



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Weekly Summary for April 1 - April 7

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Most of the state experienced windy and dry conditions, with limited rainfall. Rainfall ranged from trace amounts to 1.5 inches, with the Cross Timbers and the Blacklands receiving the most rain. Drought conditions ranged from none to extreme drought with areas in the Trans-Pecos and Edwards Plateau being the driest. There was an average of 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork.

Small Grains: Good conditions allowed winter wheat and oats to progress. In the Blacklands, winter wheat was headed out, while the crop was being grazed in the Cross Timbers and the Trans-Pecos. In the Southern Low Plains, some producers were holding off on cutting their wheat for hay as they anticipated future rainfall. Oats were in good condition and continued to improve in the Northern High Plains and in the Edwards Plateau. Winter wheat headed reached 27 percent, down 3 points from the previous year. Oats headed reached 36 percent, down 4 points from the previous year.

Row Crops: Corn continued to emerge in the Blacklands, the Lower Valley, and South Central districts, while some producers were implementing irrigation management. In the Lower Valley, corn and sorghum were showing signs of drought stress. The Southern High Plains and the Edwards Plateau had begun cotton planting preparations, while planting continued in South Central and South Texas districts. Rice planting was progressing in the Upper Coast, while some growers' rice had emerged. Corn planted reached 59 percent, down 1 point from the previous year. Corn emerged reached 34 percent, down 3 points from the previous year. Sorghum planted reached 47 percent, unchanged from the previous year. Rice planted reached 50 percent, up 5 points from the previous year. Rice emerged reached 27 percent, up 3 points from the previous year. Cotton planted reached 8 percent, up 2 points from the previous year.

Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops: Some spring vegetables were being harvested in the Blacklands. Pecan trees continued to leaf out, while producers in some areas were spraying to manage spring insect pests. Watermelon planting began in the Southern High Plains. Onion harvesting continued in the Lower Valley.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Pastures remained in good condition. Some areas throughout the State were greening up, while others were in need of additional rainfall. Pasture and range conditions were rated fair to very poor. Livestock producers continued supplemental feeding.

**Crop Progress by Percent
For Week Ending April 7, 2024**

Stage	Percentage of Acreage			
	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
Corn				
Planted	59	57	60	57
Emerged	34	(NA)	37	36
Cotton				
Planted	8	5	10	10
Rice				
Planted	50	32	45	55
Emerged	27	14	24	29
Sorghum				
Planted	47	42	47	48
Winter Wheat				
Headed	27	20	30	25
Oats				
Headed	36	26	40	34

(NA) Not available.

**Crop Condition by Percent
For Week Ending April 7, 2024**

Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index ¹	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2024	2023
Wheat	8	36	36	12	8	59	45
Oats	3	20	50	15	12	56	46
Range and Pasture	3	19	31	22	25	46	36

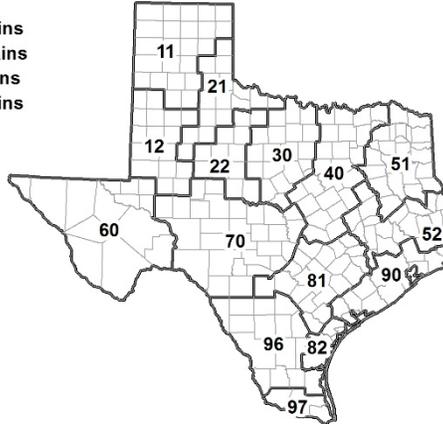
¹ The formula for the condition index is $I = (5V + 25P + 60F + 90G + 110E)/100$ where I = crop condition index and V, P, F, G, E = percentage of crop rated very poor, poor, fair, good, excellent.

**Soil Moisture and Days Suitable by District
For Week Ending April 7, 2024**

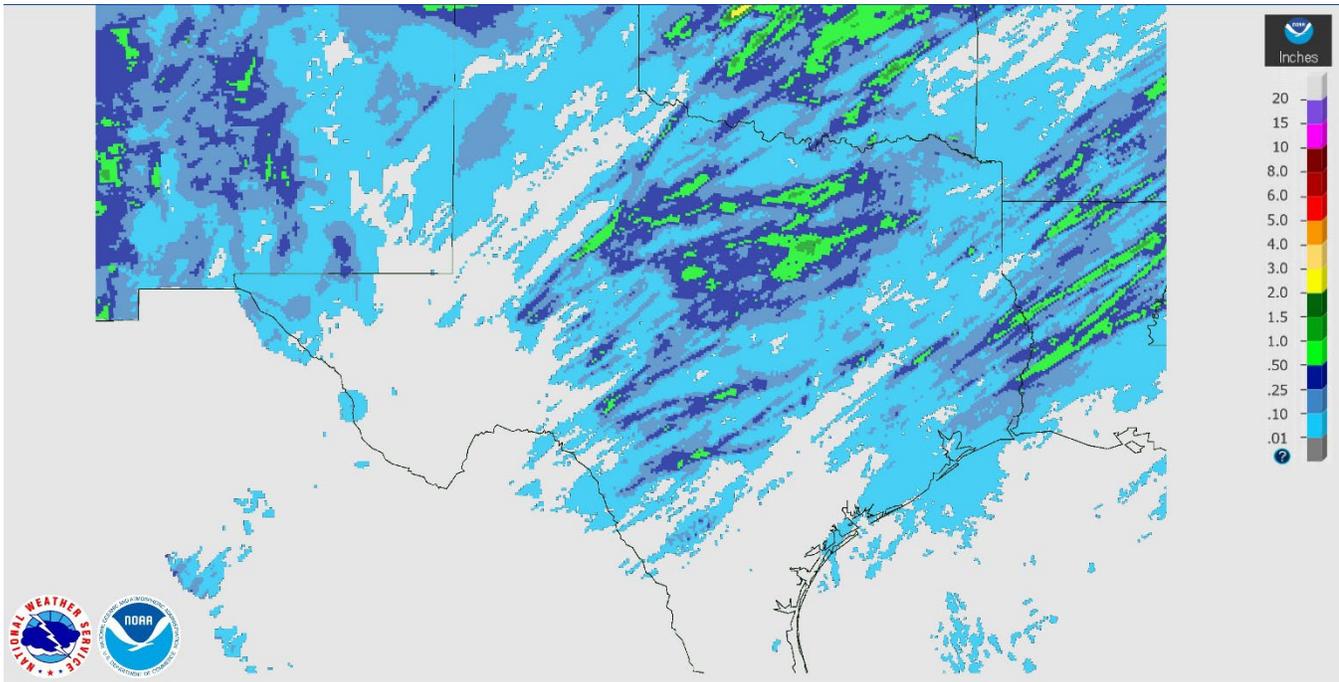
District	Subsoil Moisture Condition by District				Topsoil Moisture Condition by District				Days Suitable for Fieldwork
	Percentage of Acreage				Percentage of Acreage				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
11	17	52	31	0	21	61	18	0	5.8
12	66	19	13	2	64	20	16	0	5.2
21	8	54	38	0	1	39	60	0	6.8
22	0	51	49	0	0	62	38	0	6.3
30	5	22	73	0	3	17	79	1	5.4
40	2	19	67	12	1	25	59	15	5.5
51	0	4	70	26	0	6	69	25	6.6
52	0	30	67	3	0	28	71	1	6.8
60	14	75	10	1	14	75	10	1	6.0
70	35	42	23	0	37	31	32	0	5.7
81	9	40	48	3	4	48	46	2	6.2
82	3	22	72	3	9	9	77	5	5.5
90	0	23	72	5	0	23	56	21	6.2
96	9	41	49	1	15	46	38	1	6.7
97	11	22	67	0	8	31	61	0	5.4
State	19	34	43	4	19	36	41	4	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, April 7, 2024

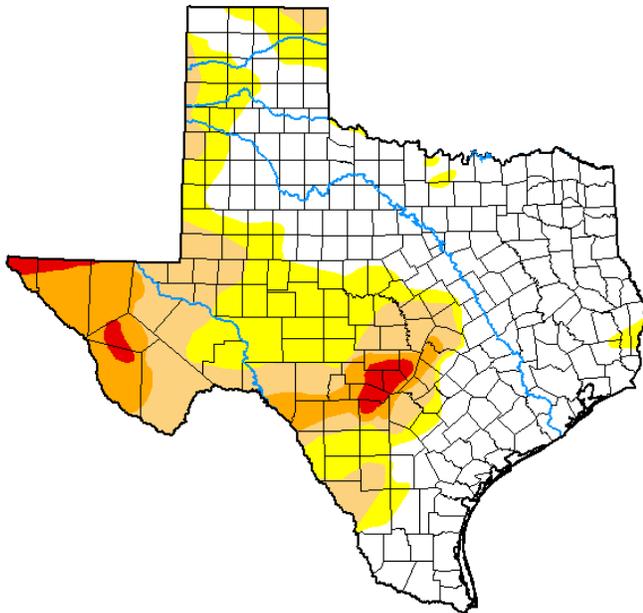


Source: National Weather Service, www.nws.noaa.gov

Drought Monitor, Map Released: April 4, 2024

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	54.66	45.34	25.10	9.85	1.97	0.00
Last Week 03-26-2024	55.21	44.79	24.48	9.85	1.97	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-02-2024	39.60	60.40	39.47	17.78	5.68	0.68
Start of Calendar Year 01-02-2024	39.60	60.40	39.47	17.78	5.68	0.68
Start of Water Year 09-26-2023	3.03	96.97	80.64	59.66	38.06	12.68
One Year Ago 04-04-2023	19.10	80.90	66.89	45.25	18.98	4.19

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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