



# Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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**Weekly Summary for Sep 14-Sep 20**

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Most of Texas reported from trace amounts up to 3.0 inches of rain during the past week. Isolated areas of the Coastal Bend, South Texas and the Lower Valley received from 4.0 to 6.0 inches of rain for the week. There were 5.4 days suitable for fieldwork.

**Small Grains:** Seeding of small grains made good progress in areas where weather allowed and there was sufficient moisture. Producers in other areas are continuing to make preparations to seed, or waiting for drier conditions.

**Row Crops:** Corn harvest had begun in some areas of the Northern High Plains and South East Texas. Cotton harvest continued to progress in areas of the High Plains, Northern Low Plains, and the Edwards Plateau while harvest slowed due to cool, wet conditions in areas of the Southern Low Plains, South Central Texas, and the Blacklands. Peanuts continued to improve in the Southern High Plains, the Cross Timbers, and South Texas. Peanut harvest is expected to occur in a week or so in the Cross Timbers. Soybean and sorghum harvest continued in some areas of the Blacklands.

**Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops:** Development of pecan orchards progressed favorably in areas of South Central and South Texas, as well as the Trans-Pecos.

**Livestock, Range and Pasture:** Supplemental feeding continued in South Central Texas and the Northern High Plains. Stock tanks in areas of South Texas and the Blacklands were reported full after receiving beneficial rainfall last week. Feral hog control continued in areas of North East Texas. Pasture and range condition were mostly rated good to fair.

### Crop Progress

Stage	Percent of Acreage			
	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
Corn				
Mature	84	79	74	76
Harvested	69	67	63	64
Cotton				
Bolls Opening	53	45	53	43
Harvested	20	13	16	16
Peanuts				
Mature	30	24	18	19
Harvested	6	0	0	4
Sorghum				
Coloring	95	92	99	92
Mature	88	81	88	79
Harvested	81	77	82	70
Soybeans				
Dropping Leaves	71	64	70	72
Harvested	50	43	49	47
Sunflowers				
Harvested	59	56	65	54
Winter Wheat				
Planted	18	7	18	20
Harvested	1	(NA)	0	2

(NA) Not available.

### Crop Condition

Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index <sup>1</sup>	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2020	2019
Corn	11	31	39	14	5	67	74
Cotton	7	23	29	27	14	53	60
Peanuts	1	45	40	10	4	68	78
Rice	13	73	14	0	0	88	80
Sorghum	13	32	33	14	8	67	82
Soybeans	10	59	29	2	0	82	61
Range and Pasture	5	26	38	22	9	58	46

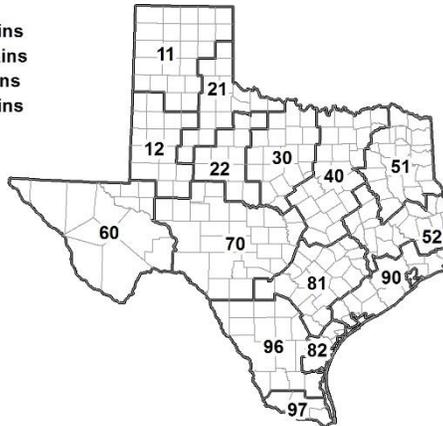
<sup>1</sup> The formula for the condition index is  $I = (5V + 25P + 60F + 90G + 110E)/100$  where I = crop condition index and V, P, F, G, E = percentage of crop rated very poor, poor, fair, good, excellent.

### Soil Moisture and Days Suitable by District

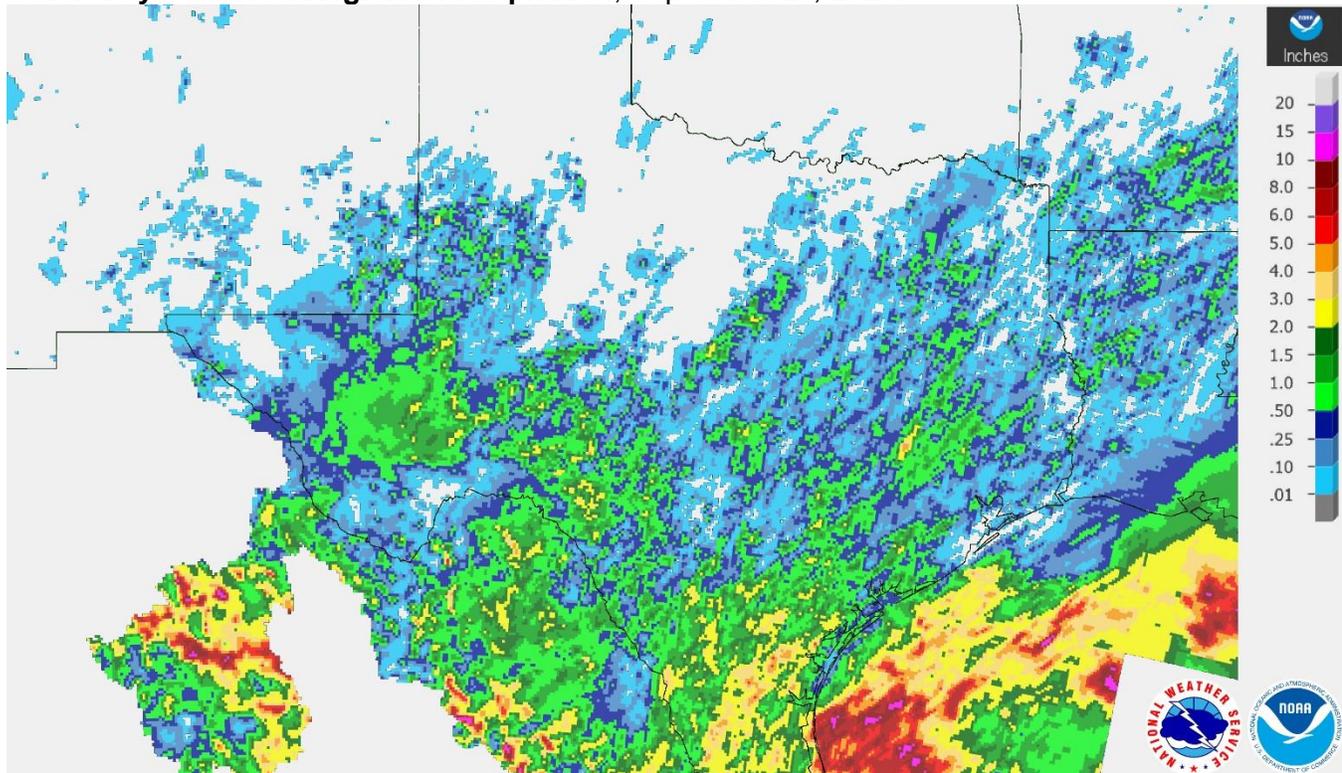
District	Topsoil Moisture Condition by District				Subsoil Moisture Condition by District				Days Suitable for Fieldwork
	Percentage of Acreage				Percentage of Acreage				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
11	36	52	12	0	35	50	15	0	5.3
12	48	35	17	0	51	36	13	0	5.6
21	1	30	68	1	1	23	76	0	5.0
22	4	16	68	12	2	17	77	4	4.7
30	1	3	86	10	3	5	84	8	5.7
40	1	4	81	14	1	8	82	9	5.5
51	2	26	62	10	8	24	52	16	6.8
52	3	22	46	29	3	24	46	27	6.0
60	8	41	51	0	34	17	49	0	6.1
70	18	11	65	6	20	18	53	9	5.0
81	15	31	53	1	20	36	43	1	6.4
82	0	22	63	15	5	16	63	16	4.7
90	9	24	57	10	10	36	50	4	4.5
96	2	18	73	7	7	25	62	6	4.3
97	0	16	75	9	0	5	73	22	5.6
State	19	27	48	6	20	28	47	5	5.4

### 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

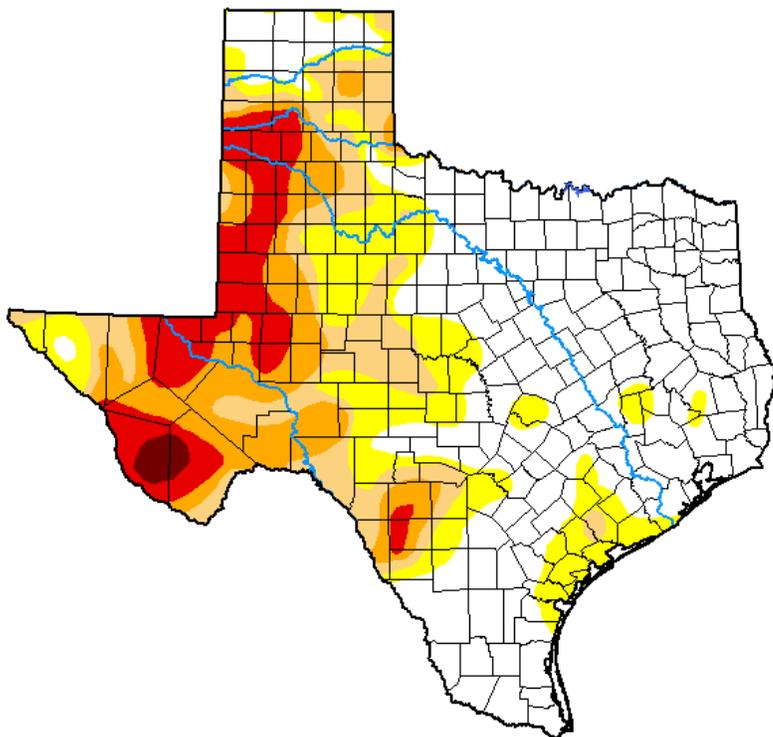


## Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, September 20, 2020.



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

## Drought Monitor, Valid September 15, 2020.



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	48.79	51.21	34.16	21.74	9.88	0.78
<b>Last Week</b> 09-08-2020	40.53	59.47	40.39	26.01	13.91	0.74
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 06-16-2020	45.87	54.13	27.23	11.08	1.39	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> 09-17-2019	27.74	72.26	51.75	21.20	3.07	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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