



## Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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**Weekly Summary for July 5-July 11**

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Most of the state received from trace amounts to upwards of 8.0 inches of precipitation. Many areas of the Upper Coast, the Coastal Bend, South Texas, the Lower Valley, and South Central Texas received from 2.0 inches up to 15.0 inches. There were 4.7 days suitable for fieldwork.

**Small Grains:** Winter wheat harvested for grain reached 94 percent, down 6 points from the previous year and down 2 points from normal. Winter wheat harvest was delayed in the Northern High Plains due to wet weather. Oats harvested for grain reached 97 percent, up 2 points from last year but unchanged from normal. Producers were nearly finished baling the first cutting of hay in areas of the Edwards Plateau.

**Row Crops:** Corn silking reached 81 percent, up 2 points from the previous year and up 9 points from normal. Corn was progressing well in the Northern High Plains with recent precipitation. Corn silage harvest commenced in the Cross Timbers and the Blacklands. Cotton setting bolls reached 15 percent, down 1 point from the previous year and from normal. Cotton producers in some areas of the Southern High Plains were treating for cotton fleahoppers. Cotton in some areas of the Low Plains was struggling with too much precipitation. Peanuts pegging reached 16 percent, down 2 points from the previous year and down 7 points from normal. Rice headed reached 66 percent, down 17 points from the previous year and down 6 points from normal. Rice producers in the Upper Coast were waiting for fields to dry out before applying fertilizer. Sorghum coloring reached 51 percent, unchanged from the previous year and from normal. Grain sorghum in the Blacklands and the Edwards Plateau was progressing well. Soybeans blooming reached 72 percent, up 8 points from the previous year and up 12 points from normal. Sunflowers planted reached 97 percent, up 10 points from the previous year and up 4 points from normal.

**Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops:** Cantaloupe and watermelon harvest was underway in the Southern High Plains. Peach and watermelon harvest in the Cross Timbers continued. Cantaloupes and watermelons in the Trans-Pecos were progressing well. Irrigation operations continued in Pecan orchards in the Edwards Plateau. Vegetable crops in South Texas were maintaining production.

**Livestock, Range and Pasture:** Supplemental feeding of livestock continued on a small scale in the Southern High Plains. Livestock in South Texas were progressing well. Although varied across the state, pasture and range condition was rated mostly good to fair.

### Crop Condition

Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index <sup>1</sup>	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2021	2020
Corn	28	40	24	7	1	83	72
Cotton	12	31	45	11	1	71	53
Peanuts	4	33	62	1	0	72	74
Rice	14	41	40	4	1	77	83
Sorghum	23	44	25	7	1	82	66
Soybeans	8	40	42	8	2	72	80
Range and Pasture	18	41	27	11	3	76	52

<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>				
Silked	81	70	79	72
Dough	61	45	60	54
Dented	35	20	(NA)	29
<b>Cotton</b>				
Squaring	46	34	55	53
Setting Bolls	15	13	16	16
<b>Peanuts</b>				
Pegging	16	8	18	23
<b>Rice</b>				
Headed	66	56	83	72
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Headed	79	70	70	67
Coloring	51	46	51	51
Mature	32	22	0	25
<b>Soybeans</b>				
Blooming	72	50	64	60
Setting Pods	27	(NA)	17	16
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Planted	97	90	87	93
Harvested	16	9	10	(NA)
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Harvested	94	85	100	96
<b>Oats</b>				
Harvested	97	93	95	97

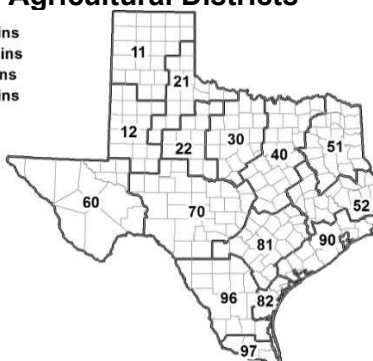
(NA) Not available.

### Soil Moisture and Days Suitable by District

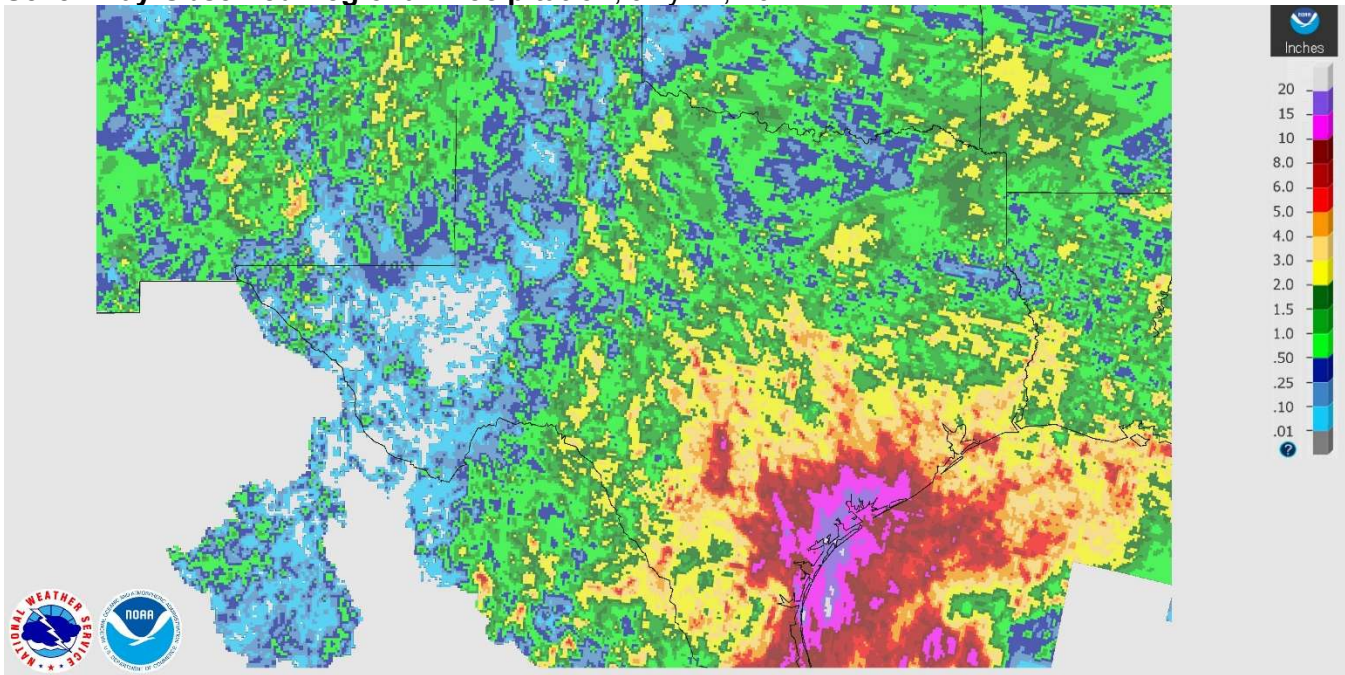
District	Topsoil Moisture Condition by District				Subsoil Moisture Condition by District				Days Suitable for Fieldwork
	Percentage of Acreage				Percentage of Acreage				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
11	0	8	81	11	0	9	82	9	4.8
12	0	20	76	4	0	28	68	4	6.6
21	0	5	74	21	0	2	89	9	5.5
22	0	4	55	41	0	9	52	39	4.1
30	3	10	82	5	3	9	84	4	5.8
40	0	20	53	27	0	11	56	33	4.0
51	3	10	64	23	2	8	66	24	6.5
52	0	2	50	48	0	2	53	45	4.2
60	6	16	60	18	6	21	55	18	5.7
70	14	27	51	8	16	10	69	5	4.7
81	0	2	90	8	0	5	92	3	4.7
82	0	0	4	96	0	0	4	96	0.6
90	1	1	11	87	1	1	7	91	1.5
96	0	4	68	28	0	3	89	8	2.1
97	1	8	70	21	1	6	69	24	2.9
State	2	11	66	21	2	11	67	20	4.7

### 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

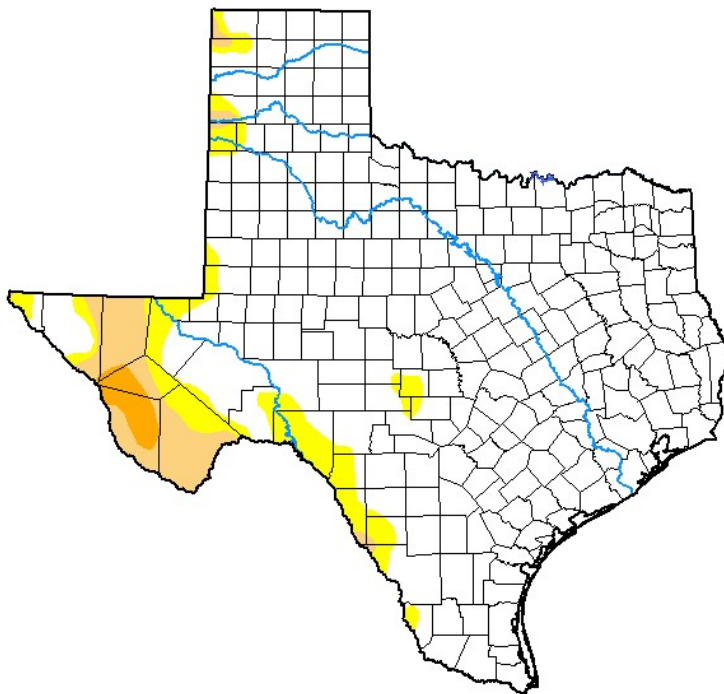


Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, July 11, 2021.



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

Drought Monitor, Valid July 6, 2021.



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	87.07	12.93	5.98	1.17	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 06-29-2021	81.56	18.44	9.00	5.67	1.17	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 04-06-2021	8.55	91.45	74.45	38.46	23.57	8.53
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 12-29-2020	8.80	91.20	81.11	50.33	30.09	13.03
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-29-2020	57.35	42.65	31.96	20.91	12.02	3.29
<b>One Year Ago</b> 07-07-2020	46.84	53.16	24.84	8.50	2.23	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. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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