



Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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Weekly Summary for September 2 - September 8

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Parts of the state received much needed rainfall, which delayed some field activity, while most areas of the state experienced cooler temperatures. Rainfall ranged from trace amounts up to 15 inches, with the Cross Timbers and the Edwards Plateau receiving the most rain. Drought conditions ranged from none to exceptional drought with areas in the Trans-Pecos being the driest. There was an average of 4.5 days suitable for fieldwork.

Small Grains: Producers in some parts of the state were planting winter wheat as the rainfall provided adequate moisture for field preparation and planting. In the Southern High Plains, some winter wheat was emerging. In the Cross Timbers, planting was delayed due to wet fields. In the Blacklands, oat planting was expected to begin in the coming weeks.

Row Crops: Corn harvest was wrapping up in most parts of the state. In the Northern High Plains, some corn fields were experiencing ear worm pressure, while sorghum harvest was expected to begin in the coming week. Corn mature reached 93 percent, up 6 points from the previous week, and up 22 points from normal. Corn harvested reached 75 percent, up 5 points from the previous week, and up 16 points from normal. Sorghum mature reached 85 percent, up 5 points from the previous week and from normal. Sorghum harvested reached 77 percent, up 4 points from the previous week, and up 5 points from normal. In the Northern High Plains, aphids and spider mites were observed in some cotton fields, as some harvest aids were being applied to other fields. In South East Texas, cotton harvest was delayed due to wet field conditions from recent rains. Cotton bolls opening reached 40 percent, up 3 points from the previous week, and up 1 point from normal. Cotton harvested reached 18 percent, up 3 points from the previous week, and up 6 points from normal. In South Central Texas and the Upper Coast, rice harvest was near completion. Rice harvest reached 89 percent, up 4 points from the previous week and from normal. Peanuts mature reached 21 percent, up 7 points from the previous week, and up 6 points from normal. Soybeans dropping leaves reached 61 percent, up 9 points from the previous week, but down 1 point from normal. Soybeans harvested reach 9 percent, down 15 points from normal. Sunflowers harvested reached 68 percent, up 3 points from the previous week, and up 11 points from normal.

Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops: In South Texas and the Lower Valley, citrus trees showed signs of improvement due to recent rains. In South Texas, producers continued vegetable planting. In the Cross Timbers and the Edwards Plateau, pecan trees were expected to produce more fruit and finish filling out nuts as a result of the needed rainfall.

Range and Pasture: In the Northern High Plains, some pastures were improving from the recent rain, while forages in other pastures were going dormant due to dry conditions. In the Southern Low Plains, rain filled some tanks, while in the Cross Timbers, North East Texas, the Edwards Plateau, and South Texas pastures were greening up. In South Central Texas, South Texas and the Lower Valley, some livestock producers have reduced supplemental feeding due to pastures improving from recent rainfall. Pasture and range conditions were rated at 62 percent, poor to fair.

Crop Progress by Percent
For Week Ending September 8, 2024

Stage	Percentage of Acreage			
	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
Corn				
Mature	93	87	72	71
Harvested	75	70	60	59
Cotton				
Setting Bolls	97	94	96	97
Bolls Opening	40	37	39	39
Harvested	18	15	18	12
Peanuts				
Mature	21	14	18	15
Rice				
Harvested	89	85	85	85
Sorghum				
Coloring	95	91	92	92
Mature	85	80	80	80
Harvested	77	73	70	72
Soybeans				
Setting Pods	95	91	92	92
Dropping Leaves	61	52	60	62
Harvested	9	(NA)	11	24
Sunflowers				
Harvested	68	65	58	57
Winter Wheat				
Planted	7	-	5	5

(NA) Not available.

- Represents zero

Crop Condition by Percent
For Week Ending September 8, 2024

Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index ¹	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2024	2023
Corn	8	33	28	22	9	61	67
Cotton	5	24	32	21	18	52	36
Peanuts	8	49	37	5	1	76	55
Rice	5	49	30	14	2	71	80
Sorghum	12	35	31	16	6	68	62
Soybeans	2	20	53	18	7	57	60
Range and Pasture	3	15	29	33	20	43	28

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 September 8, 2024

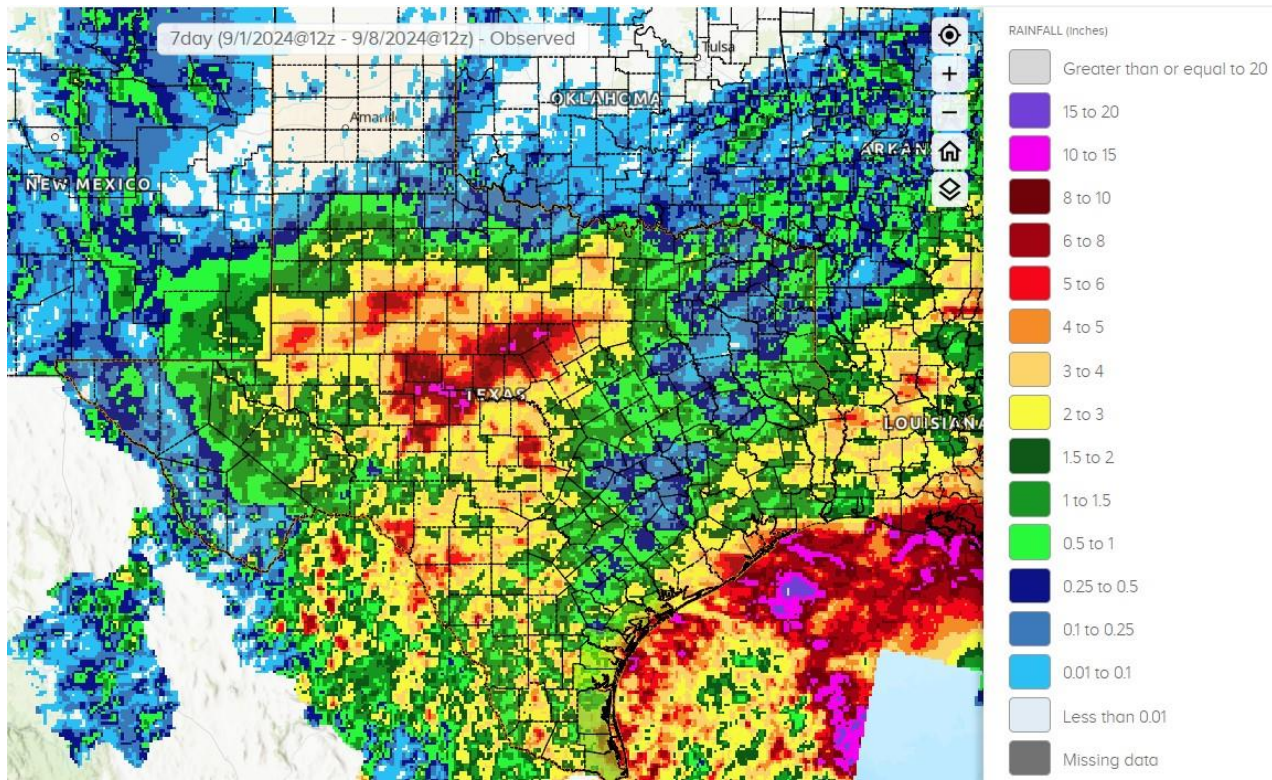
District	Subsoil Moisture Condition by District				Topsoil Moisture Condition by District				Days Suitable for Fieldwork
	Percentage of Acreage				Percentage of Acreage				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
11	29	60	10	1	34	39	23	4	5.5
12	11	41	45	3	1	19	66	14	3.7
21	45	48	7	0	48	39	12	1	5.2
22	2	34	62	2	1	15	68	16	3.2
30	10	12	60	18	8	5	49	38	3.0
40	32	37	30	1	37	33	23	7	5.7
51	8	52	36	4	11	44	43	2	6.7
52	5	39	55	1	2	44	52	2	5.6
60	12	18	65	5	12	13	70	5	3.2
70	4	21	64	11	7	8	55	30	3.3
81	3	45	51	1	4	37	58	1	5.6
82	0	37	63	0	0	10	90	0	2.6
90	2	20	45	33	5	16	46	33	2.7
96	8	30	61	1	3	19	67	11	4.3
97	7	23	67	3	6	27	60	7	3.2
State	17	41	38	4	17	27	45	11	4.5

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

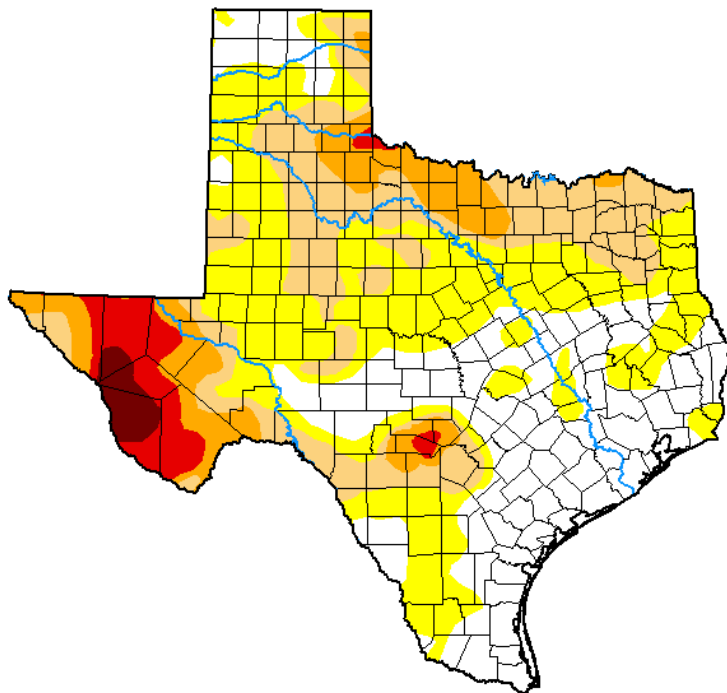


Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, September 8, 2024



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

Drought Monitor, Map Released: September 5, 2024



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	30.39	69.61	35.93	15.45	6.25	1.65
Last Week 08-27-2024	19.02	80.98	48.13	22.25	7.60	1.82
3 Months Ago 06-04-2024	54.75	45.25	25.88	12.24	2.45	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 09-05-2023	1.61	98.39	85.68	66.45	40.53	14.76

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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