



## Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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**Weekly Summary for October 5-11**

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Most of Texas received little to no rainfall during the past week. However, isolated areas of East Texas and the Upper Coast received from trace amounts up to 8.0 inches of rain, produced by Hurricane Delta. There were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork.

**Small Grains:** Small grain seeding continued in the High and Low Plains, and the Cross Timbers despite dry conditions. Moisture was needed for better germination and emergence. Meanwhile, some producers in the Blacklands and South Central Texas delayed seeding until more moisture was received.

**Row Crops:** Corn harvest continued in some areas of the High Plains. Cotton harvest preparation was well underway with some producers applying defoliants in the High and Low Plains, with a few reports of harvest getting underway. Cotton harvest neared completion in the Blacklands, South Texas, and the Edwards Plateau, while some producers in the Upper Coast were shredding and plowing residue. Peanut harvest was underway in areas of South Texas, the Southern High Plains, and the Northern Low Plains. Soybean harvest continued in areas of the Blacklands.

**Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops:** Pecans continued to progress in the Southern High Plains while harvest had begun in areas of South Central Texas and the Trans-Pecos. Pumpkin harvest was wrapping up in the Northern High Plains. Meanwhile, melon producers in South Texas prepared fields for next year.

**Livestock, Range and Pasture:** Supplemental feeding continued in areas of the High and Low Plains, the Edwards Plateau, and South Texas. Some producers within the Trans-Pecos reported full stock tanks. Feral hog control continued in many areas of North East Texas. Pasture and range condition were mostly rated fair to poor.

### Crop Progress

Stage	Percent of Acreage			
	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
Corn				
Mature	95	92	89	90
Harvested	81	78	76	74
Cotton				
Bolls Opening	89	83	80	76
Harvested	35	26	26	26
Peanuts				
Mature	45	40	40	41
Harvested	14	10	11	16
Sorghum				
Mature	95	92	95	88
Harvested	90	88	88	77
Soybeans				
Dropping Leaves	85	81	84	86
Harvested	69	60	71	66
Sunflowers				
Harvested	73	70	72	67
Winter Wheat				
Planted	55	44	55	54
Emerged	33	18	36	30
Oats				
Planted	45	(NA)	50	45

(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	19	28	26	20	49	58
Peanuts	1	32	32	19	16	55	78
Sorghum	13	32	33	14	8	67	82
Soybeans	4	65	29	2	0	81	61
Range and Pasture	2	21	44	22	11	54	44

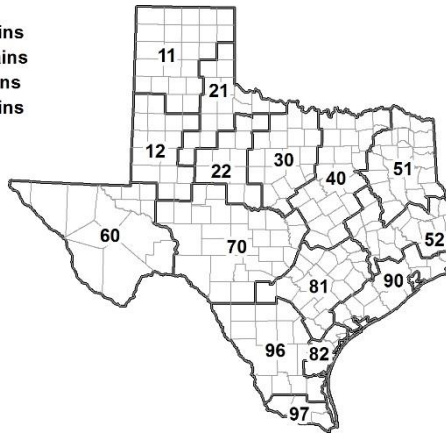
<sup>1</sup> The formula for the condition index is  $I = (5V + 25P + 60F + 90G + 110E)/100$  where I = crop condition index and V, P, F, G, E = percentage of crop rated very poor, poor, fair, good, excellent.

### Soil Moisture and Days Suitable by District

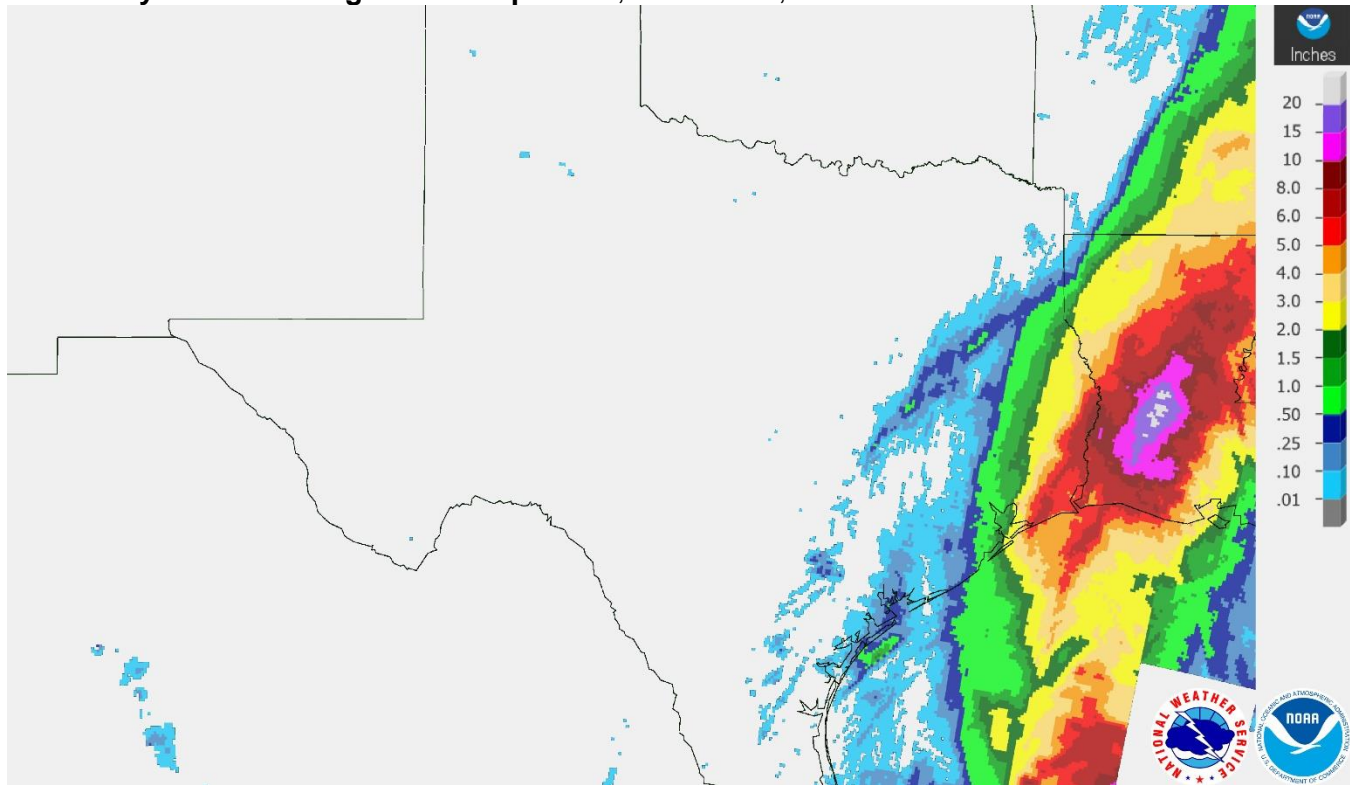
District	Topsoil Moisture Condition by District				Subsoil Moisture Condition by District				Days Suitable for Fieldwork
	Percentage of Acreage				Percentage of Acreage				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
11	52	28	8	12	33	43	12	12	6.1
12	32	40	6	22	35	40	4	21	5.3
21	25	44	31	0	18	41	41	0	7.0
22	20	27	44	9	0	30	70	0	6.7
30	4	38	58	0	6	34	59	1	6.2
40	17	36	47	0	8	39	53	0	6.9
51	7	34	58	1	13	33	53	1	6.9
52	8	35	52	5	8	37	51	4	6.0
60	10	40	50	0	37	13	50	0	6.3
70	9	61	29	1	8	33	57	2	7.0
81	15	31	27	27	0	33	43	24	6.4
82	0	22	63	15	5	16	63	16	4.7
90	2	11	75	12	2	10	79	9	6.5
96	20	57	23	0	17	47	36	0	6.5
97	22	43	33	2	10	27	61	2	7.0
State	25	34	31	10	18	36	37	9	6.3

### 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

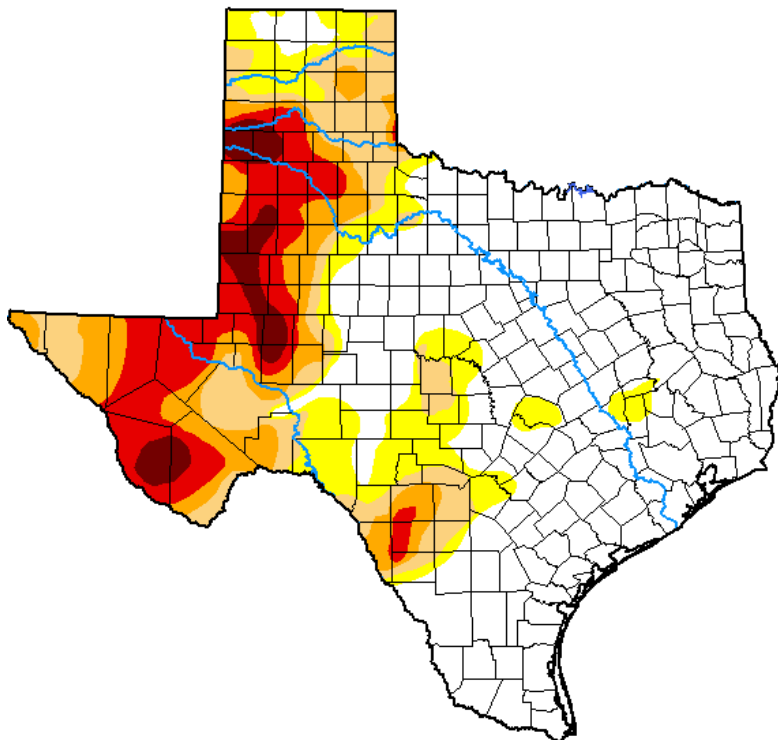


## Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, October 12, 2020.



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

## Drought Monitor, Valid October 6, 2020.



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	55.10	44.90	33.42	22.49	13.18	3.29
<b>Last Week</b> 09-29-2020	57.35	42.65	31.96	20.91	12.02	3.29
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 07-07-2020	46.85	53.15	24.84	8.50	2.23	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> 09-29-2020	57.35	42.65	31.96	20.91	12.02	3.29
<b>One Year Ago</b> 10-08-2019	39.05	60.95	48.52	29.91	8.60	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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