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Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Issue: TX-CW1222 **Weekly Summary for April 4 – April 10** **Released: April 11, 2022**

Parts of the state received trace amounts to upwards of 1.50 inches of precipitation. Isolated areas in the Blacklands and North East Texas received up to 3.00 inches. Drought conditions range from none to exceptionally dry with the Northern and Southern Plains, the Blacklands, and South Texas being the driest. There was an average of 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork.

Small Grains: Winter wheat continued to struggle in the Blacklands and the Cross Timbers. Irrigated wheat was doing well in the Northern High Plains and the Edwards Plateau, while other areas reported still needing moisture. Winter wheat condition was rated 79 percent very poor to poor.

Row Crops: Throughout the state, cotton and sorghum planting progress is slow due to a lack of moisture. Rice is being planted in the Upper Coast, but more rain is needed.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: In the Lower Valley, harvesting will begin soon for onions and other vegetables. Winter vegetables fields have been plowed under after harvest is complete.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Supplemental feeding continued across the state. Topsoil and subsoil conditions are very short due to the lack of moisture. Range and pasture conditions continue to decline, especially in the Edwards Plateau and Coastal Bend. Range and pasture condition was rated 76 percent very poor to poor.

Crop Progress

Stage	Percent of Acreage			
	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
Corn				
Planted	63	54	57	58
Emerged	45	21	45	40
Cotton				
Planted	12	6	13	12
Rice				
Planted	60	43	68	62
Emerged	26	12	45	41
Sorghum				
Planted	48	43	49	54
Winter Wheat				
Headed	26	23	26	29
Oats				
Headed	44	33	43	40

(NA) Not available.

Crop Condition

Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index [1]	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2022	2021
Wheat	0	7	14	23	56	23	54
Oats	0	6	9	22	63	19	42
Range and Pasture	1	6	17	30	46	26	39

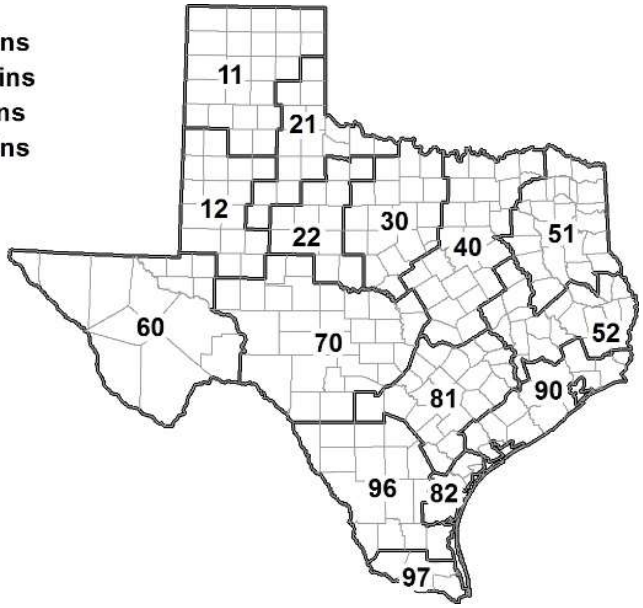
[1] The formula for the condition index is I = (5V + 25P + 60F + 90G + 110E)/100 where I = crop condition index and V, P, F, G, E = percentage of crop rated very poor, poor, fair, good, excellent.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable by District

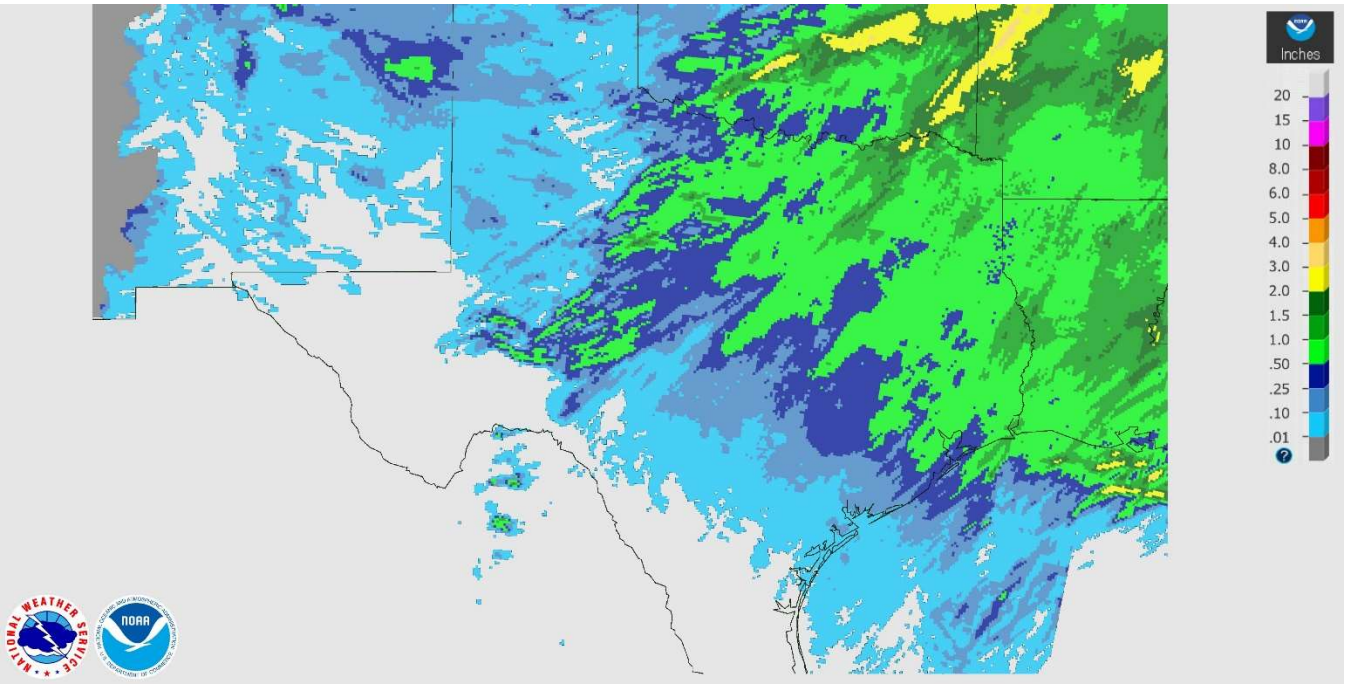
District	Topsoil Moisture Condition by District				Subsoil Moisture Condition by District				Days Suitable for Fieldwork
	Percentage of Acreage				Percentage of Acreage				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
11	88	12	0	0	88	11	1	0	5.9
12	47	48	5	0	62	38	0	0	6.5
21	52	46	2	0	59	40	1	0	5.5
22	86	10	4	0	78	21	1	0	6.1
30	34	39	27	0	32	44	24	0	5.8
40	29	24	41	6	34	25	40	1	6.2
51	8	31	57	4	6	31	58	5	6.4
52	1	42	52	5	1	42	54	3	6.7
60	40	30	30	0	41	25	34	0	6.2
70	86	14	0	0	83	16	1	0	7.0
81	28	36	36	0	19	46	35	0	6.5
82	53	43	4	0	48	44	8	0	7.0
90	13	46	38	3	13	46	41	0	6.8
96	80	13	7	0	44	50	6	0	5.6
97	60	40	0	0	18	33	49	0	5.7
State	53	30	16	1	54	30	16	0	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, April 3, 2022



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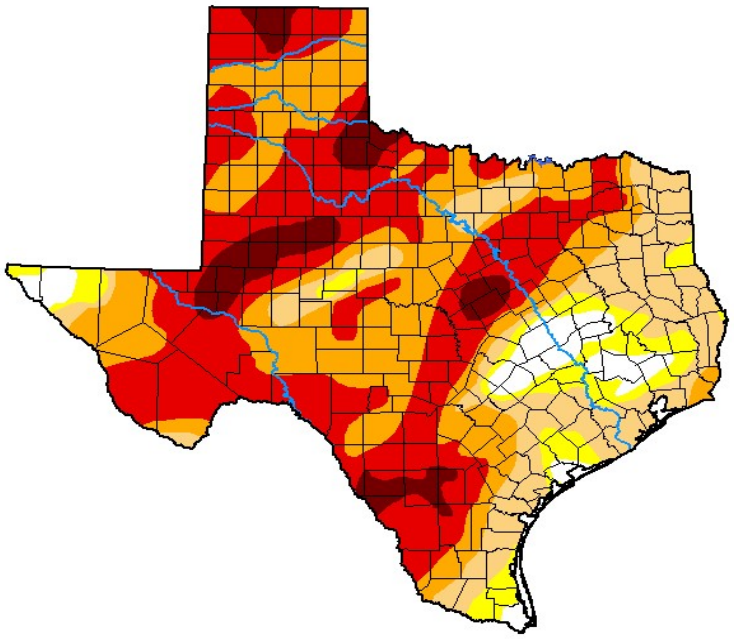
Drought Monitor, Valid March 29, 2022.



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	4.90	95.10	88.22	70.79	42.10	7.03
Last Week 03-22-2022	4.28	95.72	88.24	71.31	40.38	6.20
3 Months Ago 12-28-2021	13.02	86.98	67.27	36.58	10.65	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-04-2022	7.58	92.42	79.83	54.25	16.69	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-28-2021	45.57	54.43	7.26	0.27	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 03-30-2021	10.72	89.28	69.20	34.25	20.38	6.85

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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