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Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Crops continued to progress across the state despite mostly hot and dry conditions. Rainfall ranged from trace amounts up to 3 inches, with the Upper Coast and South Central Texas receiving the most rain. Drought conditions ranged from none to exceptional drought with areas in the Trans-Pecos and Edwards Plateau being the driest. There was an average of 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork.

Row Crops: In the Blacklands and in the Northern High Plains, corn and sorghum were maturing. In the Blacklands, Edwards Plateau, and South Central Texas, producers were harvesting corn and sorghum. Corn dough reached 82 percent, up 4 points from the previous week, and up 6 points from normal. Corn dented reached 65 percent, up 5 points from the previous week, and up 2 points from normal. Corn mature reached 47 percent, up 5 points from the previous week, and up 5 points from normal. Corn harvested reached 35 percent, up 8 points from the previous week. Sorghum coloring reached 69 percent, up 3 points from the previous week, but unchanged from normal. Sorghum mature reached 55 percent, up 3 points from the previous week, but unchanged from normal. Sorghum harvested reached 45 percent, up 3 points from the previous week, and up 13 points from normal. Cotton stress and boll shed were sighted in the Northern High Plains, the Southern Low Plains and South Texas. Cotton was setting bolls in the Northern High Plains and the Upper Coast. Cotton squaring reached 87 percent, up 5 points from the previous week, but down 1 point from normal. Cotton setting bolls reached 51 percent, up 2 points from the previous week, but unchanged from normal. Cotton opening bolls reached 11 percent, up 2 points from normal. In South Central Texas, producers continued to harvest rice. In the Upper Coast, rice harvesting was halted due to flooded fields. Rice harvested reached 16 percent, up 10 points from the previous week, but unchanged from normal. Peanuts pegging reached 68 percent, up 16 points from the previous week, and up 3 points from normal. Soybeans blooming reached 83 percent, up 5 points from the previous week, but unchanged from normal. Soybeans setting pods reached 60 percent, up 10 points from the previous week, but down 2 points from normal. Soybeans dropping leaves reached 10 percent, unchanged from normal. Sunflowers harvested reached 40 percent, up 8 points from the previous week, and up 6 points from normal.

Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops: In the Lower Valley, producers were preparing to plant cool season vegetables. In the Northern High Plains, black-eyed peas were beginning to pod. In the Blacklands, figs, okra, peppers, and hydroponic lettuce and greens were progressing. Producers in the Trans-Pecos were harvesting cantaloupes and watermelon. In the Blacklands, producers were harvesting the peach and plum crop.

Range and Pasture: Range and pasture conditions varied across the state. Range conditions were drying out in the Cross Timbers, the Blacklands, and the Southern Low Plains, while range conditions were improving in the Edwards Plateau and the Coastal Bend. In South Texas, South Central Texas, and the northeastern part of the state, producers were cutting and baling hay. Pasture and range conditions were rated at 55 percent, fair to good.

Crop Progress by Percent For Week Ending August 4, 2024

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Chama	Percentage of Acreage							
Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average				
Corn								
Silked	95	88	91	94				
Dough	82	78	77	76				
Dented	65	60	68	63				
Mature	47	42	48	42				
Harvested	35	27	16	7				
Upland Cotton								
Squaring	87	82	87	88				
Setting Bolls	51	49	48	51				
Bolls Opening	11	(NA)	9	9				
Peanuts		, ,						
Pegging	68	52	64	65				
Rice								
Harvested	16	6	19	16				
Sorghum								
Headed	86	83	87	86				
Coloring	69	66	69	69				
Mature	55	52	49	55				
Harvested	45	42	25	32				
Soybeans								
Blooming	83	78	84	83				
Setting Pods	60	50	58	62				
Dropping Leaves	10	(NA)	11	10				
Sunflowers		, ,						
Harvested	40	32	39	34				

(NA) Not available.

Crop Condition by Percent For Week Ending August 4, 2024

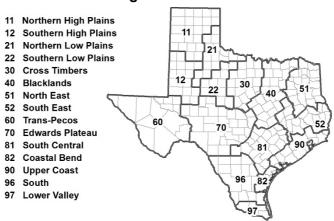
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Crop		Percent of Acreage					Index ¹		
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2024	2023		
Corn	5	30	37	16	12	59	77		
Upland Cotton	6	26	28	21	19	53	42		
Peanuts	10	48	38	3	1	78	71		
Rice	9	55	30	3	3	78	83		
Sorghum	9	32	34	15	10	63	71		
Soybeans	5	29	50	15	1	65	71		
Range and Pasture	9	22	33	22	14	56	35		

¹ The formula for the condition index is (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.

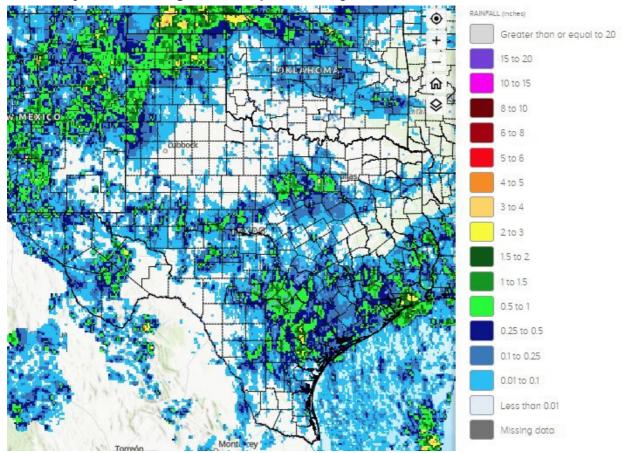
Soil Moisture and Days Suitable by District For Week Ending August 4, 2024

	Subsoil Moisture Condition by District			Topsoil Moisture Condition by District				Days Suitable for	
District	Percentage of Acreage			Percentage of Acreage					
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Fieldwork
11	30	50	20	0	35	56	9	0	6.2
12	55	21	16	8	15	60	17	8	5.2
21	28	54	18	0	36	52	12	0	7.0
22	26	59	15	0	40	52	8	0	6.6
30	21	46	33	0	44	39	17	0	5.6
40	19	32	47	2	25	34	39	2	6.8
51	1	17	78	4	0	20	74	6	7.0
52	2	12	52	34	2	8	38	52	6.0
60	25	70	5	0	40	60	0	0	4.9
70	15	40	43	2	48	16	33	3	5.6
81	0	27	69	4	0	18	79	3	6.2
82	0	40	60	0	0	75	25	0	3.8
90	0	8	19	73	0	7	20	73	3.4
96	7	32	59	2	8	38	52	2	6.3
97	4	11	82	3	4	27	67	2	7.0
State	25	35	33	7	23	44	26	7	6.0

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Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, August 4, 2024



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

Drought Monitor, Map Released: August 1, 2024

