



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Weekly Summary for October 16 - October 22

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Warmer temperatures returned across the state causing crops and pastures to show signs of stress. There was no recorded rainfall in the state. Drought conditions ranged from none to exceptional drought with areas in the Edwards Plateau, the Blacklands, the South Central district and South East Texas being the driest. There was an average of 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork.

Small Grains: Rainfall was needed across the state to help small grains progress. In the Northern High Plains, some producers continued preparing fields to plant winter wheat, while others reported some of the crop had suffered due to dry conditions. In the Southern Low Plains, some producers were replating winter wheat due to poor emergence. In the Edwards Plateau, winter wheat planting was paused due to dry conditions. In South Texas, producers were preparing their fields for planting. Winter wheat planted reached 68 percent, down 6 points from the previous year. Winter wheat emerged reached 45 percent, unchanged from the previous year.

Row Crops: In the Northern High Plains, some producers began harvesting sorghum for grain. Corn harvest reached 89 percent, down 3 points from the previous year. Sorghum harvested for grain reached 97 percent, down 3 points from the previous year. In the Southern Low Plains, some producers began stripping cotton. In the Northern Low Plains, cotton harvest was off to a slow start. In the Edwards Plateau, cotton ginning was expected to begin soon. In South Texas, cotton harvest was complete with most bales hauled out of the fields. Cotton bolls opening reached 86 percent for the state, down 2 points from the previous year. Cotton harvested reached 40 percent, down 1 point from the previous year. Sunflowers harvested reached 92 percent, up 2 points from the previous year. Soybean harvest reached 74 percent, up 3 points from the previous year. In South Texas, peanut harvest was underway. Peanuts mature reached 64 percent, unchanged from the previous year. Peanut harvest reached 35 percent, down 5 points from the previous year.

Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops: In the Northern High Plains, producers were planting winter peas. In the Trans-Pecos, harvest continued for pumpkins, watermelons, and cantaloupes. In the Lower Valley, vegetable producers were irrigating where water was available, while some oranges were being harvested.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Many pastures were lacking forage as the grasses became dormant. In South Texas and the Lower Valley, pastures were improving. Range and pasture condition was rated very poor to poor. The last of the hay crop was being cut. In the Northern Low Plains, producers were waiting to turn cattle out on wheat. Livestock producers continued to supplement stock with hay.

Crop Progress by Percent
For Week Ending October 22, 2023

Stage	Percentage of Acreage			
	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
Corn				
Harvested	89	86	92	87
Cotton				
Bolls Opening	86	82	88	88
Harvested	40	37	41	39
Peanuts				
Mature	64	60	64	57
Harvested	35	20	40	30
Sorghum				
Harvested	97	92	100	93
Soybeans				
Harvested	74	68	71	78
Sunflowers				
Harvested	92	87	90	80
Winter Wheat				
Planted	68	62	74	69
Emerged	45	35	45	45

Crop Condition by Percent
For Week Ending October 22, 2023

Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index ¹	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2023	2022
Corn	12	37	27	15	9	67	42
Cotton	1	9	24	27	39	32	33
Peanuts	2	35	61	2	0	71	66
Sorghum	16	29	22	17	16	62	48
Soybeans	7	28	37	23	5	61	35
Range and Pasture	1	6	26	30	37	31	36

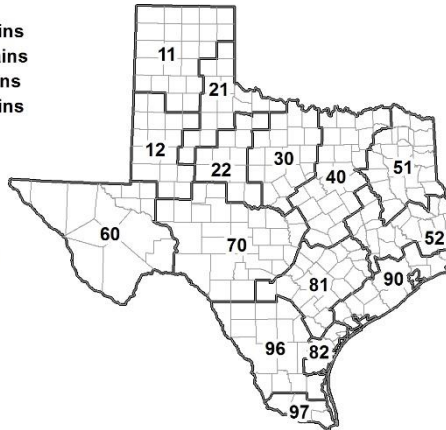
¹ The formula for the condition index is $I = (5V + 25P + 60F + 90G + 110E)/100$ where I = crop condition index and V, P, F, G, E = percentage of crop rated very poor, poor, fair, good, excellent.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable by District
For Week Ending October 22, 2023

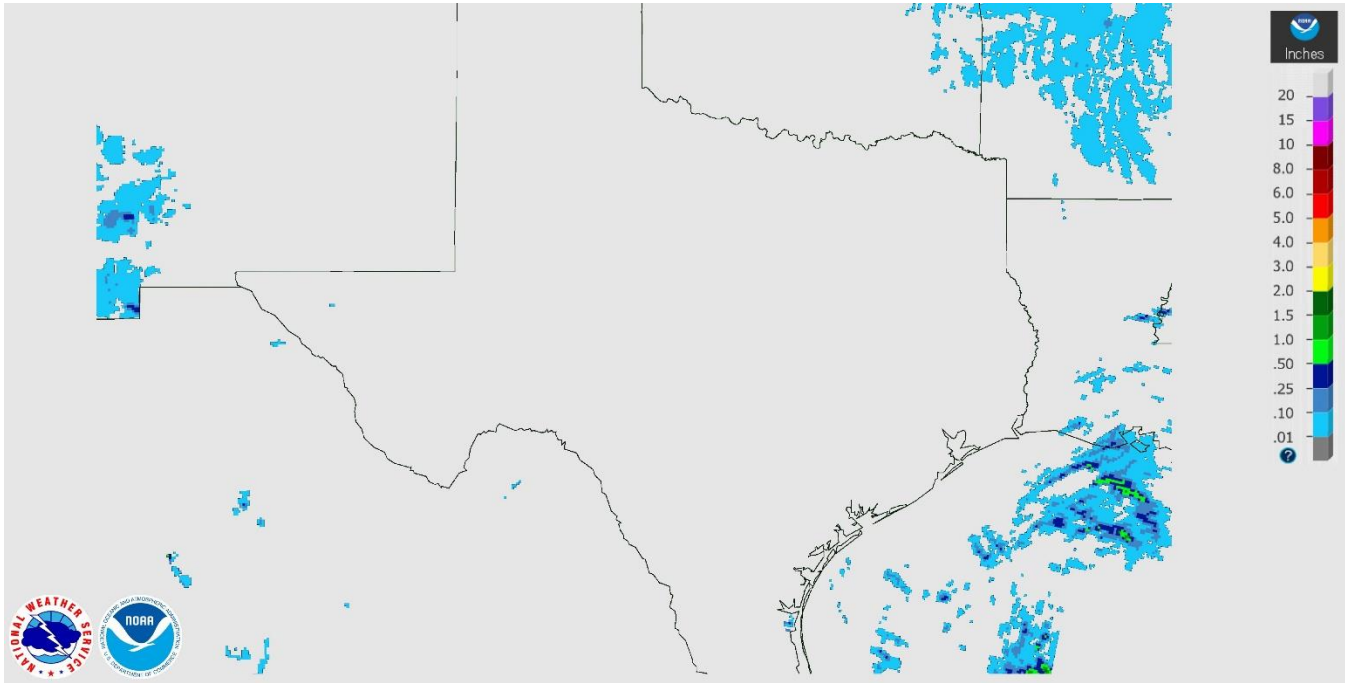
District	Subsoil Moisture Condition by District				Topsoil Moisture Condition by District				Days Suitable for Fieldwork
	Percentage of Acreage				Percentage of Acreage				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
11	31	40	29	0	34	47	19	0	6.9
12	47	45	7	1	45	43	11	1	7.0
21	37	52	11	0	47	38	15	0	6.8
22	34	57	9	0	39	47	14	0	6.5
30	59	34	7	0	58	34	8	0	6.5
40	48	41	11	0	48	37	15	0	6.3
51	29	51	20	0	25	53	22	0	7.0
52	15	52	33	0	13	42	44	1	7.0
60	23	56	21	0	45	34	21	0	6.8
70	53	34	13	0	46	47	7	0	6.6
81	29	62	9	0	29	58	13	0	6.2
82	2	29	69	0	0	29	66	5	5.9
90	36	23	41	0	2	46	42	10	6.6
96	18	42	40	0	12	54	34	0	6.6
97	24	62	14	0	53	46	1	0	7.0
State	37	45	18	0	37	44	18	1	6.7

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

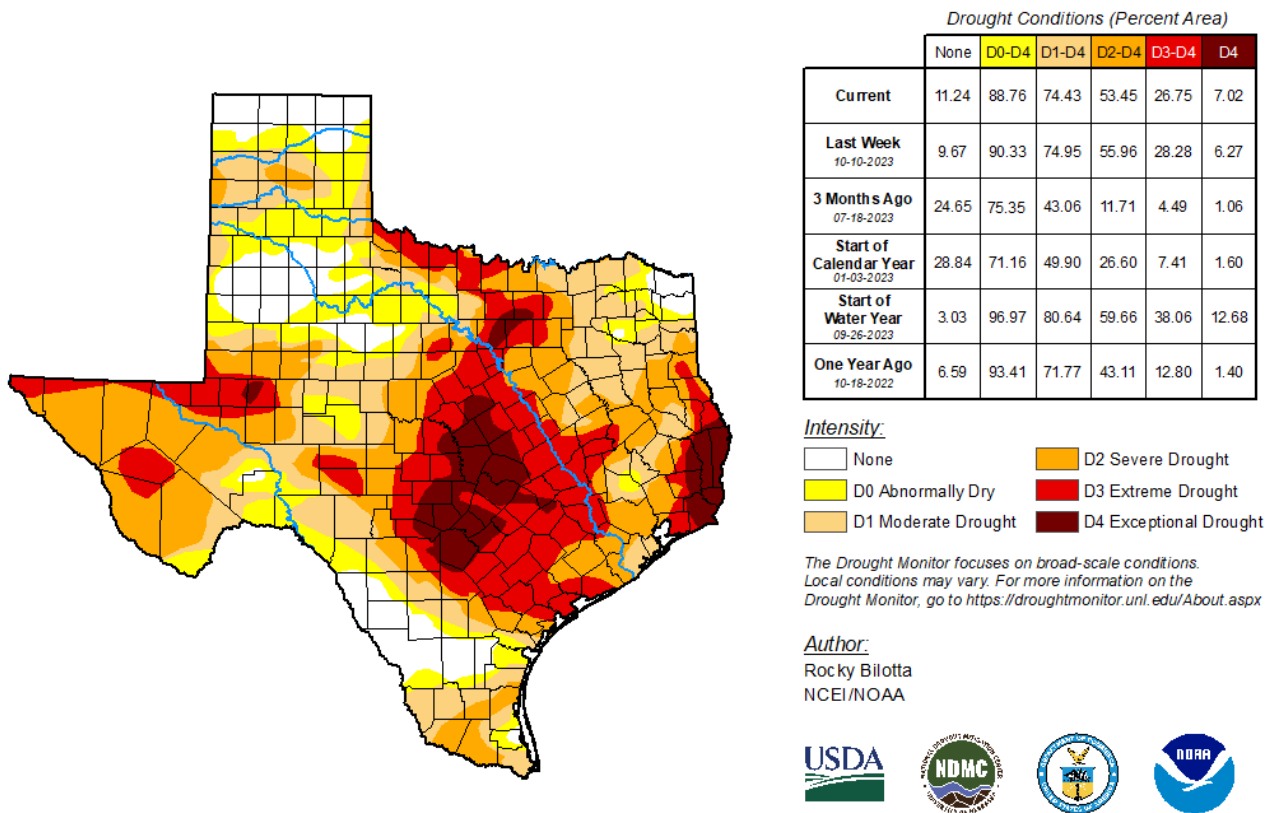


Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, October 22, 2023.



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

Drought Monitor, Map Released: October 19, 2023.



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

