



## Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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**Weekly Summary for September 25 - October 1**

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Warmer temperatures continued across the state, while some districts welcomed scattered rain showers. Rainfall ranged from trace amounts to 4 inches with the Blacklands, the Edwards Plateau and North East Texas receiving the most rain. Drought conditions ranged from none to exceptional drought with areas in South Central, the Edwards Plateau, the Upper Coast, and South East Texas being the driest. There was an average of 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork.

**Small Grains:** Wheat planting was underway across the state, with some reporting emergence. Winter wheat planted reached 45 percent, down 2 points from the previous year. Winter wheat emerged reached 13 percent, down 5 points from the previous year.

### **Row Crops:**

In the Northern High Plains, corn harvest continued while sorghum harvest was expected to begin soon. Corn mature reached 91 percent, down 5 points from the previous year. Corn harvest continued across the state with 78 percent harvested. Sorghum harvested for grain reached 85 percent, down 5 points from the previous year. The cotton crop continued to show signs of stress due to extreme drought conditions. In the Northern High Plains, cotton harvest was expected to begin next week. In the Southern High Plains, defoliants were applied to remaining cotton, while most fields in the district were reported to insurance adjusters. Cotton bolls opening reached 68 percent for the state, down 1 point from the previous year. Cotton harvested reached 28 percent, down 2 points from the previous year. In the Trans-Pecos district, sunflowers have headed out. Sunflowers harvested reached 75 percent, down 6 points from the previous year. In the Upper Coast, rice harvest was wrapping up. Rice harvested reached 94 percent, down 2 points from the previous year. Soybean harvested reached 47 percent, up 7 points from the previous year. Peanuts mature reached 40 percent, unchanged from the previous year. Peanut harvest reached 7 percent, down 1 point from the previous year.

### **Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops:**

In South Texas, producers began planting spinach. In the Cross Timbers district, some producers were spraying for aphids.

### **Livestock, Range and Pasture:**

Range and pasture conditions in parts of the state improved with recent rains, while other areas remained poor. Range and pasture condition was rated very poor to poor. Livestock producers continued to supplement stock with hay, while some continued to cull their herds.

**Crop Progress by Percent**  
For Week Ending October 1, 2023

Stage	Percent of Acreage			
	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
<b>Corn</b>				
Mature	91	88	96	90
Harvested	78	73	79	76
<b>Cotton</b>				
Bolls Opening	68	59	69	67
Harvested	28	24	30	24
<b>Peanuts</b>				
Mature	40	32	40	35
Harvested	7	0	8	6
<b>Rice</b>				
Harvested	94	92	96	98
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Mature	94	91	99	92
Harvested	85	80	90	84
<b>Soybeans</b>				
Dropping Leaves	86	83	94	86
Harvested	47	40	40	60
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Harvested	75	70	81	71
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Planted	45	30	47	42
Emerged	13	6	18	13

**Crop Condition by Percent**  
For Week Ending October 1, 2023

Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index <sup>1</sup>	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2023	2022
Corn	12	37	27	15	9	67	42
Cotton	1	10	24	26	39	33	35
Peanuts	0	34	40	20	6	60	62
Rice	8	55	35	2	0	80	79
Sorghum	16	29	22	17	16	62	48
Soybeans	7	28	37	23	5	61	39
Range and Pasture	1	4	22	30	43	28	43

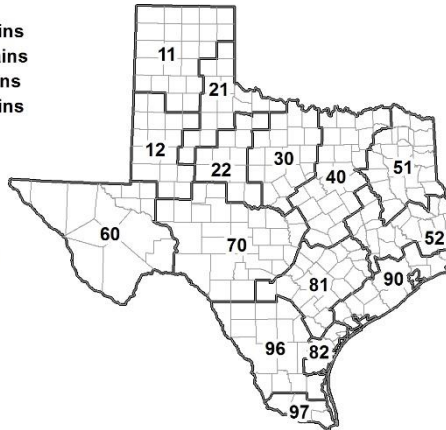
<sup>1</sup> The formula for the condition index is  $I = (5V + 25P + 60F + 90G + 110E)/100$  where I = crop condition index and V, P, F, G, E = percentage of crop rated very poor, poor, fair, good, excellent.

**Soil Moisture and Days Suitable by District**  
For Week Ending October 1, 2023

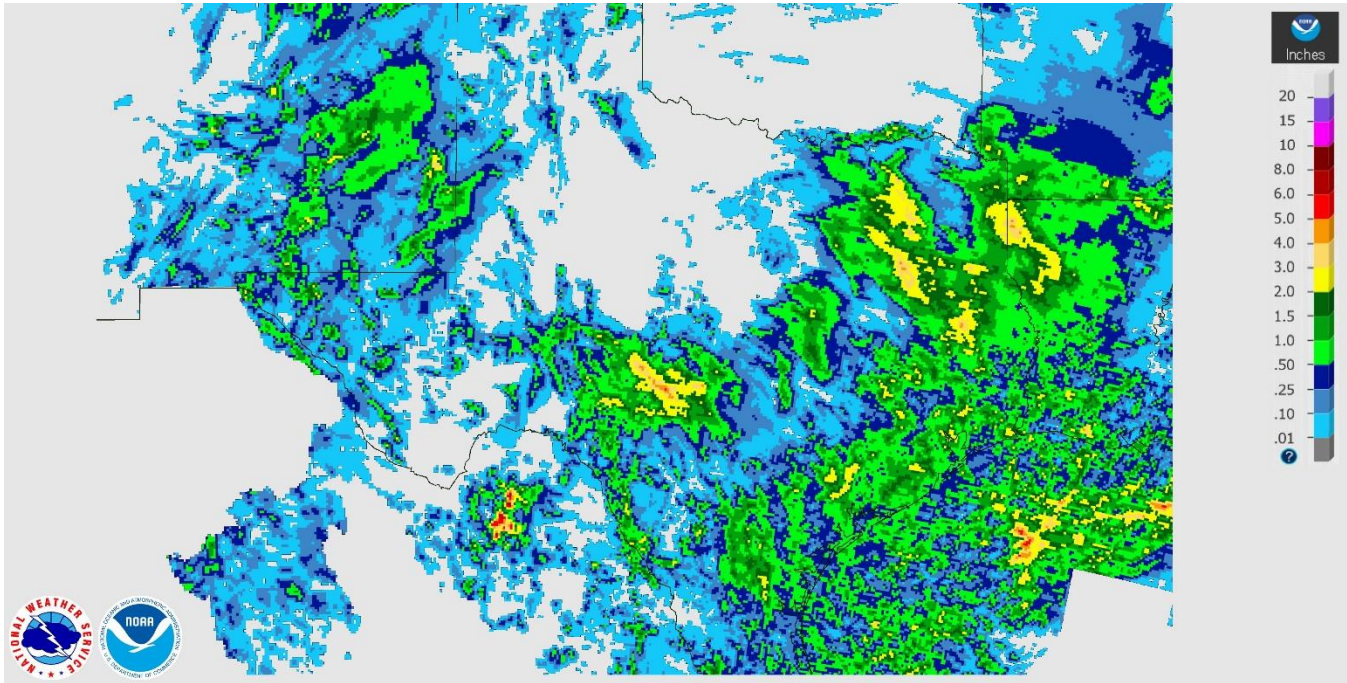
District	Subsoil Moisture Condition by District				Topsoil Moisture Condition by District				Days Suitable for Fieldwork
	Percentage of Acreage				Percentage of Acreage				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
11	25	38	36	1	18	40	42	0	6.9
12	60	40	0	0	46	49	5	0	7.0
21	34	58	8	0	59	27	14	0	6.3
22	22	53	25	0	25	47	28	0	6.3
30	57	33	10	0	43	39	18	0	6.6
40	54	34	11	1	43	36	21	0	6.2
51	30	45	23	2	26	46	26	2	6.8
52	49	36	12	3	49	36	13	2	6.6
60	15	85	0	0	16	84	0	0	7.0
70	49	17	34	0	31	39	30	0	6.6
81	68	22	10	0	58	30	12	0	6.3
82	15	20	59	6	14	9	66	11	4.8
90	61	28	11	0	43	48	9	0	6.2
96	38	46	16	0	32	45	22	1	6.6
97	24	73	3	0	78	21	1	0	6.7
State	43	39	17	1	38	40	22	0	6.6

**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

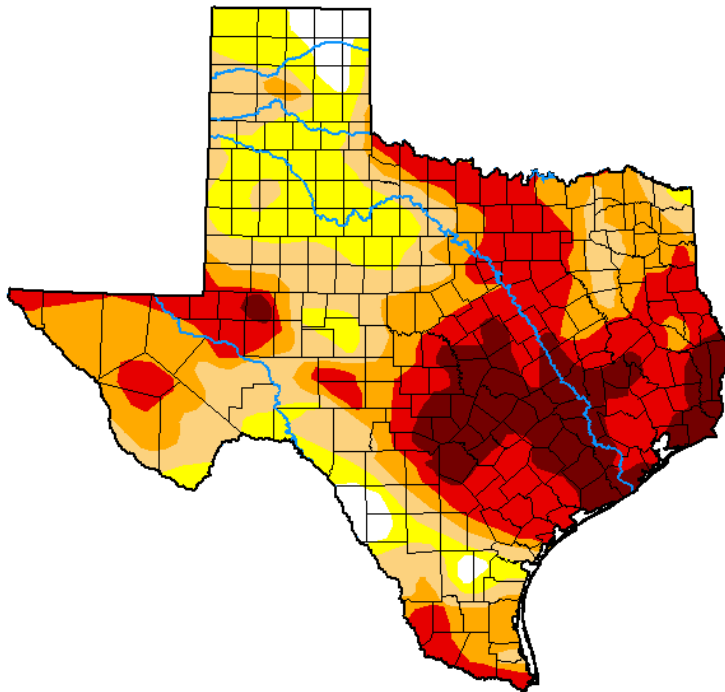


# Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, October 1, 2023.



Source: National Weather Service, [www.nws.noaa.gov](http://www.nws.noaa.gov)

# Drought Monitor, Map released: September 28, 2023.



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	3.03	96.97	80.64	59.66	38.06	12.68
<b>Last Week</b> 09-19-2023	3.03	96.97	81.91	61.33	40.76	16.02
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 06-27-2023	30.71	69.29	24.38	6.05	1.37	0.29
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-03-2023	28.84	71.16	49.90	26.60	7.41	1.60
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-27-2022	14.96	85.04	61.36	31.61	8.82	1.06
<b>One Year Ago</b> 09-27-2022	14.96	85.04	61.36	31.61	8.82	1.06

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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