



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Weekly Summary for September 23-29

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Weather was mostly hot and dry across the state of Texas last week. Precipitation in areas near the Gulf Coast, the Southern Plains and areas of the Trans-Pecos ranged from a quarter of an inch up to 3 inches. Meanwhile, the rest of the state received little to no precipitation. There were 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork.

Small Grains: Wheat seeding continued in areas of the Northern High Plains, while some early planted wheat was beginning to emerge. However, most producers in the Plains, and the Cross Timbers were waiting for more moisture to start seeding. Field preparations for small grain seeding was ongoing in South Texas.

Row Crops: Hail caused significant damage to several cotton fields in the Northern High Plains. Cotton bolls were opening in the Southern High Plains and the Northern Low Plains. Cotton harvest was winding down in South Texas and the Upper Coast, while harvest was underway in the Edwards Plateau and areas of the Blacklands. Producers started corn harvest in the Northern High Plains.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: In South Texas spinach planting was underway, and other vegetables were making good progress. Pecan producers in the Southern High Plains, the Cross Timbers and South Texas reported good progress on their crops.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Livestock condition declined from the previous week in the Trans-Pecos and the Edwards Plateau due to the lack of available grazing. Producers in many parts of the state continued providing supplemental feed due to the dry conditions. Range and pasture condition was rated mostly poor to fair across the state.

Crop Progress

Stage	Percent of Acreage			
	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
Corn				
Mature	79	77	84	82
Harvested	72	65	70	69
Cotton				
Bolls Opening	71	56	54	55
Harvested	18	16	25	19
Peanuts				
Mature	26	19	29	24
Rice				
Harvested	97	94	98	99
Sorghum				
Mature	91	89	84	82
Harvested	86	83	76	70
Soybeans				
Dropping Leaves	80	72	80	77
Harvested	68	50	67	52
Sunflowers				
Harvested	69	66	67	63
Winter Wheat				
Planted	34	23	40	36
Emerged	6	(NA)	4	10

(NA) Not available.

Crop Condition

Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index ¹	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2019	2018
Corn	11	41	38	9	1	74	54
Cotton	4	26	45	22	3	60	54
Peanuts	0	56	44	0	0	77	76
Rice	11	54	30	4	1	80	(NA)
Sorghum	25	40	29	5	1	82	52
Soybeans	1	30	48	16	5	61	64
Range and Pasture	2	16	33	34	15	--	--

(NA) Not available.

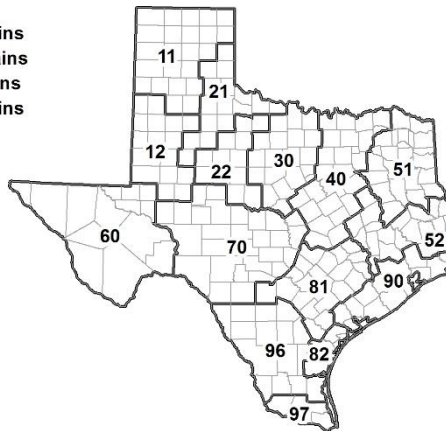
¹ The formula for the condition index is $I = (5V + 25P + 60F + 90G + 110E)/100$ where I = crop condition index and V, P, F, G, E = percentage of crop rated very poor, poor, fair, good, excellent.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable by District

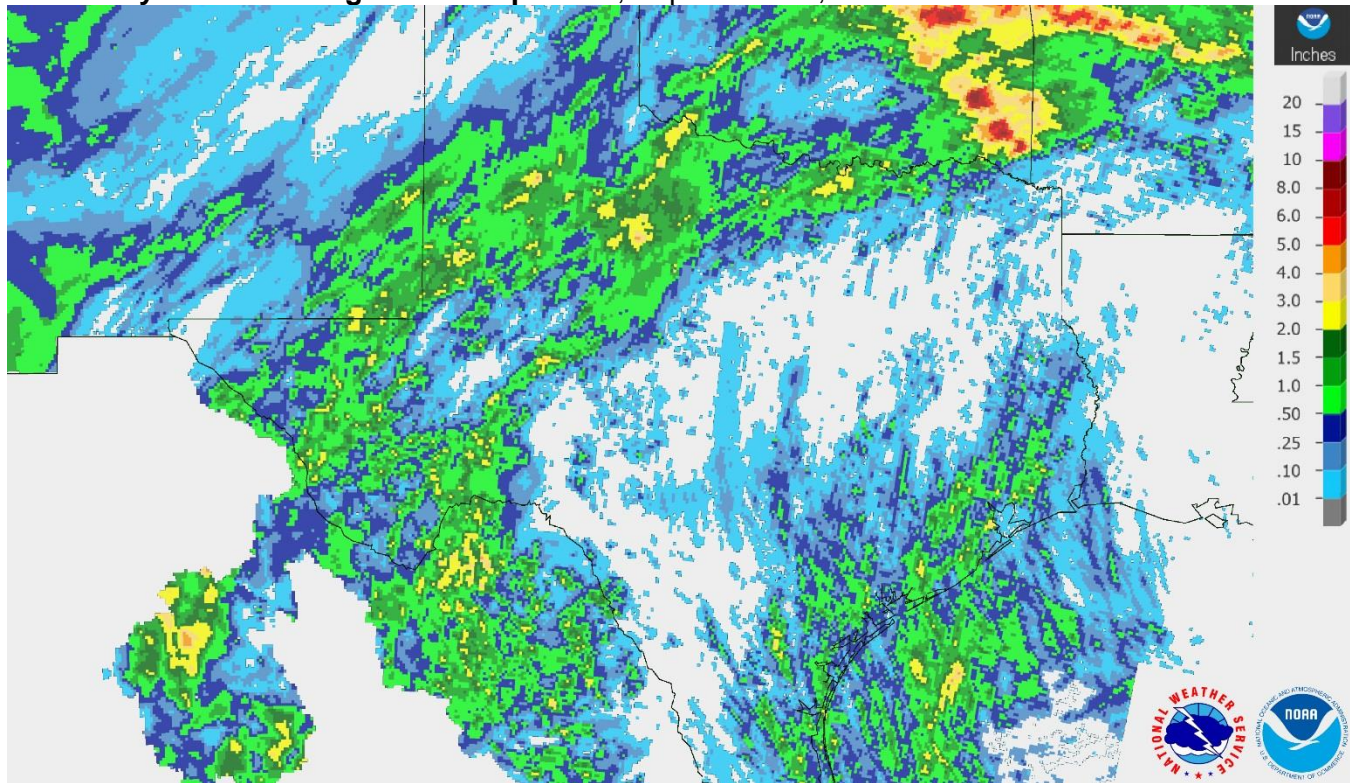
District	Topsoil Moisture Condition by District				Subsoil Moisture Condition by District				Days Suitable for Fieldwork
	Percentage of Acreage				Percentage of Acreage				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
11	20	31	43	6	18	38	41	3	5.0
12	4	47	45	4	5	61	33	1	6.1
21	14	52	34	0	10	57	33	0	3.7
22	19	54	25	2	17	64	19	0	6.2
30	31	40	29	0	20	46	34	0	6.2
40	27	54	19	0	34	47	19	0	6.5
51	21	54	25	0	28	47	21	4	6.4
52	29	34	27	10	28	35	28	9	6.6
60	19	15	66	0	25	29	46	0	6.8
70	59	36	5	0	41	51	8	0	7.0
81	37	45	18	0	41	44	15	0	6.7
82	24	38	37	1	37	38	25	0	5.8
90	10	31	36	23	10	41	25	24	4.1
96	50	31	19	0	51	28	20	1	7.0
97	20	70	10	0	20	70	10	0	2.0
State	21	43	32	4	21	49	28	2	5.7

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

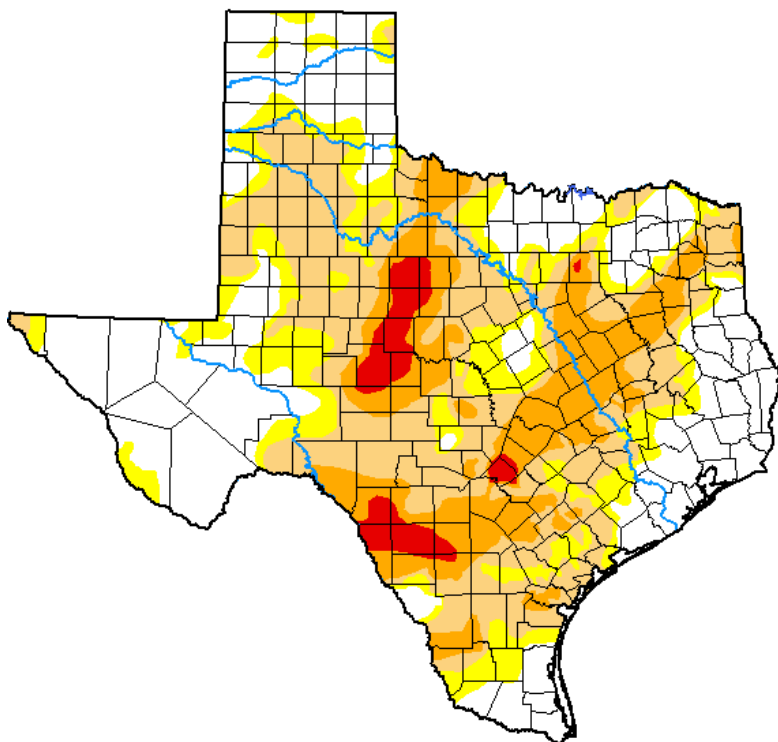


Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, September 29, 2019.



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

Drought Monitor, Valid September 24, 2019.



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	34.78	65.22	48.33	19.69	3.50	0.00
Last Week <i>09-17-2019</i>	27.74	72.26	51.75	21.20	3.07	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>06-25-2019</i>	95.84	4.16	1.93	0.23	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2019</i>	92.99	7.01	1.32	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-25-2018</i>	57.46	42.54	20.19	7.03	0.96	0.00
One Year Ago <i>09-25-2018</i>	57.46	42.54	20.19	7.03	0.96	0.00

Intensity:

- None
- 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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