

# SOUTH PLAINS HORTICULTURE

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**CULTIVATE, COOK & CREATE**

Christina Reid, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Lubbock County Horticulture, together with Kenneth Castillo Voice of Hope, Jessica Tullar Caroom Growing Together Texas, Penny Howard Lubbock Master Gardener Association, the entire SPFB GRUB Team, Parkway Sommerville Guadalupe Youth Centers, and Cory Edwards, Ashlyn Aljoe, Amber Bozeman, Jorja Washington with Agrilife Extension, began the summer weekly program Cultivate, Cook and Create program at the South Plains Food Bank GRUB Farm! 30 youth are participating this summer!



*Are you passionate about gardening & learning?*  
 Become a Certified Master Gardener in Lubbock  
 Join the 2022 Lubbock Master Gardener Intern Class!  
 Apply here: <https://lubbockmastergardener.org/>  
 Applications & Fees due by August 15, 2022



**HUB CITY GARDEN TOUR  
 JUNE 25, 2022 IN LUBBOCK.**

## LUBBOCK MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION PRESENTS 2ND ANNUAL HUB CITY GARDEN TOUR

This year's tour featured five unique residential gardens and one school garden. Attendees had the opportunity to tour 6 working gardens where people can get ideas to incorporate in their own gardens here in Lubbock. Lubbock Master Gardeners were on site to share these beautiful spaces, offer gardening education, guidance, and answer questions. Approximately 400 participants finished the tour this year!

# The Drop of Life



**WANT TO SEE A RAINWATER CATCHMENT SYSTEM UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL? CHECK OUT:**

## Water Weekly

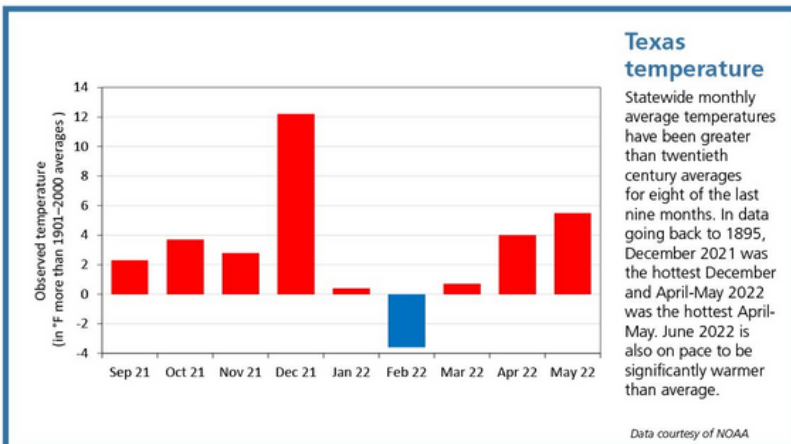
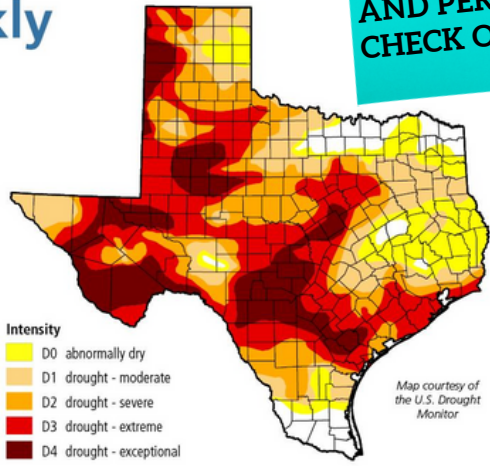
For the week of 06/27/22

### Water conditions

The latest drought map for conditions as of June 21 shows expansion and intensification of drought for the third consecutive week. This week's map also extends the number of consecutive weeks with 75 percent or more of the state in drought to 25, the longest such streak since September 2013.

### Drought conditions

- ◆ 81% now
- ◆ 80% a week ago
- ◆ 88% three months ago
- ◆ 13% a year ago



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## PRESTON SMITH ELEMENTARY RAINWATER CATCHMENT SYSTEM



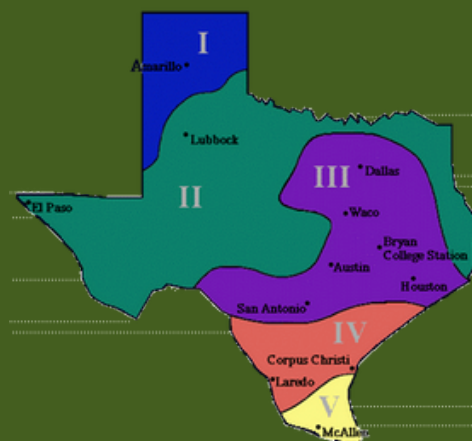
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# PLANT SOON FOR SUMMER HARVEST

# Vegetables

## What You Need To Know:

We are in gardening region II in Texas. USDA hardiness zone 7 with an average minimum temperature of 0-10 degrees Fahrenheit. Find this info virtually here: <https://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/archives/parsons/earthkid/ekgarden14.html>



Vegetables	Region I	Region II	Region III	Region IV	Region V
Asparagus	After Mar 1	After Feb 15	After Feb 1	After Jan 15	Not Recommended
Beans, snap bush	Apr 15- May 15	Apr 1- May 5	Mar 5- May 1	Feb 10- Apr 15	Feb 1- Mar 15
Beans, snap pole	Apr 15- May 1	Apr 1- May 1	Mar 5- Apr 15	Feb 10- Mar 15	Feb 1- Mar 15
Beans, Lima bush	May 1- May 15	Apr 15- May 15	Mar 15- Apr 15	Mar 1- Apr 1	Feb 15- Apr 1
Beans, Lima pole	May 1- May 15	Apr 15- May 15	Mar 15- Apr 15	Mar 1- Apr 1	Feb 15- Apr 1
Beets	Mar 1- Jun 1	Feb 15- May 20	Feb 1- Mar 1	Jan 15- Apr 15	Jan 1- Mar 1
Broccoli	Mar 1- Jun 15	Feb 15- Mar 20	Feb 1- Mar 1	Jan 15- Feb 25	Jan 1- Feb 15
Brussels sprouts	Feb 15- Apr 1	Feb 15- Mar 10	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	Not Recommended
Cabbage	Mar 10- Apr 15	Feb 15- Mar 10	Feb 1- Mar 1	Jan 15- Feb 10	Jan 1- Feb 1
Carrots	Mar 10- Apr 15	Feb 15- Mar 10	Jan 15- Mar 1	Jan 15- Feb 10	Jan 1- Feb 1
Cauliflower (transplant)	Mar 1- Apr 15	Feb 15- Mar 10	Feb 1- Mar 1	Jan 15- Feb 15	Jan 15- Feb 15
Chard, Swiss	Mar 1- Jun 1	Feb 15- May 1	Feb 1- Mar 10	Jan 15- Apr 1	Jan 1- Apr 1
Collards	Mar 1- May 1	Feb 15- Apr 10	Feb 1- Mar 25	Jan 15- Mar 15	Jan 1- Mar 15
Corn, sweet	Apr 1- May 20	Mar 15- May 1	Feb 25- May 1	Feb 15- Mar 15	Feb 1- Mar 15

Cucumber	Apr 15- Jun 1	Apr 1- May 15	Mar 5- May 1	Feb 1- Apr 10	Feb 1- Apr 1
Eggplant	May 10- Jun 1	Apr 10- May 1	Mar 15- May 1	Feb 20- Apr 1	Feb 1- Mar 15
Garlic (cloves)	Jan 1- Jan 15	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	Not Recommended
Kohlrabi	Mar 1- Apr 15	Feb 15- Mar 1	Feb 1- Mar 1	Jan 15- Feb 15	Jan 1- Feb 15
Lettuce	Mar 1- May 15	Feb 15- May 1	Feb 1- Mar 15	Jan 15- Mar 15	Jan 1- Mar 1
Muskmelon (cantaloupe)	May 1- Jun 1	Apr 10- May 1	Mar 15- May 1	Feb 20- Apr 15	Feb 1- Apr 1
Mustard	Mar 1- May 15	Feb 15- May 1	Feb 1- Apr 1	Jan 15- Mar 15	Jan 1- Mar 1
Onion (plants)	Mar 1- Apr 15	Feb 15- Mar 10	Feb 1- Mar 1	Jan 15- Feb 10	Jan 1- Feb 1
Parsley	Mar 1- Apr 15	Feb 15- Mar 10	Feb 1- Mar 1	Jan 15- Feb 10	Jan 1- Feb 1
Peas, English	Feb 15- Mar 15	Feb 15- Mar 1	Feb 1- Mar 1	Jan 15- Feb 1	Not Recommended
Peas, Southern	Jan 1- Jun 15	Apr 20- May 15	Mar 25- May 20	Mar 15- Apr 15	Mar 1- Apr 15
Pepper (transplant)	May 10- Jun 1	Apr 10- May 1	Mar 15- May 1	Feb 20- Mar 10	Feb 1- Mar 10
Potato	Mar 15- Apr 7	Mar 10- Apr 1	Feb 15- Mar 1	Jan 15- Feb 15	Jan 1- Feb 1
Potato, sweet (slips)	May 15- Jun 15	Apr 25- May 15	Apr 10- May 15	Mar 15- May 10	Mar 1- Apr 15
Pumpkin	May 15- Jun 1	Apr 25- May 20	Apr 1- Apr 20	Mar 10- May 1	Mar 1- Apr 1

Radish	Mar 1- Apr 1	Feb 15- May 20	Feb 1- May 1	Jan 15- Apr 15	Jan 1- Apr 1
Spinach	Mar 1- Apr 1	Feb 1- Mar 1	Jan 1- Feb 15	Jan 1- Feb 15	Jan 1- Feb 1
Squash, summer	May 1- Jun 1	Apr 10- May 1	Mar 5- May 1	Feb 10- Apr 10	Feb 1- Apr 1
Squash, winter	May 1- May 15	Apr 1- Apr 25	Mar 5- May 1	Feb 10- Apr 10	Feb 1- Apr 1
Tomato (transplant)	May 10- Jun 1	Apr 10- May 1	Mar 15- Apr 10	Feb 20- Mar 10	Feb 10- Mar 10
Turnip	Mar 1- Jun 1	Feb 15- May 20	Feb 1- Mar 10	Jan 15- Apr 15	Jan 1- Mar 1
Watermelon	May 10- May 15	Apr 10- May 1	Mar 15- May 1	Feb 20- Apr 1	Feb 1- Apr 1

# CHERRY TOMATOES

HARVEST OF THE MONTH  
JULY



## DID YOU KNOW?

Tomatoes continue to gain weight after they are picked because they ripen from the inside out and produce more juice. If you place a tomato in the fridge the ripening process will stop.

## FUN FACT

Tomatoes are thought to come from Peru, where their Aztec name translated to "plump thing with a navel."



CHERRY TOMATO  
GROWING REGIONS

1. East Texas

2. Rio Grande Valley

**Cherry tomatoes** are small, bite-sized tomatoes. Most are red, but some are yellow, green or black. Some are small as thumb tips while others are the size of golf balls. They grow best in warm weather and love to sun bathe. Cherry tomatoes grow on vines but farmers usually use trellises or fences to support their weight. Believe it or not, the tomato is technically a fruit. Most people think of them as a vegetable since they're commonly used in savory (not sweet) dishes.



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