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Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Rainfall across the state allowed crop conditions to improve. Rainfall ranged from trace amounts to 10 inches, with North East Texas and South East Texas receiving the most rain. Some hail damage to acres occurred in the Southern Low Plains. Drought conditions ranged from none to extreme drought with areas in the Trans-Pecos and Edwards Plateau being the driest. There was an average of 4.6 days suitable for fieldwork.

Small Grains: Recent rainfalls allowed winter wheat and oats to progress across the state. In the Blacklands and the Northern High Plains, winter wheat proceeded to head out. Operators throughout the state were beginning to cut wheat for hay. Winter wheat and oats were beginning to seed and dry out in South Texas. Winter wheat headed reached 40 percent, up 6 points from the previous year. Oats headed reached 53 percent, up 2 points from the previous year.

Row Crops: Corn planting continued in the Northern High Plains, the Southern High Plains, and the Blacklands. Corn planted reached 63 percent, down 1 point from the previous year. Corn emerged reached 50 percent, down 1 point from the previous year. In the Edwards Plateau, sorghum was progressing, while some sorghum was emerging in the Lower Valley and South Texas. Sorghum planted reached 51 percent, unchanged from the previous year. Sorghum emerged reached 5 percent, up 5 points from the previous year. In the Northern High Plains, the Edwards Plateau, and South East Texas cotton producers continued to make plans for planting. Cotton planting was wrapping up in the Upper Coast and the Blacklands. Cotton planted reached 13 percent, down 1 point from the previous year. In South Central Texas, some rice fields were flooded due to rainfall. Rice planted reached 63 percent, up 10 points from the previous year. Rice emerged reached 42 percent, up 5 points from the previous year.

Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops: Pecans continued to progress. In the Cross Timbers, pecans had broke dormancy, with budding breaking in some areas of the Trans-Pecos. Pecan trees continued to leaf out, while producers in some areas needed more rain to continue progress.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Pastures remained in good condition. Some areas throughout the state were greening up and showing spring forages. Other areas needed additional rainfall. Pasture and range conditions were rated fair to poor. Livestock producers continued supplemental feeding.

Crop Progress by Percent
For Week Ending April 14, 2024

Stage	Percentage of Acreage			
	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
Corn				
Planted	63	59	64	61
Emerged	50	34	51	47
Cotton				
Planted	13	8	12	14
Rice				
Planted	63	50	53	66
Emerged	42	27	37	44
Sorghum				
Planted	51	47	51	54
Emerged	5	2	0	4
Winter Wheat				
Headed	40	27	34	52
Oats				
Headed	53	36	51	48

(NA) Not available.

Crop Condition by Percent
For Week Ending April 14, 2024

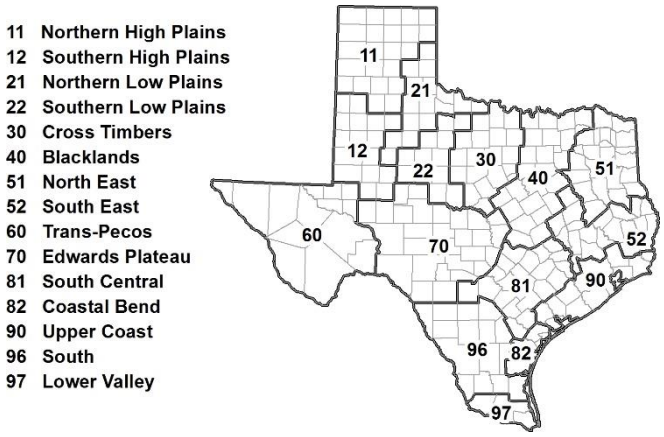
Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index [1]	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2024	2023
Wheat	8	40	33	13	6	68	45
Oats	4	28	51	12	5	63	47
Range and Pasture	4	21	32	19	24	48	38

[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.

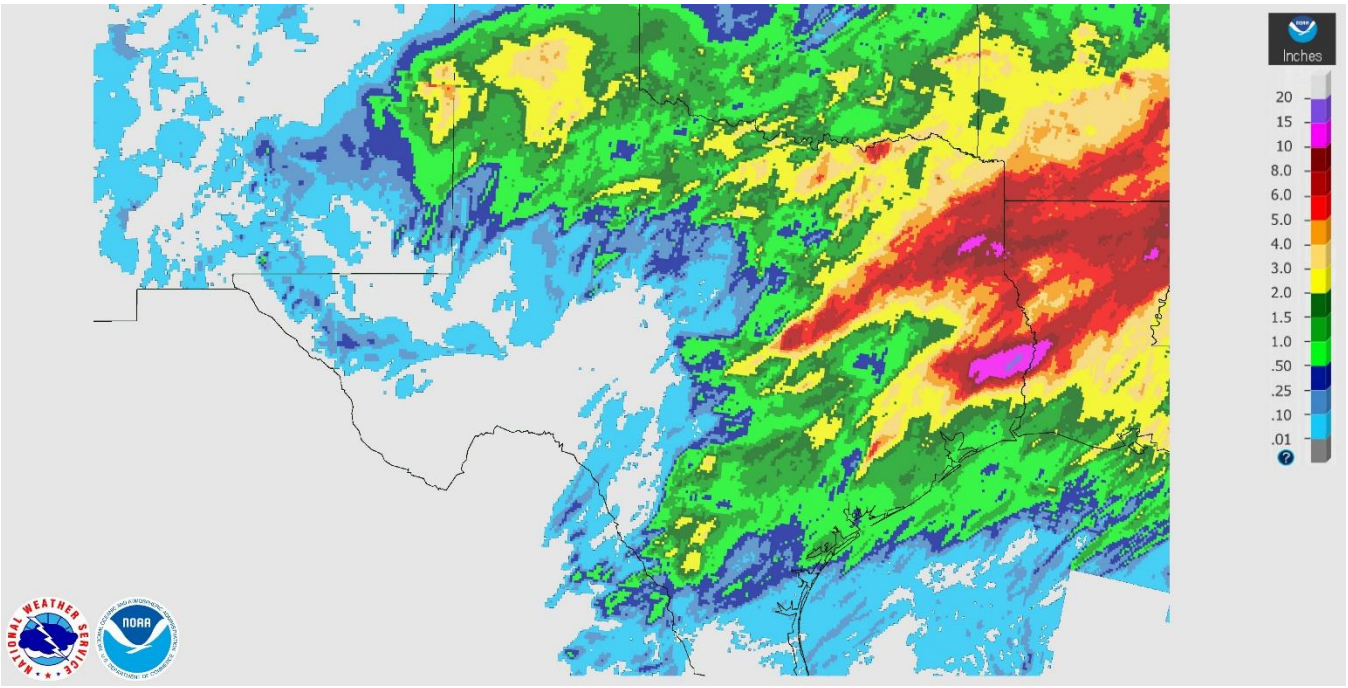
Soil Moisture and Days Suitable by District
For Week Ending April 14, 2024

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	7	29	60	4	7	41	50	2	3.5
12	44	26	27	3	43	24	25	8	5.5
21	2	55	43	0	2	39	59	0	4.8
22	2	50	47	1	1	37	62	0	5.6
30	7	21	60	12	1	16	83	0	4.8
40	2	6	47	45	1	6	50	43	2.9
51	0	1	50	49	0	1	43	56	3.8
52	0	26	60	14	0	21	57	22	3.7
60	13	68	19	0	13	68	19	0	6.0
70	30	49	21	0	37	49	13	1	6.5
81	0	30	62	8	1	22	69	8	4.7
82	22	20	58	0	22	20	58	0	6.2
90	0	21	45	34	0	18	51	31	4.3
96	15	30	54	1	14	33	52	1	6.3
97	13	28	59	0	9	38	53	0	5.4
State	13	28	47	12	12	27	49	12	4.6

Texas Agricultural Districts

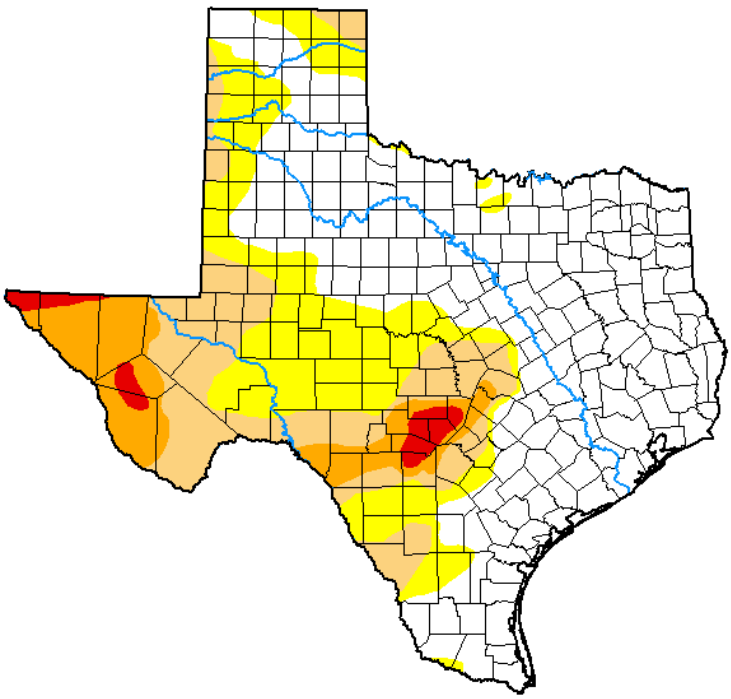


Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, April 14, 2024



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

Drought Monitor, Map Released: April 11, 2024



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	54.63	45.37	25.19	9.85	1.97	0.00
Last Week 04-02-2024	54.66	45.34	25.10	9.85	1.97	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-09-2024	43.51	56.49	29.98	12.72	4.02	0.00
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 04-11-2023	22.13	77.87	58.63	37.64	16.24	4.07

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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