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Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Issue: TX-CW4119 **Weekly Summary for November 4-10** **Released: November 12, 2019**

Temperature varied greatly in Texas last week. Some areas reported lows in the 20's with daytime highs in the 80s. Precipitation ranged from trace amounts to 1.5 inches across most of the state. However, areas of the Low Plains, the Cross Timbers, the Blacklands, the Upper Coast and the Coastal Bend received between 2 and 3 inches of rain, with isolated areas in the Coastal Bend getting upwards of 5 inches. There were 4.9 days suitable for fieldwork.

Small Grains: Winter wheat was emerging in the High Plains. Meanwhile in the Low Plains, emergence was spotty and the condition of the crop was a concern due to lack of moisture and big swings in temperature. Small grain seeding continued in South Texas, the Cross Timbers and the Blacklands.

Row Crops: Cotton harvest continued in the Plains, the Blacklands, East Texas, the Edwards Plateau and the Trans-Pecos. Some cotton fields in the Plains were plowed under due to poor conditions. Corn and sorghum harvest was active in the Northern High Plains, while peanuts continued to be harvested in South Texas and the Northern Low Plains. Precipitation delayed the harvest of ratoon rice in the Upper Coast.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: Development of spinach and cabbage progressed in South Texas, while baby leaf spinach was nearing harvest. Pecan progress varied in the Southern High Plains from opening husks to being harvested. Pecan harvest also continued in the Trans-Pecos and South Central Texas.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Livestock condition continued mostly fair to good across the state. Sporadic temperature changes have caused stress to cattle in the Plains and the Blacklands. The use of supplemental feed remained high in many areas. Range and pasture condition was rated mostly fair to poor.

Crop Progress

Stage	Percent of Acreage			
	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
Corn				
Harvested	92	88	93	93
Cotton				
Harvested	50	42	41	46
Peanuts				
Mature	71	65	72	72
Harvested	60	50	56	71
Soybeans				
Harvested	83	80	85	83
Sunflowers				
Harvested	85	83	81	85
Winter Wheat				
Planted	82	78	79	84
Emerged	69	57	66	70
Oats				
Planted	90	87	87	84
Emerged	85	76	58	70

Crop Condition

Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index [1]	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2019	2018
Corn	11	41	38	9	1	74	54
Cotton	3	20	45	24	8	55	47
Peanuts	0	47	52	1	0	74	70
Soybeans	1	30	48	16	5	61	64
Wheat	15	21	41	17	6	65	68
Range and Pasture	2	15	37	31	15	--	--

[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.

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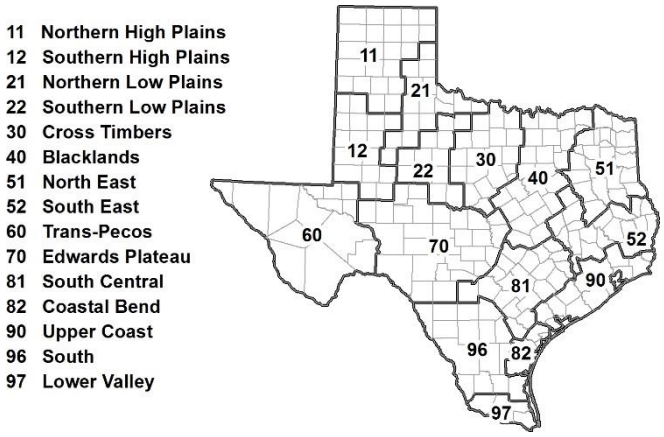
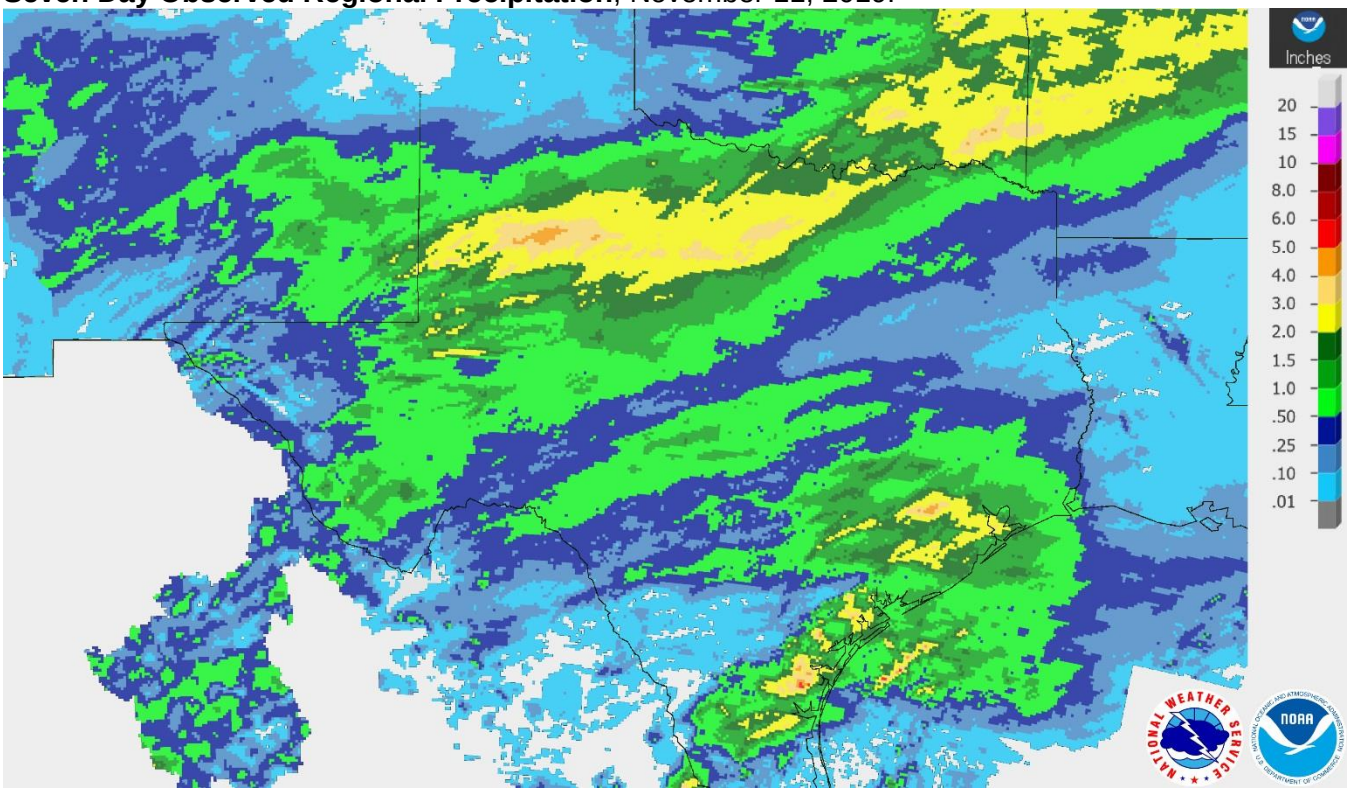
Soil Moisture and Days Suitable by District

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	4	23	73	0	3	17	80	0	4.5
12	5	38	54	3	6	57	30	7	4.9
21	11	42	42	5	14	44	42	0	5.6
22	21	37	42	0	34	35	31	0	5.1
30	6	22	67	5	15	29	53	3	4.6
40	2	14	68	16	10	27	55	8	3.5
51	2	24	67	7	6	22	64	8	6.6
52	0	17	79	4	0	17	79	4	5.2
60	18	27	55	0	17	28	55	0	6.1
70	20	42	38	0	33	46	21	0	6.4
81	8	39	50	3	12	39	49	0	5.1
82	36	37	24	3	51	34	12	3	5.3
90	0	7	77	16	0	27	61	12	3.6
96	16	30	54	0	20	40	40	0	5.5
97	15	40	30	15	11	33	49	7	7.0
State	8	29	58	5	12	34	50	4	4.9

Texas Agricultural Districts

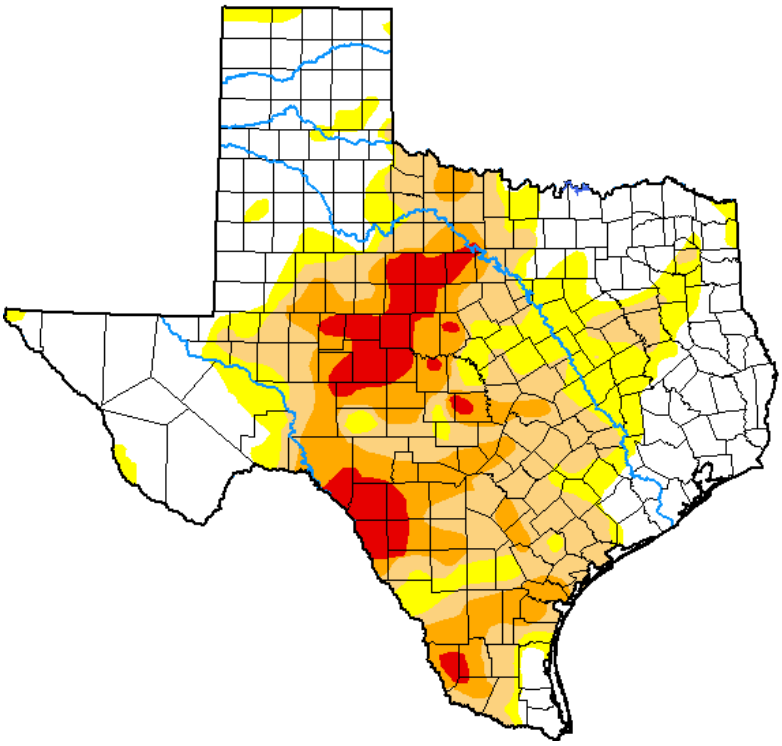


Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, November 11, 2019.



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

Drought Monitor, Valid November 5, 2019.



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	42.29	57.71	40.96	19.22	6.00	0.00
Last Week 10-29-2019	38.98	61.02	46.55	22.40	4.65	0.00
3 Months Ago 08-06-2019	53.05	46.95	9.79	1.21	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-01-2019	92.99	7.01	1.32	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 10-01-2019	31.74	68.26	46.05	22.33	6.32	0.00
One Year Ago 11-06-2018	97.17	2.83	1.15	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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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