



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Weekly Summary for April 22 - April 28

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The crops continued to progress despite severe weather with confirmed tornadoes in the Blacklands and flooding in the Southern Low Plains, North East Texas, and the Upper Coast. Rainfall ranged from trace amounts to 8 inches, with the Blacklands, the Southern Low Plains, and North East Texas receiving the most rain. 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 4.9 days suitable for fieldwork.

Small Grains: Winter wheat and oats were progressing well in many parts of the state. In the Northern High Plains and the Southern Low Plains, winter wheat continued to head out. In the Blacklands, winter wheat and oats were laid over due to high winds and tornadoes in the area. Winter wheat headed reached 64 percent, up 14 points from the previous week. Oats headed reached 79 percent, up 13 points from the previous week.

Row Crops: Producers across the state continued to plant row crops as conditions allowed. Corn was being planted in the Northern High Plains. Corn planted reached 71 percent, up 3 points from the previous week. Corn emerged reached 62 percent, up 7 points from the previous week. In the Southern Low Plains and the Cross Timbers, sorghum planting was being planted. In the Coastal Bend, the Edwards Plateau, and South Texas, sorghum was emerging. In the Lower Valley, sugarcane aphids were reported in some fields. Sorghum planted reached 65 percent, up 5 points from the previous week. Sorghum emerged reached 7 percent, up 1 point from the previous week. In the Southern High Plains and the Blacklands, cotton planting was delayed due to excess rainfall. Cotton planted reached 18 percent, up 2 points from the previous week. In South Central Texas, some rice fields were flooded from recent rainfall. Rice planted reached 86 percent, up 14 points from the previous week. Rice emerged reached 72 percent, up 16 points from the previous year.

Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops: In the Lower Valley, producers continued irrigating citrus trees. In the Cross Timbers, peach trees were being thinned, while pecan tree loss was reported in some areas. In the Lower Valley, producers were harvesting onions.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Pasture and range forages continued to respond to recent moisture. Some were greening up, saturated, or flooded, while other areas needed additional rainfall. Pasture and range conditions were rated fair to good. Livestock producers continued supplemental feeding.

**Crop Progress by Percent
For Week Ending April 28, 2024**

Stage	Percentage of Acreage			
	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
Corn				
Planted	71	68	73	69
Emerged	62	55	64	58
Cotton				
Planted	18	16	19	18
Rice				
Planted	86	72	80	82
Emerged	72	56	66	68
Sorghum				
Planted	65	60	67	66
Emerged	7	6	0	8
Winter Wheat				
Headed	64	50	64	64
Oats				
Headed	79	66	78	80

(NA) Not available.

**Crop Condition by Percent
For Week Ending April 28, 2024**

Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index ¹	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2024	2023
Corn	19	51	28	1	1	84	81
Rice	14	67	19	0	0	87	0
Winter Wheat	7	41	38	9	5	70	42
Oats	4	28	49	12	7	62	42
Range and Pasture	6	23	30	21	20	52	40

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 28, 2024**

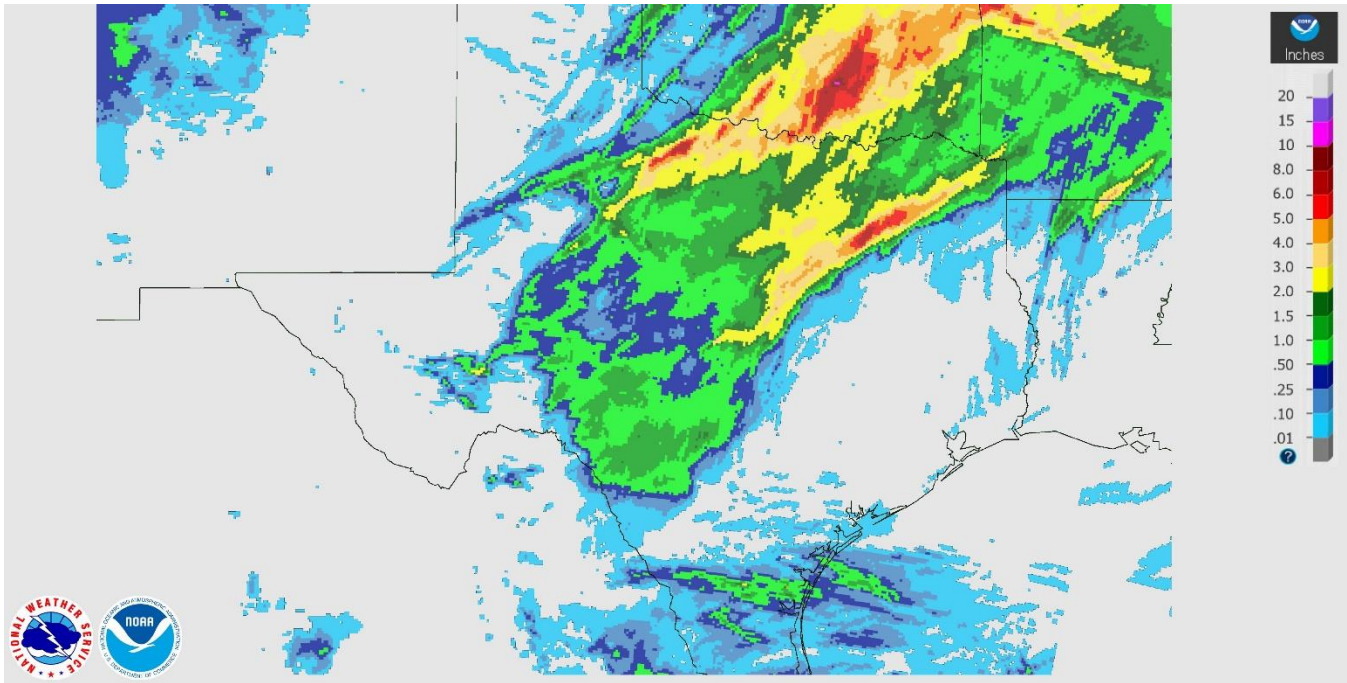
District	Subsoil Moisture Condition by District				Topsoil Moisture Condition by District				Days Suitable for Fieldwork
	Percentage of Acreage				Percentage of Acreage				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
11	3	46	51	0	5	58	36	1	5.7
12	19	52	29	0	1	44	53	2	4.2
21	1	51	48	0	1	38	61	0	5.4
22	0	37	62	1	0	22	74	4	4.8
30	2	29	59	10	2	16	67	15	4.4
40	0	7	38	55	0	3	35	62	3.6
51	1	1	52	46	1	1	46	52	4.4
52	0	10	80	10	0	10	67	23	4.0
60	25	62	13	0	25	62	13	0	4.3
70	25	55	19	1	23	42	34	1	5.0
81	3	38	53	6	10	31	51	8	5.0
82	22	27	51	0	22	31	47	0	7.0
90	8	28	24	40	8	30	48	14	7.0
96	13	41	45	1	15	38	46	1	6.4
97	14	48	38	0	40	46	14	0	5.4
State	7	37	44	12	5	34	48	13	4.9

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, April 28, 2024

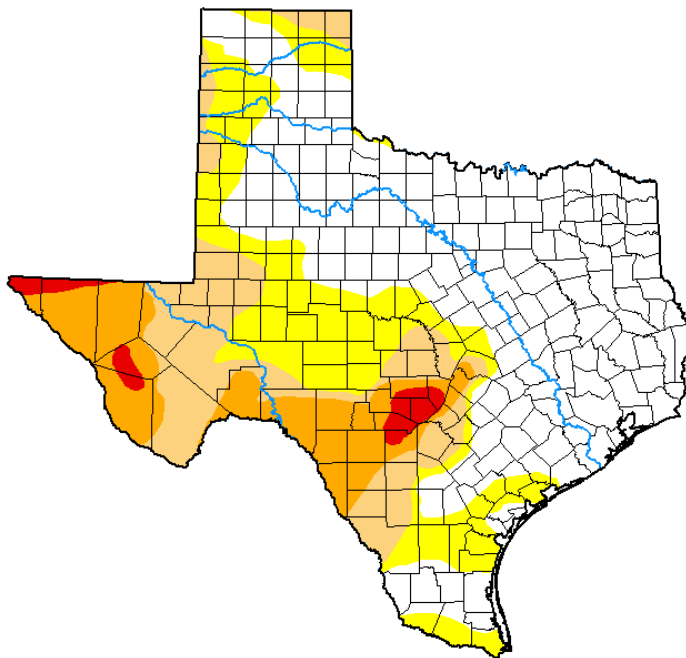


Source: National Weather Service, www.nws.noaa.gov

Drought Monitor, Map Released: April 25, 2024

U.S. Drought Monitor Texas

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Valid 8 a.m. EDT



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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