



# Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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**Weekly Summary for August 3 - August 9**

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Most of the state received from trace amounts up to 3.0 inches of rain. The largest concentration for receiving 3.0 inches of rain occurred in the Northern High Plains. There were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork.

**Row Crops:** Corn harvest continued to progress in areas of the state that had not already finished. Producers applied irrigation in areas of the Northern High Plains with harvest set to begin soon. Rice harvest was underway in areas of South Central Texas and the Upper Coast. Sunflower harvest was underway in areas of the Blacklands. Peanuts in the Southern High Plains, the Northern Low Plains, and South Texas continued to progress. Dryland cotton continued to suffer due to lack of moisture in areas of the Edwards Plateau, the Southern High Plains and the Low Plains, and therefore would be plowed under. Cotton bolls were opening in areas of South Texas and harvest should begin soon. Meanwhile, cotton damage caused by hurricane Hanna's high winds continued to be assessed in areas of the Lower Valley. Sorghum harvest was progressing in the Blacklands, the Edwards Plateau, and the Coastal Bend and was complete or nearly complete in South Texas and the Lower Valley.

**Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops:** Irrigated pecan orchards in South Texas continued to improve while producers in the Southern High Plains had set out pecan weevil traps. Damage to citrus groves from hurricane Hanna was still being assessed. Meanwhile, melon production continued in areas of South Texas.

**Livestock, Range and Pasture:** Supplemental feeding continued in the Low Plains, the Cross Timbers, the Edwards Plateau, and South and South Central Texas due to dry conditions. Flies continued to be a problem for livestock in areas of North East Texas. 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				
Dough	84	77	80	82
Dented	67	58	71	64
Mature	52	40	40	49
Cotton				
Squaring	96	90	95	94
Setting Bolls	66	45	66	62
Bolls Opening	13	10	26	15
Peanuts				
Pegging	75	68	77	80
Rice				
Harvested	34	15	17	34
Sorghum				
Headed	89	84	84	86
Coloring	71	70	72	69
Mature	63	57	64	58
Harvested	48	35	49	47
Soybeans				
Blooming	87	83	85	88
Setting Pods	73	58	70	69
Dropping Leaves	20	8	19	17
Sunflowers				
Harvested	38	35	38	29

### Crop Condition

Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index <sup>1</sup>	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2020	2019
Corn	12	38	34	12	4	71	77
Cotton	4	18	43	26	9	53	73
Peanuts	2	68	22	8	0	79	85
Rice	14	65	20	1	0	86	80
Sorghum	12	31	39	13	5	68	83
Soybeans	11	50	37	2	0	80	70
Range and Pasture	2	20	36	30	12	50	56

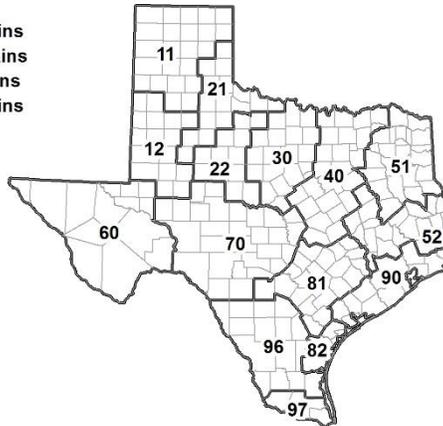
<sup>1</sup> The formula for the condition index is  $I = (5V + 25P + 60F + 90G + 110E)/100$  where I = crop condition index and V, P, F, G, E = percentage of crop rated very poor, poor, fair, good, excellent.

### Soil Moisture and Days Suitable by District

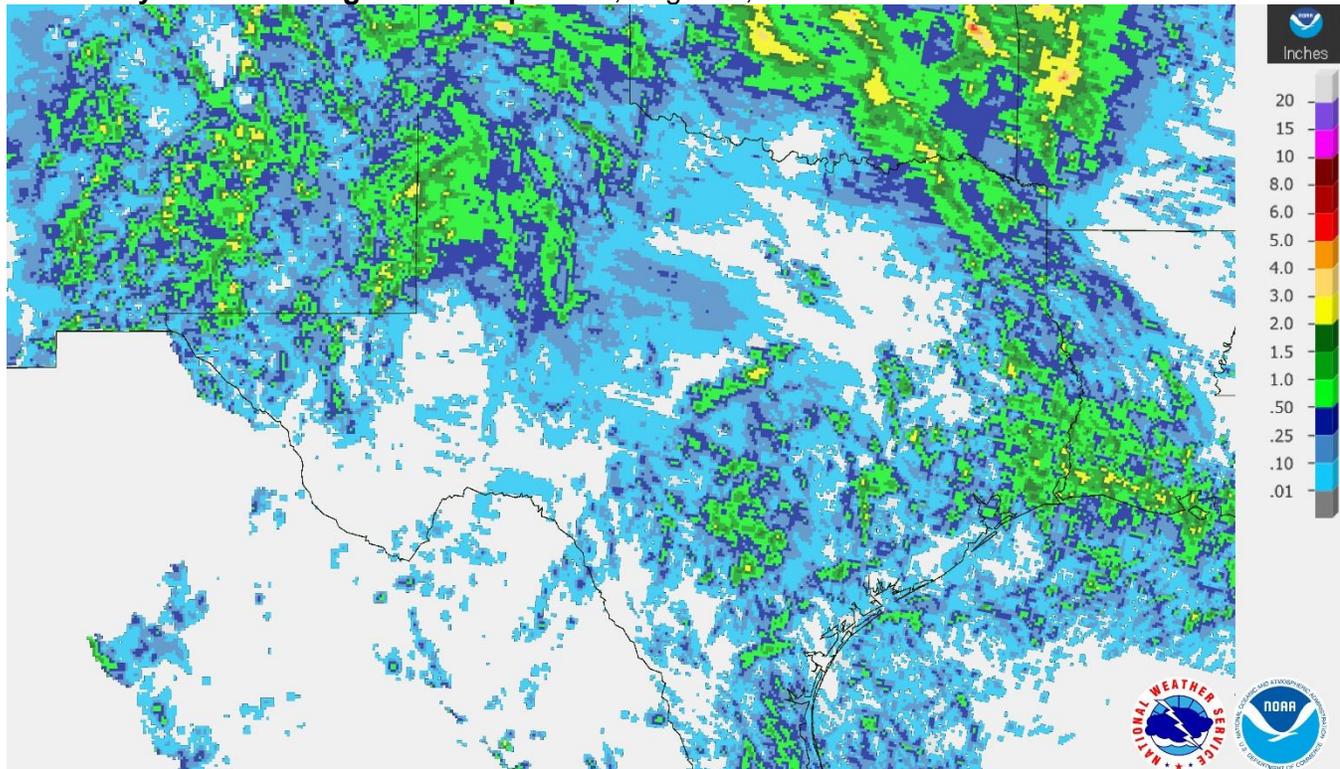
District	Topsoil Moisture Condition by District				Subsoil Moisture Condition by District				Days Suitable for Fieldwork
	Percentage of Acreage				Percentage of Acreage				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
11	27	48	16	9	24	45	21	10	4.7
12	22	51	26	1	15	58	24	3	7.0
21	26	56	18	0	17	56	27	0	7.0
22	47	44	9	0	41	49	10	0	6.7
30	21	53	26	0	18	49	33	0	6.5
40	39	42	17	2	28	49	22	1	6.9
51	19	40	40	1	23	35	41	1	7.0
52	24	30	42	4	20	34	41	5	6.3
60	11	41	48	0	10	46	44	0	6.3
70	56	34	10	0	45	46	9	0	6.9
81	22	54	24	0	20	56	24	0	5.4
82	0	23	67	10	0	21	74	5	5.9
90	1	6	86	7	1	19	71	9	5.1
96	28	29	43	0	35	22	41	2	6.2
97	0	3	57	40	0	3	45	52	4.5
State	26	43	27	4	22	45	28	5	6.2

### 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

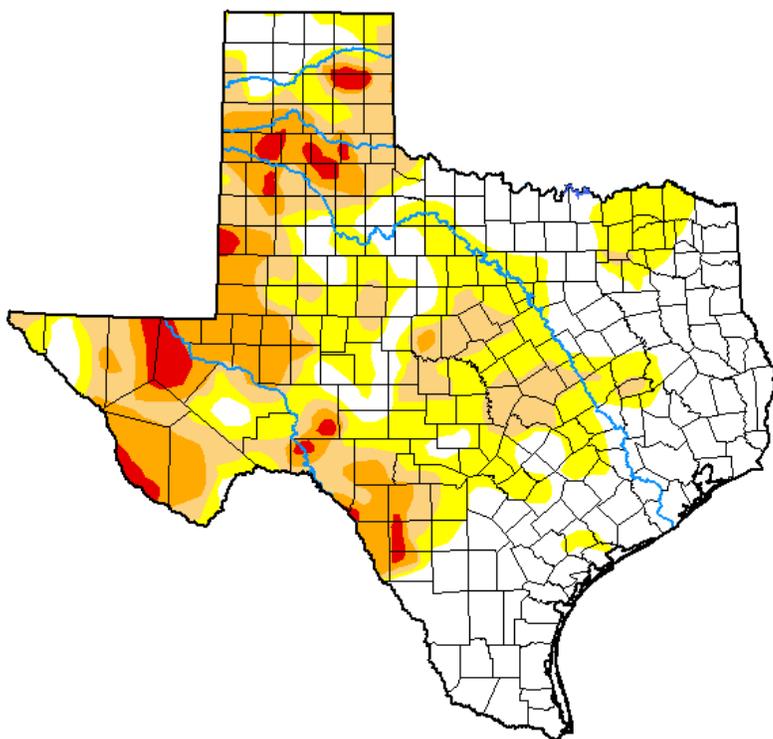


## Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, August 9, 2020.



Source: National Weather Service, [www.nws.noaa.gov](http://www.nws.noaa.gov).

## Drought Monitor, Valid August 4, 2020.



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	41.71	58.29	32.56	15.42	2.97	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 07-28-2020	39.66	60.34	34.39	14.99	2.99	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 05-05-2020	68.53	31.47	13.31	6.14	1.71	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> 08-06-2019	53.05	46.95	9.79	1.21	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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