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Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Weekly Summary for May 6-May 12

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Cool, wet weather affected most of the eastern and central areas of the state during the past week. Precipitation in East Texas, the Blacklands, the Cross Timbers, the Upper Coast, South Central Texas and the Coastal Bend ranged between 1 and 6 inches, with isolated areas in the Upper Coast and South East Texas getting upwards of 15 inches. Rainfall in the rest of the state ranged from trace amounts to 3 inches, with isolated areas in the Northern High Plains and the Edwards Plateau getting upwards of 5 inches. There were 4.1 days suitable for fieldwork.

Small Grains: Wheat producers were assessing wind and hail damage in the Northern High Plains. Rust was found in wheat in the Low Plains. Wet conditions caused lodging problems in small grains in the Blacklands. Wheat harvest in the Coastal Bend and South Texas was delayed due to rainfall.

Row Crops: Rainfalls delayed row crops planting in the Plains and the Blacklands. In areas of the Blacklands, corn and sorghum turned yellow due to excess moisture. Flood water covered corn, sorghum and cotton in some areas in South East Texas. Cotton in parts of the Coastal Bend was showing moisture stress. Precipitation stalled rice planting in the Upper Coast.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: Red potatoes and spinach were harvested in South Texas, while onion and cabbage harvests were delayed by precipitation. Other vegetables were emerging. Pecan producers in the Cross Timbers were struggling to keep enough fungicide in the trees to control scab.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Livestock condition remained mostly good to fair across the state. Fly numbers remained high in North East Texas. Pasture and range condition continued rated mostly good to fair.

Crop Progress

Stage	Percent of Acreage			
	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
Corn				
Planted	75	70	82	78
Emerged	64	61	68	67
Silked	10	1	17	10
Cotton				
Planted	19	16	27	23
Squaring	3	1	2	3
Peanuts				
Planted	12	8	32	25
Rice				
Planted	83	80	89	87
Emerged	74	67	81	80
Headed				1
Sorghum				
Planted	75	70	85	76
Headed	12	5	14	10
Soybeans				
Planted	57	40	62	57
Emerged	31	13	47	39
Winter Wheat				
Headed	87	77	80	85
Harvested	3	0	7	3
Oats				
Headed	96	90	94	95

Crop Condition

Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index ¹	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2019	2018
Corn	21	49	24	4	2	83	70
Rice	5	41	51	2	1	74	72
Sorghum	20	41	38	0	1	82	(NA)
Wheat	21	43	27	6	3	80	39
Oats	7	44	32	10	7	69	58
Range and Pasture	18	48	27	6	1	--	--

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.

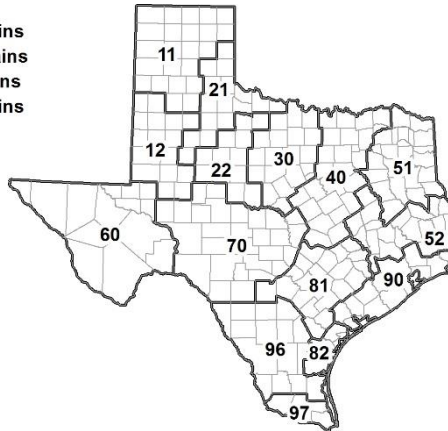
(NA) Not available.

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	0	35	65	0	1	6	93	0	6.5
12	2	16	74	8	2	21	76	1	4.3
21	1	11	75	13	1	13	79	7	4.3
22	0	1	60	39	0	1	72	27	2.2
30	0	2	53	45	0	2	60	38	2.8
40	0	1	42	57	0	1	48	51	1.3
51	0	0	23	77	0	0	37	63	4.3
52	0	1	38	61	0	1	41	58	3.2
60	38	29	33	0	47	2	51	0	6.8
70	1	8	70	21	1	9	71	19	4.5
81	0	1	60	39	0	4	72	24	3.5
82	0	10	33	57	0	2	41	57	1.9
90	0	3	29	68	0	5	8	87	2.3
96	1	4	88	7	1	5	91	3	4.6
97	20	60	20	0	20	60	20	0	7.2
State	2	14	57	27	2	9	66	23	4.1

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

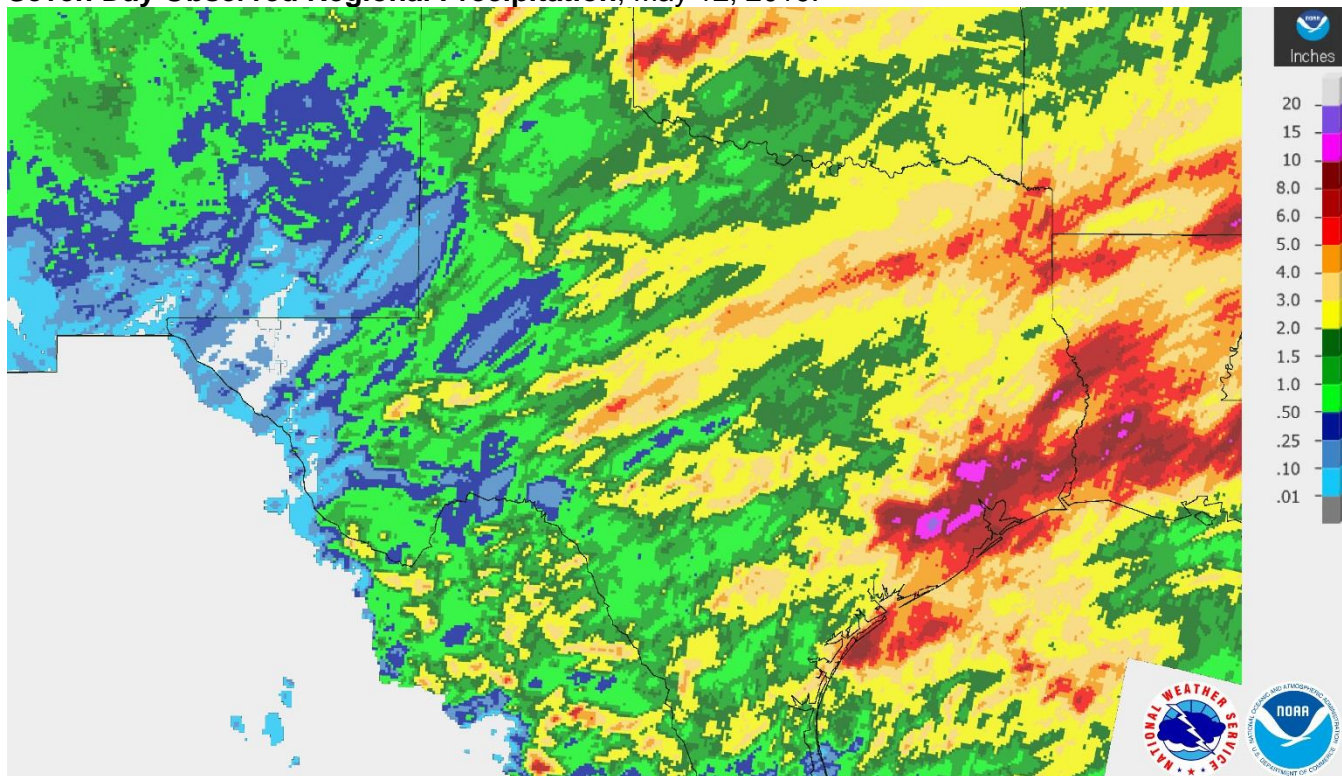


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Results April 11, 2019

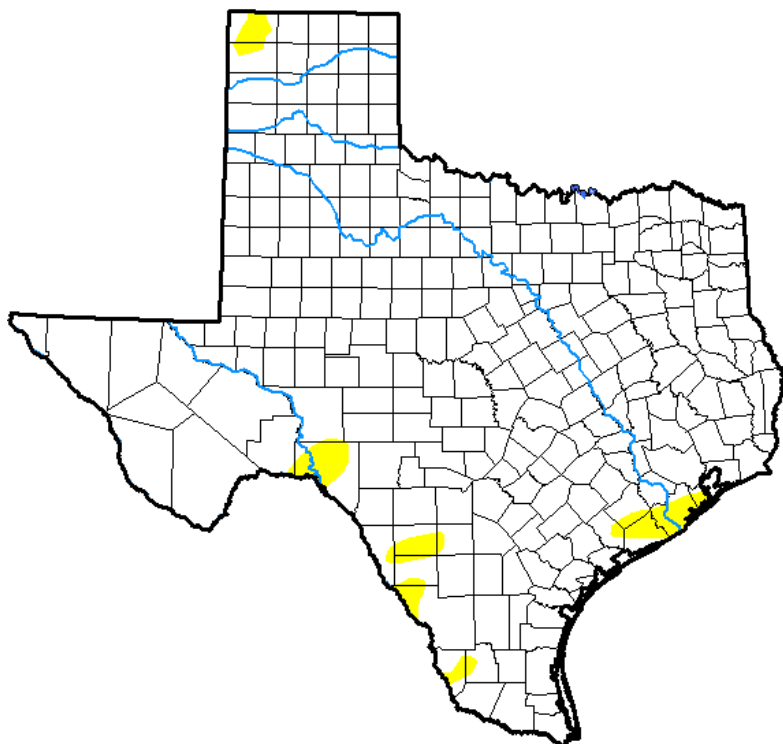
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Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, May 12, 2019.



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

Drought Monitor, Valid May 7, 2019.



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	96.95	3.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>04-30-2019</i>	87.27	12.73	1.46	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>02-05-2019</i>	81.97	18.03	1.81	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2019</i>	92.99	7.01	1.32	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-25-2018</i>	57.46	42.54	20.19	7.03	0.96	0.00
One Year Ago <i>05-08-2018</i>	39.78	60.22	38.80	22.30	12.97	4.61

Intensity:

- 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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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

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