



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Weekly Summary for May 11-May 17

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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, the Blacklands, South Central Texas, and the Upper Coast received up to 10.0 inches. There were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork.

Small Grains: Small grain harvest progressed in some areas of the state, while producers waited for fields to mature in other areas. Haying and grazing of winter wheat continued in areas of the Northern Plains and the Edwards Plateau. Winter wheat harvest was delayed by wet conditions in areas of the Southern Low Plains and South East Texas. Irrigated winter wheat in South Texas is expected to be harvested in the next two weeks.

Row Crops: Row crop planting progressed in the High and Low Plains. Hail and heavy rains damaged cotton in some areas of the Southern High Plains. Sorghum producers in the Cross Timbers continued planting. Late planted corn struggled to catch up to normal in areas of the Blacklands. Some cotton fields in the Edwards Plateau awaited more moisture for future plantings. Rice fields reached the flood stage in South Central Texas and the Upper Coast. Herbicide was being applied by air to rice fields in the Upper Coast. Peanut planting had begun in areas of South Texas.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: Pecans continued to progress across the state. Watermelons harvest continued in the Lower Valley but the crop had just begun to emerge in the Southern High Plains. Onions progressed in areas of South Texas. Cabbages and onions continued to progress in the Edwards Plateau. Vegetable harvest continued in East Texas while second planting of field peas continued.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Livestock were rated in fair to good condition. Supplemental feeding slowed in many areas. Pasture and range condition was rated mostly fair to good. Flies continued to be a nuisance to livestock in North East Texas, while feral hogs continued to damage cropland and pasture.

Crop Progress

Stage	Percent of Acreage			
	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
Corn				
Planted	93	84	87	82
Emerged	81	70	72	72
Silked	15	6	12	16
Cotton				
Planted	46	37	33	30
Squaring	8	1	5	5
Peanuts				
Planted	27	15	37	39
Rice				
Emerged	92	90	78	81
Sorghum				
Planted	80	76	78	77
Headed	20	14	19	18
Soybeans				
Planted	69	55	62	66
Emerged	35	(NA)	44	51
Sunflowers				
Planted	16	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Winter Wheat				
Harvested	8	2	7	7
Oats				
Harvested	14	(NA)	10	12

(NA) Not available.

Crop Condition

Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index ¹	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2020	2019
Corn	14	45	35	4	2	78	85
Rice	9	49	42	--	--	79	76
Sorghum	5	34	43	6	12	64	84
Wheat	11	35	36	13	5	69	80
Oats	16	50	26	5	3	80	69
Range and Pasture	5	28	41	17	9	60	82

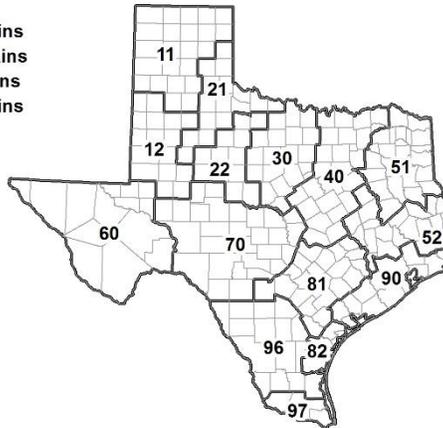
¹ The formula for the condition index is $I = (5V + 25P + 60F + 90G + 110E)/100$ where I = crop condition index and V, P, F, G, E = percentage of crop rated very poor, poor, fair, good, excellent.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable by District

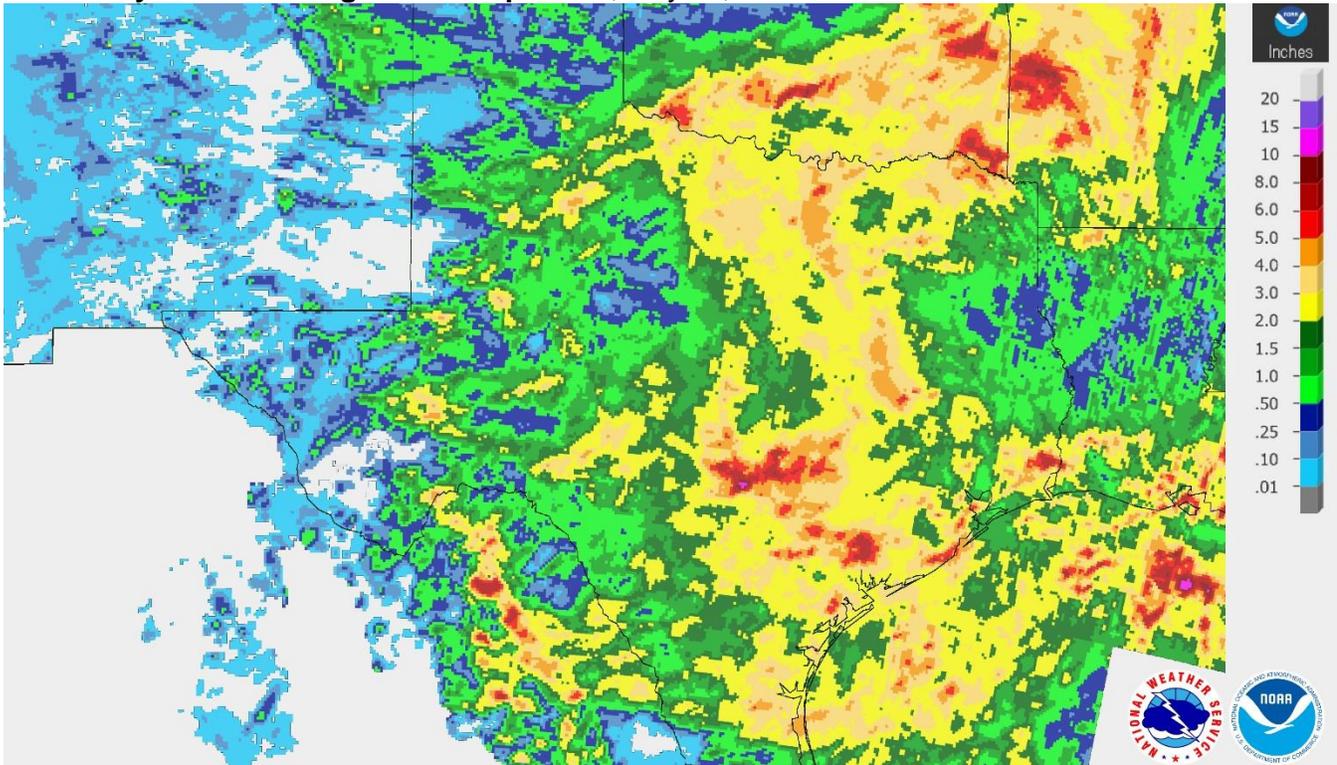
District	Topsoil Moisture Condition by District				Subsoil Moisture Condition by District				Days Suitable for Fieldwork
	Percentage of Acreage				Percentage of Acreage				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
11	45	29	26	0	28	27	43	2	7.0
12	23	67	10	0	8	63	27	2	5.9
21	21	45	34	0	10	42	48	0	6.2
22	10	57	27	6	12	45	38	5	5.9
30	18	27	47	8	8	32	50	10	5.6
40	1	7	57	35	1	5	55	39	4.7
51	1	7	81	11	6	8	76	10	6.5
52	1	10	81	8	0	10	85	5	5.9
60	8	33	59	0	9	44	47	0	5.8
70	8	57	34	1	9	45	46	0	6.7
81	0	32	61	7	0	36	61	3	6.5
82	10	8	73	9	18	34	40	8	5.4
90	1	5	83	11	5	42	45	8	5.9
96	31	21	48	0	38	26	36	0	6.3
97	14	13	43	30	12	11	55	22	5.0
State	19	34	39	8	12	34	46	8	6.0

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

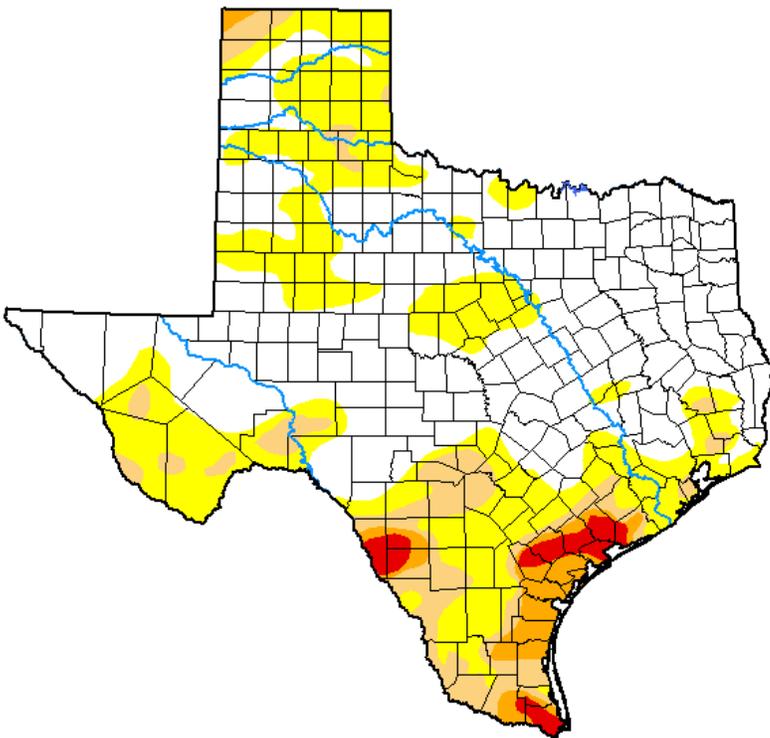


Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, May 17, 2020.



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

Drought Monitor, Valid May 12, 2020.



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	54.68	45.32	14.65	5.44	1.99	0.00
Last Week 05-05-2020	68.53	31.47	13.31	6.14	1.71	0.00
3 Months Ago 02-11-2020	52.03	47.97	32.68	13.95	1.87	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2019	44.69	55.31	36.12	9.19	0.74	0.00
Start of Water Year 10-01-2019	31.74	68.26	46.05	22.33	6.32	0.00
One Year Ago 05-14-2019	99.57	0.43	0.00	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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Source: National Drought Mitigation Center, a partnership with USDA, U.S. Department of Commerce/NOAA, <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu>.

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