



# Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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**Weekly Summary for August 19-August 25**

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Weather across the state continued to be mostly hot and dry. Scattered rainfall was received across the state, ranging from trace amounts up to 2 inches, with isolated areas in the Upper Coast receiving upwards of 5 inches. However, drought continued to expand and/or intensify throughout the state. There were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork.

**Small Grains:** Some producers were preparing fields for small grains seeding in the Southern High Plains, the Cross Timbers and the Blacklands. Producers in South Texas were waiting for soil moisture conditions to improve before starting pre-plant activities.

**Row Crops:** Recent rainfall improved cotton conditions in the Plains. However, dryland cotton continued to lag behind expected progress. Cotton bolls were opening in the Blacklands. Harvest was active in South Central Texas, the Coastal Bend, the Upper Coast, South Texas and the Lower Valley. Harvest of corn and sorghum continued in the Upper Coast, the Edwards Plateau and the Blacklands. Corn and soybeans were being irrigated in the Northern High Plains. Rainfall delayed rice harvest in the Upper Coast. Peanuts were maturing in South Texas and the Southern High Plains.

**Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops:** Irrigated fruits and vegetables remained in good condition in South Texas. Irrigation was active on pecan orchards in the Cross Timbers and the Edwards Plateau. Meanwhile, pecans continued to progress across most of the state.

**Livestock, Range and Pasture:** Livestock conditions were declining in the Trans-Pecos, the Edwards Plateau and South Texas due to lack of moisture and excessive heat. Producers in many areas of the state were using supplemental feed to maintain livestock condition. Several wildfires were reported in the Plains, the Cross Timbers and the Edwards Plateau. Recent rainfall helped slow the decline in range and pasture condition, remaining mostly fair to poor across the state.

### Crop Condition

Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index <sup>1</sup>	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2019	2018
Corn	8	46	39	6	1	75	54
Cotton	6	28	45	20	1	64	49
Peanuts	15	69	12	2	2	86	76
Rice	11	54	30	4	1	80	75
Sorghum	25	40	27	5	1	83	52
Soybeans	7	33	43	12	5	66	61
Range and Pasture	2	20	36	27	15	--	--

<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.

### Crop Progress

Stage	Percent of Acreage			
	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
<b>Corn</b>				
Dough	94	91	95	93
Dented	86	80	87	77
Mature	51	49	61	62
Harvested	45	26	52	50
<b>Cotton</b>				
Setting Bolls	85	80	87	87
Bolls Opening	34	32	20	19
Harvested	9	4	9	7
<b>Peanuts</b>				
Pegging	87	84	96	97
Mature	4	0	7	3
<b>Rice</b>				
Harvested	52	36	72	68
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Headed	92	89	94	93
Coloring	86	77	82	80
Mature	73	70	70	72
Harvested	69	54	62	55
<b>Soybeans</b>				
Blooming	96	92	100	(NA)
Setting Pods	76	75	84	84
Dropping Leaves	36	29	37	38
Harvested	24	8	9	8
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Harvested	46	42	59	40

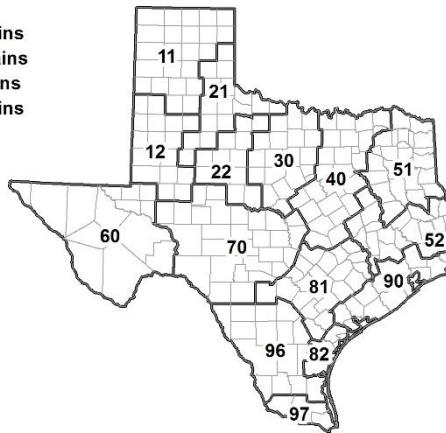
(NA) Not available.

### 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	49	43	8	0	16	54	30	0	6.3
12	25	64	11	0	19	69	12	0	5.4
21	56	31	13	0	40	48	12	0	6.1
22	34	59	7	0	22	57	21	0	6.6
30	21	63	16	0	12	60	28	0	6.3
40	43	35	20	2	40	42	18	0	6.7
51	20	53	27	0	21	47	28	4	6.9
52	6	54	31	9	6	54	32	8	6.8
60	23	16	61	0	27	12	61	0	5.9
70	54	30	16	0	22	51	26	1	6.6
81	32	53	15	0	26	64	10	0	6.7
82	53	40	7	0	48	44	8	0	7.0
90	42	22	23	13	11	48	28	13	5.6
96	74	24	2	0	74	24	2	0	6.7
97	24	55	21	0	13	52	32	3	7.0
State	38	47	14	1	24	54	21	1	6.3

### 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




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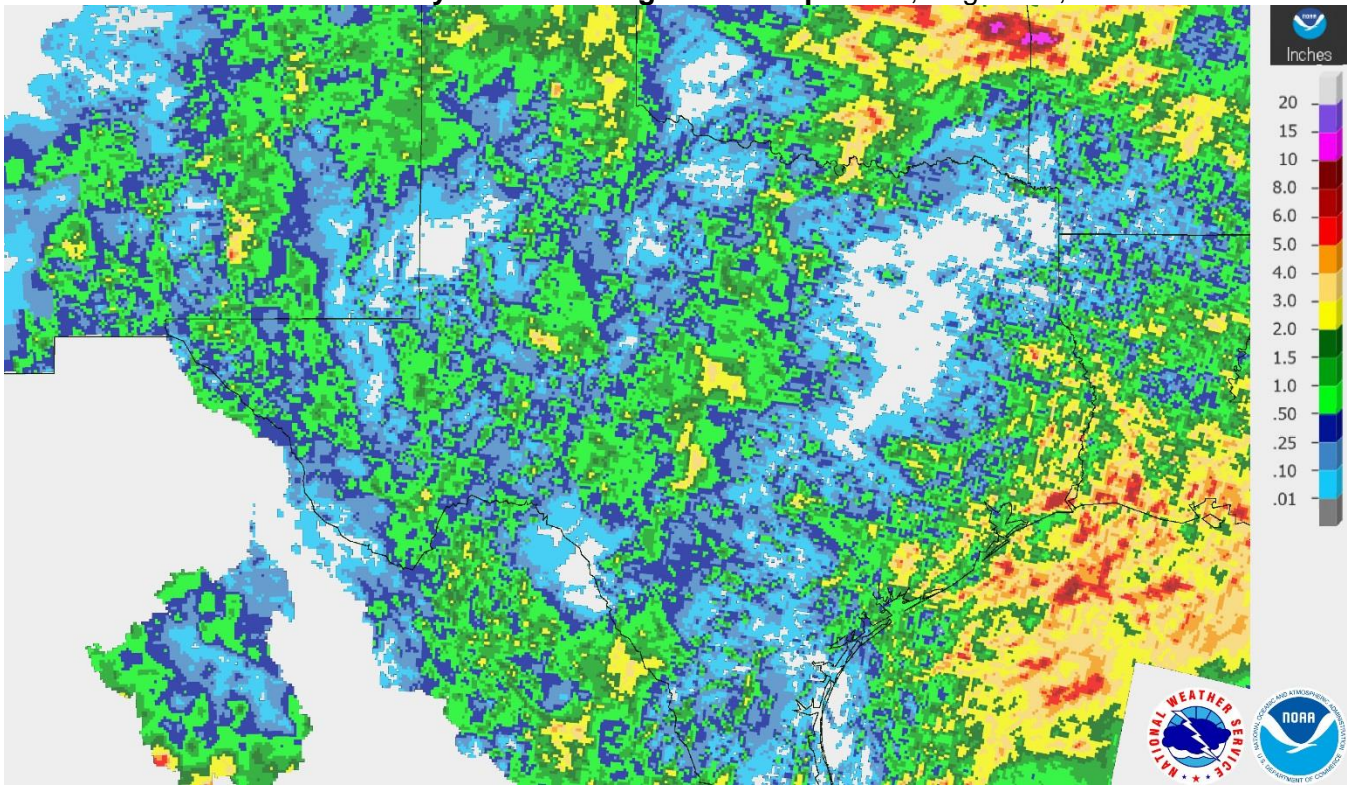
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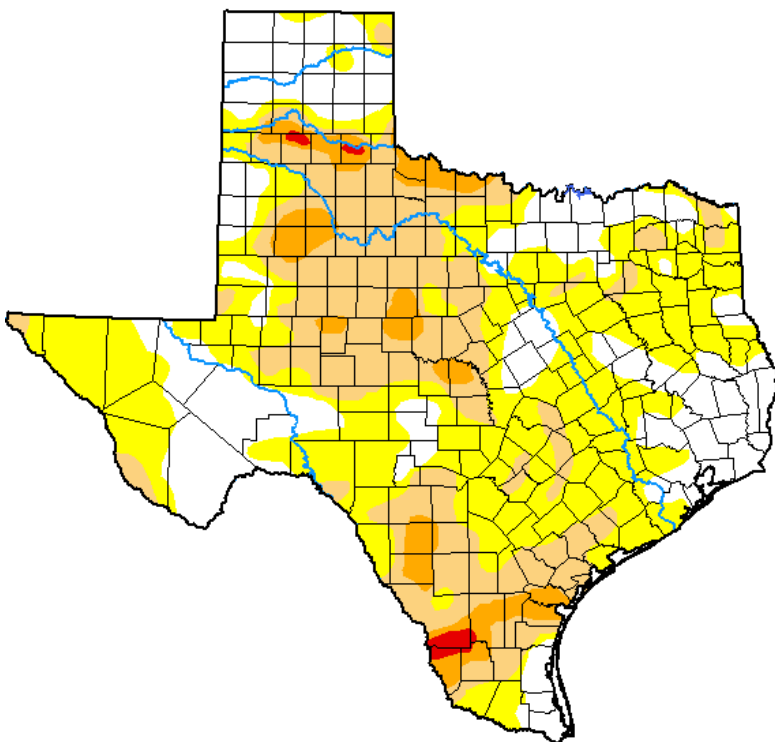
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## Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, August 25, 2019.



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

## Drought Monitor, Valid August 20, 2019.



### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	27.48	72.52	32.00	6.75	0.56	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 08-13-2019	35.20	64.80	22.18	4.08	0.21	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 05-21-2019	97.90	2.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-01-2019	92.99	7.01	1.32	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-25-2018	57.46	42.54	20.19	7.03	0.96	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 08-21-2018	18.99	81.01	59.88	28.00	5.22	0.30

### Intensity:

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate 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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