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Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Much of the state received from trace amounts to upwards of 3.00 inches of precipitation. Isolated areas in the Blacklands, South Central Texas and the North East Texas received up to 5.00 inches. Drought conditions ranged from none to exceptionally dry with the Edwards Plateau and the Plains being the driest. There was an average of 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork.

Small Grains: In some areas of the Northern High Plains and the Edwards Plateau, producers have continued to cut their wheat for hay and silage. In the Blacklands, winter wheat continued to show improvement and in South Texas, wheat was mature and ready for harvest. Winter wheat condition throughout the state was rated poor to very poor. Winter wheat headed reached 77 percent, up 2 points from the previous year and unchanged from normal. Oats headed reached 90 percent, down one point from the previous year. Oats condition was rated 59 percent fair to poor.

Row Crops: In the Blacklands and the Coastal Bend, both corn and sorghum continued to show progress. Corn emerged reached 67 percent, up 4 points from the previous year. In South Central Texas, corn started to tassel. Sorghum planted reached 73 percent, up 4 points from the previous year. In the Blacklands, excess moisture prevented cotton from growing, while in the Trans-Pecos, pima and upland cotton growth was in good progress. Peanuts were planted in the Southern High Plains and Northern Low Plains. Rice emerged reached 79 percent, down four points from the previous year.

Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops: In South East Texas and South Texas, onions were being harvested. In South Texas, watermelon and cantaloupe were in good conditions.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Producers reduced supplemental feeding in South Texas. Range and pasture condition was rated 52 percent very poor to poor. In the areas that received rain, pasture and rangeland benefited and started to show signs of improvement.

Crop Progress

Stage	Percent of Acreage			
	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
Corn				
Planted	77	74	80	77
Emerged	67	65	63	61
Cotton				
Planted	23	20	22	22
Peanuts				
Planted	9	0	4	9
Rice				
Planted	89	83	87	88
Emerged	79	69	75	77
Sorghum				
Planted	73	69	69	73
Headed	15	7	10	11
Winter Wheat				
Headed	77	69	75	77
Oats				
Headed	90	80	91	93

Crop Condition

Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index [1]	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2023	2022
Corn	17	43	23	16	1	81	64
Rice	5	76	17	2	0	83	N/A
Wheat	3	17	24	31	25	40	23
Oats	2	22	33	26	17	45	23
Range and Pasture	5	21	22	26	26	45	29

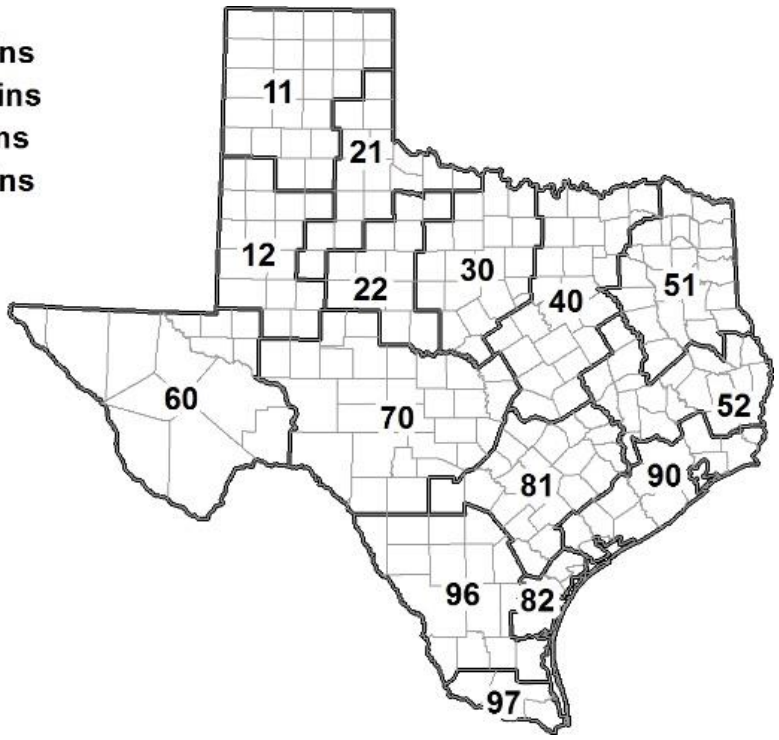
[1] The formula for the condition index is I = (5V + 25P + 60F + 90G + 110E)/100 where I = crop condition index and V, P, F, G, E = percentage of crop rated very poor, poor, fair, good, excellent. (NA) Not available.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable by District

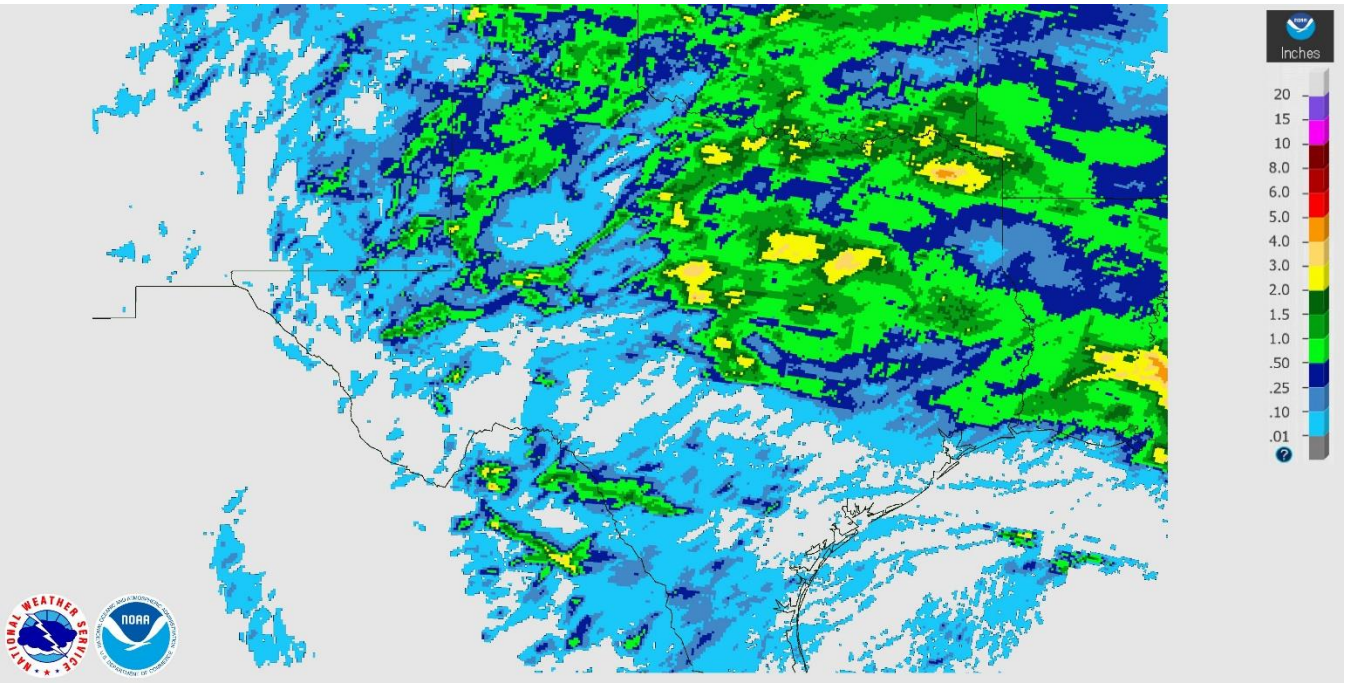
District	Subsoil Moisture Condition by District				Topsoil Moisture Condition by District				Days Suitable for Fieldwork
	Percentage of Acreage				Percentage of Acreage				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
11	45	39	16	0	42	43	15	0	4.8
12	88	12	0	0	77	23	0	0	5.1
21	14	46	38	2	21	43	34	2	5.4
22	33	44	22	1	30	45	18	7	5.7
30	16	32	33	19	5	31	47	17	5.1
40	9	15	53	23	3	8	65	24	3.5
51	1	4	57	38	1	4	55	40	5.9
52	2	5	74	19	1	5	73	21	4.5
60	29	23	48	0	29	23	48	0	6.0
70	37	54	9	0	57	27	16	0	6.7
81	1	24	68	7	2	19	71	8	5.5
82	5	5	58	32	5	5	58	32	3.9
90	0	21	40	39	0	4	53	43	4.7
96	18	33	49	0	17	37	42	4	6.2
97	3	14	79	4	5	24	69	2	5.4
State	34	26	31	9	30	27	33	10	5.0

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

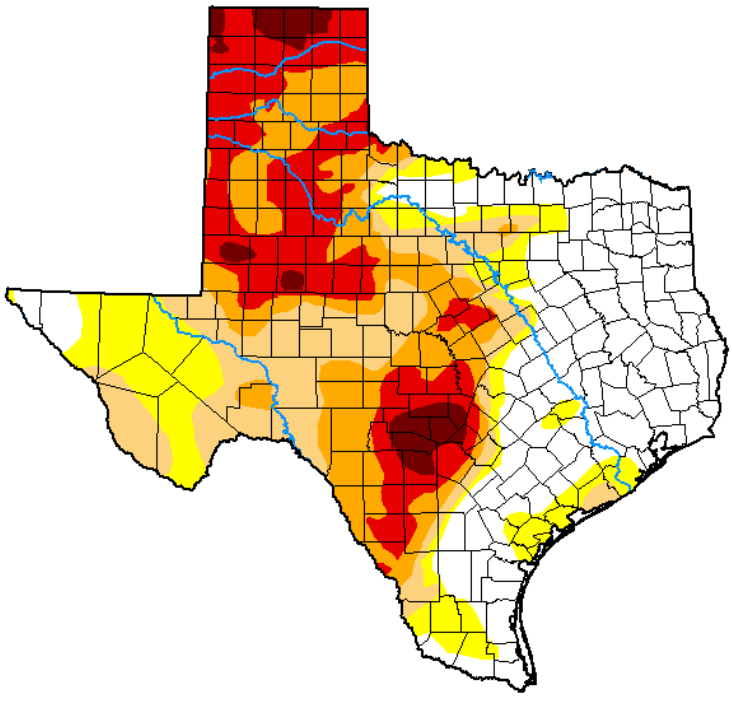


Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, May 7, 2023.



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

Drought Monitor, Valid May 2, 2023.



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	31.81	68.19	53.66	37.73	20.66	3.37
Last Week 04-25-2023	26.78	73.22	55.32	38.21	16.58	3.50
3 Months Ago 01-31-2023	19.54	80.46	53.35	28.62	7.89	1.80
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2023	28.84	71.16	49.90	26.60	7.41	1.60
Start of Water Year 09-27-2022	14.96	85.04	61.36	31.61	8.82	1.06
One Year Ago 05-03-2022	8.83	91.17	80.02	67.29	50.91	23.19

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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