



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Weekly Summary for November 18-24

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Temperatures ranged from cool to mild across Texas last week. Precipitation was scarce across the state, ranging from trace amounts up to 1 inch of rain. There were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork.

Small Grains: Wheat seeding continued in the High Plains, the Blacklands and South Central Texas. Germination and development of small grains in the Cross Timbers was being affected by cool soil temperatures, lack of moisture and insects. Nevertheless, producers were seeding small grains in hopes of forecasted rain.

Row Crops: Although some areas experienced delays due to rain, cotton harvest continued in most areas of the Plains, the Trans-Pecos and the Edwards Plateau. Corn and sorghum harvest were nearing completion in the Northern Low Plains. Peanut harvest continued in South Texas.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: Producers reported cold damage in some vegetable cole crops in North East Texas. Cabbage and onion progress continued while baby leaf spinach harvest was underway in South Texas. Pecan harvest was in full swing in the Cross Timbers, North East Texas, the Edwards Plateau, South Central Texas and South Texas.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Livestock condition was improving in some areas of the northern and central parts of the state. 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
Cotton				
Harvested	68	56	58	61
Peanuts				
Mature	85	76	84	84
Harvested	79	70	79	88
Soybeans				
Harvested	90	88	92	91
Sunflowers				
Harvested	90	87	89	90
Winter Wheat				
Planted	87	85	89	90
Emerged	75	72	79	80
Oats				
Planted	96	94	96	94
Emerged	90	87	76	75

Crop Condition

Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index ¹	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2019	2018
Cotton	3	20	45	24	8	55	54
Peanuts	0	47	52	1	0	74	70
Soybeans	1	30	48	16	5	61	64
Wheat	11	20	41	19	9	60	64
Oats	5	41	34	12	8	66	62
Range and Pasture	2	14	37	33	14	--	--

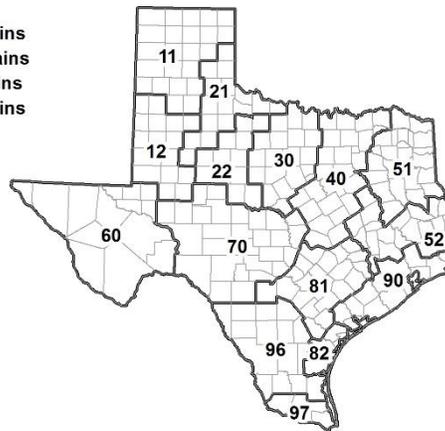
¹ The formula for the condition index is $I = (5V + 25P + 60F + 90G + 110E)/100$ where I = crop condition index and V, P, F, G, E = percentage of crop rated very poor, poor, fair, good, excellent.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable by District

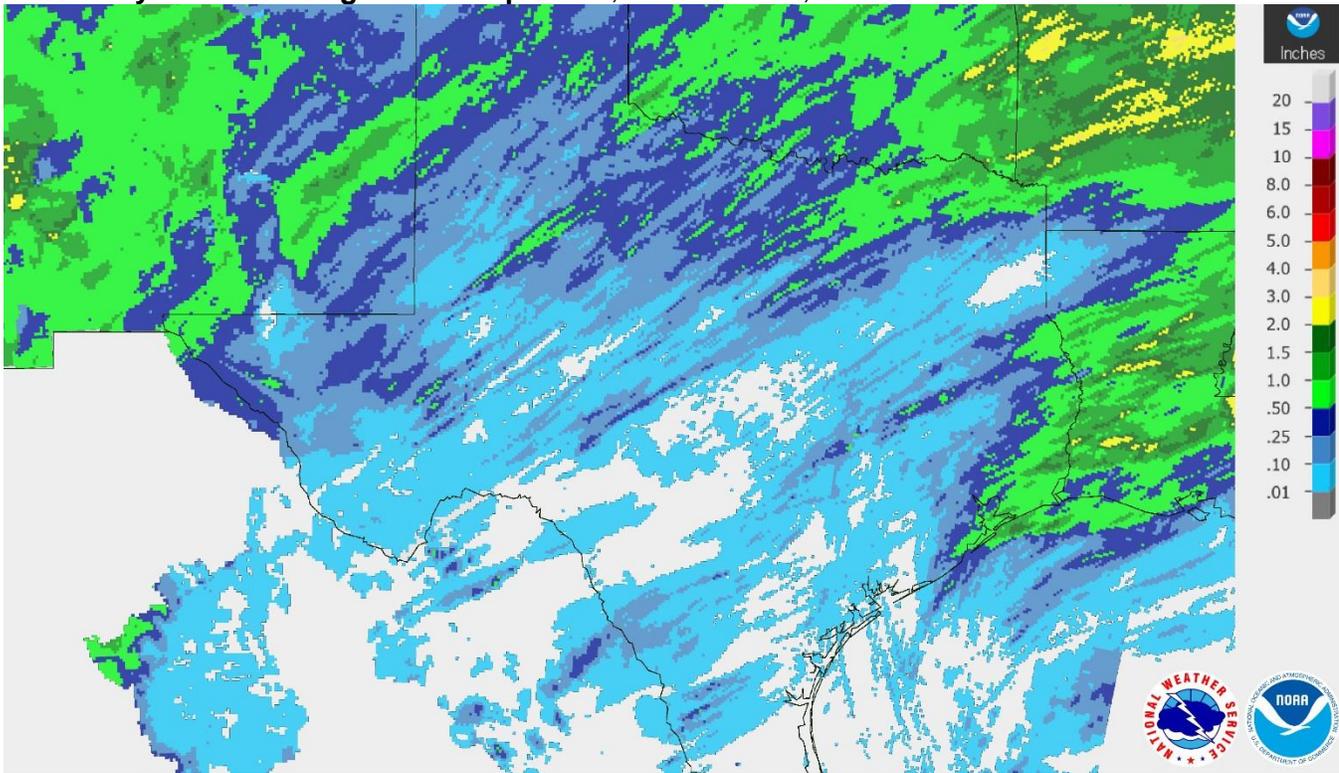
District	Topsoil Moisture Condition by District				Subsoil Moisture Condition by District				Days Suitable for Fieldwork
	Percentage of Acreage				Percentage of Acreage				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
11	7	39	54	0	3	32	65	0	6.9
12	5	37	53	5	7	56	33	4	6.1
21	13	50	36	1	21	47	32	0	6.0
22	23	33	44	0	47	27	26	0	5.3
30	5	32	63	0	9	35	56	0	5.7
40	5	23	62	10	7	29	56	8	5.5
51	3	29	65	3	6	28	62	4	6.7
52	2	16	56	26	3	13	57	27	5.4
60	17	22	61	0	19	20	61	0	5.6
70	22	62	16	0	33	50	16	1	6.5
81	2	45	50	3	12	42	46	0	5.7
82	15	26	59	0	7	48	45	0	4.7
90	0	9	68	23	0	23	55	22	5.2
96	11	41	48	0	13	39	48	0	6.4
97	15	37	37	11	12	29	52	7	7.0
State	8	35	52	5	12	37	47	4	6.1

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

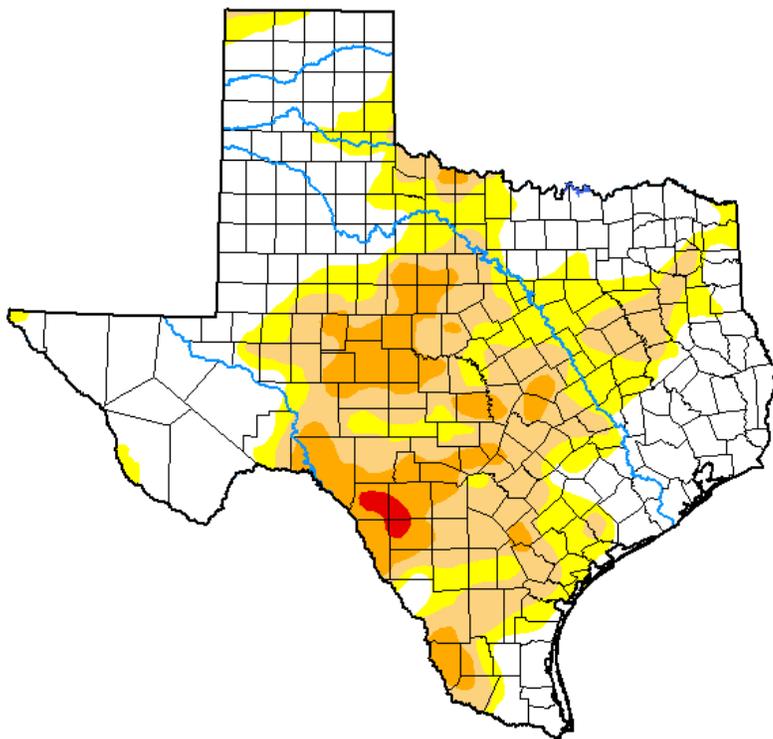


Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, November 24, 2019.



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

Drought Monitor, Valid November 19, 2019.



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	47.81	52.19	31.96	10.46	0.53	0.00
Last Week <i>11-12-2019</i>	46.76	53.24	31.97	11.04	0.56	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>08-20-2019</i>	27.48	72.52	32.00	6.75	0.56	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2019</i>	92.99	7.01	1.32	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2019</i>	31.74	68.26	46.05	22.33	6.32	0.00
One Year Ago <i>11-20-2018</i>	97.73	2.27	0.80	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. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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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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