



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Weekly Summary for September 9- 15

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Hot and dry conditions remained throughout Texas last week. Precipitation across most of the state remained below 2.0 inches, with some isolated areas across the Upper Coast reaching 4.0 inches. There were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork.

Small Grains: Some producers seeded wheat across areas of the Plains, the Cross Timbers and the Blacklands. Oat producers began seeding in areas of the Edwards Plateau.

Row Crops:

Cotton progress ranged from the bloom and setting bowls stages to mature in the Plains, while in areas of the Blacklands and South East Texas harvest was underway. Cotton harvest continued in South Texas, the Lower Valley, and the Upper Coast. Corn and Sorghum harvest began to wind down in the Edwards Plateau and the South Central Texas. Meanwhile, irrigation of late planted sorghum continued in the Northern High Plains. Rice harvest continued in some areas of the Upper Coast.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops:

Vegetable field preparation was active in South Texas. Pecan orchards were in mostly good condition across the state.

Livestock, Range and Pasture:

Livestock condition remained mostly rated fair to good across the state. The use of supplemental feed increased throughout many parts of the state due to lack of quality forage. The decline of range and pasture condition continued in many areas of the state. Feral Hog activity was reported in areas of the North East.

Crop Progress

Stage	Percent of Acreage			
	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
Corn				
Mature	67	58	79	73
Harvested	59	52	66	61
Cotton				
Bolls Opening	47	39	36	36
Harvested	15	13	21	14
Peanuts				
Mature	14	10	18	15
Rice				
Harvested	92	78	94	94
Sorghum				
Coloring	97	93	94	88
Mature	87	80	80	78
Harvested	79	75	69	65
Soybeans				
Setting Pods	92	85	95	99
Dropping Leaves	65	58	68	66
Harvested	45	40	44	41
Sunflowers				
Harvested	62	57	63	54
Winter Wheat				
Planted	4	(NA)	12	10

(NA) Not available.

Crop Condition

Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index ¹	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2019	2018
Corn	11	41	38	9	1	75	54
Cotton	4	27	47	19	3	62	48
Peanuts	0	71	28	1	0	81	70
Rice	11	54	30	4	1	79	75
Sorghum	25	40	29	5	1	82	52
Soybeans	8	30	43	14	5	65	64
Range and Pasture	2	17	35	30	16	--	--

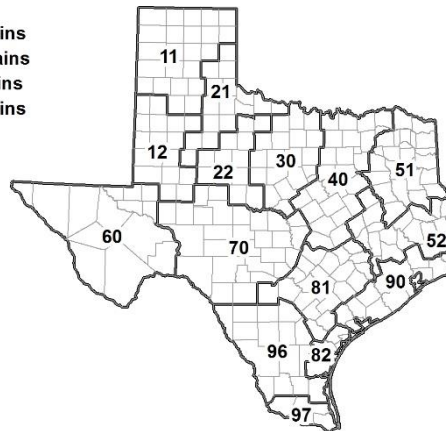
¹ The formula for the condition index is $I = (5V + 25P + 60F + 90G + 110E)/100$ where I = crop condition index and V, P, F, G, E = percentage of crop rated very poor, poor, fair, good, excellent.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable by District

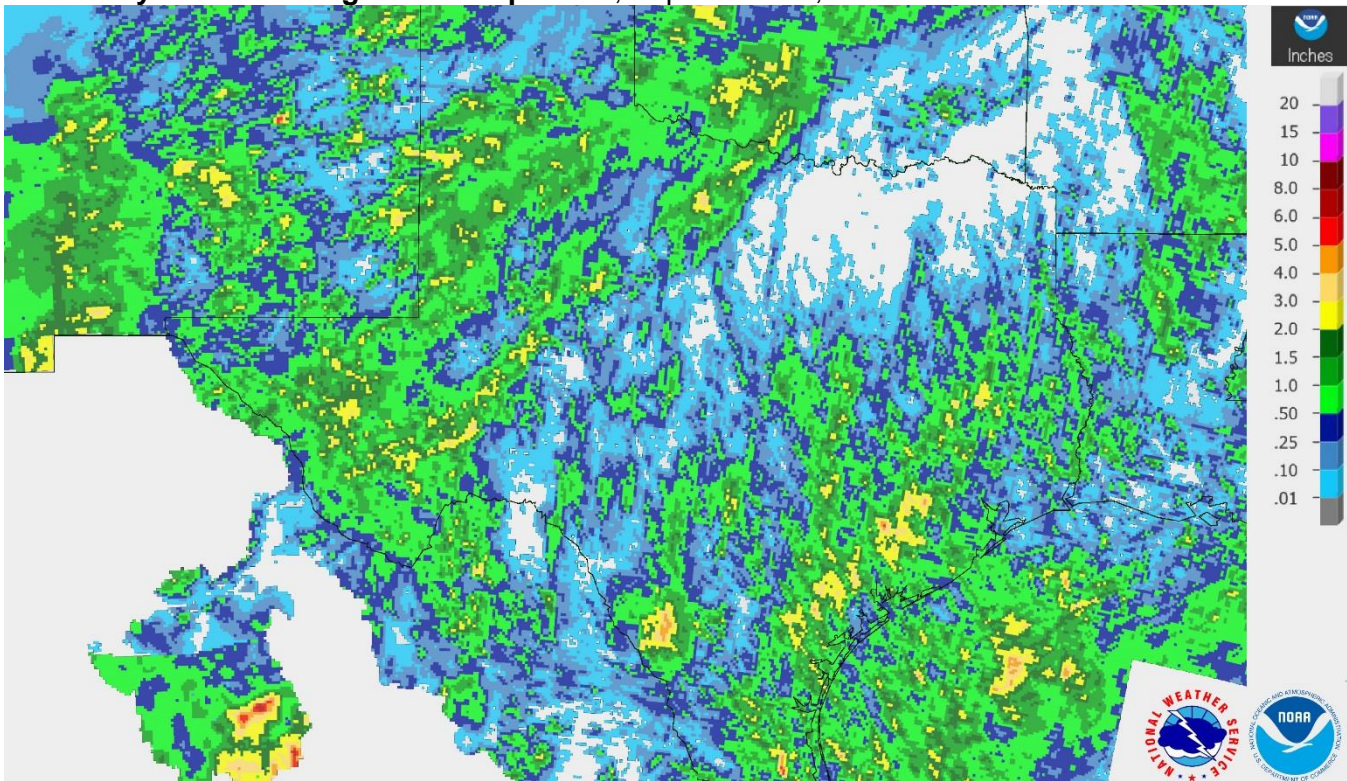
District	Topsoil Moisture Condition by District				Subsoil Moisture Condition by District				Days Suitable for Fieldwork
	Percentage of Acreage				Percentage of Acreage				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
11	40	52	8	0	33	59	7	1	6.0
12	20	69	11	0	19	68	13	0	6.3
21	61	30	9	0	40	49	11	0	5.8
22	31	65	4	0	24	62	14	0	6.5
30	17	54	29	0	13	52	35	0	6.0
40	38	42	20	0	40	40	20	0	6.8
51	22	59	19	0	27	50	20	3	6.9
52	29	49	16	6	24	54	16	6	6.9
60	11	15	74	0	16	11	73	0	6.3
70	54	34	12	0	20	66	14	0	6.4
81	45	38	17	0	40	48	12	0	6.2
82	23	48	29	0	34	47	19	0	5.9
90	23	35	36	6	11	45	37	7	5.6
96	65	31	4	0	87	10	2	1	6.3
97	13	33	47	7	5	37	51	7	3.3
State	34	49	16	1	29	53	17	1	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

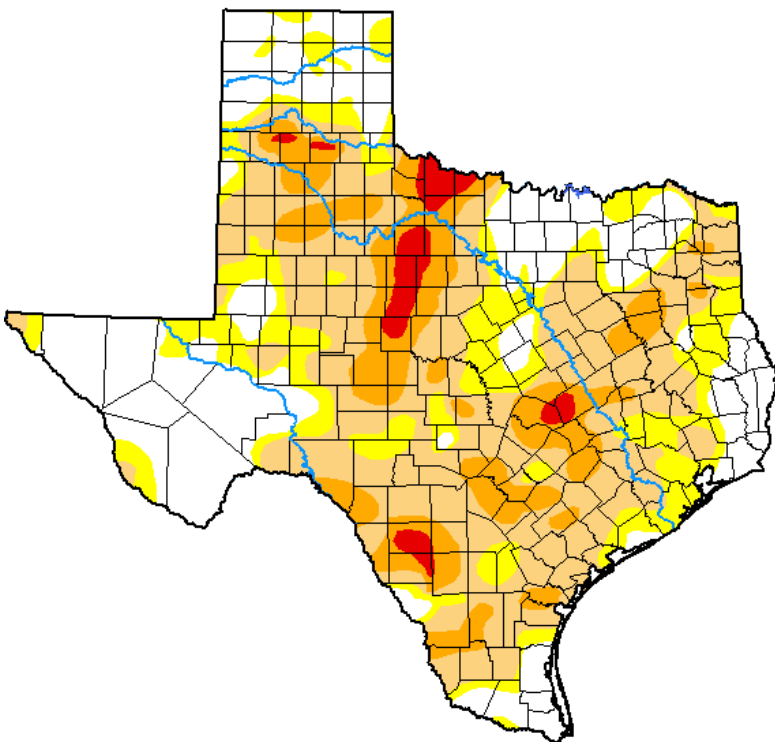


Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, September 15, 2019.



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

Drought Monitor, Valid September 10, 2019.



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	28.16	71.84	53.42	17.43	2.76	0.00
Last Week 09-03-2019	33.59	66.41	42.90	10.26	1.73	0.00
3 Months Ago 06-11-2019	94.90	5.10	0.52	0.00	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 09-25-2018	57.46	42.54	20.19	7.03	0.96	0.00
One Year Ago 09-11-2018	32.07	67.93	31.13	9.81	2.43	0.10

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

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