



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Weekly Summary for September 3-9

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A cold front brought lower temperatures and significant rainfall to many areas of Texas, last week. Precipitation in several districts ranged from 2 inches up to 5 inches, with isolated areas in the Edwards Plateau, South Central Texas and the Upper Coast getting upwards of 10 inches of rain. There were 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork.

Small Grains: Winter wheat seeding continued in the Plains, the Cross Timbers and the Edwards Plateau. Meanwhile, some farmers began seeding small grains in the Blacklands, but most were still preparing fields.

Row Crops: Row crop harvest came to a halt in the Blacklands, the Edwards Plateau, South Central Texas, the Upper Coast and South Texas due to heavy rains. Producers were concerned with the detrimental effects of too much rain on unharvested cotton, alfalfa and rice. Corn was maturing well in the Northern High Plains. Peanuts in South Texas continued to develop and were in good condition.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: Pecan producers in the Trans-Pecos were spraying pecan nut casebearer, but most were pleased with the development of their crop. Seedbed preparation for spinach and cabbage was taking place in South Texas. Vegetable planting continued in the Lower Valley.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Even though pastures were doing better in many areas, cattle producers in southern parts of the state continued providing supplement feed to their animals. The rains replenished some stock tanks, but many others were in need of more moisture. Small wildfires were reported in the Northern High Plains. Pasture and range condition was rated 66 percent fair to poor.

Crop Condition

Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index ¹	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2018	2017
Corn	2	27	35	24	12	54	87
Cotton	3	15	30	31	21	44	73
Peanuts	0	45	49	6	0	71	81
Rice	5	44	50	1	0	75	84
Sorghum	5	18	39	26	12	52	85
Soybeans	9	11	58	16	6	59	85
Range and Pasture	3	17	35	31	14	--	--

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.

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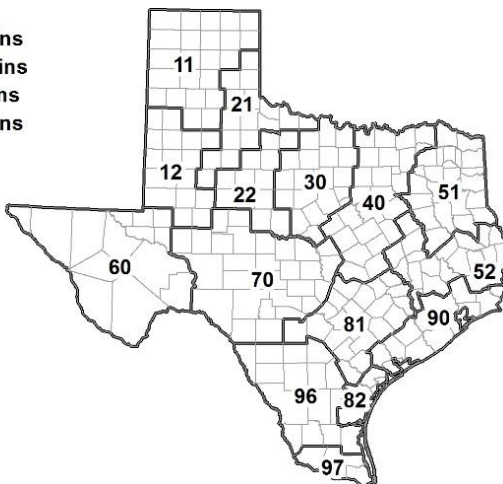
Stage	Percent of Acreage			
	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
Corn				
Dented	92	90	88	84
Mature	72	68	67	67
Harvested	63	53	60	57
Cotton				
Bolls Opening	30	23	25	28
Harvested	18	11	16	10
Peanuts				
Mature	15	8	12	10
Rice				
Harvested	92	86	91	89
Sorghum				
Coloring	90	84	83	83
Mature	78	74	73	75
Harvested	66	65	62	62
Soybeans				
Setting Pods	95	90	99	95
Dropping Leaves	58	47	60	58
Harvested	36	28	39	36
Sunflowers				
Harvested	62	60	46	43
Winter Wheat				
Planted	5	N/A	5	4

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable by District

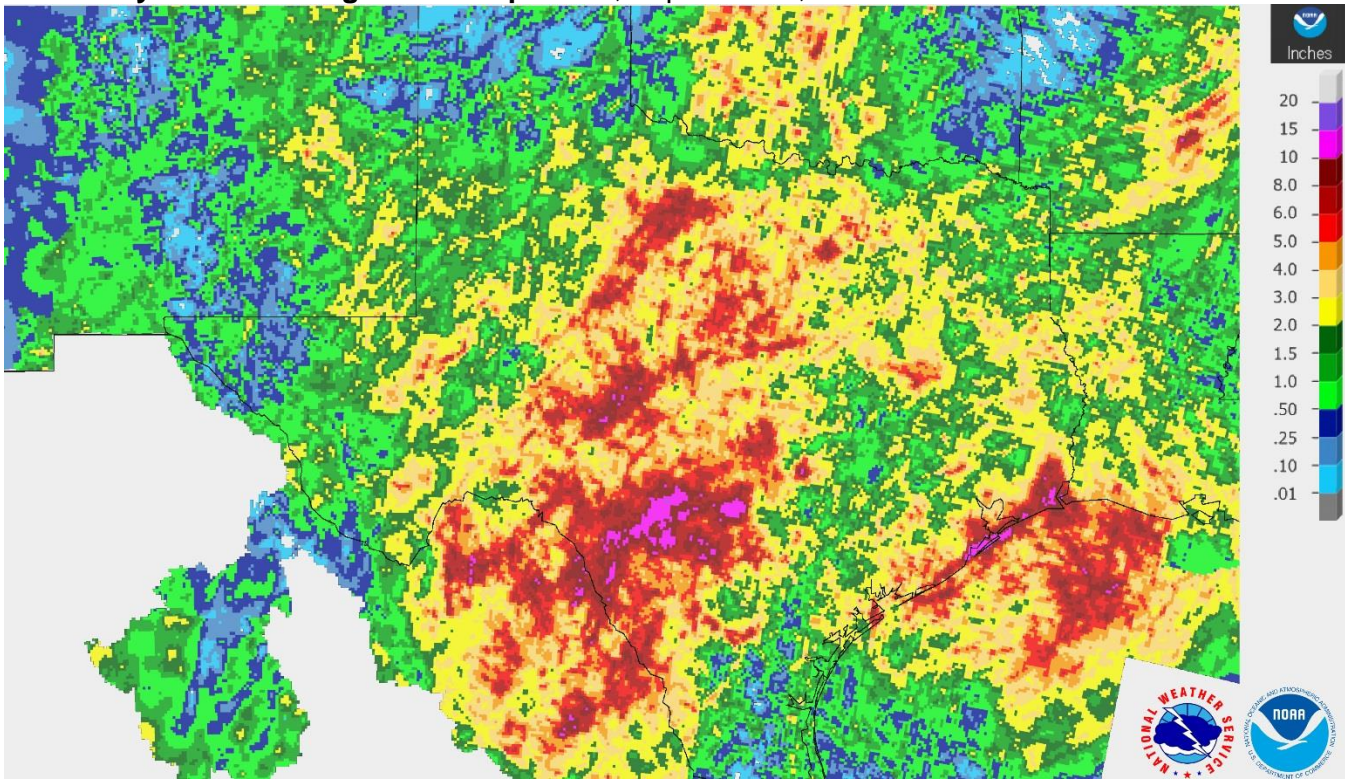
District	Topsoil Moisture Condition by District				Subsoil Moisture Condition by District				Days Suitable for Fieldwork
	Percentage of Acreage				Percentage of Acreage				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
11	22	39	39	0	22	47	31	0	6.4
12	11	18	71	0	12	44	44	0	5.3
21	15	51	32	2	20	45	34	1	5.0
22	4	19	54	23	11	28	59	2	3.2
30	0	30	53	17	6	42	50	2	2.9
40	15	26	48	11	16	30	45	9	4.1
51	21	44	29	6	25	43	28	4	6.5
52	8	29	49	14	10	35	43	12	5.7
60	13	28	59	0	21	20	59	0	6.2
70	8	9	43	40	9	13	67	11	2.9
81	12	36	39	13	14	49	26	11	5.3
82	100	0	0	0	80	20	0	0	7.0
90	4	34	48	14	4	37	48	11	2.3
96	9	33	53	5	21	43	35	1	5.2
97	4	94	2	0	4	70	26	0	7.0
State	15	31	46	8	17	40	40	3	5.0

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

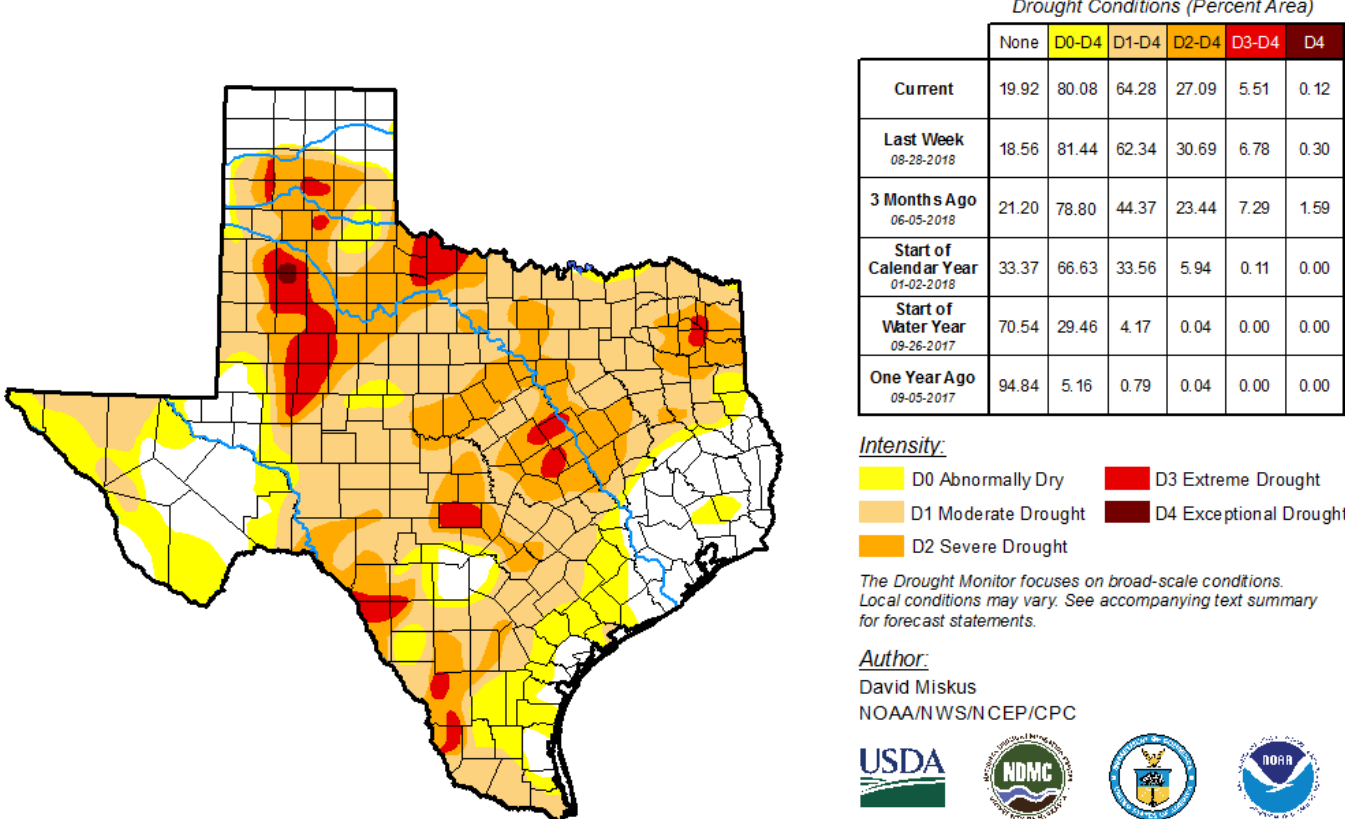


Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, September 9, 2018.



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

Drought Monitor, Valid September 4, 2018.



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