



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Weekly Summary for July 19-July 25

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Most of the state received from trace amounts to upwards of 2.0 inches of precipitation. Some areas of the Upper Coast, East Texas, and the Trans-Pecos received up to 5.0 inches. There were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork.

Row Crops: Corn silking reached 88 percent, down 4 points from the previous year but up 1 point from normal. Cotton setting bolls reached 30 percent, down 2 points from the previous year and from normal. Some cotton producers in the Northern High Plains sprayed for weeds. Cotton was progressing well in the Low Plains and the Coastal Bend. Peanuts pegging reached 40 percent, down 8 points from the previous year and from normal. Rice headed reached 81 percent, down 11 points from the previous year and down 8 points from normal. Rice was progressing well in the Upper Coast. Sorghum coloring reached 64 percent, down 1 point from the previous year but up 2 points from normal. Grain Sorghum in the Blacklands was progressing well. Soybeans blooming reached 77 percent, up 1 point from the previous year and up 3 points from normal.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: Cantaloupe and watermelon harvest in the Southern High Plains continued. Pecans in the Trans-Pecos and the Edwards Plateau were progressing well.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Insects were causing problems in some pastures throughout the state. Livestock were progressing well in areas of the Edwards Plateau. Supplemental feeding of livestock in South Texas began on a small scale. Pasture and range condition was rated mostly good to fair, across the state.

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	20	79	1	1	16	81	2	6.1
12	0	31	69	0	0	35	65	0	7.0
21	0	24	74	2	0	21	79	0	6.3
22	1	31	63	5	1	31	68	0	6.3
30	9	23	67	1	7	15	76	2	6.4
40	2	27	69	2	1	13	74	12	6.0
51	3	13	67	17	3	15	65	17	6.7
52	0	7	73	20	0	6	74	20	5.9
60	16	25	45	14	16	24	45	15	5.8
70	4	26	56	14	3	14	69	14	6.9
81	0	15	80	5	0	7	89	4	5.8
82	0	0	71	29	0	0	71	29	3.9
90	1	3	30	66	1	2	22	75	4.2
96	0	7	84	9	0	6	88	6	5.6
97	2	6	76	16	2	7	83	8	3.0
State	1	22	69	8	1	18	72	9	6.1

Crop Progress

Stage	Percent of Acreage			
	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
Corn				
Silked	88	83	92	87
Dough	67	63	66	63
Dented	53	42	39	51
Mature	22	(NA)	(NA)	25
Cotton				
Squaring	73	62	81	79
Setting Bolls	30	17	32	32
Peanuts				
Pegging	40	32	48	48
Rice				
Headed	81	76	92	89
Sorghum				
Headed	86	82	80	79
Coloring	64	58	65	62
Mature	42	34	39	47
Soybeans				
Blooming	77	74	76	74
Setting Pods	45	33	47	43
Sunflowers				
Harvested	26	20	26	19

(NA) Not available.

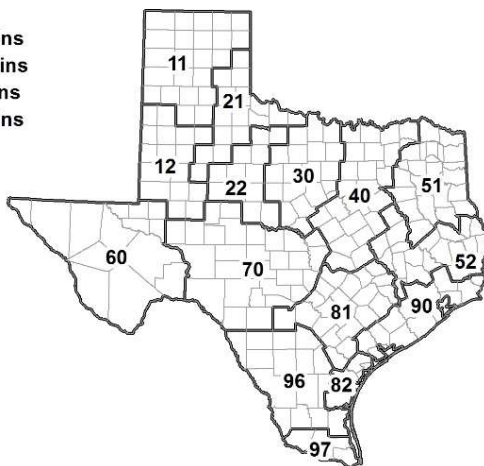
Crop Condition

Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index ¹	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2021	2020
Corn	21	39	28	10	2	78	69
Cotton	11	42	37	9	1	74	61
Peanuts	4	50	43	3	0	76	76
Rice	11	47	37	4	1	78	84
Sorghum	19	46	25	8	2	79	67
Soybeans	5	41	47	6	1	72	80
Range and Pasture	19	36	25	11	9	72	48

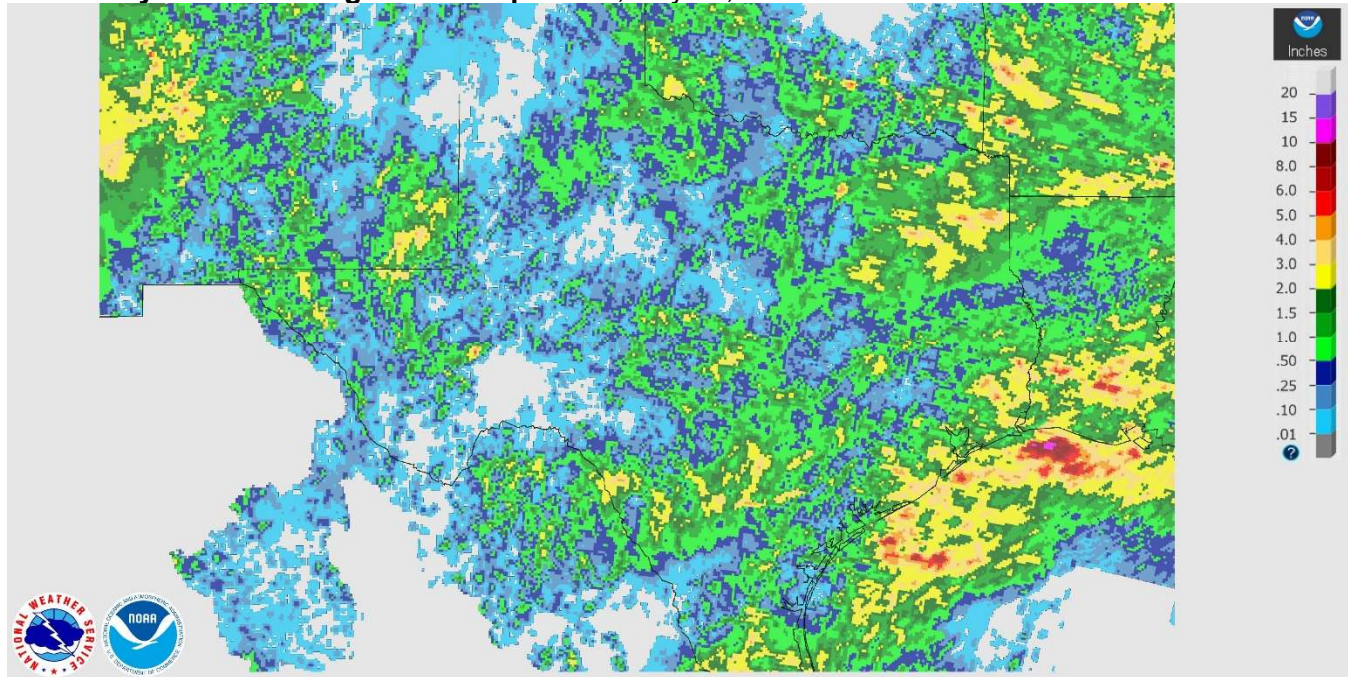
¹ The formula for the condition index is $I = (5V + 25P + 60F + 90G + 110E)/100$ where I = crop condition index and V, P, F, G, E = percentage of crop rated very poor, poor, fair, good, excellent.

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

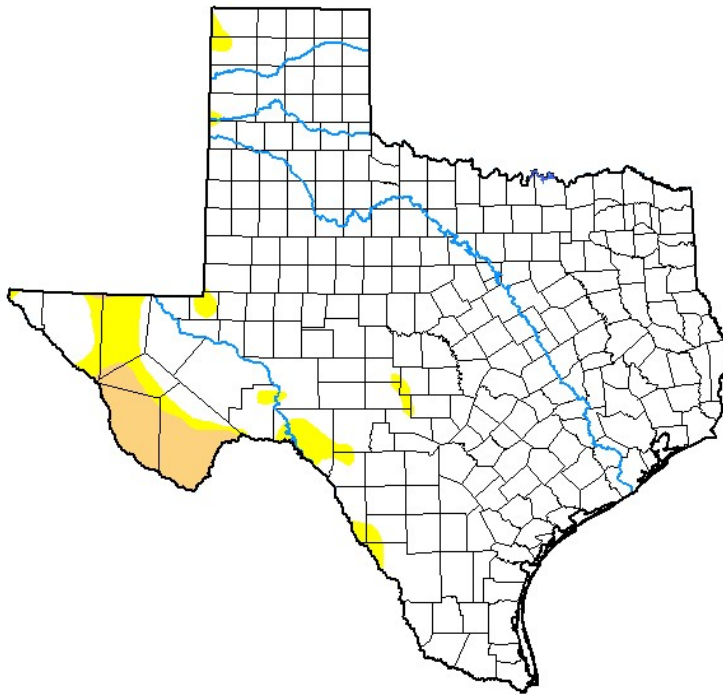


Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, July 25, 2021.



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

Drought Monitor, Valid July 20, 2021.



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	92.29	7.71	3.46	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>07-13-2021</i>	91.38	8.62	5.34	1.16	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>04-20-2021</i>	12.43	87.57	67.10	37.55	24.06	8.95
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-29-2020</i>	8.80	91.20	81.11	50.33	30.09	13.03
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2020</i>	57.35	42.65	31.96	20.91	12.02	3.29
One Year Ago <i>07-21-2020</i>	33.96	66.04	36.44	13.88	2.84	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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