



# Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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**Weekly Summary for July 20-July 26**

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Most of the state received from trace amounts up to 3.0 inches of rain. Isolated areas of the Upper Coast and the Northern High Plains received from 6.0 to 8.0 inches of precipitation. Heavy rain and wind damage was reported along the Coastal Bend as Hannah came on shore near Corpus Christi as a category 1 hurricane. There were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork.

**Row Crops:** Corn harvest was underway in areas of the Blacklands, South East Texas, the Edwards Plateau, South Central Texas, the Coastal Bend, and the Upper Coast. Peanuts in South Texas were in the pegging stage. In some areas of the Upper Coast rice harvest was underway with the rest of the district set to begin soon. Sorghum harvest throughout much of the state continued or would begin soon. Cotton continued to progress in the High Plains while rain was needed in the Low Plains. Cotton was blooming and squaring in most areas of the plains, however, some cotton fields were plowed under in the Low Plains due to lack of moisture. Cotton struggled in areas of the Edwards Plateau due to dry conditions, while areas of South Central Texas reached the setting boll stage. Bolls were opening along the coast and in areas of the Lower Valley and South Texas. Damage reports were coming in from hurricane Hannah along the Coastal Bend and in areas the Lower Valley. Dryland soybeans progressed where there was adequate moisture but slowed where conditions were dry.

**Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops:** Pecan trees continued to progress in the Trans-Pecos and South Texas, however some South Central Texas producers treated orchards with insecticides. Irrigated melons in South Texas continued to make good progress.

**Livestock, Range and Pasture:** Supplemental feeding increased due to dry conditions in areas of the Cross Timbers, South Texas, the Edwards Plateau, and the Trans-Pecos. Increasing numbers of flies required control measures in areas of the Blacklands, North East Texas and the Trans-Pecos. Meanwhile, grasshoppers continued to be problematic in pastures within the High Plains, the Cross Timbers and the Blacklands. Pasture and range condition were mostly rated fair to poor.

### Crop Progress

Stage	Percent of Acreage			
	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
Corn				
Silked	92	89	87	87
Dough	66	63	63	63
Dented	45	(NA)	51	54
Cotton				
Squaring	83	68	80	80
Setting Bolls	34	21	31	32
Peanuts				
Pegging	50	35	30	50
Rice				
Headed	93	89	84	87
Harvested	11	(NA)	3	4
Sorghum				
Headed	81	77	77	80
Coloring	65	62	65	61
Mature	45	(NA)	40	48
Soybeans				
Blooming	77	71	72	74
Setting Pods	48	39	44	44
Sunflowers				
Harvested	28	16	25	15

(NA) Not available.

### Crop Condition

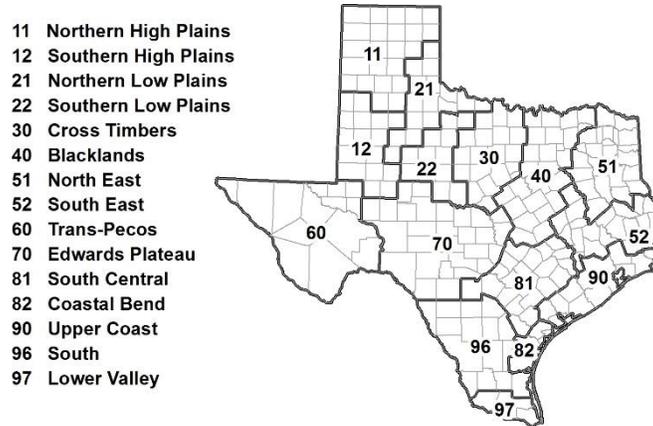
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index <sup>1</sup>	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2020	2019
Corn	9	35	40	13	3	69	83
Cotton	5	26	46	19	4	61	76
Peanuts	1	63	26	10	0	76	91
Rice	14	59	25	2	0	84	83
Sorghum	11	27	44	15	3	67	86
Soybeans	11	51	36	2	0	80	71
Oats	3	35	40	17	5	63	70
Range and Pasture	1	18	38	30	13	48	71

<sup>1</sup> 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.

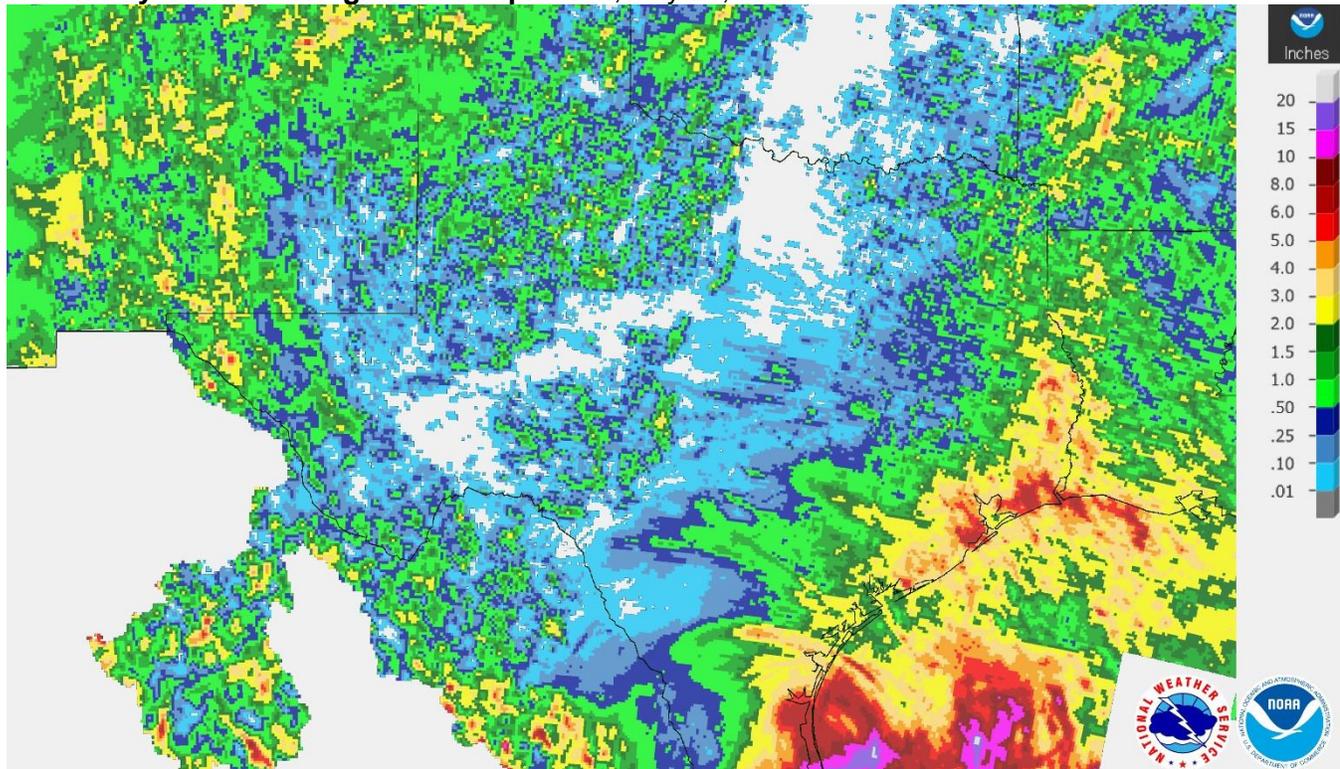
### Soil Moisture and Days Suitable by District

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	27	48	16	9	24	45	21	10	5.1
12	22	51	26	1	15	58	24	3	5.1
21	16	48	28	8	12	52	29	7	6.0
22	53	38	8	1	40	46	14	0	6.1
30	16	69	15	0	11	61	28	0	6.7
40	26	43	31	0	27	44	27	2	6.9
51	5	33	56	6	10	33	56	1	6.4
52	24	27	43	6	26	34	36	4	6.2
60	12	52	36	0	12	52	36	0	6.4
70	57	36	6	1	33	55	11	1	6.9
81	47	45	8	0	39	50	11	0	6.8
82	10	0	30	60	10	0	30	60	5.7
90	8	55	35	2	6	41	53	0	6.6
96	44	44	12	0	40	36	24	0	6.6
97	1	5	26	68	1	5	22	72	1.9
State	26	45	23	6	22	45	26	7	5.8

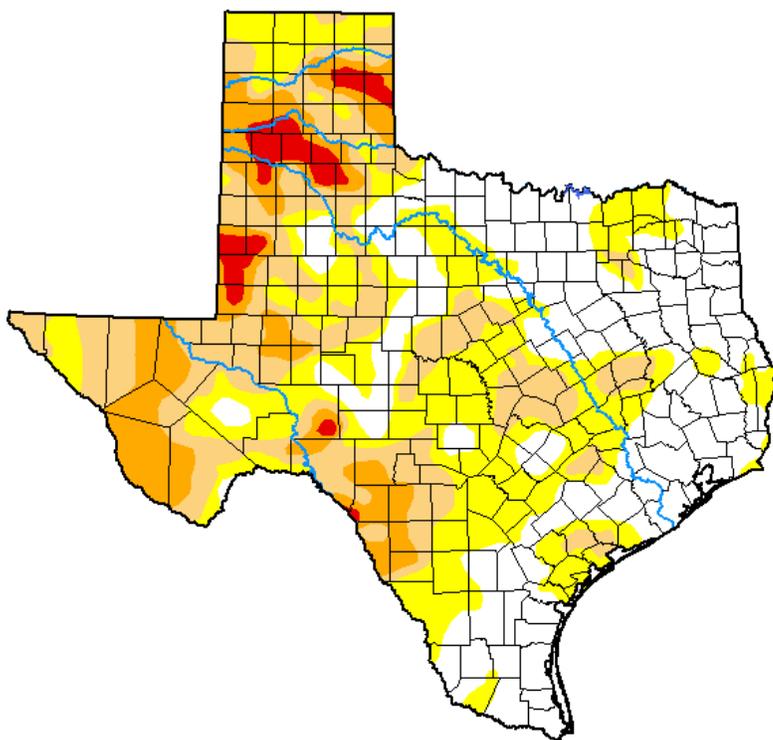
### Texas Agricultural Districts



## Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, July 26, 2020.



## Drought Monitor, Valid July 21, 2020.



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	33.96	66.04	36.44	13.88	2.84	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 07-14-2020	42.96	57.04	32.17	11.67	3.03	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 04-21-2020	72.28	27.72	16.05	7.16	1.92	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 12-31-2019	44.69	55.31	36.12	9.19	0.74	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 10-01-2019	31.74	68.26	46.05	22.33	6.32	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 07-23-2019	89.88	10.12	1.99	0.66	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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