



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Weekly Summary for May 15 - May 21

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Rainfall was received last week throughout most of the state from trace amounts to upwards of 3.00 inches. Isolated areas in the Edwards Plateau and the Southern Low Plains received up to 6.00 inches. Drought conditions ranged from none to exceptionally dry with the Edwards Plateau and the High Plains being the driest. There was an average of 4.7 days suitable for fieldwork.

Small Grains: Winter wheat progress continued with harvest beginning in some areas. However, the wet condition was an issue for harvest in the Cross Timbers. Winter wheat condition throughout the state was rated poor to fair. Winter wheat harvested reached 5 percent, down 5 points from the previous year. Oats harvested reached 17 percent, down 8 points from the previous year. Oats condition was rated 34 percent fair.

Row Crops: In the Edwards plateaus and the Blacklands, corn, sorghum and soybean crops were able to take advantage of the rain and cooler temperatures. However, in the Coastal Bend, there were yellowing leaves on corn and grain sorghum due to excess moisture. Corn silking reached 30 percent, up 4 points from the previous year. Sorghum headed reached 25 percent, up 3 points from the previous year. Peanuts and cotton continued to be planted in the Cross Timbers. Cotton planted reached 35 percent, down 7 points from the previous year. Peanuts planted reached 30 percent, down 7 points from the previous year. In South Texas, sunflowers were being planted reaching 30 percent, down 3 points from the previous year. Rice emerged reached 88 percent, down 3 points from the previous year. Feral hogs continue to be an issue in North East Texas for crop producers.

Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops: In the Cross Timber and the Trans-Pecos, pecan growers were spraying casebearer or zinc on pecan trees.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Producers reduced supplemental feeding in North East Texas. Range and pasture condition was rated fair to good due to rainfall past week. Fly populations were reported as increasing and mosquitos were thriving in the wet conditions.

Crop Progress

Stage	Percent of Acreage			
	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
Corn				
Planted	88	81	91	91
Emerged	77	75	83	81
Cotton				
Planted	35	30	42	43
Peanuts				
Planted	30	22	37	42
Rice				
Planted	93	90	95	94
Emerged	88	84	85	86
Sorghum				
Planted	79	76	78	81
Headed	25	20	22	25
Winter Wheat				
Headed	92	84	91	94
Oats				
Headed	100	93	100	99

Crop Condition

Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index ¹	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2023	2022
Corn	24	48	23	4	1	84	52
Rice	7	82	10	1	0	88	72
Wheat	3	20	32	30	15	49	23
Oats	3	25	34	25	13	53	26
Range and Pasture	9	24	31	20	16	56	27

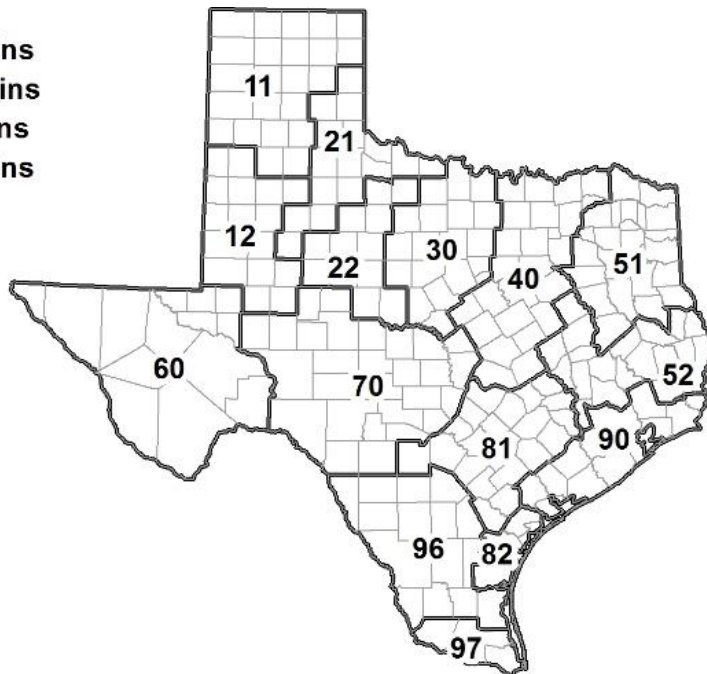
¹ The formula for the condition index is $I = (5V + 25P + 60F + 90G + 110E)/100$ where I = crop condition index and V, P, F, G, E = percentage of crop rated very poor, poor, fair, good, excellent.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable by District

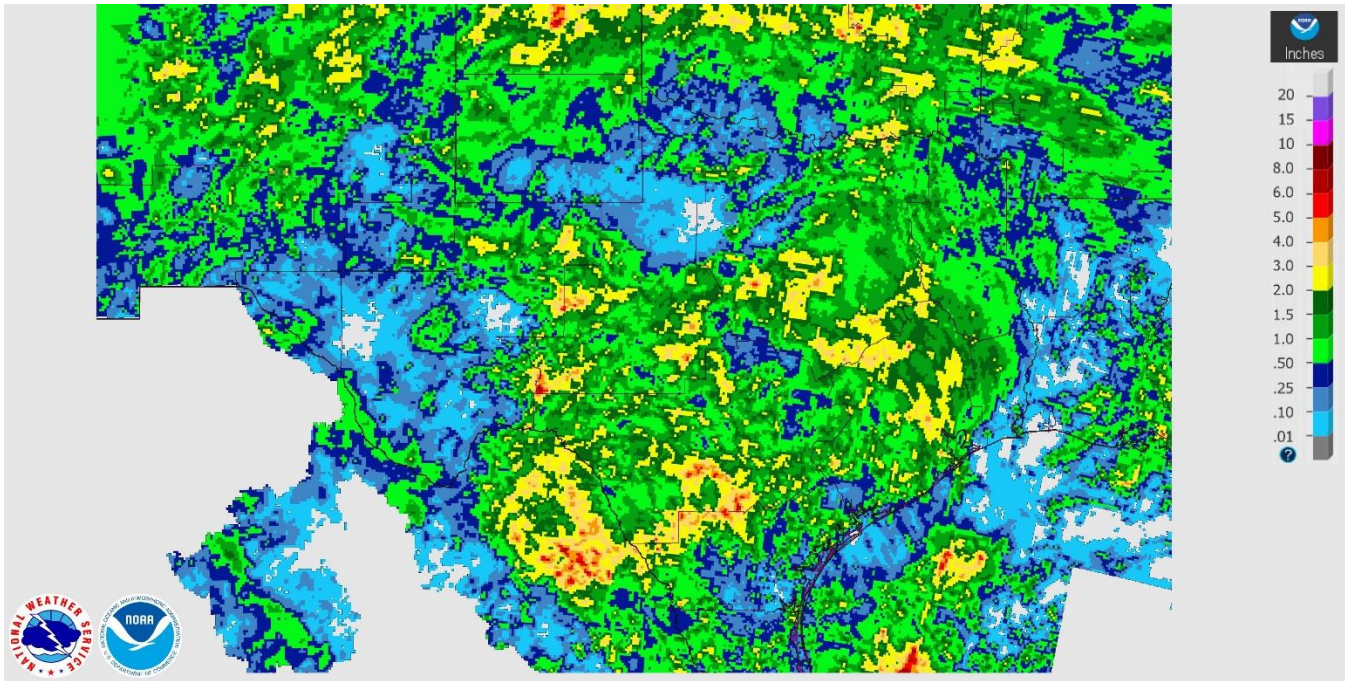
District	Subsoil Moisture Condition by District				Topsoil Moisture Condition by District				Days Suitable for Fieldwork
	Percentage of Acreage				Percentage of Acreage				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
11	17	33	48	2	8	17	72	3	5.1
12	19	54	27	0	9	44	43	4	5.0
21	17	24	59	0	17	30	41	12	6.3
22	19	52	27	2	11	39	43	7	4.0
30	4	28	68	0	2	25	69	4	5.9
40	3	11	61	25	2	11	54	33	3.0
51	1	4	59	36	1	2	58	39	5.9
52	0	3	86	11	1	3	78	18	4.2
60	19	22	56	3	19	22	56	3	6.0
70	27	41	31	1	23	37	38	2	5.0
81	2	21	68	9	0	5	84	11	5.1
82	0	10	62	28	6	4	62	28	3.9
90	0	3	63	34	0	4	46	50	2.5
96	6	25	66	3	4	18	72	6	4.9
97	3	10	77	10	2	9	84	5	3.8
State	12	30	49	9	7	22	58	13	4.7

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

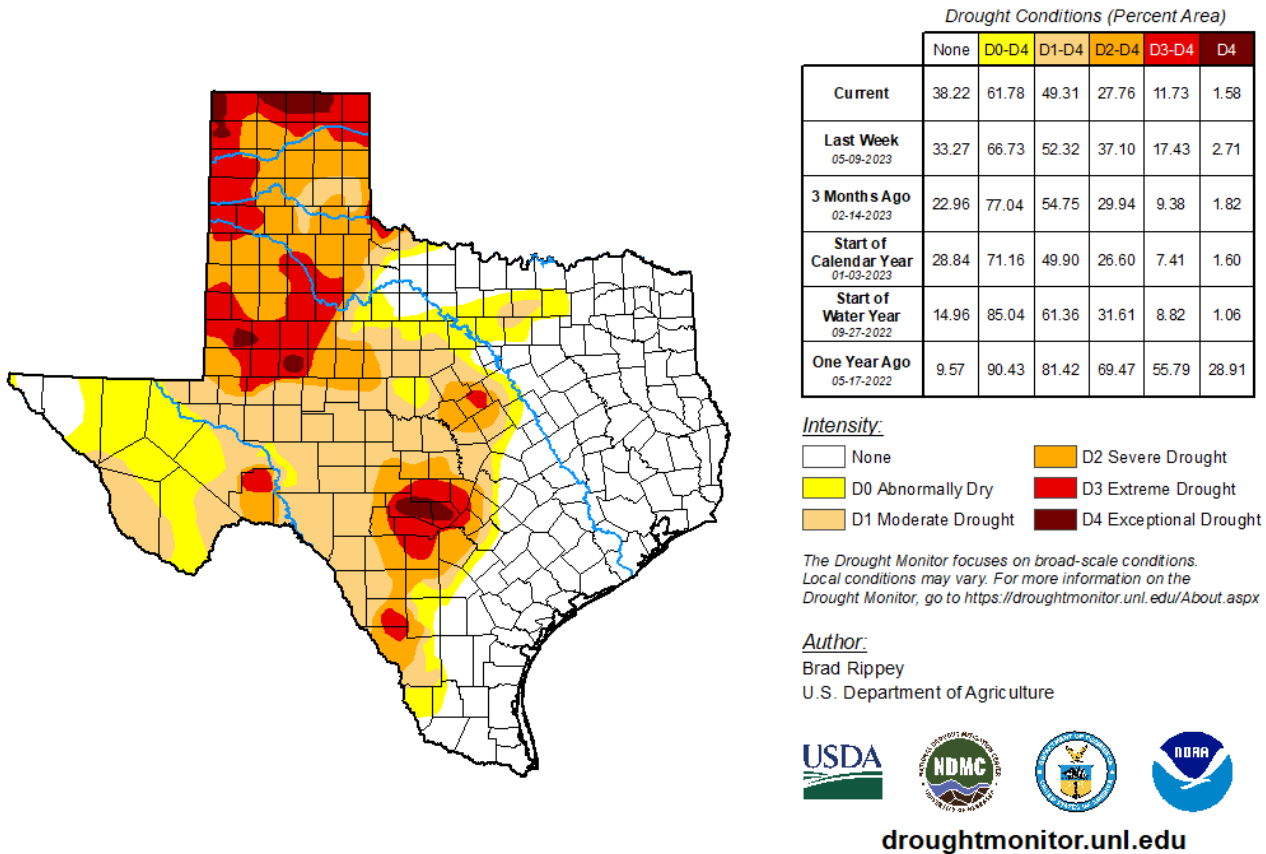


Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, May 21, 2023.



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

Drought Monitor, Valid May 16, 2023.



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