

CROP MANAGEMENT REPORT

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GRAINS

As is the case with a lot of areas right now, things do not look overly positive in grain at this time. There is not much wheat that has survived to this point in the year with most field just little patches of blueish leaves. If there is no longer a complete stand then the biggest question is when do you take the remaining stand out and conserve some moisture. If you still have a solid stand then you are praying for rain.

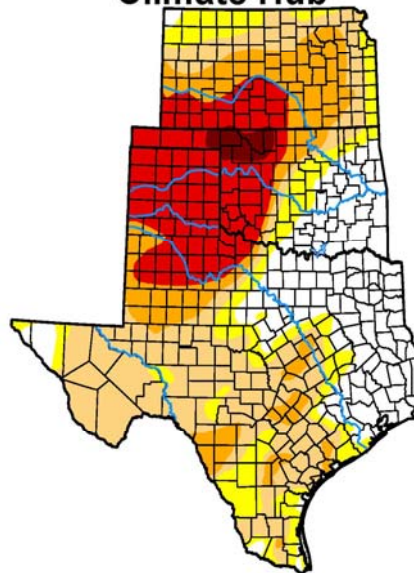
It may be even less optimistic for corn and sorghum . Soil temperatures are right at optimum for corn, but could use a couple more degrees for sorghum. Also, I have been taking readings in dry soil, increased soil moisture, especially if you are currently watering will effect soil temps by lowering them. We are at just under two weeks away from our average final frost of April 4th, so we are most likely safe, we just really need a rain.

I do have seed on the way for a couple of sorghum trials if anyone is interested.

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	Drought Conditions (Percent Area)					
	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	22.83	77.17	63.09	34.60	19.24	1.43
Last Week 03-13-2018	21.27	78.73	58.67	32.34	18.68	1.43
3 Months Ago 12-19-2017	22.95	77.05	38.50	12.22	0.36	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2018	21.20	78.80	40.69	11.99	0.07	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-26-2017	67.42	32.58	4.77	0.29	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 03-21-2017	35.76	64.24	28.41	10.06	0.64	0.00

Intensity:
■ D0 Abnormally Dry ■ D3 Extreme Drought
■ D1 Moderate Drought ■ D4 Exceptional Drought
■ D2 Severe Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>

COTTON

After the moisture that we have had the past three years, the rains have definitely stopped now. As bleak as things look right now I would caution folks on cutting corners at this point. It is still early and a lot can happen. Prepare your fields properly, plant good, high quality seed, choose varieties wisely, not just based on price, keep fields clean, especially early. Keep in mind that demand keeps going up, China and India are projected to reduce acres, especially India. If it remains dry then abandonment will be well above average, at this point in time I would at least expect average yields to be down significantly. As all of this affects the entire cotton industry., you want to be able to try and capitalize by producing as many high quality bales as possible. Of course none of us knows what the future holds as far as rainfall is concerned.

If anyone is interested, I still have a couple of spots open for trials.

DICAMBA TRAINING

There will be another Dicamba Training for Folks still needing the training on April 19th at 8:00am at the Glasscock County Co-op.

Newsletter Update

It is once again time for us to update our mailing and email lists. Anyone not returning the attached form or otherwise notifying “OUR OFFICE” by the time the May newsletter goes out will be dropped from the list.

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