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Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Issue: TX-CW2822 **Weekly Summary for July 25 - July 31** **Released: August 1, 2022**

Much of the state received from trace amounts to upwards of 3.00 inches of precipitation. Isolated areas in the Northern High Plains received up to 6.00 inches. Drought conditions ranged from none to exceptionally dry with the High and Low Plains, the Edwards Plateau, the Blacklands, and South Central Texas being the driest. There was an average of 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork.

Row Crops: Cotton producers in the Southern Plains and the Northern Low Plains have reported inadequate rain along with excessive heat; with this, some cotton fields are starting to bloom while others are struggling to keep up with moisture needs of the crop. Sorghum producers noticed there was a struggle for the crop to mature; in the Blacklands and the Upper Coast there are reports of some growers turning to cutting for silage. Corn harvest continued across the state with producers noticing short plants in areas of the Blacklands due to drought conditions.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops: Pecan producers across the state have noted the pecans seem to be progressing well in the weather conditions. Melons and cantaloupe seem to be fairing well in South Texas. North East Texas reports vegetable crops are struggling due to the lack of rain and hot temperatures.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Supplemental feeding continued across the state. Producers are also liquidating their cattle due to the lack of pastureland and dry conditions. Range and pasture conditions are rated 91 percent, very poor to poor.

Crop Progress

Stage	Percent of Acreage			
	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
Corn				
Silked	90	86	92	93
Dough	69	68	72	71
Dented	60	54	57	58
Mature	36	20	37	35
Harvested	8	7	0	9
Cotton				
Squaring	86	75	76	84
Setting Bolls	51	45	39	39
Bolls Opening	7	(NA)	0	8
Peanuts				
Pegging	57	40	57	58
Rice				
Headed	91	68	84	92
Harvested	12	1	6	10
Sorghum				
Headed	86	84	87	83
Coloring	67	63	65	67
Mature	48	45	49	53
Harvested	36	10	0	33
Soybeans				
Blooming	82	79	80	83
Setting Pods	58	45	56	55
Dropping Leaves	7	(NA)	3	5
Sunflowers				
Harvested	29	24	29	29

(NA) Not available.

Crop Condition

Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index [1]	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2022	2021
Corn	1	19	30	32	18	45	80
Cotton	4	21	39	14	22	51	75
Peanuts	6	25	54	13	2	65	73
Rice	13	27	52	6	2	71	78
Sorghum	0	16	36	23	25	43	75
Soybeans	2	28	42	25	3	59	73
Range and Pasture	0	1	8	26	65	15	71

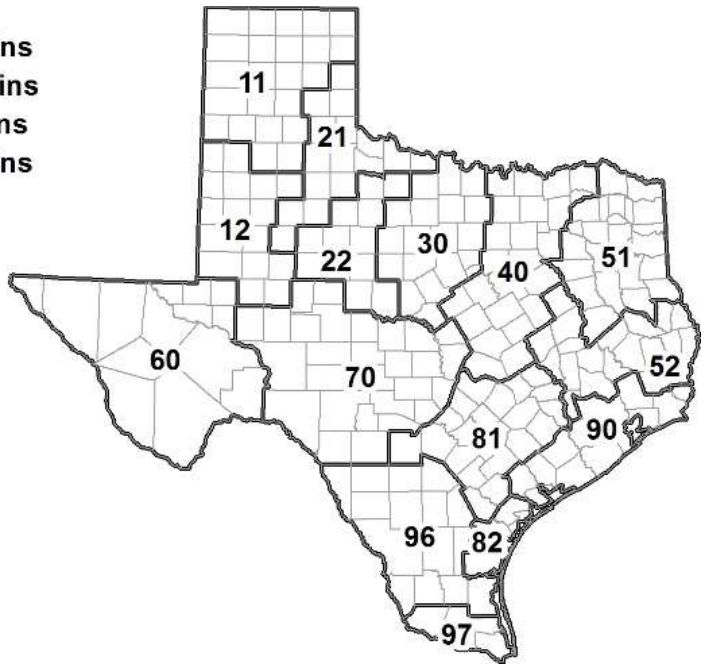
[1] The formula for the condition index is I = (5V + 25P + 60F + 90G + 110E)/100 where I = crop condition index and V, P, F, G, E = percentage of crop rated very poor, poor, fair, good, excellent.

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	8	17	66	9	12	34	54	0	5.1
12	100	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	7.0
21	77	22	1	0	73	26	1	0	6.1
22	98	2	0	0	86	14	0	0	6.2
30	84	16	0	0	79	21	0	0	5.1
40	80	19	1	0	73	25	2	0	6.7
51	70	23	5	2	69	24	5	2	6.9
52	69	29	2	0	63	35	2	0	6.9
60	18	8	74	0	18	8	74	0	6.2
70	92	8	0	0	87	12	1	0	6.6
81	86	14	0	0	84	16	0	0	7.0
82	76	10	14	0	83	7	10	0	7.0
90	64	28	8	0	70	22	8	0	6.6
96	65	20	15	0	65	19	13	3	6.4
97	88	8	4	0	23	42	35	0	4.8
State	69	13	16	2	66	20	14	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



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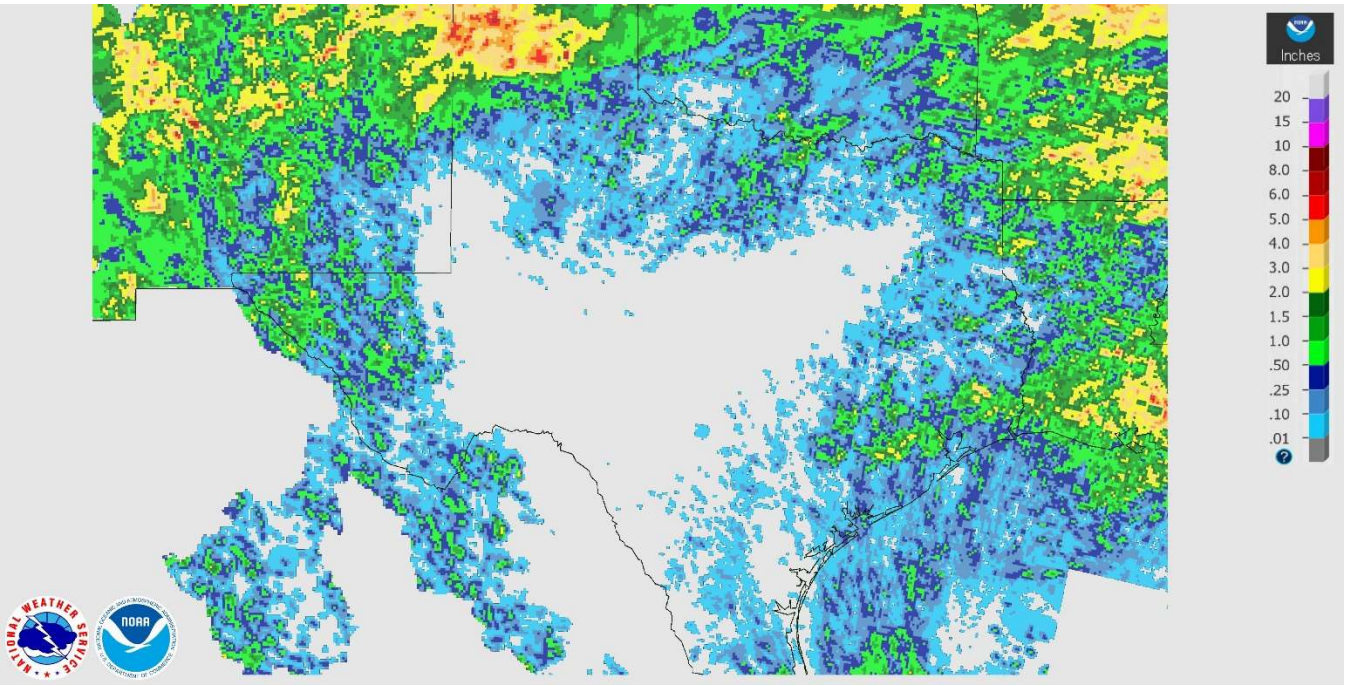
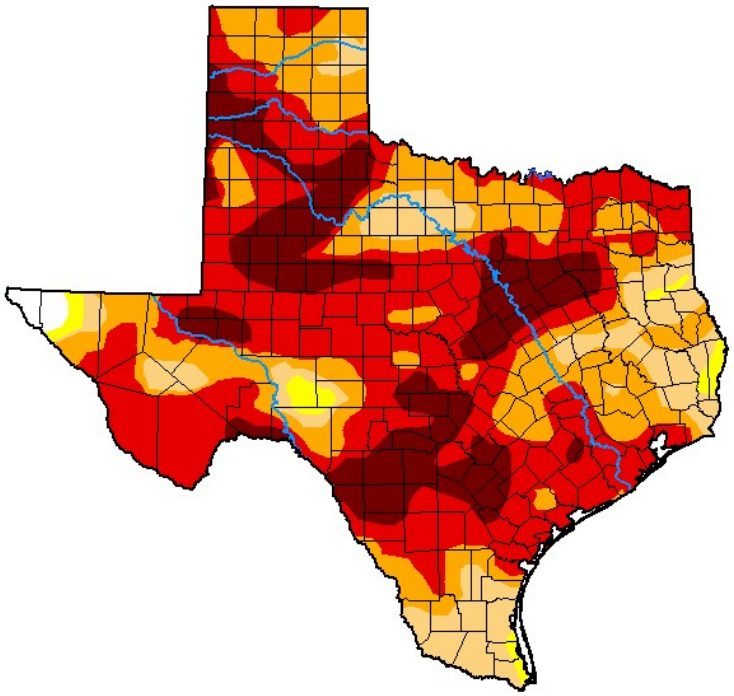
Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, July 31, 2022.



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

Drought Monitor, Valid July 26, 2022.



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.82	99.18	97.40	85.15	60.06	18.80
Last Week 07-19-2022	0.82	99.18	94.77	84.08	56.67	20.40
3 Months Ago 04-26-2022	6.21	93.79	82.11	70.28	50.25	19.62
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 07-27-2021	94.05	5.95	1.15	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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