



# Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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**Weekly Summary for February 24-March 1**

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Most of the state received from no rain to trace amounts of 0.10 of an inch of precipitation. Some counties in the Upper Coast and South East Texas received in excess of 1.5 to 3.0 inches. There were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork.

**Small Grains:** Winter wheat conditions improved in areas of the Southern and Northern High Plains where moisture was received, while other areas still required moisture. Small grains in the Blacklands, the Cross Timbers, and the Low Plains continued to improve. Winter wheat in the Edwards Plateau reached the boot stage. Meanwhile, wheat and oats in South Central Texas continued to progress.

**Row Crops:** Corn planting was underway in areas of South Central Texas. Cotton producers in the Northern Low Plains attended meetings regarding what varieties to plant. Meanwhile, sorghum planting continued in the Upper Coast while rice planting had been delayed by intermittent rain showers. Corn and sorghum planting continued in the Lower Valley.

**Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops:** Freezing temperatures in the Cross Timbers hurt early variety peach production as producers assessed the damage. Vegetable harvest began in the Edwards Plateau. Meanwhile, some freeze damage occurred to potato fields in areas of South Texas, while spinach harvest continued. Vegetable crops in the Lower Valley continued to progress while preparations for onion harvest were underway.

**Livestock, Range and Pasture:** Livestock were rated in fair to good condition. Supplemental feeding continued across the state. Pasture and range condition was rated mostly fair to good, though pasture conditions varied greatly across the state. Spring lambing and kidding operations continued in the Edwards Plateau. More rainfall was needed in some areas to replenish stock pond levels.

### Crop Progress

Stage	Percent of Acreage			
	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
Sorghum				
Planted	12	(NA)	4	7
Corn				
Planted	12	(NA)	7	6
Winter Wheat				
Headed	24	23	4	1
Oats				
Headed	12	9	7	1

(NA) Not available.

### Crop Condition

Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index <sup>1</sup>	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2020	2019
Wheat	4	32	41	18	5	63	63
Oats	7	33	35	17	8	63	57
Range and Pasture	4	32	35	18	11	59	60

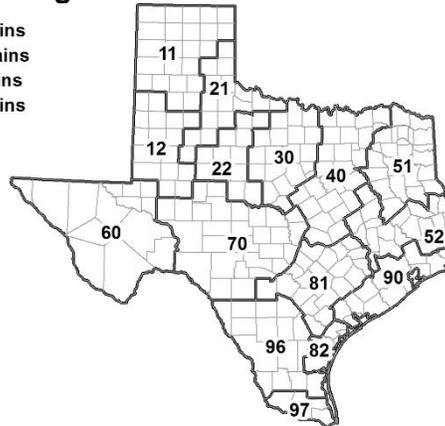
<sup>1</sup> The formula for the condition index is  $I = (5V + 25P + 60F + 90G + 110E)/100$  where I = crop condition index and V, P, F, G, E = percentage of crop rated very poor, poor, fair, good, excellent.

### Soil Moisture and Days Suitable by District

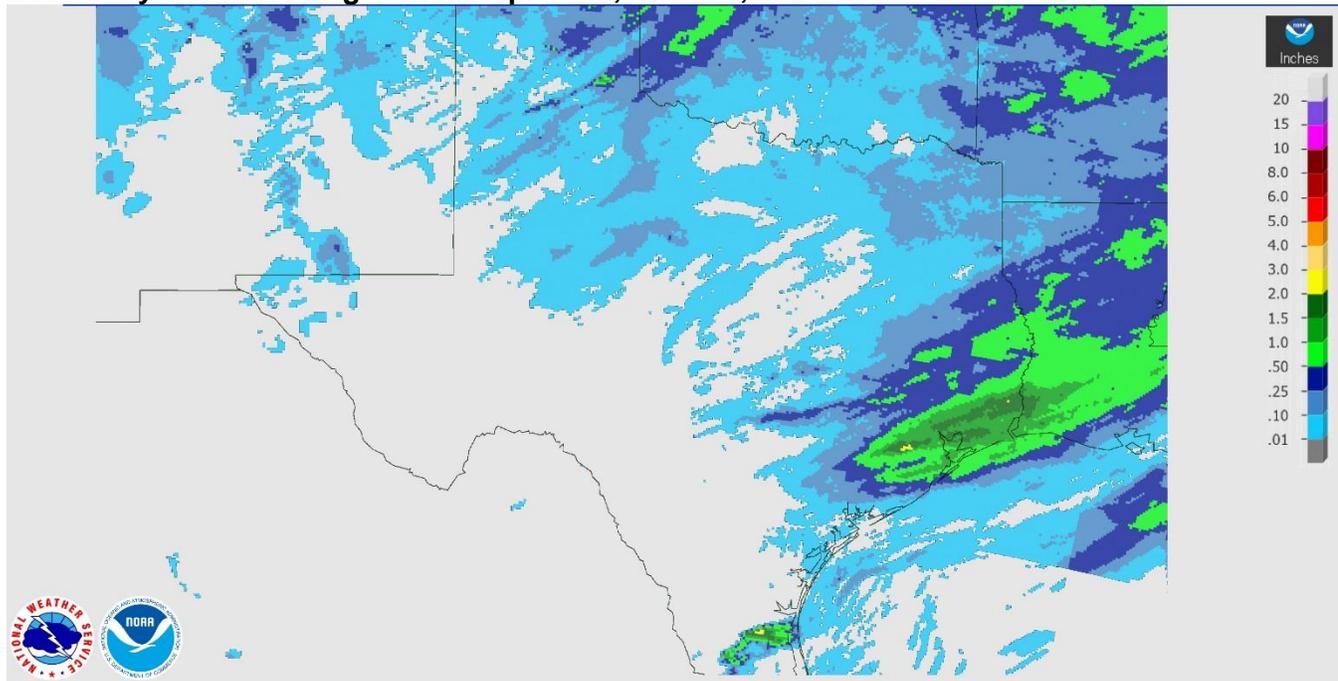
District	Topsoil Moisture Condition by District				Subsoil Moisture Condition by District				Days Suitable for Fieldwork
	Percentage of Acreage				Percentage of Acreage				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
11	18	35	45	2	13	34	50	3	5.6
12	7	56	35	2	4	56	37	3	6.9
21	6	43	50	1	9	37	53	1	6.0
22	1	29	50	20	1	32	61	6	5.8
30	0	9	78	13	0	10	89	1	4.8
40	1	5	78	16	1	11	72	16	4.6
51	0	2	77	21	0	1	78	21	5.9
52	1	16	69	14	1	18	73	8	4.5
60	39	29	32	0	40	30	30	0	6.3
70	16	34	49	1	15	48	36	1	6.4
81	8	42	42	8	14	42	44	0	5.6
82	22	51	27	0	22	24	54	0	6.5
90	7	20	63	10	6	50	26	18	5.0
96	61	36	2	1	50	48	2	0	7.0
97	33	42	23	2	22	41	37	0	5.2
State	10	32	51	7	9	34	51	6	5.8

### 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

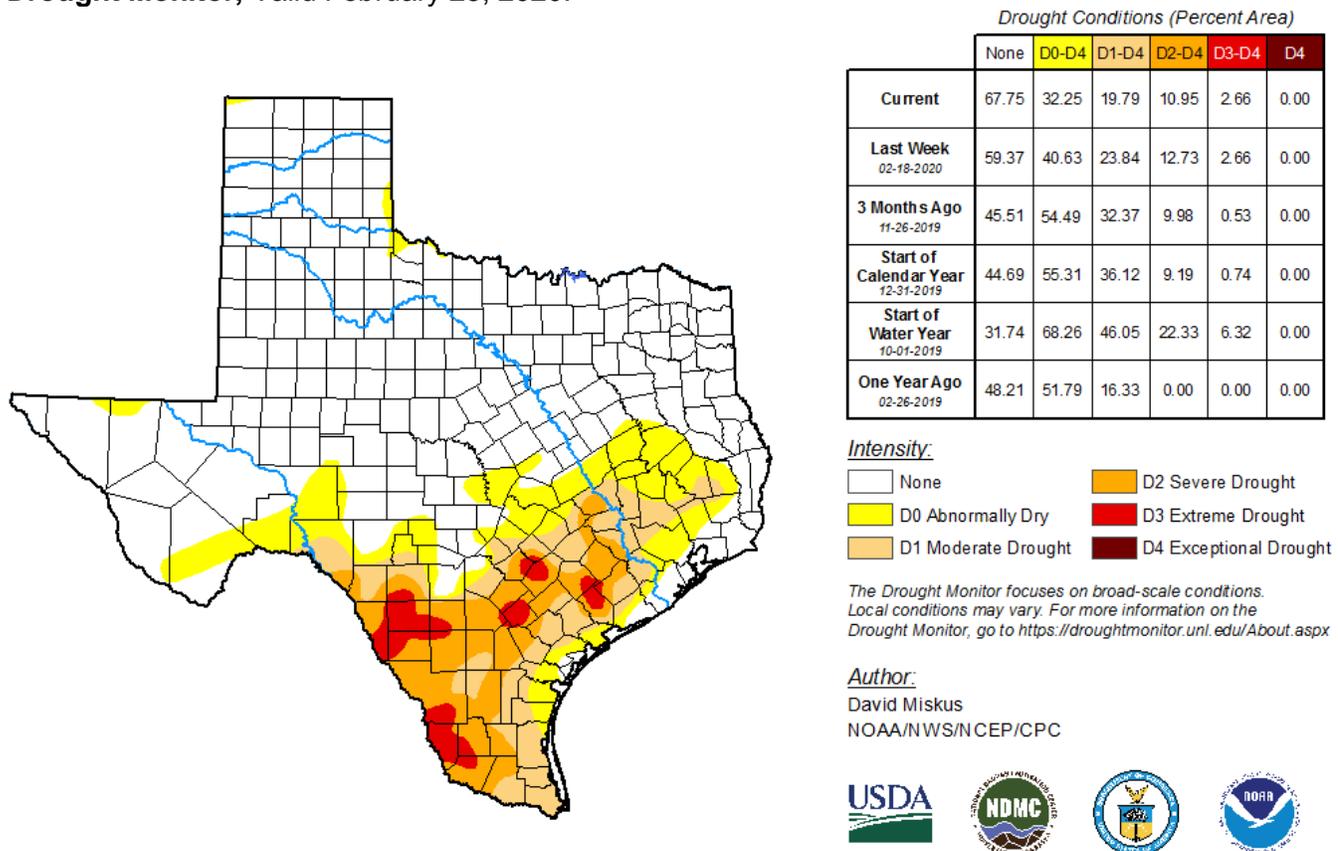


## Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, March 1, 2020.



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

## Drought Monitor, Valid February 25, 2020.



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