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Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Issue: TX-CW1624 **Weekly Summary for April 29 - May 5** **Released: May 6, 2024**

Despite strong thunderstorms and heavy rainfall across parts of the state, crops continued to progress. Rainfall ranged from trace amounts up to 20 inches, with the Blacklands, North East Texas, and South East Texas 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 4.3 days suitable for fieldwork.

Small Grains: In most parts of the state, winter wheat and oat producers were baling hay. In parts of the Edwards Plateau, winter wheat was drying down. Winter wheat headed reached 75 percent, up 11 points from the previous week. Oats headed reached 89 percent, up 10 points from the previous week.

Row Crops: Row crops throughout the state were progressing well despite heavy. In the Northern High Plains and South Central Texas, corn was emerging. In the Coastal Bend, South Central Texas, and South Texas corn was silking. Corn planted reached 76 percent, up 5 points from the previous week. Corn emerged reached 67 percent, up 5 points from the previous week. Corn silking reached 5 percent, up 5 points from the previous week. Sorghum planted reached 71 percent, up 6 points from the previous week. Sorghum emerged reached 8 percent, up 1 point from the previous week. In the Northern High Plains, the Northern Low Plains, and the Edwards Plateau, producers continued to plant cotton. In the Blacklands, cotton planting was delayed due to significant rainfall. Cotton planted reached 24 percent, up 6 points from the previous week. In South Central Texas, some rice that had not emerged was at risk of not spouting due to heavy rainfall and flooding. Rice planted reached 90 percent, up 4 points from the previous week. Rice emerged reached 78 percent, up 6 points from the previous year. In South Texas peanut producers were planting peanuts. Peanuts planted reached 6 percent, up 6 points from the previous week. Soybeans planted reached 10 percent, up 10 points from the previous week.

Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops: In South Texas, watermelons were progressing well. In the Lower Valley, producers continued irrigating citrus trees. In the Trans-Pecos, pecan orchards were being irrigated. In the Blacklands, tomato plants were beginning to set fruit.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Rainfall helped pasture and range conditions in most parts of the state. Some areas were greening up while other areas were either saturated or flooded. Pasture and range conditions were rated good to fair. Livestock producers continued supplemental feeding.

Crop Progress by Percent
For Week Ending May 5, 2024

Stage	Percentage of Acreage			
	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
Corn				
Planted	76	71	76	74
Emerged	67	62	66	61
Silked	5	-	7	2
Cotton				
Planted	24	18	22	21
Peanuts				
Planted	6	-	6	7
Rice				
Planted	90	86	87	88
Emerged	78	72	76	76
Sorghum				
Planted	71	65	72	70
Emerged	8	7	-	9
Soybeans				
Planted	10	-	28	41
Winter Wheat				
Headed	75	64	75	75
Oats				
Headed	89	79	87	91

- Represents zero.

Crop Condition by Percent
For Week Ending May 5, 2024

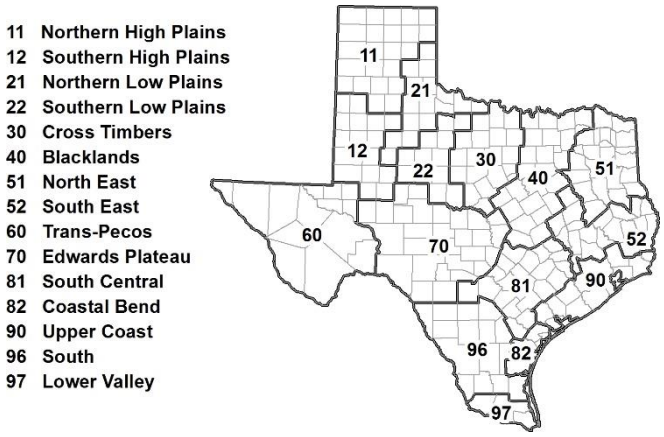
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index [1]	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2024	2023
Corn	18	55	23	3	1	84	81
Rice	9	63	24	4	0	82	83
Wheat	6	42	33	13	6	68	40
Oats	4	32	41	14	9	62	45
Range and Pasture	7	24	31	22	16	54	45

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

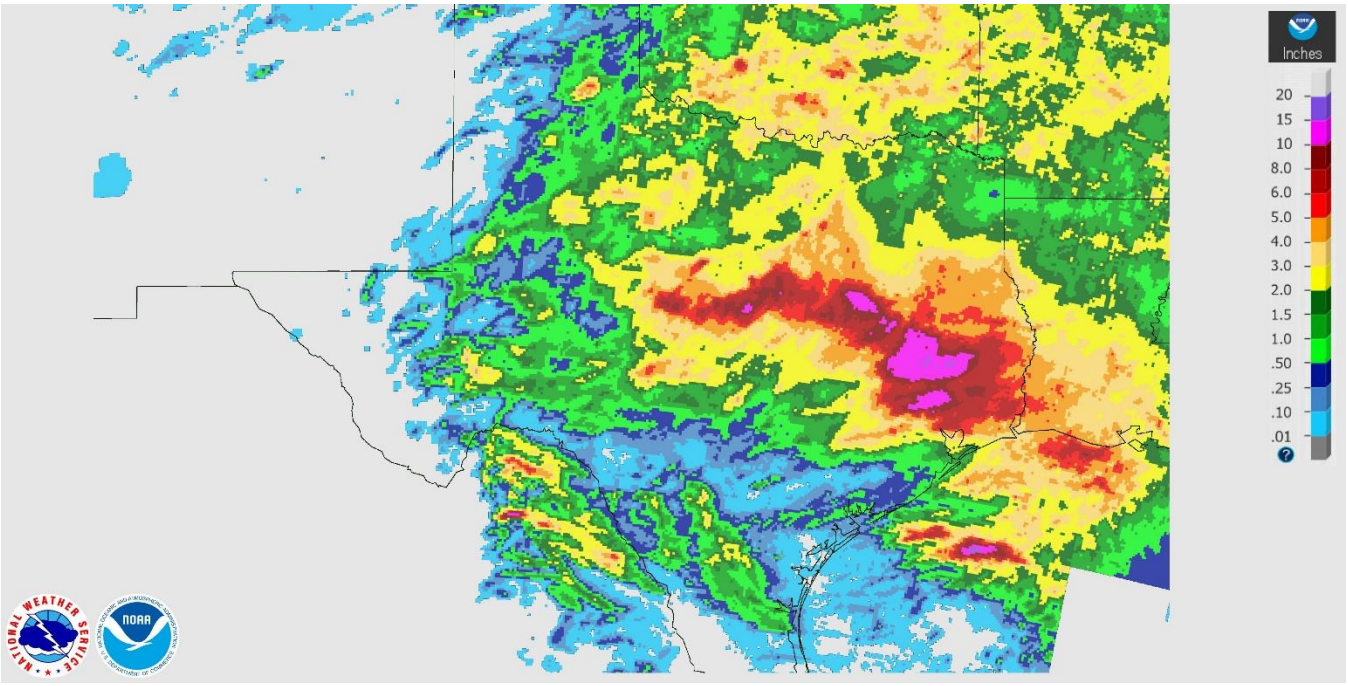
Soil Moisture and Days Suitable by District
For Week Ending May 5, 2024

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	10	50	40	0	10	58	32	0	5.9
12	29	31	35	5	11	41	38	10	4.1
21	4	50	46	0	3	45	52	0	4.8
22	0	21	60	19	0	20	51	29	3.0
30	1	19	61	19	1	8	61	30	3.6
40	0	2	28	70	0	0	24	76	1.2
51	0	1	48	51	1	1	44	54	5.0
52	0	5	39	56	0	5	32	63	1.4
60	20	50	30	0	20	50	30	0	5.7
70	19	36	44	1	16	19	58	7	5.2
81	3	29	61	7	5	31	56	8	4.8
82	10	21	66	3	10	15	67	8	6.4
90	8	25	45	22	8	48	24	20	4.2
96	8	37	54	1	9	27	61	3	6.7
97	25	50	25	0	48	44	8	0	7.0
State	10	30	43	17	8	32	39	21	4.3

Texas Agricultural Districts



Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, May 5, 2024



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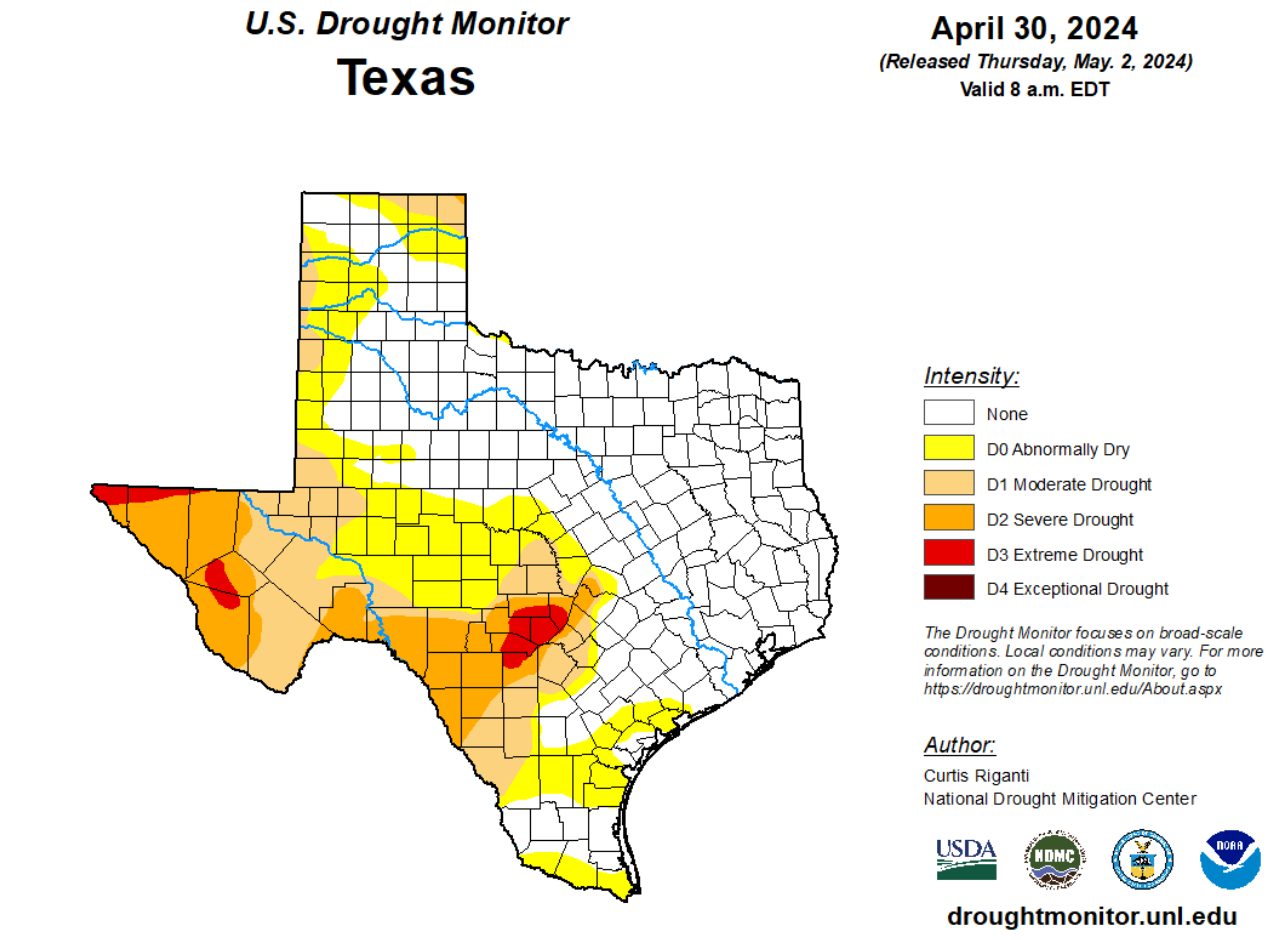
Drought Monitor, Map Released: May 2, 2024



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