



Drought Information Statement for Deep South Texas

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



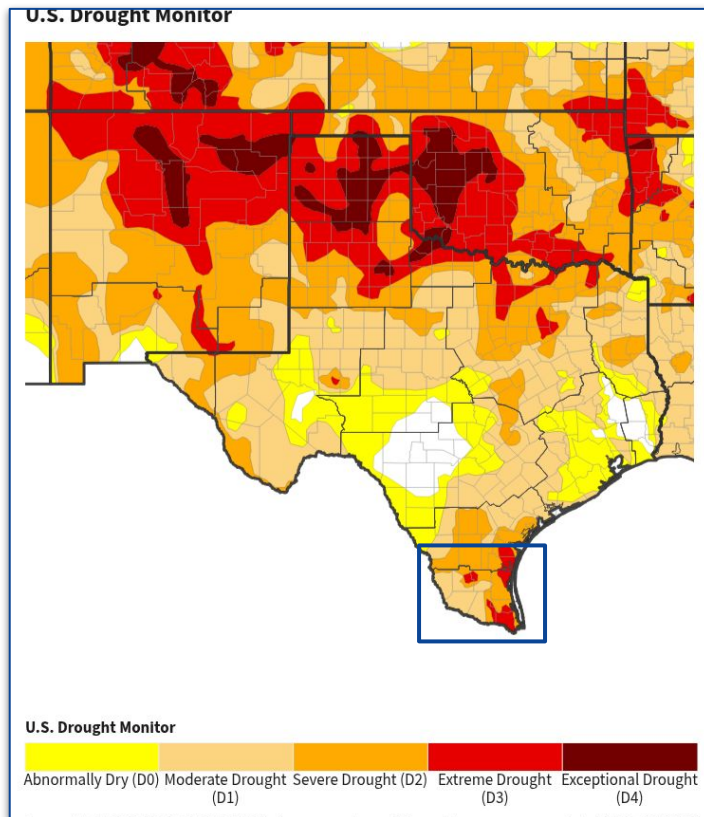


U.S. Drought Monitor

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

Drought Intensity and Extent

- **Extreme Drought (D3)** conditions are now being observed across nearly 20% of Deep South Texas, including eastern Jim Hogg, western Brooks, northeastern Kenedy, eastern Hidalgo, southern Willacy, and most of Cameron counties.
- **Severe Drought (D2)** conditions now being observed across nearly 35% of Deep South Texas, including northern Zapata, northern Jim Hogg, most of Brooks, most of Kenedy, eastern Hidalgo, and the remainders of both Willacy and Cameron counties.
- **Moderate Drought (D1)** conditions are being observed across the remaining 45% of Deep South Texas, including all of Starr and the remainders of Zapata, Jim Hogg, Brooks, Kenedy, and Hidalgo counties.



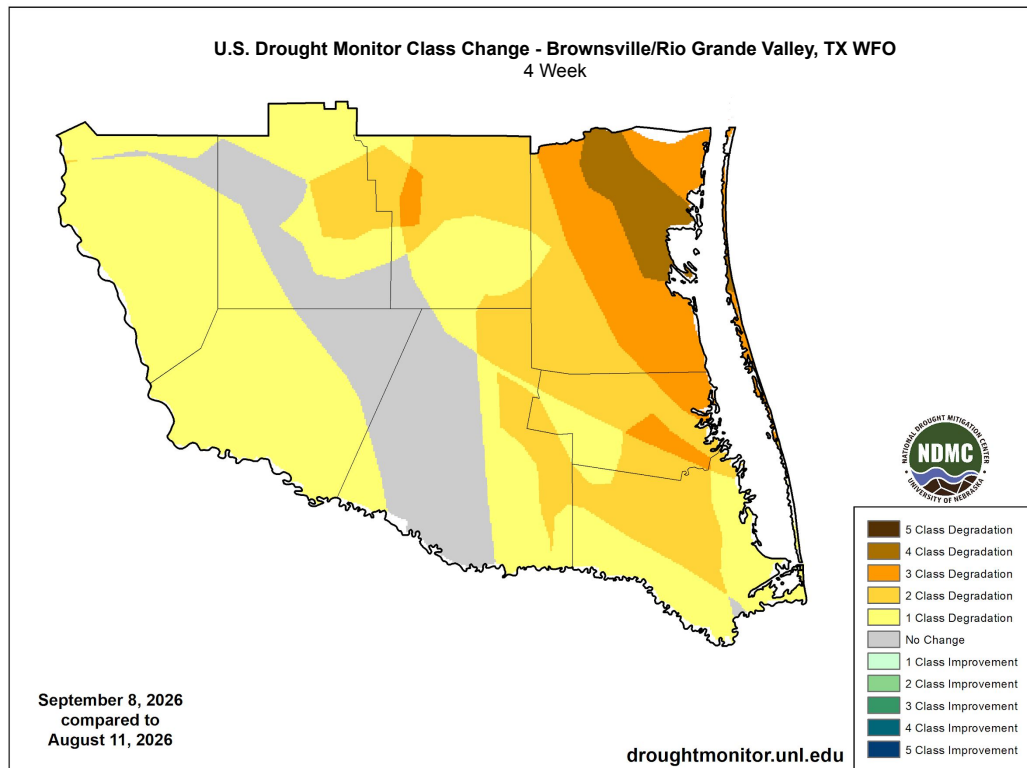


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

[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 **4 class degradation** across northeastern Kenedy County.
- In the past 4 weeks, there has been a **3 class degradation** across most of Kenedy County and portions of western Brooks, south-central Willacy, and northeastern Willacy counties.
- In the past 4 weeks, there has been a **2 class degradation** across portions of eastern Jim Hogg, northern Brooks, western Kenedy, eastern Hidalgo, central Willacy, and northern Cameron counties.
- In the past 4 weeks, there has been a **1 class degradation** across most of Zapata, Starr, northern Jim Hogg, western to southern Brooks, eastern Hidalgo, southern Willacy, and southern to eastern Cameron counties.



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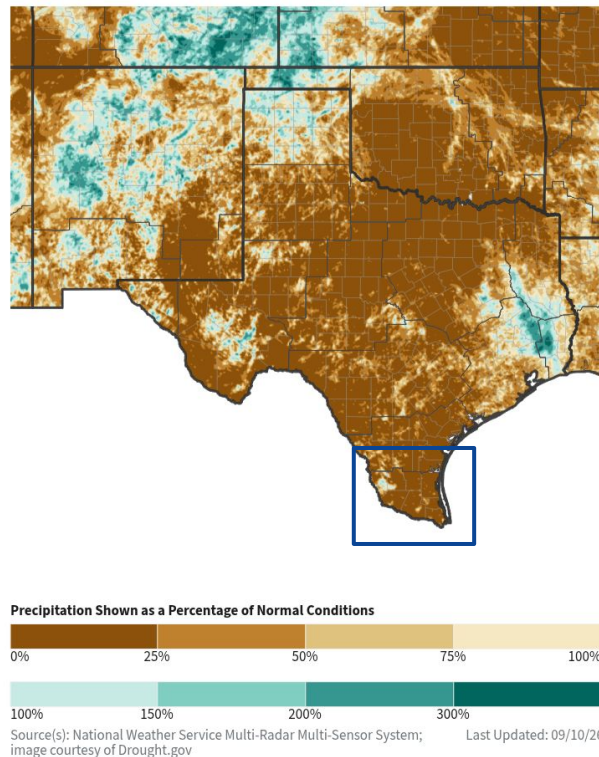


Precipitation

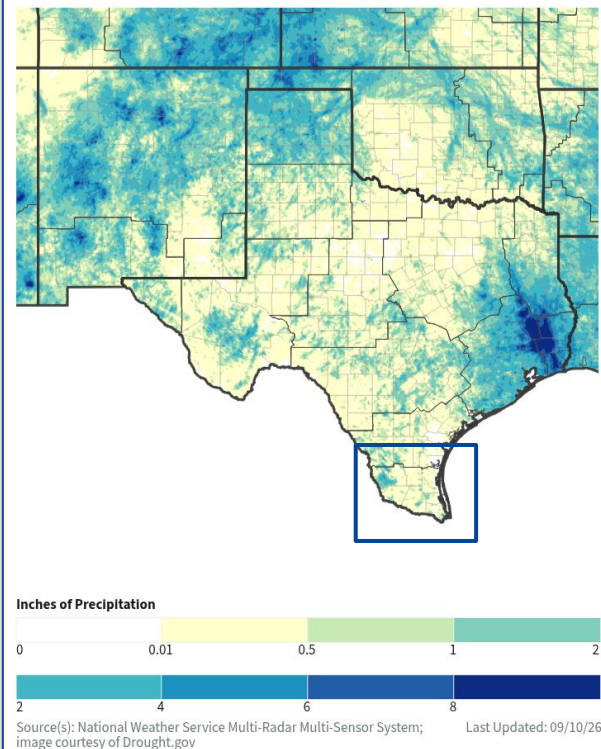
National Water Prediction Services

- 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 and western Jim Hogg receiving between 50-150% of normal rainfall.
- Over the past 90 days, most of Deep South Texas has received between 50-90% of normal rainfall, with western Zapata, eastern Jim Hogg, southwestern Brooks, northeastern Starr, and northwestern Hidalgo receiving between 100-200% of normal rainfall.

30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



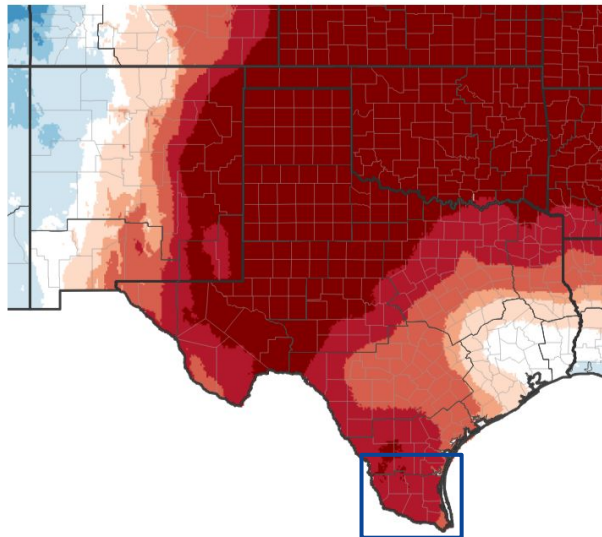


Temperature

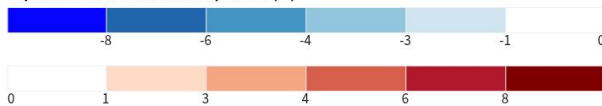
Daily Climate Summary: [BRO](#) | [HRL](#) | [MFE](#)

- [Average Maximum Temperatures](#) over the past 30 days across Deep South Texas have ranged **near to above normal**, at 95-105 degrees, with 105-110 across portions of the brush country.
- [Average Minimum Temperatures](#) over the past 30 days across Deep South Texas have ranged generally **near normal**, between 75-80 degrees.
- Overall, high and low temperatures are expected to remain **above normal** across Deep South Texas through Thursday, September 17th.

7-Day Temperature Anomaly

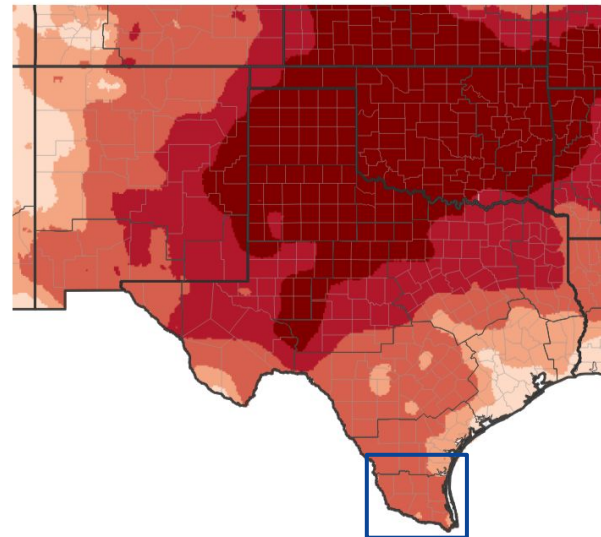


Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)

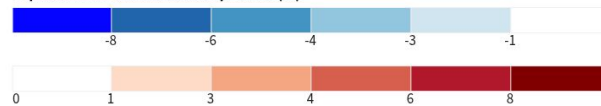


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Summary of Impacts

[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 September.
- Texas water share values have increased to 39.1% at Amistad and have fallen to 21.6% at Falcon Lake.

Agricultural Impacts

- Please see the latest [Crop and Weather Report](#) from Texas A&M AgriLife.
- Soil moistures are being reported as below to well-below normal across most of Deep South Texas, especially across the Rio Grande Valley, with Crop moisture indices continuing to be well-below normal.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Above normal wildland fire potential is expected across all of Deep South Texas through the remainder of September, with near normal wildland fire potential October through December.
- Burn bans remain in effect for all of Deep South Texas except for Kenedy and Cameron counties.

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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Reservoir	Pool Elevation* (ft)	Current Elevation* (ft)	Percent Full*
Amistad	1117.00	1056.52	39.1%
Falcon Lake	301.20	261.57	21.6%

Percent Full*	1 Month Ago	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
Amistad	38.4%	29.4%	35.6%
Falcon Lake	25.5%	23.5%	15.8%

[TWDB Reservoir](#) conditions as of September 10, 2026

* = Current Texas Water Share



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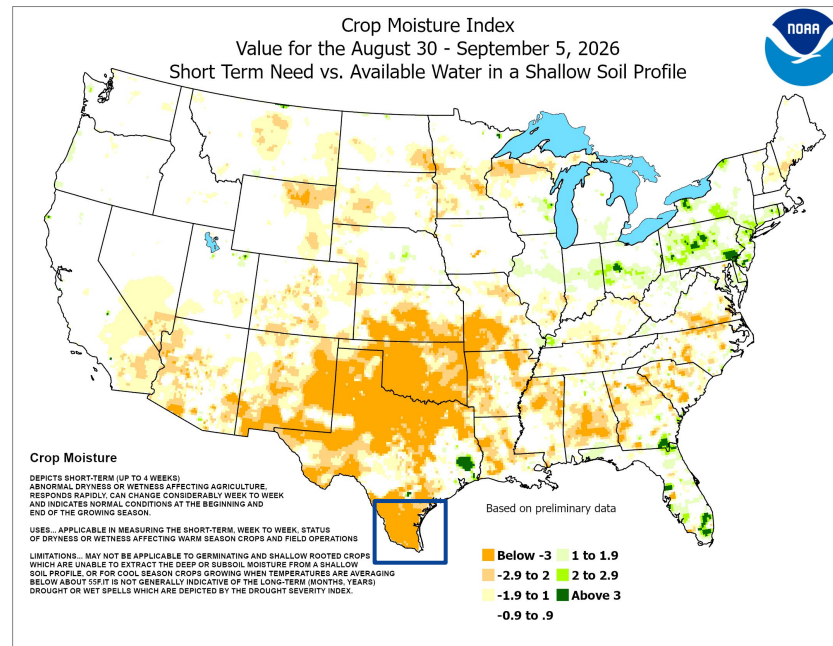
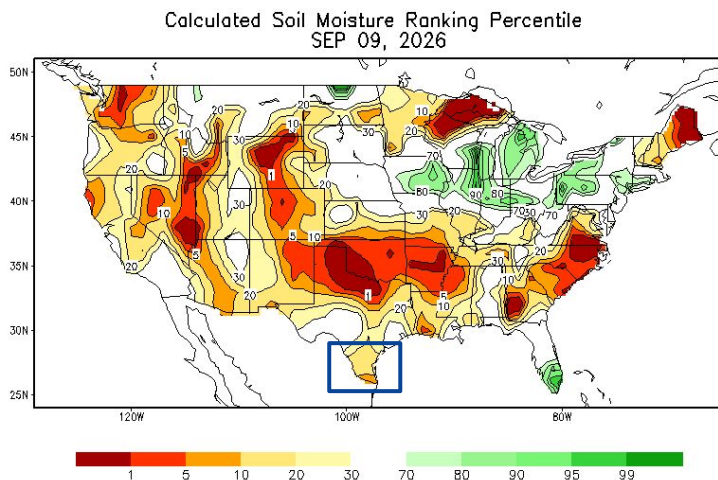
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Agricultural Impacts

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

- Soil moistures are being reported as below to well below normal across Deep South Texas, especially across the Rio Grande Valley.
- Crop moisture indices continue to be well-below normal across Deep South Texas and the Rio Grande Valley.



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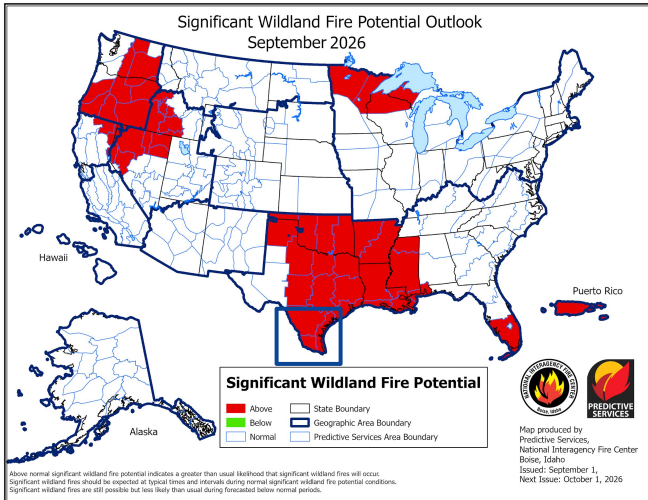
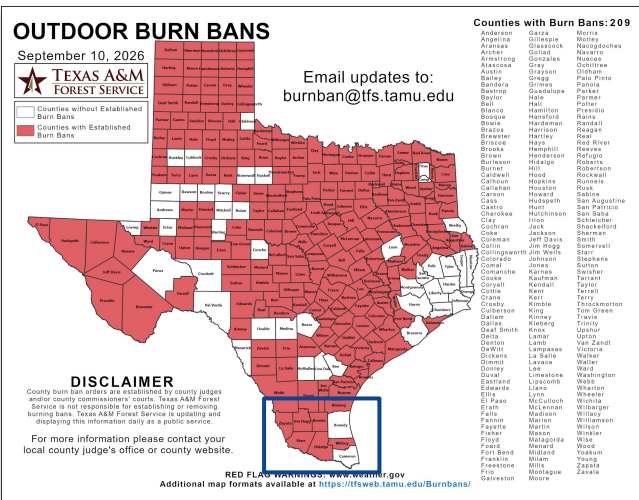
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Fire Hazard Impacts

National Interagency Coordination Center (NICC) Wildfire Potential Outlooks

- Keetch-Byram Drought Index values generally range from 500-700 across Deep South Texas, with central Zapata and southwestern Jim Hogg KBDI values ranging between 300-600.
- Above normal wildland fire potential is expected across all of Deep South Texas through the remainder of September, with near normal wildland fire potential October through December.
- Burn bans are in effect for all of Deep South Texas, except for Kenedy and Cameron counties.



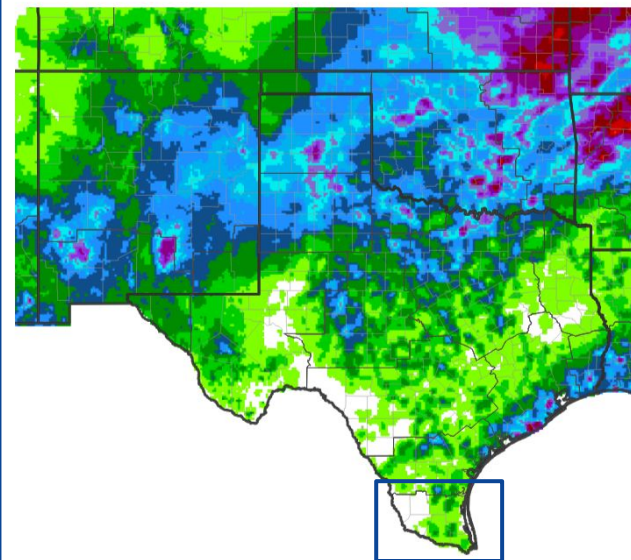


Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

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

- There is a low to medium (15-30%) chance of sea breeze showers and thunderstorms each afternoon, on Sunday, Wednesday, and Thursday, September 13, 16, and 17.
- Early estimated precipitation of a trace to 0.50 of an inch is expected in the typical sea breeze locations, generally along and east of US-281/I-69C through Thursday, September 17th. While isolated locations may receive briefly beneficial rainfall, most locations will stay dry, and drought improvement is unlikely.
- Overall, through Sunday, September 20th, there is a **medium (33-40%) chance of above normal rainfall** across Deep South Texas.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for September 10, 2026–September 17, 2026



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



Source(s): National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center; image Last Updated: 09/10/26



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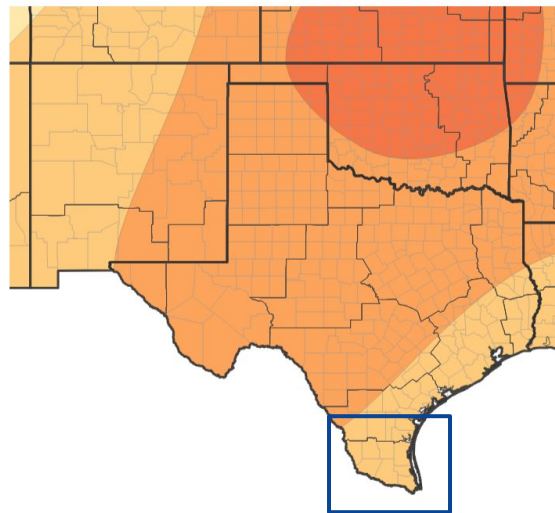


Long-Range Outlooks

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

- There is a **medium (40-50%) 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



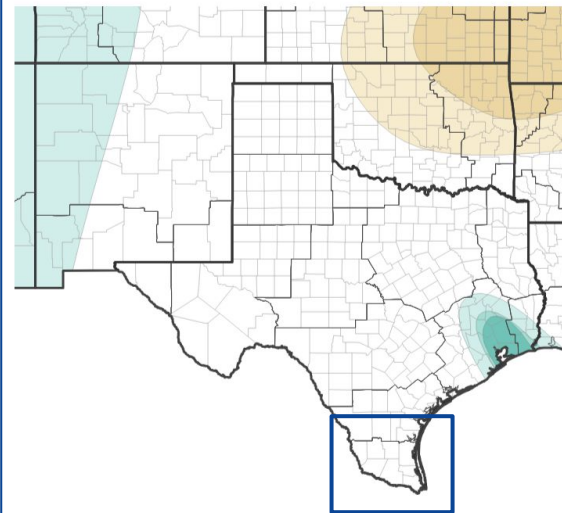
Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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



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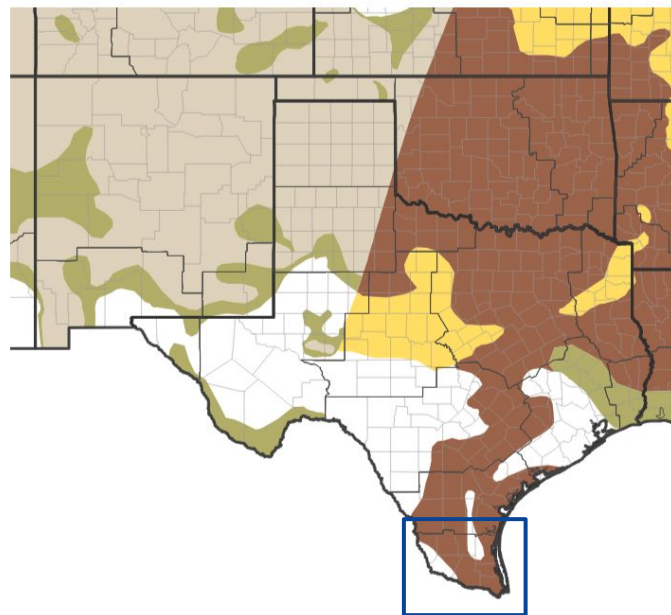


Drought Outlook

[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, eastern Kenedy, northeastern Starr, most of Hidalgo, Willacy, and Cameron counties.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for August 31,
2026–November 30, 2026



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