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Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Weather was mostly dry and cool throughout Texas last week. Precipitation in areas of the Northern High Plains, the Low Plains, the Cross Timbers, the Blacklands and North East Texas ranged between 0.2 of an inch and 1 inch of rain, with isolated areas in the Blacklands getting upwards of 2 inches. The rest of the state received little to no precipitation. There were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork.

Small Grains: Wheat seeding was ongoing in areas of the Plains and the Cross Timbers. Wheat conditions were improving in areas of the Low Plains with the recent rains. However, dryland small grains were struggling due to lack of moisture in many parts of the state. Small grains seedings were mostly completed everywhere in the state, with the exception of the Plains.

Row Crops: Cotton harvest was active in the Plains where the weather allowed. Precipitation slowed harvest in areas of the Northern High Plains, the Low Plains and the Trans-Pecos. Meanwhile, harvest was nearing completion in the Edwards Plateau. Peanut harvest continued in South Texas. Ratoon rice crop harvest was almost completed in the Upper Coast.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: Spinach harvest continued in South Texas. Development of fall vegetable crops continued to make good progress in South Texas and the Lower Valley. Pecan harvest continued in the Edwards Plateau and South Central Texas. Rainfall delayed pecan harvest in the Trans-Pecos.

Livestock, **Range and Pasture**: Livestock condition was mostly fair to good across the state. Producers continued providing supplemental feed in many areas of the state. Range and pasture condition remained mostly fair to poor.

Crop Progress

	Percent of Acreage						
Stage							
Clago	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average			
Cotton							
Harvested	74	68	60	65			
Peanuts							
Mature	100	85	85	86			
Harvested	94	79	80	92			
Soybeans							
Harvested	93	90	93	92			
Sunflowers							
Harvested	94	90	89	91			
Winter Wheat							
Planted	91	87	90	91			
Emerged	79	75	80	81			
Oats							
Emerged	95	90	77	76			

Crop Condition

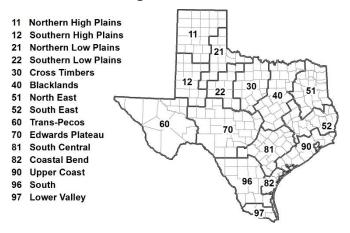
Crop		Percent of Acreage					Index ¹	
Стор	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2019	2018	
Cotton	3	20	45	24	8	55	(NA)	
Peanuts	0	47	52	1	0	74	(NA)	
Soybeans	1	30	48	16	5	61	(NA)	
Wheat	7	22	42	19	10	58	(NA)	
Oats	2	35	44	14	5	64	(NA)	
Range and Pasture	1	14	40	31	14		(NA)	

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. (NA) Not available.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable by District

	Topsoil Moisture Condition by District					Subsoil Moisture Condition by District			
District	Percentage of Acreage			Percentage of Acreage			Days Suitable for		
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Fieldwork
11	7	38	54	1	3	30	66	1	6.9
12	5	71	24	0	5	79	16	0	6.1
21	10	43	46	1	26	49	25	0	4.4
22	2	25	71	2	7	37	54	2	4.2
30	7	36	55	2	10	34	55	1	5.3
40	14	19	61	6	7	21	65	7	4.9
51	3	29	65	3	6	28	62	4	6.7
52	2	17	70	11	2	15	75	8	6.9
60	18	19	63	0	19	17	64	0	4.9
70	18	67	15	0	28	54	18	0	6.2
81	3	54	43	0	15	43	42	0	5.7
82	21	29	50	0	18	49	33	0	6.2
90	2	23	67	8	2	27	61	10	5.2
96	8	52	40	0	6	70	23	1	6.6
97	14	55	27	4	7	33	58	2	5.4
State	8	42	48	2	8	42	48	2	5.8

Texas Agricultural Districts



Drought Monitor, Valid November 26, 2019.

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

D1-D4 None D0-D4 D4 Current 45.51 54.49 32.37 9.98 0.53 0.00 Last Week 47.81 52.19 31.96 10.46 0.53 0.00 11-19-2019 3 Month's Ago 25.90 74.10 37.58 8.75 1.21 0.00 08-27-2019 Start of 92.99 7.01 1.32 0.00 0.00 0.00 Calendar Year 01-01-2019 Start of Water Year 10-01-2019 31.74 68.26 46.05 22.33 6.32 0.00 One Year Ago 97.73 2.27 0.80 0.00 0.00 0.00 11-27-2018 Intensity: None D2 Severe Drought D0 Abnormally Dry D3 Extreme Drought D4 Exceptional Drought D1 Moderate 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 Author: **Brad Rippey** U.S. Department of Agriculture

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

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