



## Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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**Weekly Summary for July 15 - July 21**

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Improved weather conditions allowed crops to progress across the state. Rainfall ranged from trace amounts up to 6 inches, with the Upper Coast 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 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork.

**Row Crops:** In the Cross Timbers and the Upper Coast, corn and sorghum was maturing. In the Blacklands, South East Texas, and South Central Texas, corn and sorghum harvest was delayed due to rain. In the Edwards Plateau, South Central Texas, and South Texas, producers were harvesting corn. Corn dough reached 66 percent, up 4 points from the previous week, and up 2 points from normal. Corn dented reached 50 percent, up 10 points from the previous week and from normal. Corn mature reached 38 percent, up 8 points from the previous week. Corn harvested reached 20 percent, up 4 points from the previous week, and up 19 points from normal. Sorghum coloring reached 63 percent, up 9 points from the previous week, and up 4 points from normal. Sorghum mature reached 50 percent, up 5 points from the previous week. Sorghum harvested reached 40 percent, up 3 points from the previous week. In the Southern High Plains and the Edwards Plateau, cotton was squaring. In the Blacklands, the Coastal Bend, and the Upper Coast, cotton was setting bolls. Cotton squaring reached 78 percent, up 8 points from normal. Cotton setting bolls reached 39 percent, up 16 points from the previous week, and up 12 points from normal. Rice headed reached 94 percent, up 14 points from the previous week, and up 16 points from normal. Peanuts pegging reached 37 percent, up 13 points from the previous week, and up 2 points from normal. Soybeans blooming reached 66 percent, up 11 points from the previous week, but down 7 points from normal. Soybeans setting pods reached 40 percent, up 18 points from the previous week, and up 2 points from normal. Sunflowers harvested reached 22 percent, up 10 points from the previous week, and up 1 point from normal.

**Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops:** In the Trans-Pecos, pecan trees were being irrigated. In the Northern High Plains, pumpkins were setting blooms. In North East Texas, peas were being harvested. In North East Texas, South East Texas, and South Texas, watermelon and cantaloupe were being harvested. In the Southern High Plains, melon was being harvested.

**Range and Pasture:** In South East Texas, producers continued treating for army worms. In the Northern Low Plains, the Southern Low Plains, and the Cross Timbers, the grasshopper population increased due to dry conditions. In North East Texas, feral hog damage was reported in some pasture and hay meadows. Pasture and range conditions were rated at 56%, fair to good.

**Crop Progress by Percent  
For Week Ending July 21, 2024**

Stage	Percentage of Acreage			
	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
<b>Corn</b>				
Silking	84	78	83	84
Dough	66	62	66	64
Dented	50	40	49	40
Mature	38	30	-	4
Harvested	20	16	-	1
<b>Upland Cotton</b>				
Squaring	78	53	66	70
Setting Bolls	39	23	28	27
<b>Peanuts</b>				
Pegging	37	24	39	35
<b>Rice</b>				
Headed	94	80	78	78
Harvested	3	-	-	1
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Headed	79	73	79	79
Coloring	63	54	60	59
Mature	50	45	35	30
Harvested	40	37	-	5
<b>Soybeans</b>				
Blooming	66	55	71	73
Setting Pods	40	22	38	38
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Harvested	22	12	23	21

- Represents zero

**Crop Condition by Percent  
For Week Ending July 21, 2024**

Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index <sup>1</sup>	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2024	2023
Corn	14	36	30	16	4	70	83
Cotton	13	33	29	14	11	65	51
Peanuts	6	43	47	3	1	74	72
Rice	18	56	20	4	2	83	87
Sorghum	21	42	25	6	6	78	78
Soybeans	8	24	57	10	1	67	78
Range and Pasture	6	24	32	19	19	53	47

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

**Soil Moisture and Days Suitable by District  
For Week Ending July 21, 2024**

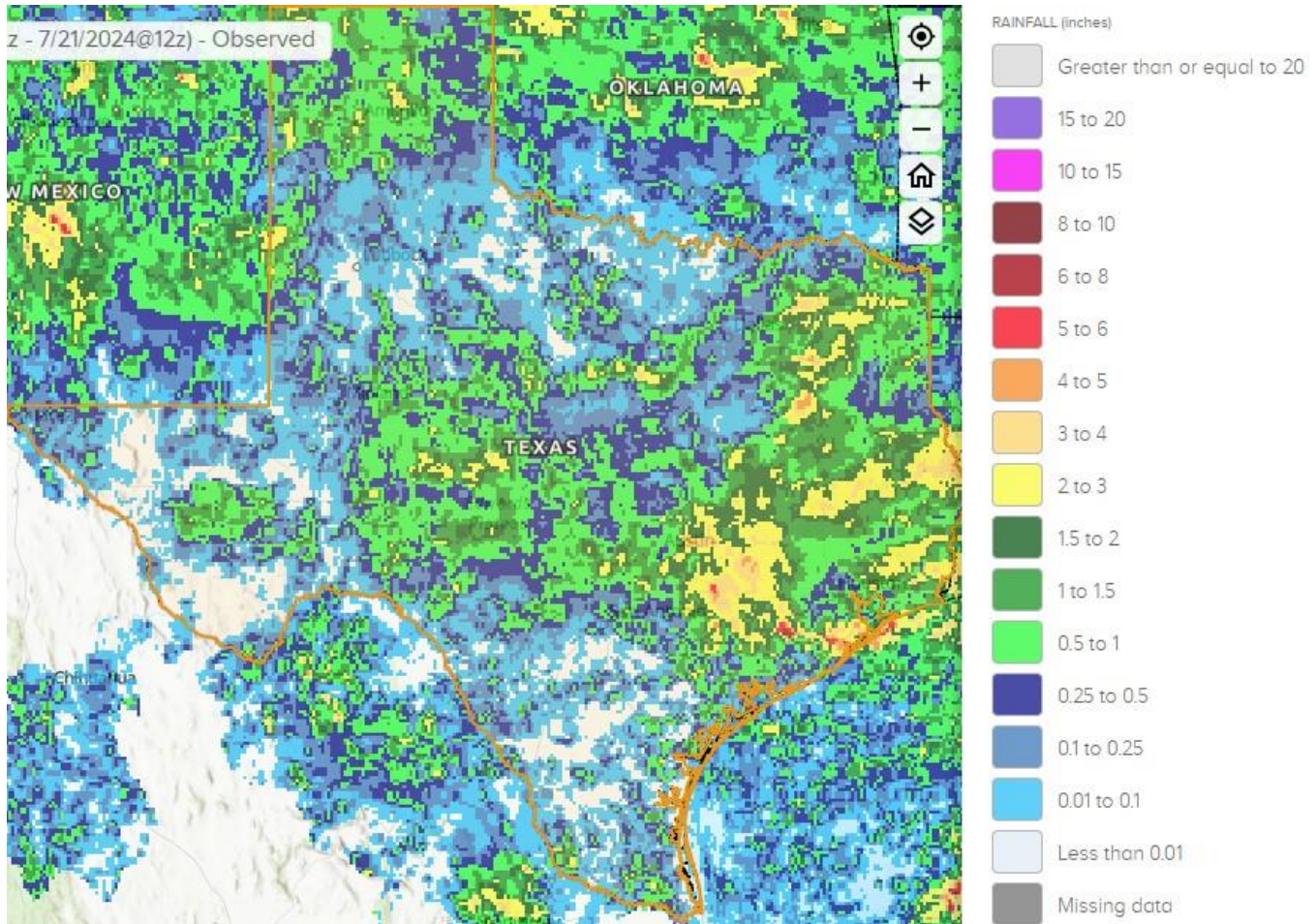
District	Subsoil Moisture Condition by District				Topsoil Moisture Condition by District				Days Suitable for Fieldwork
	Percentage of Acreage				Percentage of Acreage				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
11	9	30	61	0	7	37	56	0	5.3
12	41	28	25	6	15	40	39	6	6.7
21	23	53	24	0	27	49	23	1	6.9
22	18	62	20	0	23	56	21	0	6.1
30	13	49	38	0	25	40	35	0	5.8
40	11	41	45	3	17	43	36	4	6.0
51	0	16	70	14	0	26	61	13	6.9
52	0	16	57	27	2	12	59	27	5.2
60	23	54	23	0	46	31	23	0	4.2
70	29	40	29	2	49	12	38	1	5.9
81	0	33	65	2	0	24	74	2	5.5
82	6	13	65	16	11	11	54	24	5.2
90	0	9	20	71	0	6	22	72	1.7
96	7	31	58	4	6	28	65	1	6.5
97	4	6	83	7	4	41	52	3	5.4
State	16	34	43	7	14	36	43	7	5.8

**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

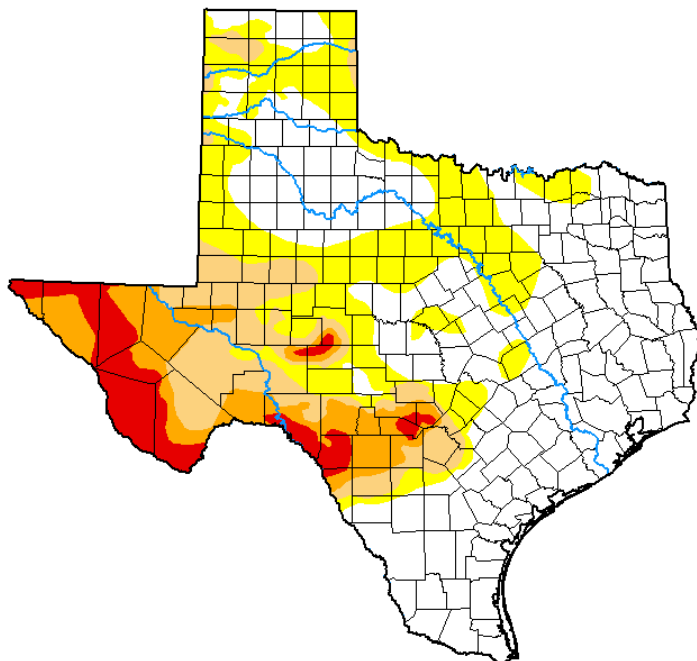


## Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, July 21, 2024



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

## Drought Monitor, Map Released: July 18, 2024



### 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 <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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