



Drought Information Statement for Deep South Texas

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- **Severe Drought Conditions Are Being Observed Across Portions of the Ranchlands and Lower Rio Grande Valley**
- **Moderate Drought Conditions Are Now Being Observed Across Most of Deep South Texas**



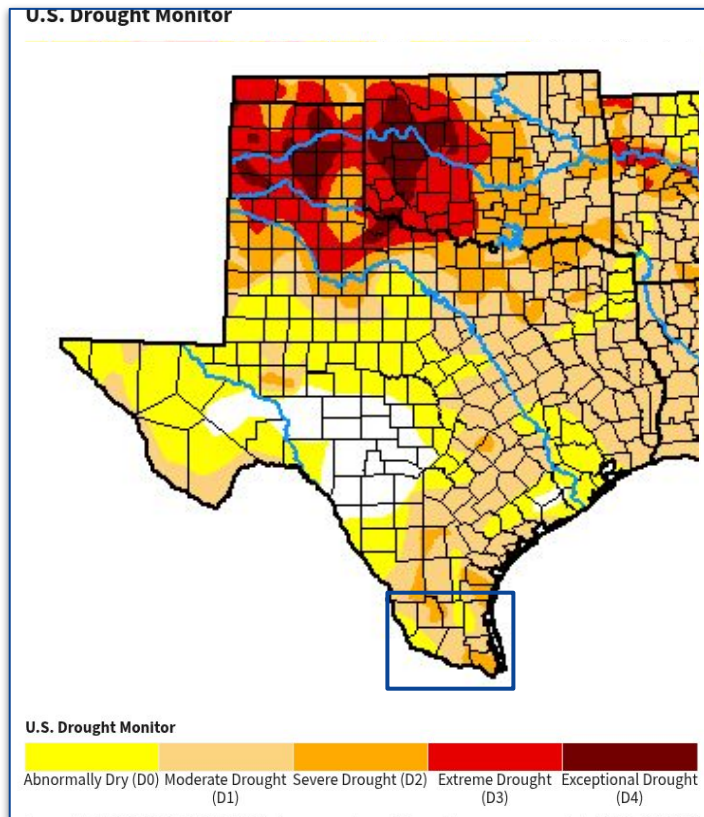


U.S. Drought Monitor

[Latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) | [Latest Drought Monitor for Deep South Texas](#)

Drought Intensity and Extent

- **Severe Drought (D2)** conditions now being observed across 20% of Deep South Texas, including northern Jim Hogg, northwestern Brooks, northeastern Kenedy, southeastern Hidalgo and most of Cameron counties.
- **Moderate Drought (D1)** conditions are being observed across over 56% of Deep South Texas, including northern Zapata, the remainder of Jim Hogg, western to central Brooks, most of Kenedy, northeastern Starr, most of Hidalgo, all of Willacy, and northern Cameron counties.
- **Abnormally Dry (D0)** conditions are being observed across the remaining 24% of Deep South Texas, including southwestern Zapata, southern Starr, southwestern Hidalgo, eastern Brooks, and western Kenedy counties.



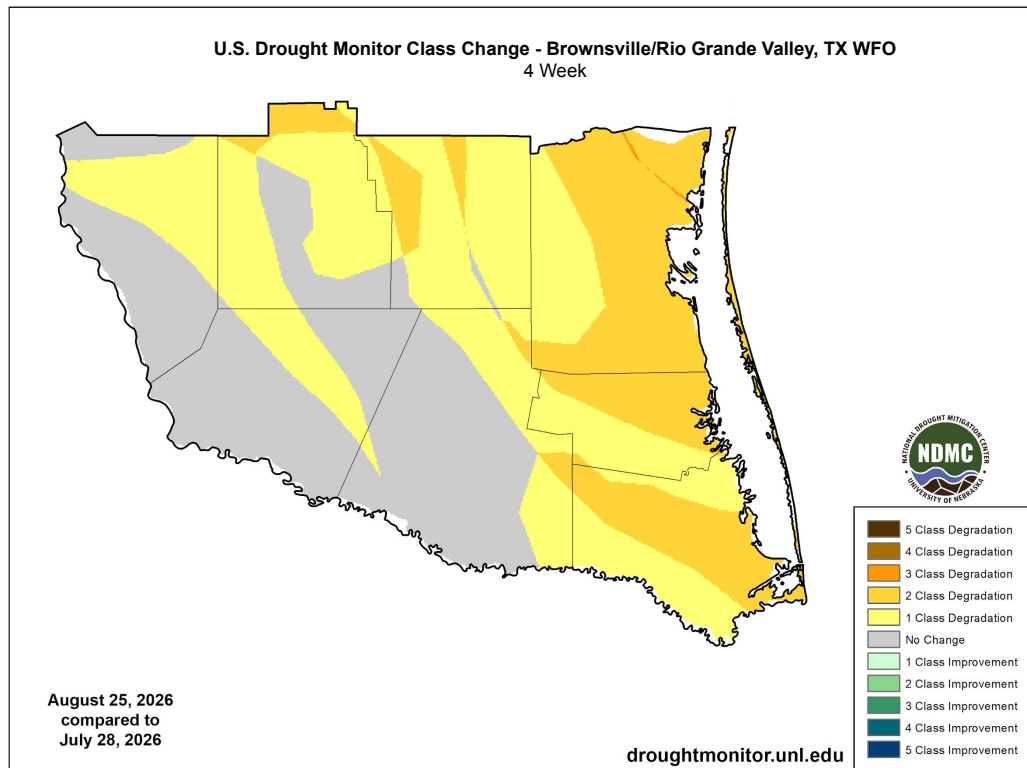


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

[Latest U.S. Drought Monitor Class Change](#) | [Latest 4 Week Change Map for Deep South Texas](#)

Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change

- In the past 4 weeks, there has been a **2 class degradation** across northern Jim Hogg, northwestern Brooks, most of Kenedy, northeastern Willacy, and northeastern Cameron counties.
- In the past 4 weeks, there has been a **1 class degradation** across northern Zapata, most of Jim Hogg, most of Brooks, western Kenedy, northern Starr, northern and eastern Hidalgo, southern Willacy, and both northern and southern Cameron counties.



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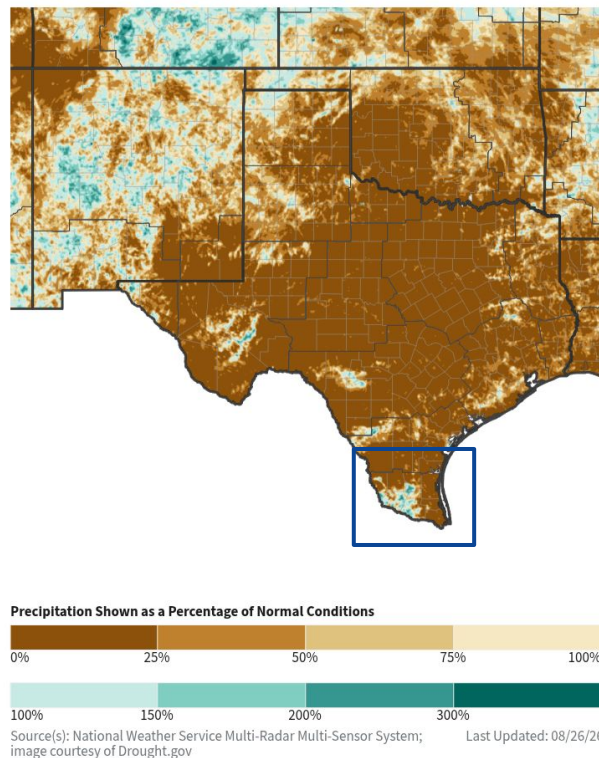


Precipitation

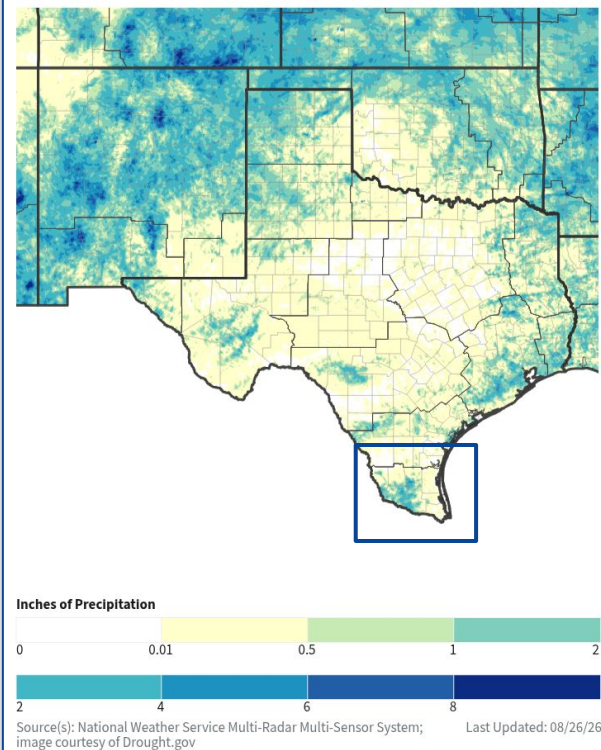
National Water Prediction Services

- Over the past 30 days, most of Deep South Texas has received between 5-50% of normal rainfall, with portions of central to southern Zapata, western Hidalgo, eastern Starr, and southern Brooks receiving between 75-200% of normal rainfall.
- Over the past 90 days, most of Deep South Texas has received between 75-150% of normal rainfall, with southern Cameron and northwestern Brooks counties receiving between 25-90% of normal rainfall.

30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



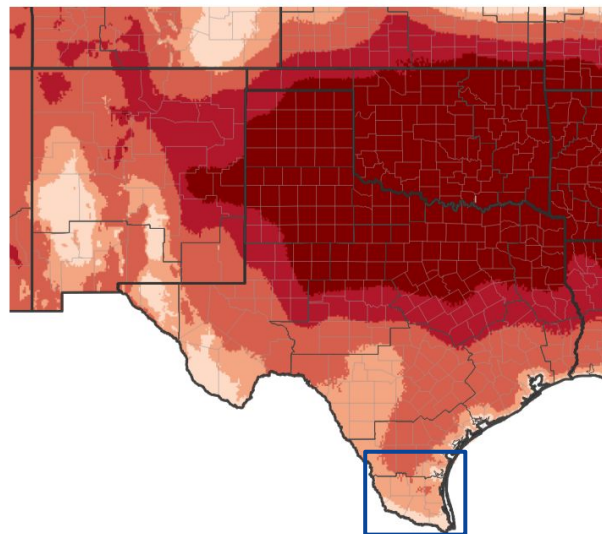


Temperature

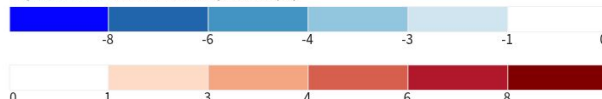
Daily Climate Summary: [BRO](#) | [HRL](#) | [MFE](#)

- [Average Maximum Temperatures](#) over the past 30 days across Deep South Texas have ranged **near to slightly above normal**, at 95-105 degrees.
- [Average Minimum Temperatures](#) over the past 30 days across Deep South Texas have ranged generally **near normal**, between 75-80 degrees.
- Overall, high temperatures are expected to be **above normal**, with low temperatures **near normal**, across Deep South Texas through Thursday, September 3rd.

7-Day Temperature Anomaly

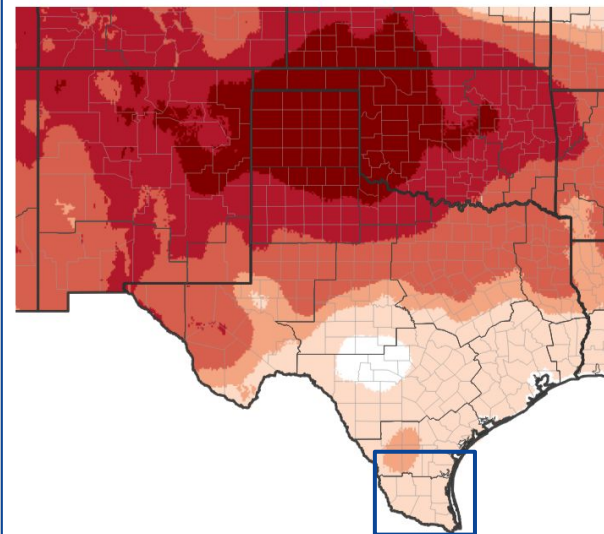


Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)

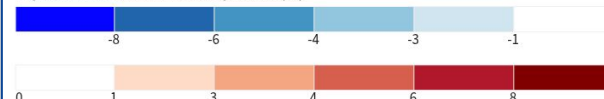


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Summary of Impacts

[View or Submit: Condition Monitoring Observer Reports \(CMOR\)](#) | [Drought Impacts Reporter](#)

Hydrologic Impacts

- Streamflows across South and Deep South Texas have dropped towards normal due to the lack of additional rainfall into late August.
- Texas water share values have dropped slightly to 38.2% at Amistad and 23.3% at Falcon Lake.

Agricultural Impacts

- Please see the latest [Crop and Weather Report](#) from Texas A&M AgriLife.
- Soil moistures have likely fallen below normal across most of Deep South Texas and the Rio Grande Valley, with Crop moisture indices dropping to below and well-below normal.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Above normal wildland fire potential is expected across all of Deep South Texas through the remainder of August, with near normal wildland fire potential September through November.
- Burn bans remain in effect for all of Deep South Texas except Kenedy County.

Mitigation Actions

- Please refer to your municipality and/or water provider for mitigation information.
- [TCEQ Known Municipality Restrictions](#).





Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

[USGS National Water Dashboard](#)

| [Current Amistad Reservoir Data](#)

| [Current Falcon Lake Reservoir Data](#)

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- Texas water share values have diminished slightly to 38.2% at Amistad.
- Texas water share values have diminished to 23.3% at Falcon Lake.

Reservoir	Pool Elevation* (ft)	Current Elevation* (ft)	Percent Full*
Amistad	1117.00	1056.77	38.2%
Falcon Lake	301.20	262.81	23.3%

Percent Full*	1 Month Ago	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
Amistad	38.4%	29.5%	33.7%
Falcon Lake	27.1%	22.4%	15.2%

[TWDB Reservoir](#) conditions as of August 27, 2026

* = Current Texas Water Share



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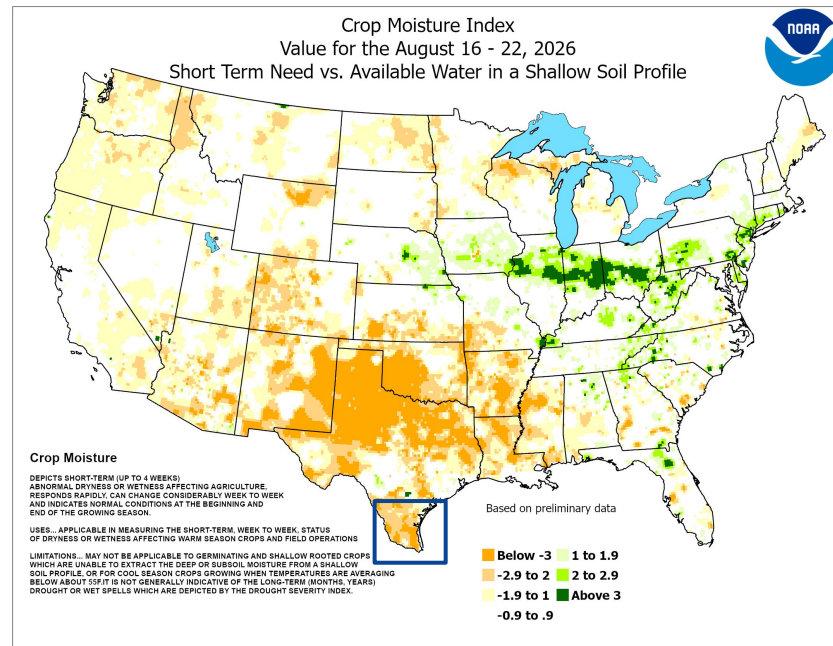
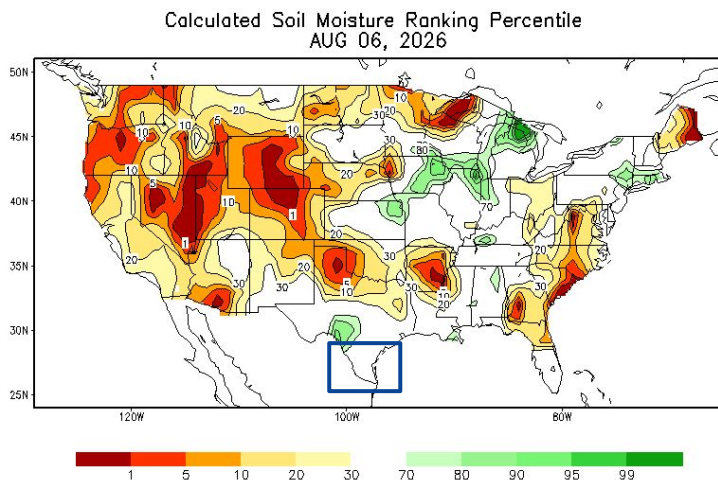
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Agricultural Impacts

[Latest Crop and Weather Report from Texas A&M AgriLife](#) | [Climate Prediction Center \(CPC\) Drought Page](#)

- Soil moistures were being reported as near normal across Deep South Texas in the beginning of August, but have likely fallen below normal across Deep South Texas.
- Crop moisture indices have dropped to well-below normal across Deep South Texas and the Rio Grande Valley.



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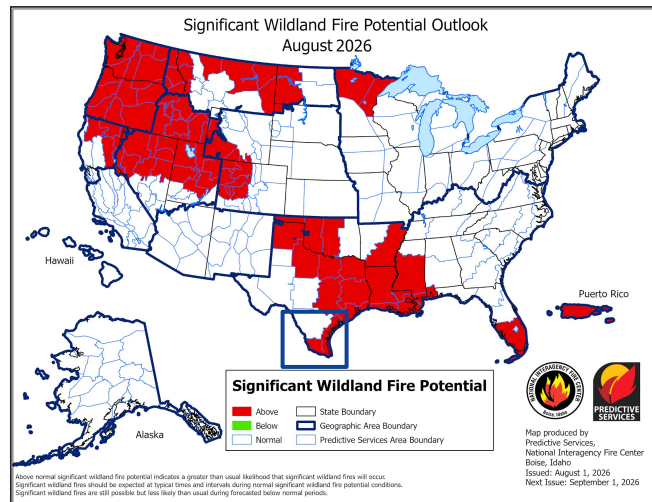


- Keetch-Byram Drought Index

values generally range from 500-700 across Deep South Texas, with southern Brooks, eastern Starr, and western Hidalgo counties ranging between 300-500.

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- Burn bans are in effect for all of Deep South Texas, except for Kenedy County.



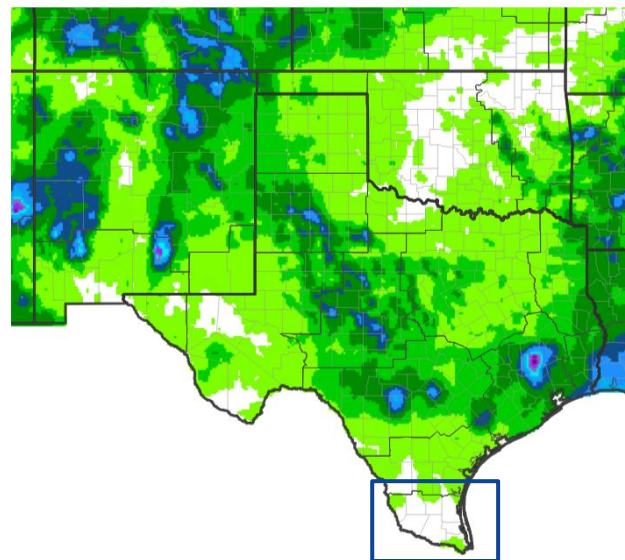


Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

[CPC 6-10 Day Precipitation Outlook](#) | [WPC Precipitation Forecasts](#)

- There is a very low to low (10-25%) chance of a shower or thunderstorm along the sea breeze this weekend and mid to late next week along the ranchlands and coastal counties of Deep South Texas.
- Early estimated precipitation of 0.10 of an inch or less is expected along the coastal counties and ranchlands through Thursday, September 3rd.
- Overall, through Saturday, September 5th, there is **an equal chance of above or below normal rainfall** across Deep South Texas.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for August 26, 2026–September 2, 2026



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



Source(s): National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center; image Last Updated: 08/26/26



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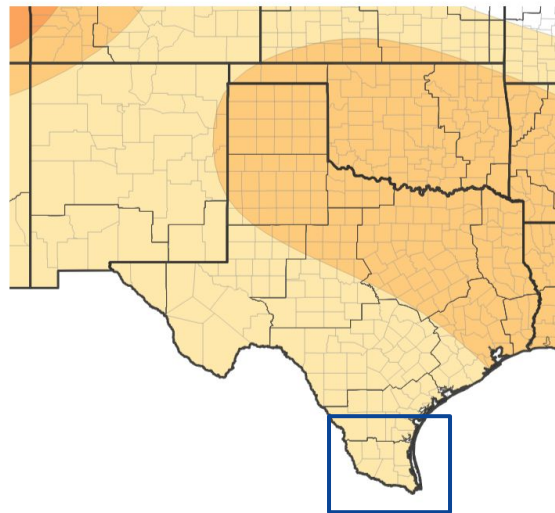


Long-Range Outlooks

[CPC Seasonal Temperature Outlook](#) | [CPC Seasonal Precipitation Outlook](#)

- There is a **medium (33-40%) chance of above normal temperatures** across Deep South Texas through September.
- There is an **equal chance of above or below normal rainfall** across Deep South Texas through September.
- Through November, there is a **medium (33-40%) chance of above normal temperatures** and an **equal chance of above or below normal rainfall** across Deep South Texas.

Monthly Temperature Outlook for September 1,
2026–September 30, 2026



Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



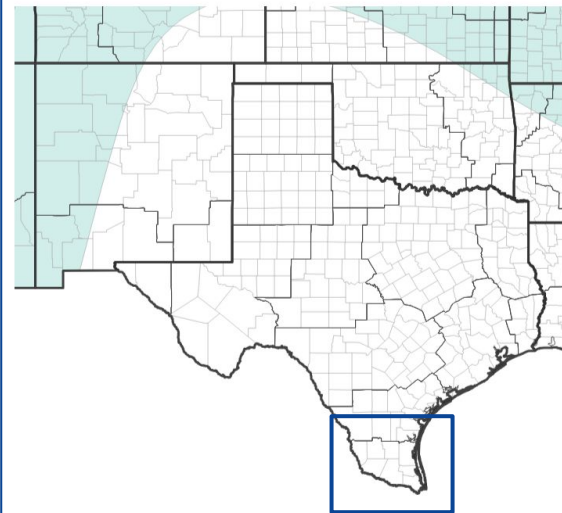
Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



Monthly Precipitation Outlook for September 1,
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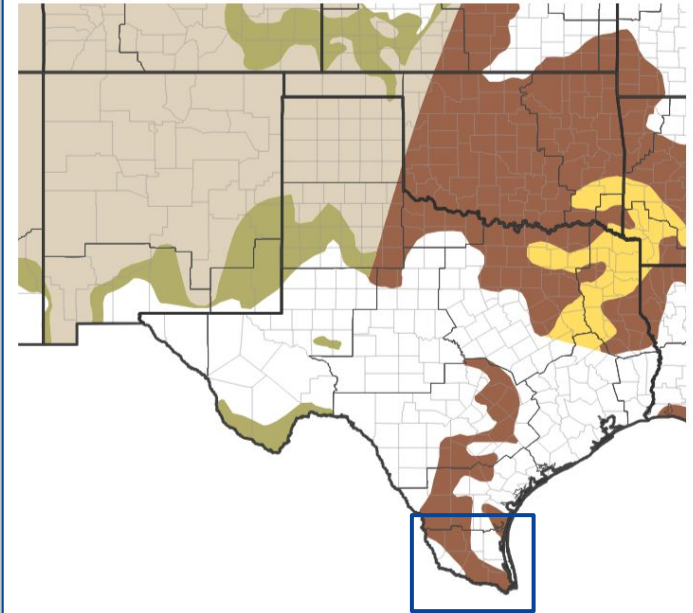


Drought Outlook

[Climate Prediction Center](#) | [Monthly Drought Outlook](#) | [Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)

- **Drought is expected to persist** through November across most of Deep South Texas, including most of Zapata, Jim Hogg, western Brooks, northeastern Kenedy, northeastern Starr, most of Hidalgo, southwestern Willacy, and Cameron counties.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for August 20, 2026–November 30, 2026



Drought Is Predicted To...

