



## Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Weekly Summary for February 12 - February 18

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Seasonal temperatures returned to much of the state. Rainfall ranged from trace amounts to 4.0 inches with the Lower Valley receiving the most rain. Drought conditions ranged from none to extreme drought with areas in the Trans-Pecos and the Edwards Plateau districts being the driest. There was an average of 4.8 days suitable for fieldwork.

**Small Grains:** Small grains continued to respond to recent rains and warmer temperatures. In the Blacklands, rust and Hessian flies were observed in some fields. Winter wheat headed reached 5 percent, up 2 points from the previous week. Oats headed reached 3 percent, up 1 point from the previous week. Winter wheat and oats headed progress estimates were revised in the past 3 weekly publications due to recently discovered data reporting issues.

**Row Crops:** In the northern part of the state, producers anticipated corn planting to being in the coming weeks. In the Edwards Plateau, producers were concluding their final preparations for spring planting. In the South Central and the Coastal Bend districts, corn planting was well underway. In South Texas and The Lower Valley, corn and sorghum planting was delayed due to the recent rains.

**Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops:** In the Lower Valley, sugarcane, citrus and cool vegetable harvest continued.

**Livestock, Range and Pasture:** Pasture and range cool season grasses were slowly responding to seasonal temperatures and rainfall received earlier in the month. In North East Texas, stock tanks caught some water causing levels to rise. Pasture and range conditions were rated fair to poor. Livestock producers continued supplemental feeding.

**Crop Progress by Percent**  
For Week Ending February 18, 2024

Stage	Percentage of Acreage			
	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
<b>Winter Wheat</b> Headed	5	3	15	11
<b>Oats</b> Headed	3	2	18	9

**Crop Condition by Percent**  
For Week Ending February 18, 2024

Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index <sup>1</sup>	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2024	2023
Wheat	7	33	41	10	9	65	42
Oats	1	18	43	19	19	49	43
Range and Pasture	1	9	34	30	26	30	32

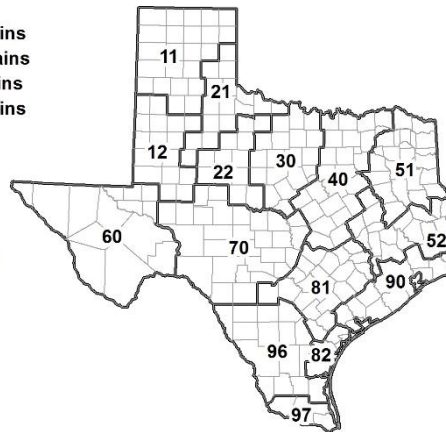
<sup>1</sup> The formula for the condition index is  $I = (5V + 25P + 60F + 90G + 110E)/100$  where I = crop condition index and V, P, F, G, E = percentage of crop rated very poor, poor, fair, good, excellent.

**Soil Moisture and Days Suitable by District**  
For Week Ending February 18, 2024

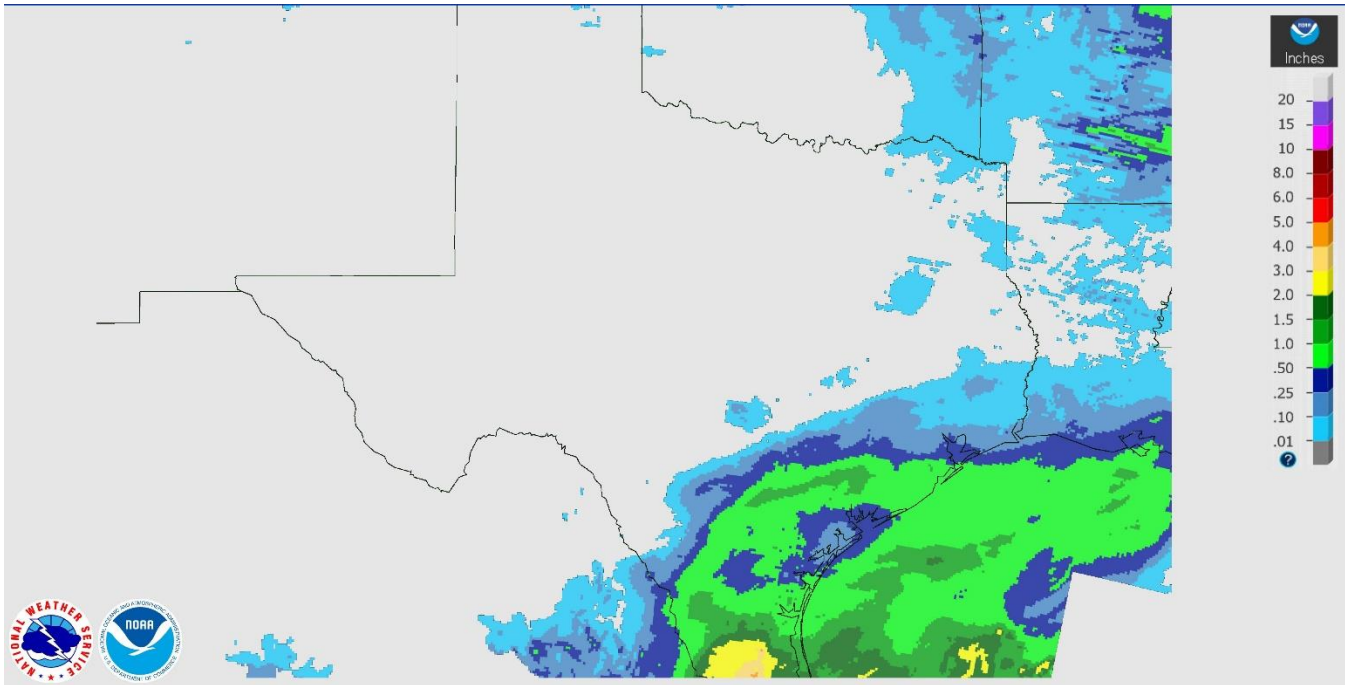
District	Subsoil Moisture Condition by District				Topsoil Moisture Condition by District				Days Suitable for Fieldwork
	Percentage of Acreage				Percentage of Acreage				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
11	4	40	54	2	1	12	75	12	3.2
12	26	54	20	0	40	53	7	0	7.0
21	2	42	56	0	3	53	44	0	5.8
22	2	30	66	2	0	25	63	12	4.5
30	7	29	56	8	2	21	70	7	6.4
40	0	7	54	39	0	4	54	42	2.6
51	0	0	74	26	0	0	78	22	4.5
52	1	10	47	42	0	2	59	39	4.6
60	13	14	72	1	14	14	71	1	4.3
70	13	22	63	2	18	12	68	2	6.3
81	2	21	55	22	0	19	74	7	5.6
82	0	8	74	18	3	7	72	18	4.3
90	0	2	61	37	0	3	50	47	2.8
96	9	28	62	1	10	27	62	1	6.4
97	8	14	66	12	6	14	68	12	4.7
State	7	29	52	12	9	22	55	14	4.7

**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

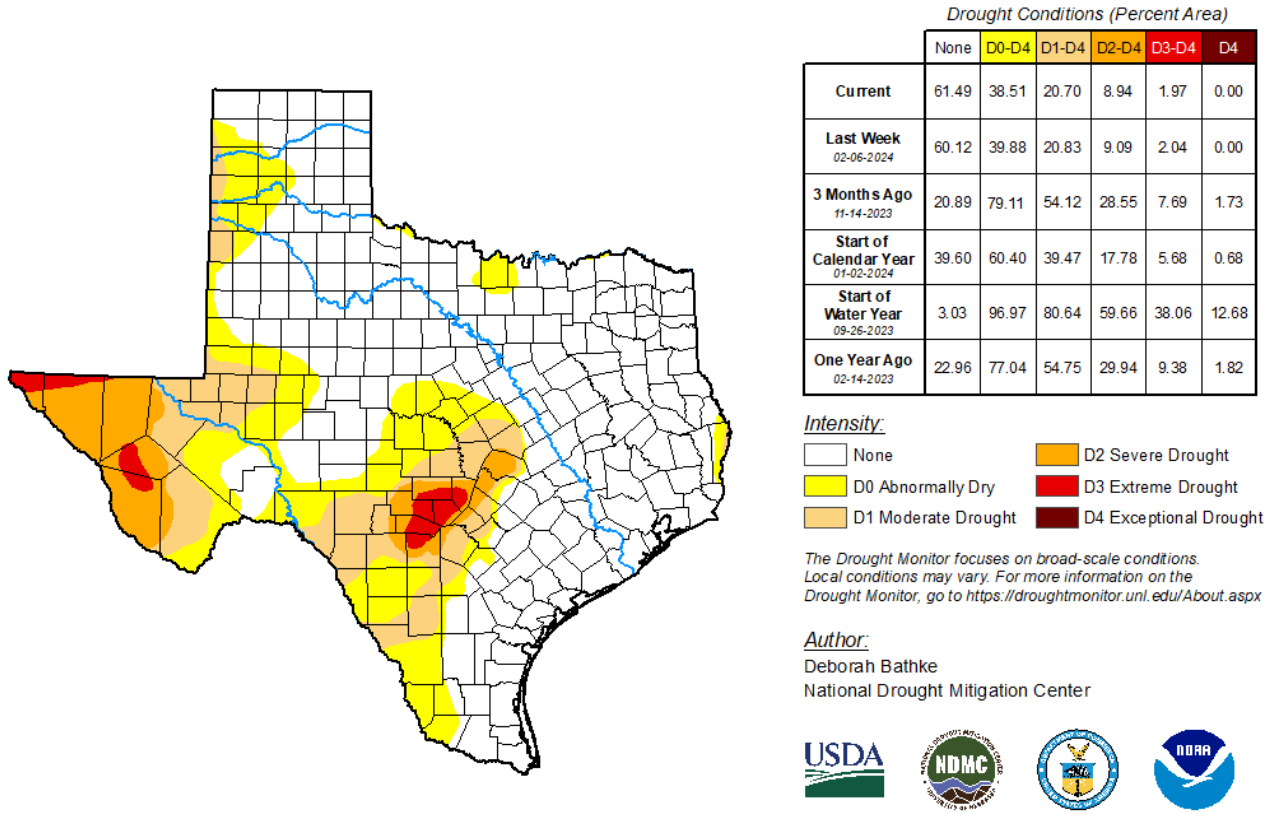


# Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, February 18, 2024



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

# Drought Monitor, Map Released: February 15, 2024



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



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