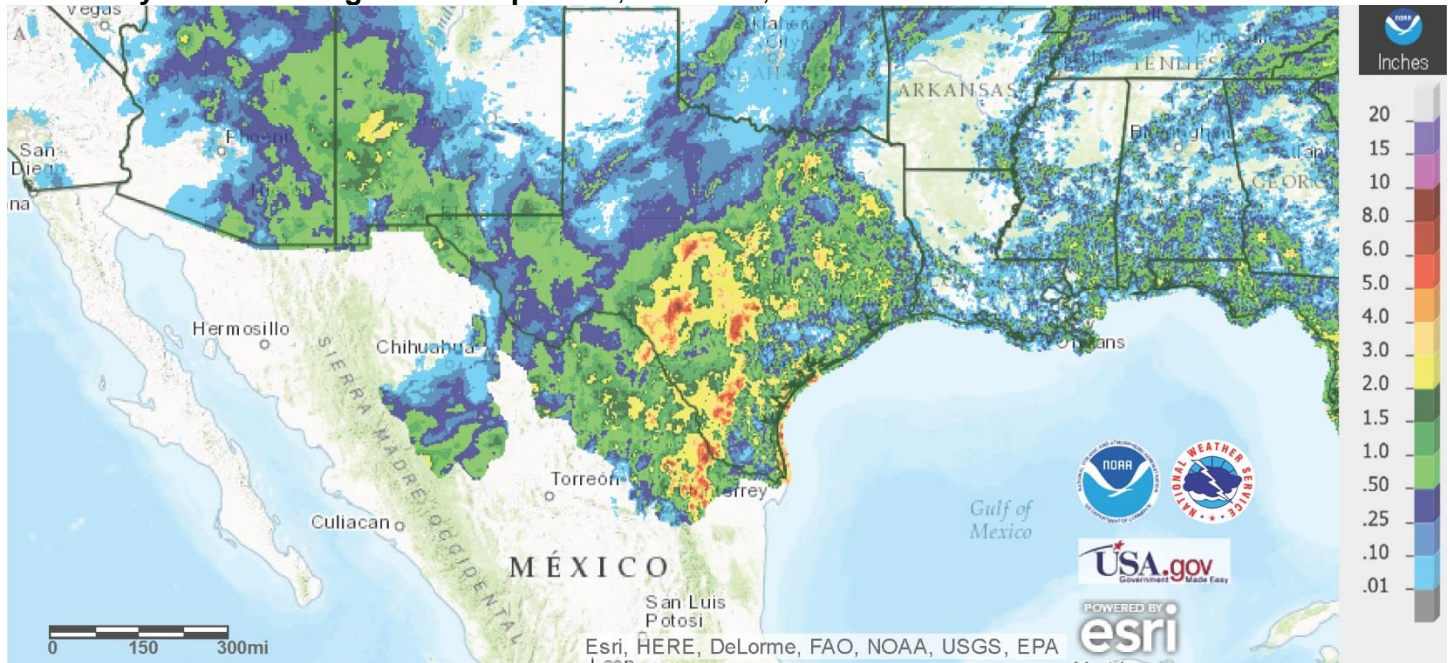
District	Topsoil Moisture Condition by District				Subsoil Moisture Condition by District				Days Suitable for Fieldwork
	Percentage of Acreage				Percentage of Acreage				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
11	13	18	66	3	11	21	66	2	6.9
12	1	26	62	11	1	14	76	9	6.7
21	0	14	67	19	1	16	76	7	5.2
22	0	14	77	9	2	19	68	11	4.4
30	7	12	79	2	8	15	75	2	6.2
40	12	35	50	3	4	26	62	8	6.6
51	4	35	56	5	3	27	63	7	7.0
52	0	10	87	3	1	10	87	2	6.8
60	14	22	64	0	15	21	64	0	6.3
70	3	14	71	12	1	15	57	27	4.2
81	3	19	75	3	2	14	79	5	6.4
82	0	18	68	14	3	24	65	8	4.6
90	0	11	71	18	0	13	54	33	5.4
96	13	20	65	2	3	33	64	0	5.1
97	58	19	23	0	0	76	24	0	7.0
State	8	21	64	7	4	21	67	8	6.0

### 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

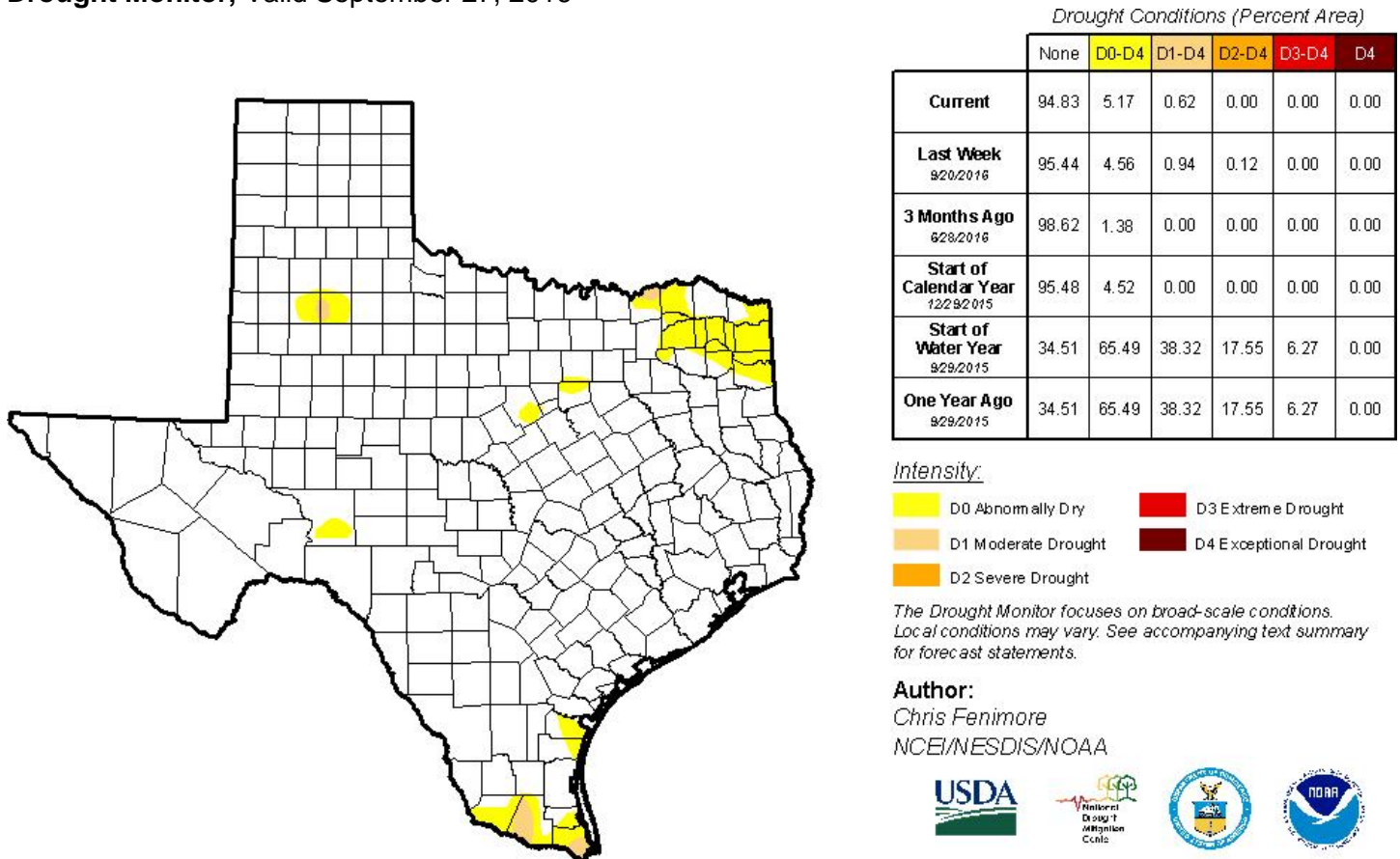


## Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, October 2, 2016



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

## Drought Monitor, Valid September 27, 2016



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

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