



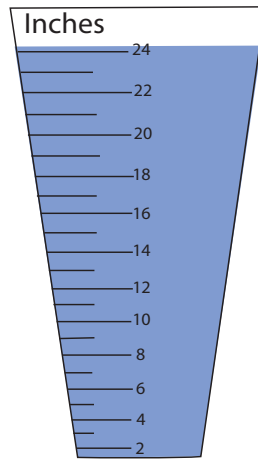
# SORGHUM Information

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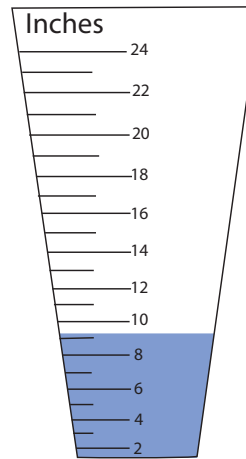
## Sorghum: Lower Inputs, Higher Yields

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 drew much attention from farmers as they look to options for what is predicted to be another exceptionally dry year. These numbers prove that sorghum could be your best 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		
<b>Yield Goal/Acre</b>	6,000 lb/107 bu	7,000 lb/125 bu	8,000 lb/143 bu	140 bu	180 bu	210 bu
<b>Total Variable Cost/Acre</b>	\$214	\$251	\$298	\$367	\$468	\$549
<b>Expected Price*</b>	\$5.81	\$5.81	\$5.81	\$6.16	\$6.16	\$6.16
<b>Gross Income/Acre</b>	\$622	\$726	\$824	\$862	\$1,109	\$1,294
<b>Net Income/Acre</b>	\$408	\$475	\$526	\$495	\$641	\$745

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

## U.S. Drought Monitor

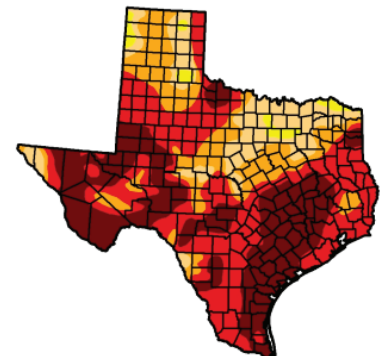
December 27, 2011  
Valid 7 a.m. EST

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  
D1 Drought - Moderate  
D2 Drought - Severe  
D3 Drought - Extreme  
D4 Drought - Exceptional



\* 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.

<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu>



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