



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Weekly Summary for November 20 - 26

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Note: This is the final weekly Crop Progress and Condition report for the 2017 season.

Dry conditions persisted across many areas of the state, while temperatures were cooler than the previous week. The only significant rain was recorded in the Upper Coast, where precipitation ranged between trace amounts and 1.5 inches. There were 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork.

Small Grain: Winter wheat seeding was ongoing in the Northern High Plains. Producers in the Coastal Bend were in need of precipitation to continue seeding operations. Winter wheat in areas of the Southern Low Plains was in fair to poor conditions due to lack of moisture. Producer in the South Texas were irrigating winter wheat fields.

Row Crops: Cotton harvest continued in the Plains, the Blacklands, East Texas, the Trans-Pecos and the Edwards Plateau. Sorghum and sunflower harvest was nearing completion in the Southern High Plains.

Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops: Pecan harvest continued in the Low Plains, the Cross Timbers, and South Central Texas and was nearing completion in South Texas. Vegetables were being irrigated in South Texas. Harvest of sugarcane, citrus and vegetables continued in the Lower Valley.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Cattle producers continued using supplemental feed in the Cross Timbers, the Blacklands, East Texas, South Central Texas and South Texas. Pasture and range conditions were rated at 69 percent fair to good, a 4 point decline from the previous week.

Crop Progress

Stage	Percent of Acreage			
	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
Cotton				
Harvested	71	67	60	69
Peanuts				
Harvested	91	85	93	95
Sunflowers				
Harvested	90	87	90	88
Winter Wheat				
Planted	92	90	93	93
Emerged	84	79	80	82
Oats				
Emerged	85	82	86	78

Crop Condition

Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index ¹	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2017	2016
Cotton	18	40	34	7	1	78	68
Peanuts	3	62	34	1	0	80	79
Wheat	0	36	47	14	3	64	67
Oats	0	34	44	19	3	62	66
Range and Pasture	2	22	47	22	7	--	--

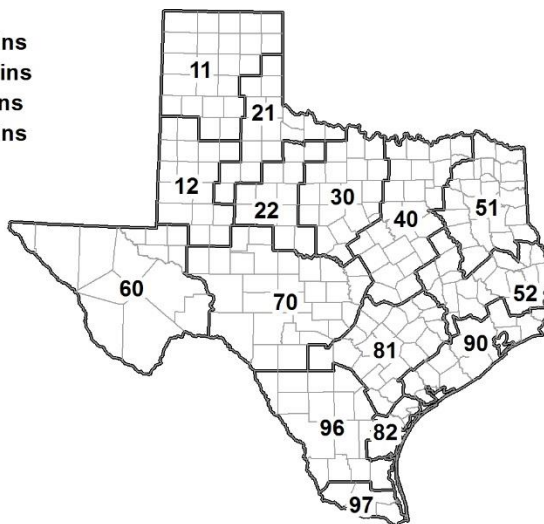
¹ The formula for the condition index is $I = (5V + 25P + 60F + 90G + 110E)/100$ where I = crop condition index and V, P, F, G, E = percentage of crop rated very poor, poor, fair, good, excellent.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable by District

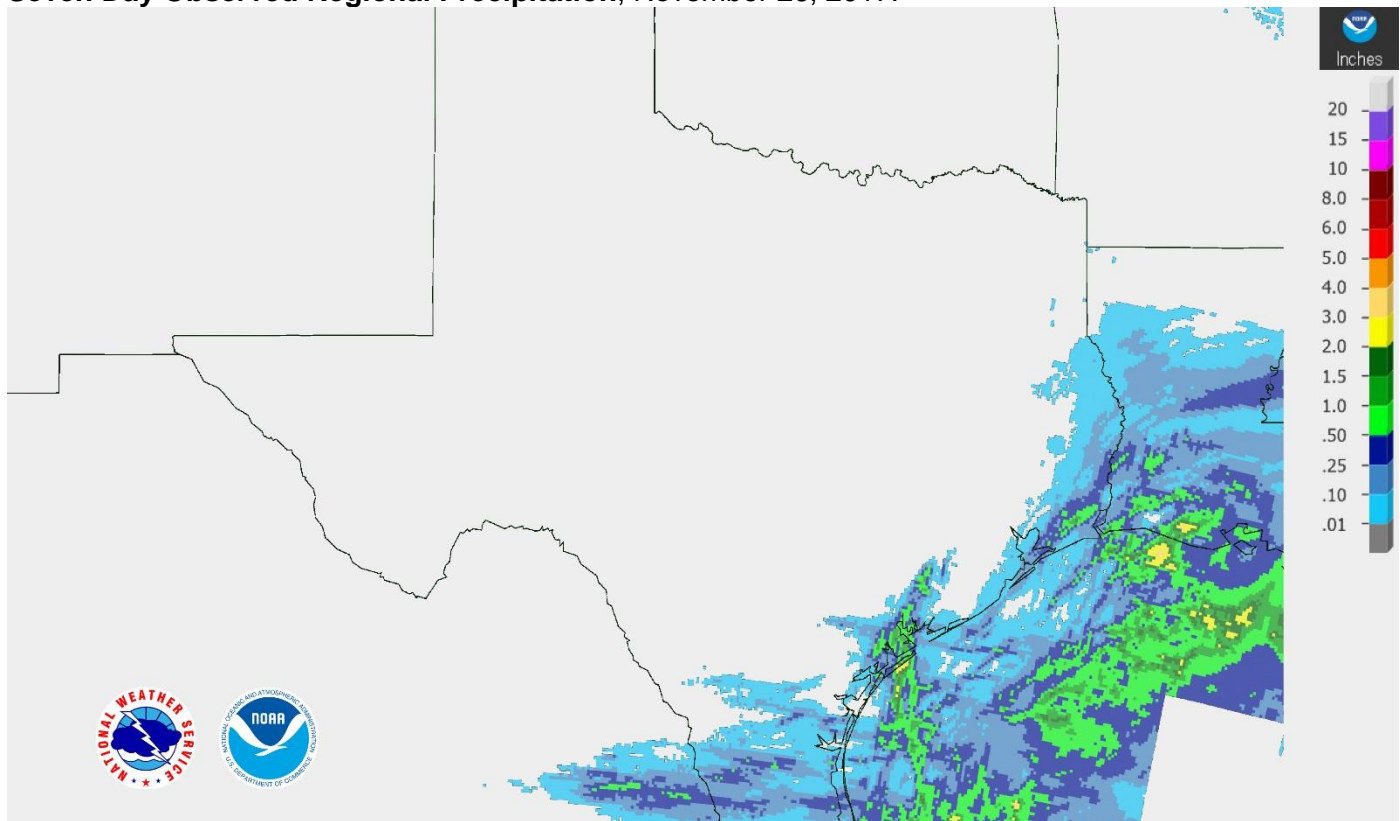
District	Topsoil Moisture Condition by District				Subsoil Moisture Condition by District				Days Suitable for Fieldwork
	Percentage of Acreage				Percentage of Acreage				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
11	6	67	27	0	0	46	54	0	6.6
12	19	57	18	6	22	51	21	6	6.8
21	22	55	23	0	3	54	43	0	7.0
22	17	40	43	0	10	42	48	0	7.0
30	4	35	61	0	4	29	63	4	6.1
40	20	37	43	0	19	32	45	4	6.9
51	23	41	36	0	27	41	32	0	7.0
52	12	40	45	3	8	47	42	3	7.0
60	1	7	92	0	1	2	97	0	7.0
70	12	52	36	0	9	43	48	0	7.0
81	28	52	20	0	14	60	26	0	6.8
82	50	50	0	0	55	45	0	0	7.0
90	9	52	39	0	9	29	46	16	7.0
96	24	53	23	0	26	57	17	0	6.9
97	62	10	28	0	62	12	26	0	7.0
State	18	49	32	1	14	43	40	3	6.8

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 Coastal Bend
- 90 Upper Coast
- 96 South
- 97 Lower Valley

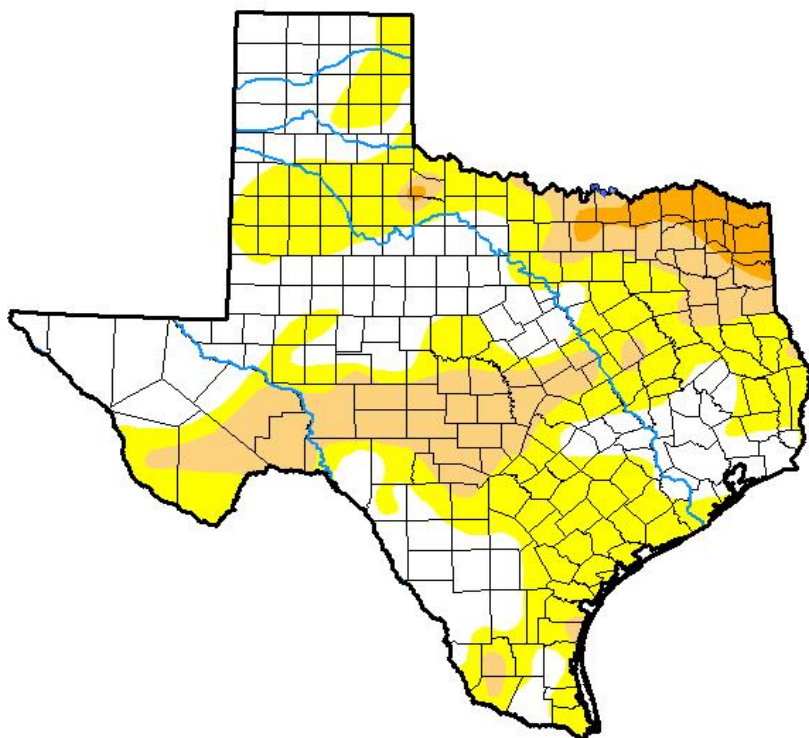


Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, November 26, 2017.



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

Drought Monitor, Valid November 21, 2017.



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	40.02	59.98	20.23	3.25	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>11-14-2017</i>	54.34	45.66	15.26	0.97	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>08-22-2017</i>	86.44	13.56	2.47	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2017</i>	81.50	18.50	6.29	1.97	0.04	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-26-2017</i>	70.54	29.46	4.17	0.04	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>11-22-2016</i>	66.53	33.47	14.73	7.91	1.09	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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