



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Weekly Summary for October 23 - October 29

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Rain was welcomed across the state as it provided much needed relief to winter crops and pastures. Rainfall ranged from trace amounts to 15 inches with the Blacklands, and the Cross Timbers districts receiving the most rain. Drought conditions ranged from none to exceptional drought with areas in the Edwards Plateau, South Central district and South East Texas being the driest. There was an average of 4.8 days suitable for fieldwork.

Small Grains: Some small grain producers received rainfall, which helped with crop progress. The rain slowed winter wheat planting across parts of the state. In the Blacklands, winter wheat planting was delayed to avoid attracting early egg laying Hessian flies. Winter wheat planted reached 73 percent, down 10 points from the previous year. Winter wheat emerged reached 55 percent, down 2 points from the previous year.

Row Crops: In the Northern High Plains, corn harvest was wrapping up. Corn harvest reached 93 percent, down 3 points from the previous year. In the Northern High Plains, gins were ginning cotton at a steady pace. In the Southern Low Plains, rain stopped cotton harvest. In South East Texas and South Texas, cotton harvest was near completion. Cotton bolls opening reached 89 percent for the state, down 5 points from the previous year. Cotton harvested reached 43 percent, down 4 points from the previous year. Sunflowers harvested reached 95 percent, up 2 points from the previous year. Soybean harvest reached 79 percent, unchanged from the previous year. In South Texas, peanut harvest was delayed due to rain. Peanuts mature reached 80 percent, up 6 points from the previous year. Peanut harvest reached 50 percent, down 3 points from the previous year.

Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops: In South Texas, summer vegetable harvest was complete and pecan harvest began, while spinach was being planted. In the Lower Valley, citrus and sugarcane were being harvested. In the Edwards Plateau and in South Central district, pecan harvest was expected to begin soon.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: The recent rainfall improved pasture and range conditions across parts of the state. Pasture and range conditions was rated very poor to poor. In South East Texas, pond and tank levels rose due to runoff from the rain. In the Northern Low Plains, livestock producers began cool weather supplementation of hay and grain.

Crop Progress by Percent
For Week Ending October 29, 2023

Stage	Percentage of Acreage			
	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
Corn				
Harvested	93	89	96	91
Cotton				
Bolls Opening	89	86	94	92
Harvested	43	40	47	44
Peanuts				
Mature	80	64	74	64
Harvested	50	35	53	43
Soybeans				
Harvested	79	74	79	82
Sunflowers				
Harvested	95	92	93	84
Winter Wheat				
Planted	73	68	83	75
Emerged	55	45	57	55

Crop Condition by Percent
For Week Ending October 29, 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	25	27	38	33	32
Peanuts	2	35	55	8	0	69	62
Soybeans	7	28	37	23	5	61	35
Wheat	4	37	44	10	5	67	30
Range and Pasture	1	9	28	30	32	35	39

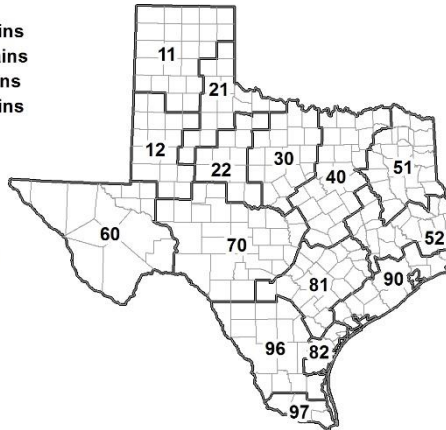
¹ The formula for the condition index is $I = (5V + 25P + 60F + 90G + 110E)/100$ where I = crop condition index and V, P, F, G, E = percentage of crop rated very poor, poor, fair, good, excellent.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable by District
For Week Ending October 29, 2023

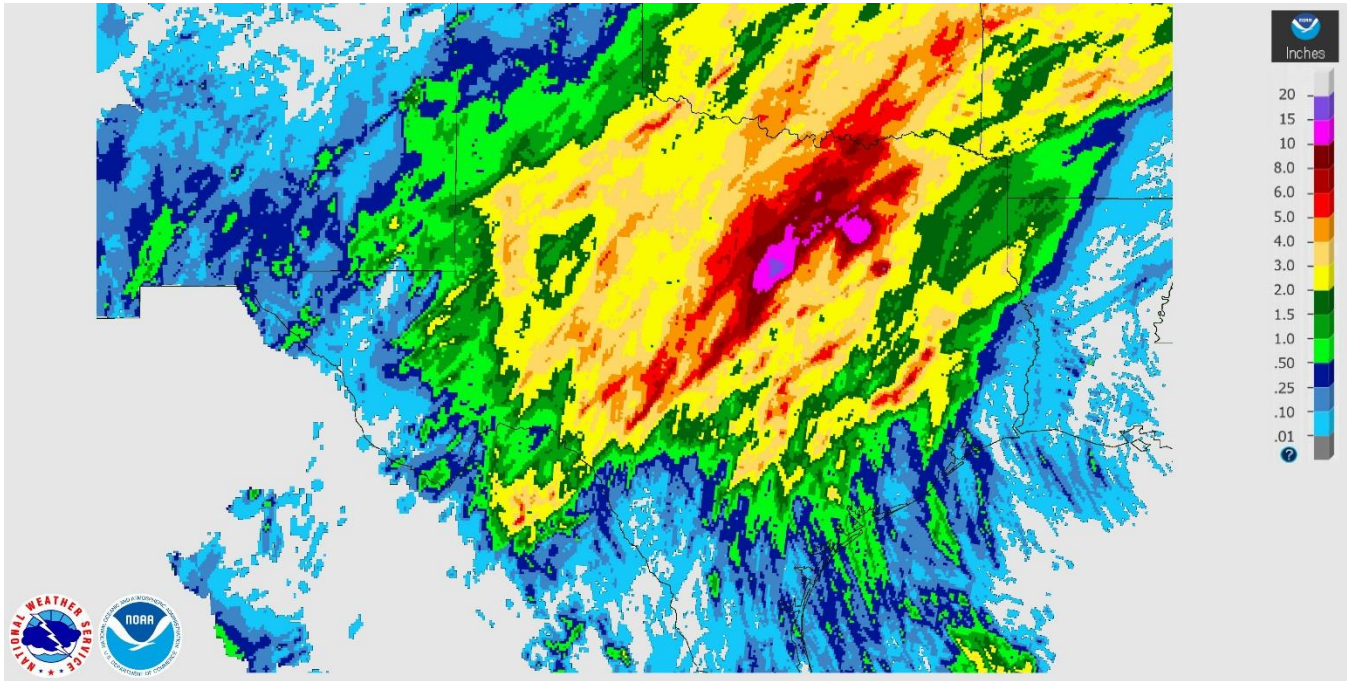
District	Subsoil Moisture Condition by District				Topsoil Moisture Condition by District				Days Suitable for Fieldwork
	Percentage of Acreage				Percentage of Acreage				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
11	23	38	39	0	23	34	39	4	5.2
12	34	52	11	3	21	41	34	4	5.4
21	15	24	61	0	15	3	82	0	4.0
22	14	48	38	0	0	0	87	13	2.2
30	3	24	66	7	0	3	79	18	3.2
40	9	25	52	14	3	3	61	33	3.5
51	21	39	36	4	18	35	40	7	6.4
52	10	38	50	2	8	35	53	4	5.8
60	9	24	59	8	9	24	59	8	5.9
70	25	12	33	30	21	12	33	34	4.5
81	13	46	35	6	13	36	41	10	5.4
82	3	25	69	3	1	28	66	5	5.9
90	33	36	31	0	11	45	44	0	5.9
96	16	28	56	0	8	28	50	14	6.3
97	24	62	14	0	59	40	1	0	6.4
State	20	38	38	4	15	25	50	10	4.8

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

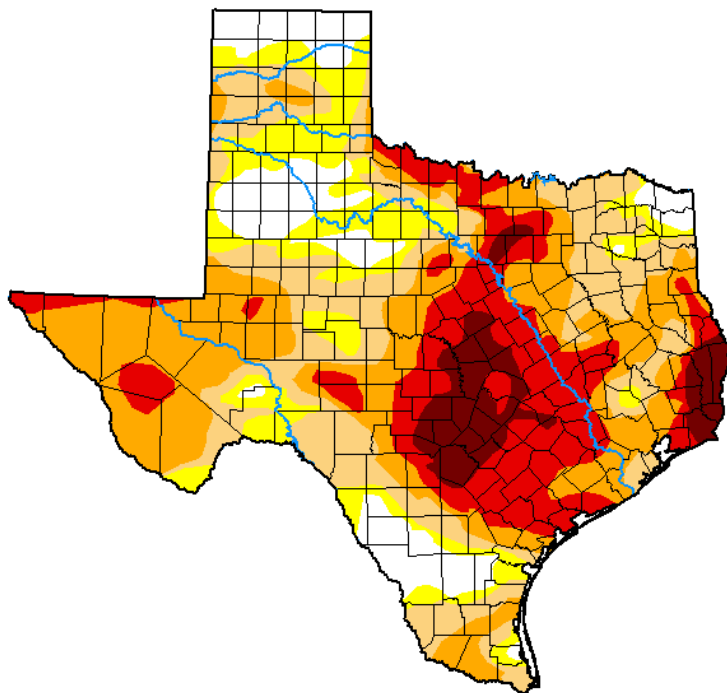


Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, October 29, 2023.



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

Drought Monitor, Map Released: October 26, 2023.



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	10.99	89.01	75.21	52.70	25.15	6.80
Last Week 10-17-2023	11.24	88.76	74.43	53.45	26.75	7.02
3 Months Ago 07-25-2023	21.67	78.33	48.61	18.01	4.81	1.06
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2023	28.84	71.16	49.90	26.60	7.41	1.60
Start of Water Year 09-26-2022	3.03	96.97	80.64	59.66	38.06	12.68
One Year Ago 10-25-2022	6.59	93.41	74.73	43.05	13.04	1.39

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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