



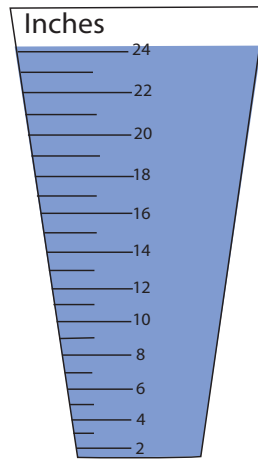
Sorghum Information

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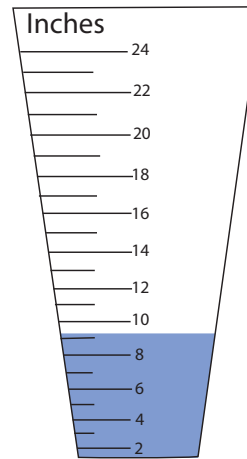
Sorghum: Lower Inputs, Higher Yields

Months of little to no rainfall left more than 85 percent of Texas in severe to exceptional drought conditions by September of 2011. Sorghum's drought resistant traits can help producers as they look for planting options in 2012, which is predicted to be another dry year. These numbers prove sorghum could be your best crop option in 2012.

Yearly Avg. Rainfall



2011 Actual Rainfall



*Illustration based on averages of precipitation in Texas Panhandle and Coastal Bend.

"The drought not only affected last years production, but is sure to affect production in 2012. Crop selection will have a major impact on farmers."

-Troy Skarke
Sorghum farmer
Claude, Texas

	Sorghum*			Corn		
Yield Goal/Acre	6,000 lb/107 bu	7,000 lb/125 bu	8,000 lb/143 bu	140 bu	180 bu	210 bu
Total Variable Cost/Acre	\$214	\$251	\$298	\$367	\$468	\$549
Expected Price*	\$5.81	\$5.81	\$5.81	\$6.16	\$6.16	\$6.16
Gross Income/Acre	\$622	\$726	\$824	\$862	\$1,109	\$1,294
Net Income/Acre	\$408	\$475	\$526	\$495	\$641	\$745

	Cotton	
Yield Goal/Acre	750 lb/bale	1,000 lb/bale
Total Variable Cost/Acre	\$414	\$508
Expected Price	0.95 + .10/lb seed (60% seed wt)	0.95 + .10/lb seed (60% seed wt)
Gross Income/Acre	\$758	\$1,050
Net Income/Acre	\$344	\$542

U.S. Drought Monitor

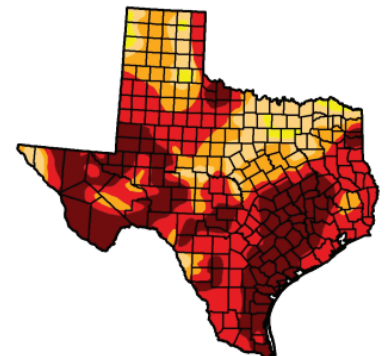
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Texas

	Drought Conditions (Percent Area)					
	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.01	99.99	97.83	84.81	67.32	32.36
Last Week (12/20/2011 map)	0.01	99.99	97.85	84.81	69.35	38.84
3 Months Ago (09/27/2011 map)	0.00	100.00	100.00	99.16	96.65	85.75
Start of Calendar Year (12/28/2010 map)	7.89	92.11	69.43	37.46	9.59	0.00
Start of Water Year (09/27/2011 map)	0.00	100.00	100.00	99.16	96.65	85.75
One Year Ago (12/21/2010 map)	13.61	86.39	73.68	38.41	9.66	0.00

Intensity:

D0 Abnormally Dry D3 Drought - Extreme
D1 Drought - Moderate D4 Drought - Exceptional
D2 Drought - Severe



* Sorghum calculated at 94% the value of corn. This does not account for forage value, which was valued at up to \$300 net profit per acre in 2011.

Sorghum crop insurance price election is set at 97.3% the value of the corn price election for 2012.

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

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