



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Weekly Summary for January 22 - January 28

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Note: This is a revised version.

Parts of the state experienced dense fog and received some much needed moisture. Rainfall ranged from trace amounts to 15.0 inches with North East Texas, South East Texas, South Central, and the Upper Coast districts receiving the most rain. Drought conditions ranged from none to extreme drought with areas in South East Texas, the Trans-Pecos, and the Edwards Plateau districts being the driest. There was an average of 3.9 days suitable for fieldwork.

Small Grains: In northern parts of the state, some small grains had freeze damage. In the Blacklands, Hessian fly larvae continued to be observed in wheat fields.

Row Crops: Row crop producers continued to prepare fields and equipment for the upcoming growing season.

Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops: In South Texas and the Lower Valley, freeze damage continued to be visible on some cool season vegetables and citrus. In the Cross Timbers district, the cold temperatures aided pecan harvesters.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Pasture and range conditions were rated poor to fair. Supplemental feeding continued due to limited forage in pastures. The recent rains allowed some pond levels to rise.

Crop Progress by Percent
For Week Ending January 28, 2024

Stage	Percentage of Acreage			
	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
Winter Wheat Headed	-	(NA)	4	3
Oats Headed	-	(NA)	4	2

(NA) Not available.
- Represents zero.

Crop Condition by Percent
For Week Ending January 28, 2024

Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index ¹	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2024	2023
Wheat	9	33	32	12	14	63	28
Oats	5	11	40	19	25	45	28
Range and Pasture	1	6	35	37	21	38	35

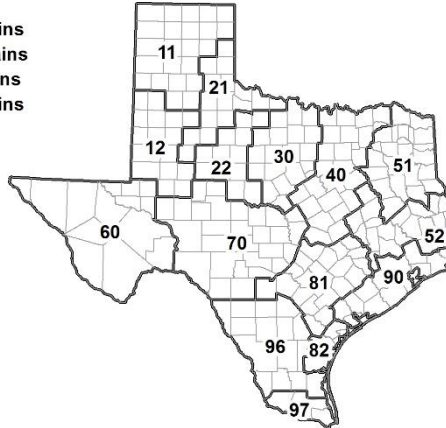
¹ The formula for the condition index is $I = (5V + 25P + 60F + 90G + 110E)/100$ where I = crop condition index and V, P, F, G, E = percentage of crop rated very poor, poor, fair, good, excellent.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable by District
For Week Ending January 28, 2024

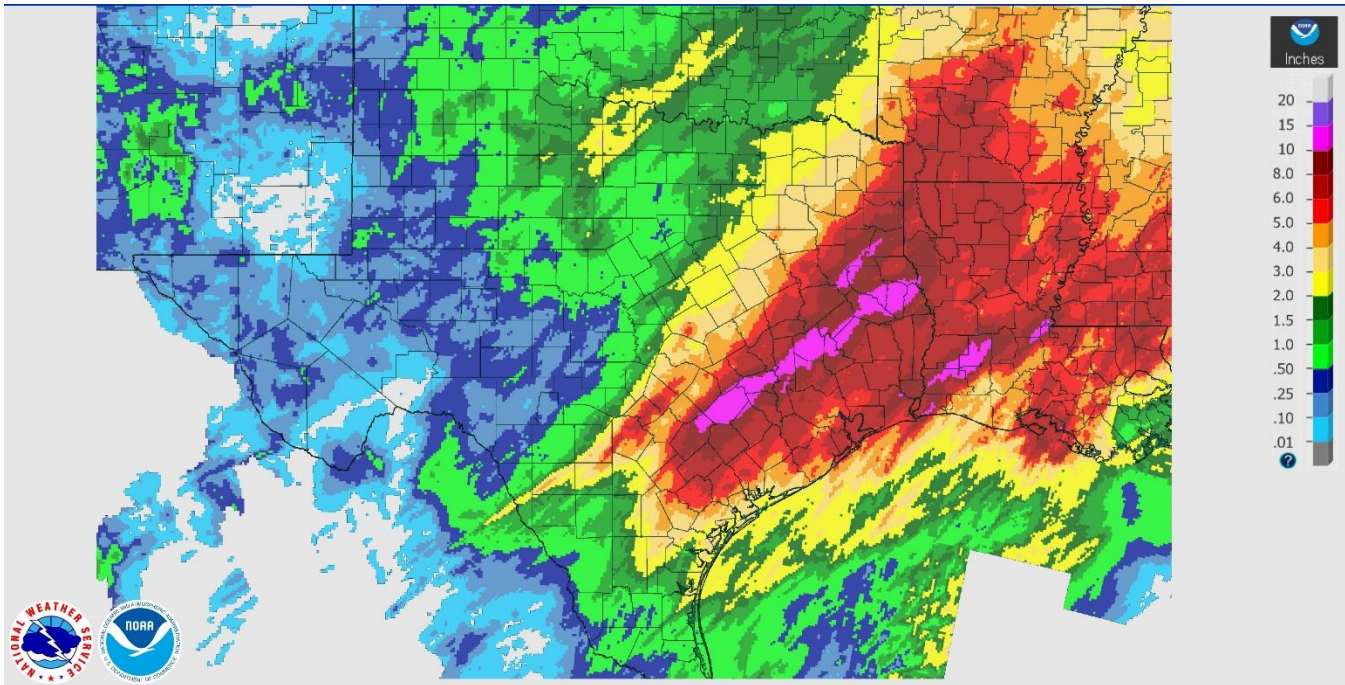
District	Subsoil Moisture Condition by District				Topsoil Moisture Condition by District				Days Suitable for Fieldwork
	Percentage of Acreage				Percentage of Acreage				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
11	26	11	59	4	28	13	53	6	3.1
12	19	71	9	1	19	68	13	0	6.6
21	9	34	57	0	3	31	65	1	5.5
22	2	38	60	0	0	25	72	3	3.8
30	6	26	68	0	2	23	65	10	3.9
40	2	14	52	32	2	4	34	60	2.2
51	0	11	41	48	0	11	32	57	2.2
52	0	0	51	49	0	0	17	83	1.6
60	0	10	90	0	0	34	66	0	5.6
70	7	16	75	2	8	28	62	2	4.0
81	2	23	44	31	1	7	56	36	2.3
82	0	8	60	32	0	5	63	32	3.3
90	0	2	21	77	0	0	17	83	1.9
96	15	29	55	1	4	24	70	2	4.2
97	13	20	65	2	14	29	57	0	5.7
State	11	28	47	14	11	25	43	21	3.9

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

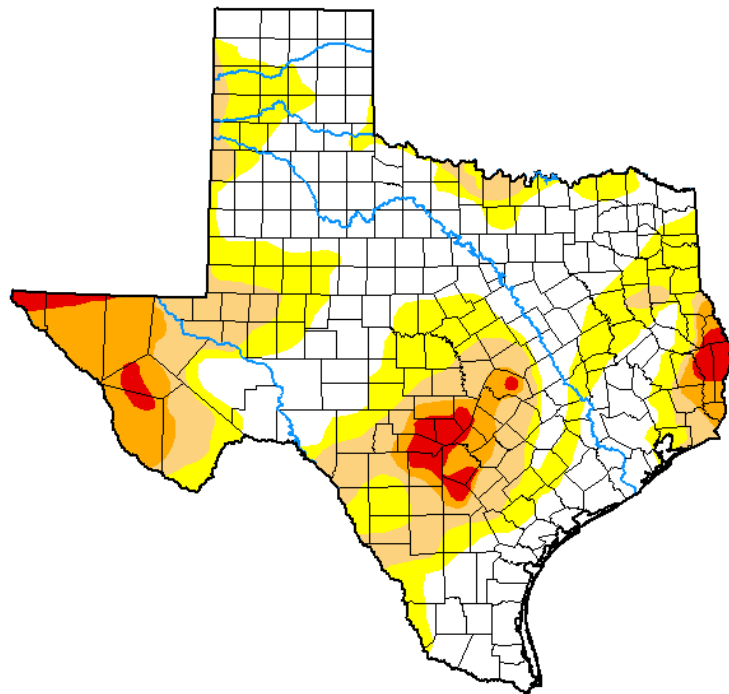


Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, January 28, 2024



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

Drought Monitor, Map Released: January 25, 2024



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	48.36	51.64	26.66	11.82	3.25	0.00
Last Week 01-16-2024	41.33	58.67	31.43	12.72	4.02	0.00
3 Months Ago 10-24-2023	10.99	89.01	75.21	52.70	25.15	6.80
Start of Calendar Year 01-02-2024	39.60	60.40	39.47	17.78	5.68	0.68
Start of Water Year 09-26-2023	3.03	96.97	80.64	59.66	38.06	12.68
One Year Ago 01-24-2023	21.06	78.94	54.68	29.79	7.70	1.80

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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