



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Weekly Summary for April 13-April 19

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Most of the state received from trace amounts to upwards of 3.0 inches of precipitation. Isolated areas of North East Texas received up to 5.0 inches. There were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork.

Small Grains: Small grains continued to improve in many areas across the state. Producers in the High and Low Plains and the Cross Timbers assessed possible damage to winter wheat fields caused by freezing temperatures experienced last week. Winter wheat fields continued to be grazed throughout much of the state while in some areas of the Northern and Southern High Plains, and the Cross Timbers, wheat was being cut for silage. Irrigated winter wheat in South Texas continued to improve.

Row Crops: Cotton and corn producers in the High Plains prepared fields for planting. Cool weather slowed development of rice in areas of the Upper Coast. Corn and sorghum continued to progress in areas of the Edwards Plateau, the Coastal Bend, and South Central Texas. Irrigation was ongoing on row crops in areas of the Lower Valley. In some areas the Trans-Pecos, pima and upland cotton planting continued.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: Pecan trees were improving throughout the state. Onion harvest continued in South Texas while sesame planting was underway. Cabbage and onions continued to develop in the Edwards Plateau.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Livestock were rated in fair to good condition. Supplemental feeding continued across most of the state but slowed in many areas. Pasture and range condition was rated mostly fair to good. Lambing and kidding were ongoing in areas of the Edwards Plateau. Feral swine property damage continued to be an issue in areas of North East Texas.

Crop Condition

Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index ¹	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2020	2019
Corn	6	30	23	1	40	50	---
Rice	6	52	42	0	0	79	---
Wheat	9	49	30	10	2	75	74
Oats	16	47	29	5	3	79	69
Range and Pasture	13	43	30	10	4	74	72

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.

Crop Progress

Stage	Percent of Acreage			
	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
Corn				
Planted	64	63	58	57
Emerged	50	47	44	45
Cotton				
Planted	17	15	12	11
Rice				
Planted	82	79	61	67
Emerged	71	66	38	48
Sorghum				
Planted	64	60	56	56
Soybeans				
Planted	15	(NA)	11	15
Winter Wheat				
Headed	53	35	37	47
Oats				
Headed	55	36	56	57

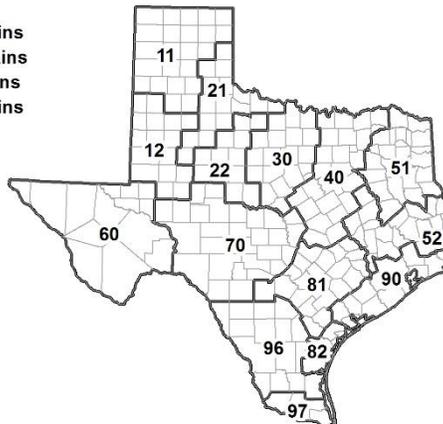
(NA) Not available.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable by District

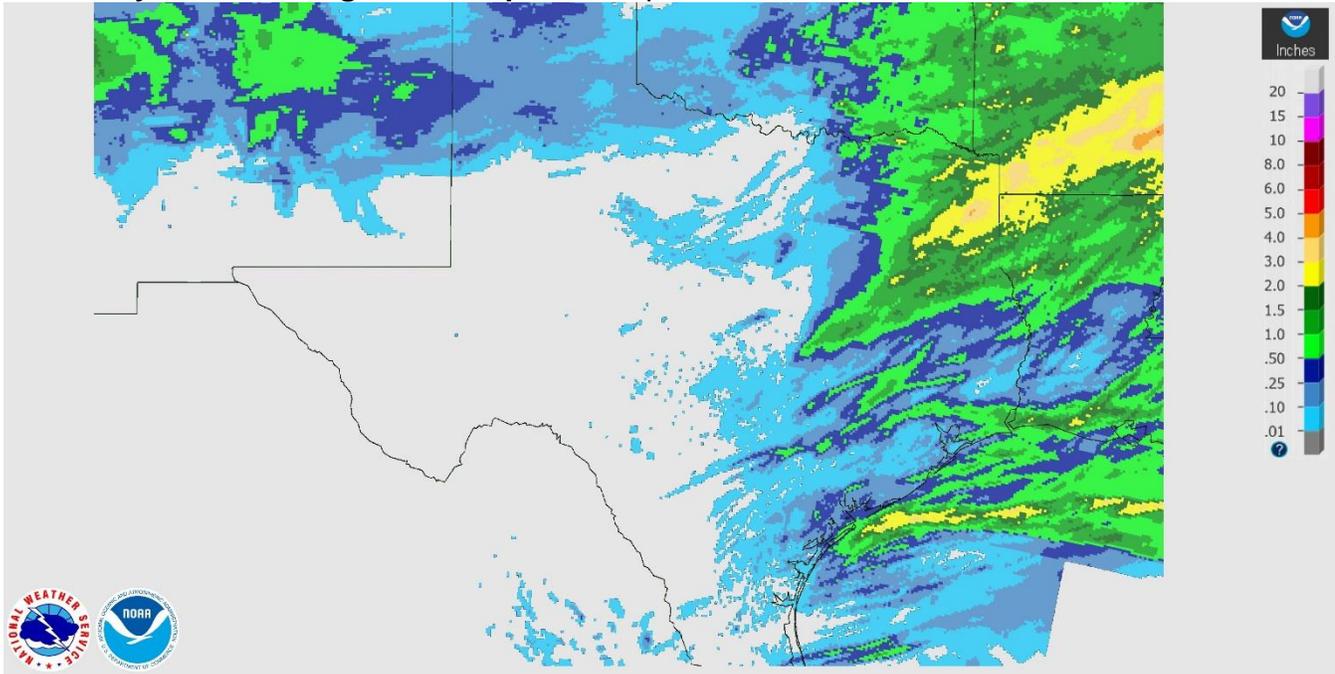
District	Topsoil Moisture Condition by District				Subsoil Moisture Condition by District				Days Suitable for Fieldwork
	Percentage of Acreage				Percentage of Acreage				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
11	8	45	46	1	6	24	66	4	7.0
12	14	44	41	1	7	33	56	4	5.2
21	4	31	63	2	10	24	64	2	6.2
22	0	8	75	17	0	0	91	9	4.6
30	0	7	90	3	0	5	93	2	5.7
40	0	4	67	29	0	3	61	36	4.5
51	0	0	63	37	0	0	64	36	6.2
52	1	2	71	26	0	2	88	10	5.0
60	10	62	28	0	10	60	30	0	6.3
70	10	28	58	4	10	14	65	11	6.3
81	0	34	65	1	0	40	59	1	5.7
82	26	47	27	0	29	40	31	0	6.2
90	8	30	60	2	8	58	26	8	6.8
96	8	39	53	0	13	45	42	0	6.5
97	56	25	19	0	31	33	36	0	4.8
State	8	28	56	8	6	22	62	10	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

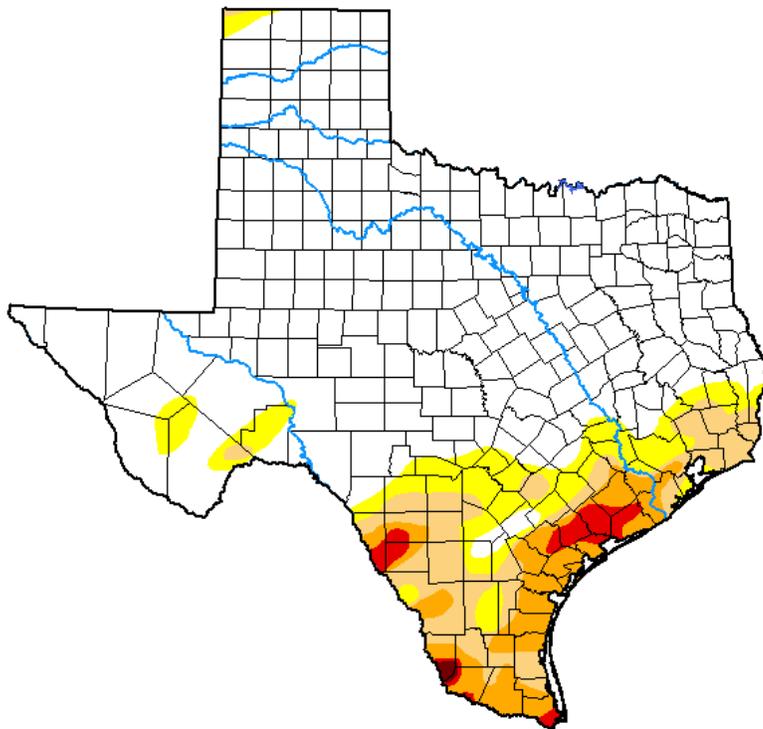


Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, April 19, 2020.



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

Drought Monitor, Valid April 14, 2020.



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	75.16	24.84	15.93	7.75	1.80	0.14
Last Week <i>04-07-2020</i>	74.84	25.16	19.22	10.49	2.50	0.14
3 Months Ago <i>01-14-2020</i>	44.70	55.30	36.79	10.76	1.29	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2019</i>	44.69	55.31	36.12	9.19	0.74	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2019</i>	31.74	68.26	46.05	22.33	6.32	0.00
One Year Ago <i>04-16-2019</i>	74.85	25.15	5.22	0.00	0.00	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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