



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Weekly Summary for November 13 - November 19

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Seasonable temperatures continued across the state. Rainfall ranged from trace amounts to 3 inches with the Coastal Bend, South Texas and the Lower Valley districts receiving the most rain. Drought conditions ranged from none to exceptional drought with areas in the South Central district and South East Texas being the driest. There was an average of 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork.

Small Grains: Winter wheat planting continued, while some parts of the state were still lacking moisture. The recent weather conditions have been favorable for early winter wheat emergence. In the Blacklands, wheat producers were hoping to time their plantings toward the cooler fall months to avoid Hessian fly damage. Winter wheat planted reached 87 percent, down 8 points from the previous year. Winter wheat emerged reached 73 percent, down 6 points from the previous year.

Row Crops: In the Southern districts, cotton harvest was near completion, while harvest was in full swing in the Plains and the Trans-Pecos districts. Cotton harvested reached 68 percent, down 2 points from the previous year. Soybean harvest reached 95 percent, down 5 points from the previous year. In South Texas, weather conditions were ideal for peanut producers to continue with harvest. Peanut harvest reached 75 percent, down 3 points from the previous year.

Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops: In South Texas, winter vegetable planting continued. In the Lower Valley, fall vegetables benefitted from recent rainfall, citrus harvest resumed, and sugar cane harvest was expected to start again soon. In the Cross Timbers district, pecans were dropping. In the Trans-Pecos district, pecan producers were waiting for a hard freeze before beginning harvest. In the South Central district, pecan harvest was in full swing, but there was still a high aphid load.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Some producers are still grazing native pastures, while some have turned cattle out on winter wheat. Pasture and range conditions were rated fair to poor. Some livestock producers continued supplementation feeding.

Crop Progress by Percent
For Week Ending November 19, 2023

Stage	Percentage of Acreage			
	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
Cotton				
Harvested	68	56	70	63
Peanuts				
Harvested	75	66	78	75
Soybeans				
Harvested	95	91	100	94
Winter Wheat				
Planted	87	82	95	89
Emerged	73	66	79	75

Crop Condition by Percent
For Week Ending November 19, 2023

Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index ¹	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2023	2022
Cotton	1	9	24	28	38	33	42
Peanuts	2	35	55	8	0	30	62
Soybeans	7	28	37	23	5	61	35
Wheat	12	33	25	11	9	60	45
Range and Pasture	2	14	32	29	23	40	39

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
For Week Ending November 19, 2023

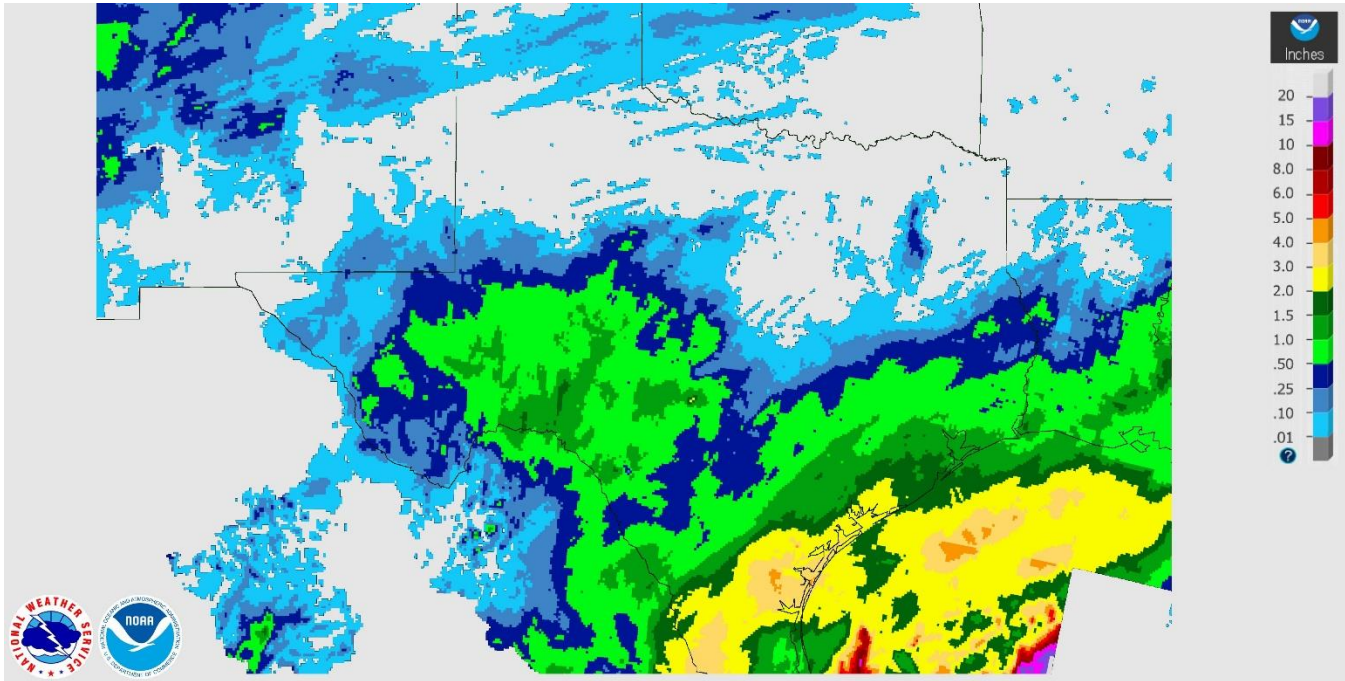
District	Subsoil Moisture Condition by District				Topsoil Moisture Condition by District				Days Suitable for Fieldwork
	Percentage of Acreage				Percentage of Acreage				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
11	24	39	37	0	29	53	18	0	6.0
12	20	55	21	4	15	50	29	6	6.1
21	37	33	30	0	38	44	18	0	6.6
22	14	54	32	0	0	42	55	3	6.0
30	3	38	59	0	2	31	61	6	5.6
40	9	41	48	2	10	21	65	4	5.5
51	1	41	58	0	1	33	65	1	6.8
52	9	42	49	0	3	18	73	6	5.1
60	6	9	73	12	6	9	73	12	5.3
70	16	14	45	25	12	13	70	5	4.1
81	12	35	52	1	8	32	60	0	5.3
82	0	6	71	23	0	6	71	23	2.1
90	6	44	39	11	2	32	44	22	2.1
96	13	21	64	2	3	23	58	16	4.6
97	14	40	41	5	16	18	63	3	4.3
State	16	41	40	3	14	37	44	5	5.5

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

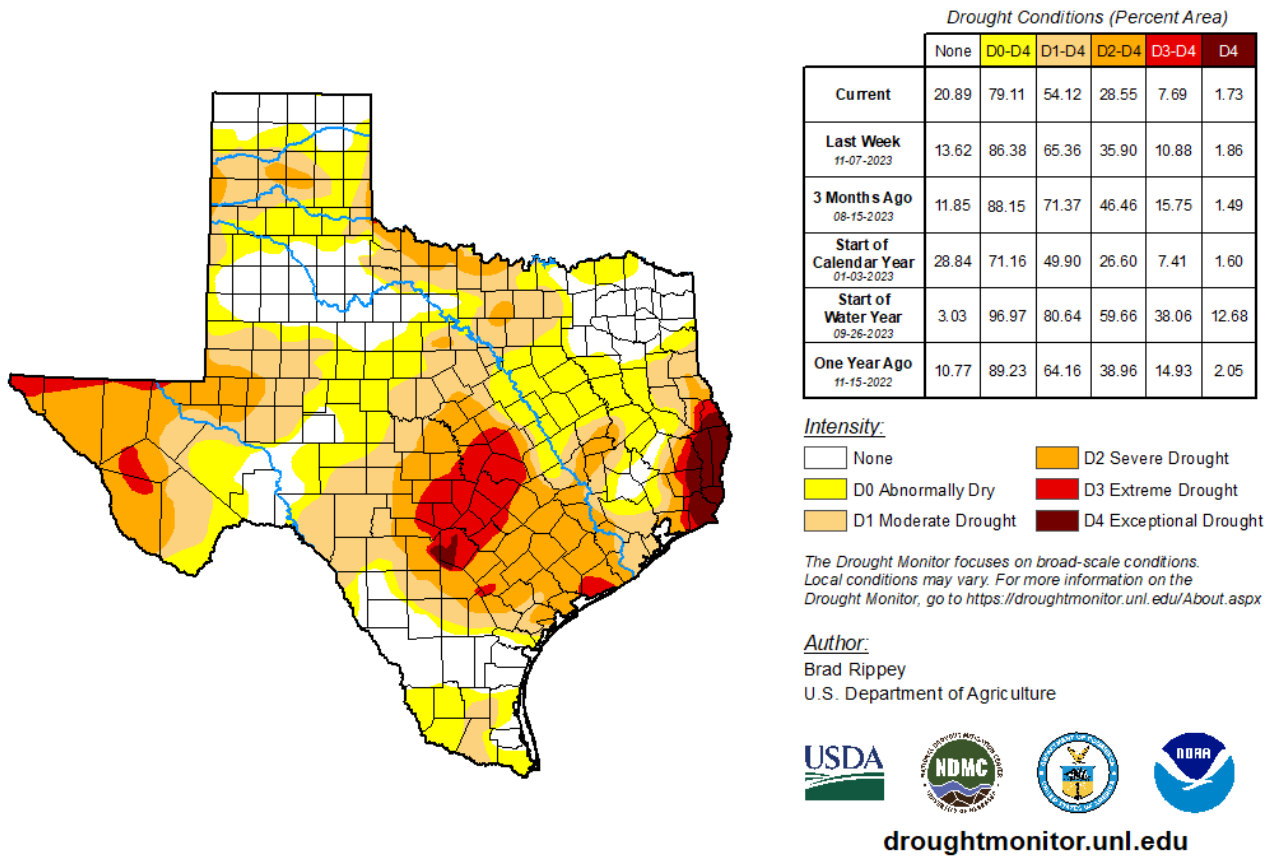


Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, November 19, 2023.



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

Drought Monitor, Map Released: November 16, 2023.



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