



Drought Information Statement for Deep South Texas

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- **Extreme Drought Conditions Continue Across Portions of the Northern Ranchlands**
- **Moderate to Severe Drought Conditions Continue Across Most of the Rio Grande Valley**



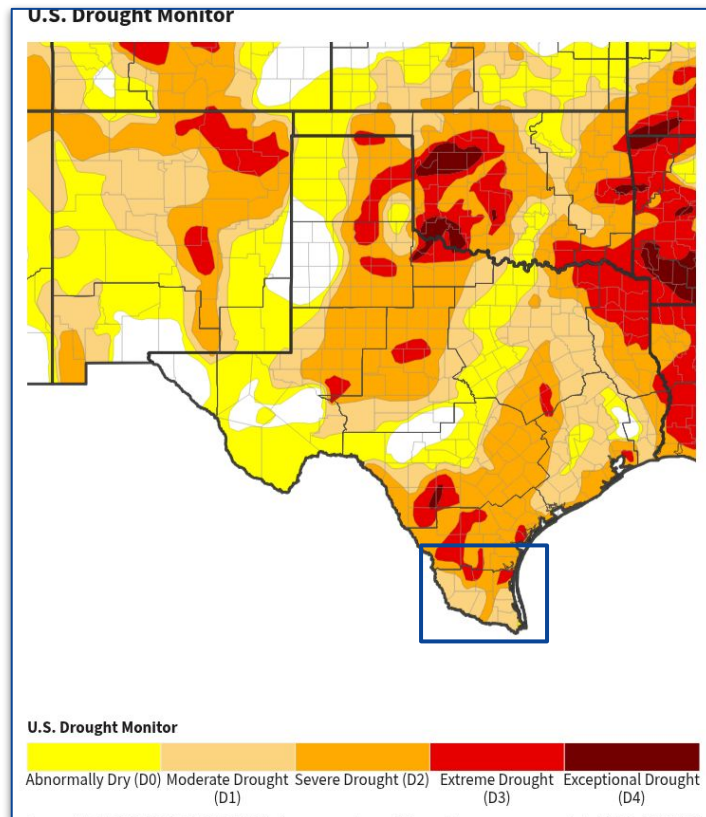


U.S. Drought Monitor

[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 10% of Deep South Texas, including northeastern Jim Hogg, northwestern Brooks, and northern Kenedy counties.
- **Severe Drought (D2)** conditions are now being observed across nearly 27% of Deep South Texas, including northern Zapata, central Jim Hogg, most of Brooks, Kenedy, and central to northeastern Hidalgo counties.
- **Moderate Drought (D1)** conditions are now being observed across over 61% of Deep South Texas, including the remainder of Zapata, Jim Hogg, Brooks, Kenedy, Hidalgo, all of Willacy, all of Starr, and most of Cameron counties.
- **Abnormally Dry (D0)** conditions are being observed across nearly 2% of Deep South Texas, across southeastern Cameron County.



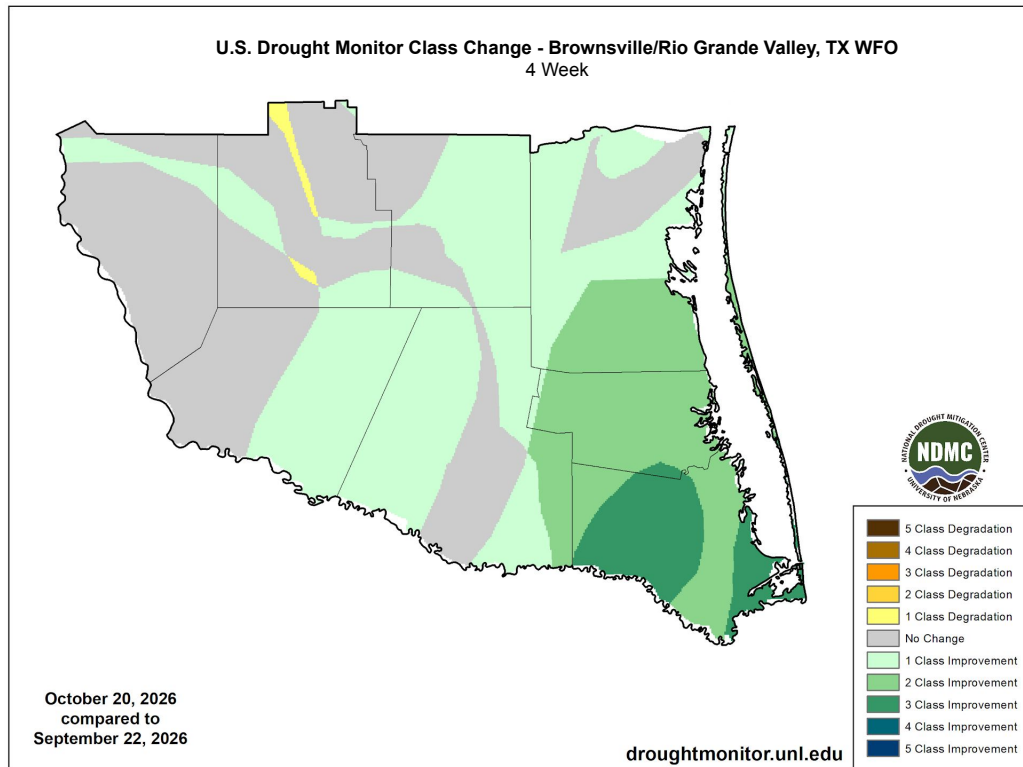


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

[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 **1 class degradation** across central Jim Hogg County.
- There has been **no change** in drought class across most of Zapata, Jim Hogg, western Starr, western Brooks, northern Kenedy, and central Hidalgo counties.
- In the past 4 weeks, there has been **1 class improvement** across northern Zapata, southern Jim Hogg, eastern Starr, most of Brooks, Hidalgo, and Kenedy counties.
- In the past 4 weeks, there has been **2 class improvement** across southern Kenedy, most of Willacy, and both western and central Cameron counties.
- In the past 4 weeks, there has been **3 class improvement** across southern Willacy County, as well as central and eastern Cameron County.



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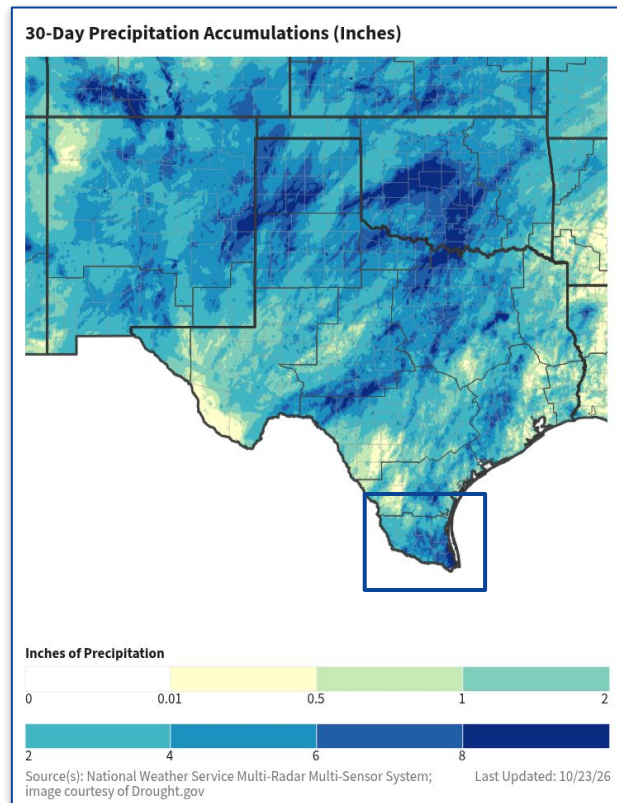
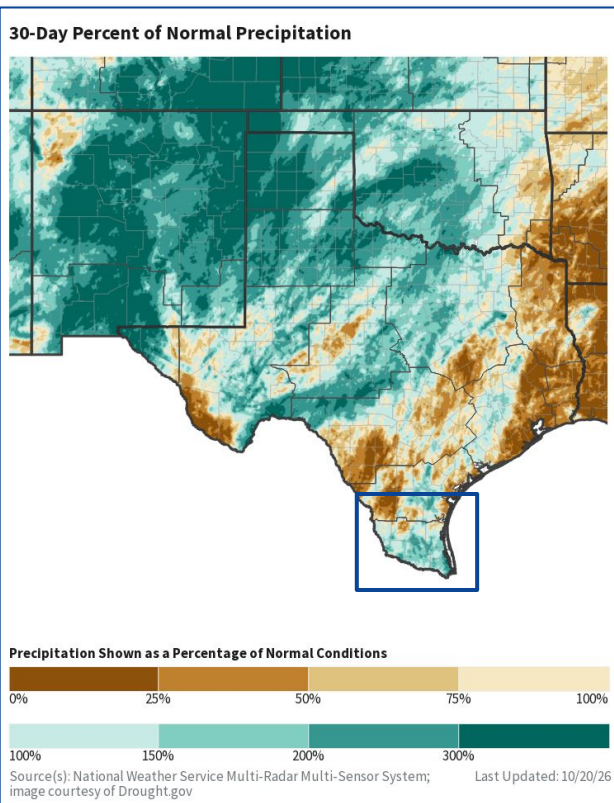
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Precipitation

National Water Prediction Services

- Over the past 30 days, most of Deep South Texas has received between 125-300% of normal rainfall, with portions of northern Zapata, Jim Hogg, Brooks, and Kenedy counties receiving between 50-100%, and the lower Texas coast between 300-400%.
- Over the past 90 days, most of Deep South Texas has received between 50-100% of normal rainfall, with portions of southern Zapata, eastern Starr, northern Hidalgo, southwestern Brooks, eastern Willacy, and eastern Cameron receiving between 100-150% of normal rainfall, and northern Zapata, Jim Hogg, Brooks, and Cameron between 25-50%.



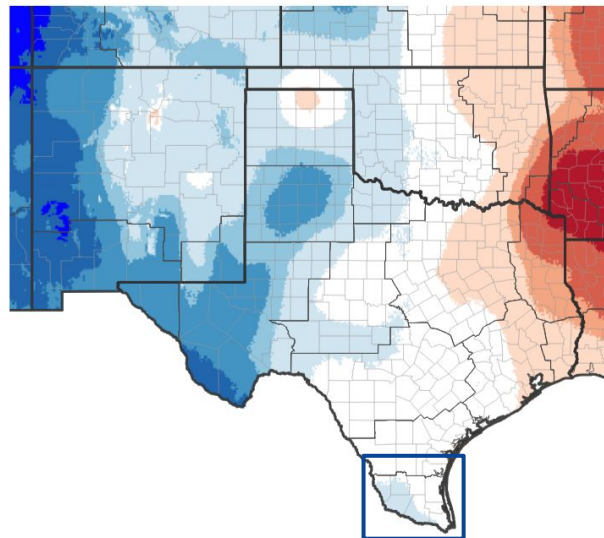


Temperature

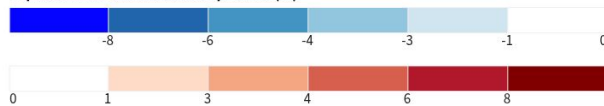
Daily Climate Summary: [BRO](#) | [HRL](#) | [MFE](#)

- [Average Maximum Temperatures](#) over the past 30 days across Deep South Texas have ranged **near to slightly above normal**, at generally 85-95 degrees.
- [Average Minimum Temperatures](#) over the past 30 days across Deep South Texas have ranged generally **above normal**, between 65-75 degrees.
- Overall, **near normal** high and low temperatures this weekend are expected to warm to **above normal** for most of next week across Deep South Texas.

7-Day Temperature Anomaly

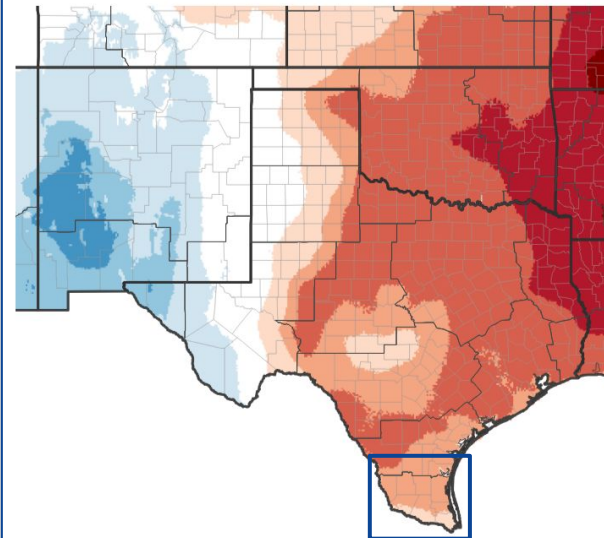


Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)

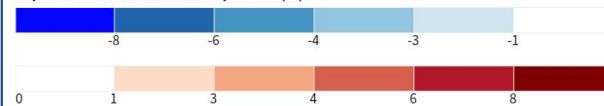


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30-Day Temperature Anomaly



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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 are currently below to much below normal with multiple weeks of scattered light rain chances.
- Texas water share values have improved to 46.5% at Amistad and have fallen to 20.3% 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 normal across the brush country, near normal through most of Deep South Texas, and above normal along portions of the lower valley. Crop moisture indices are reportedly near normal across Deep South Texas and the Rio Grande Valley.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Near normal wildland fire potential is expected for the remainder of October 2026 through January 2027.
- 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	1062.78	46.5%
Falcon Lake	301.20	260.97	20.3%

Percent Full*	1 Month Ago	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
Amistad	38.8%	37.1%	35.8%
Falcon Lake	20.0%	27.8%	16.2%

[TWDB Reservoir](#) conditions as of October 24, 2026

* = Current Texas Water Share

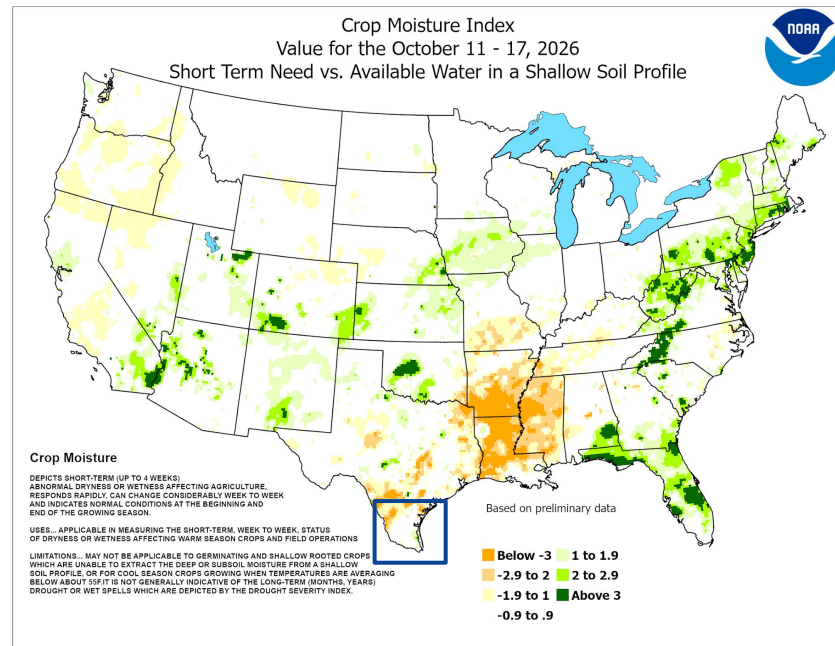
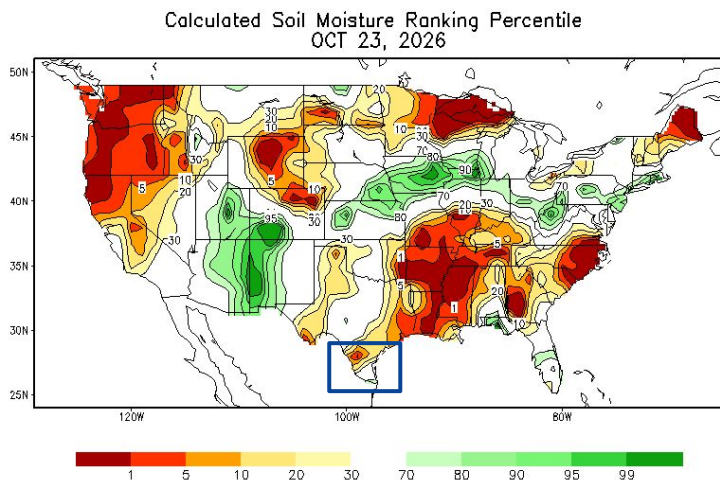




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[Latest Crop and Weather Report from Texas A&M AgriLife](#) | [Climate Prediction Center \(CPC\) Drought Page](#)

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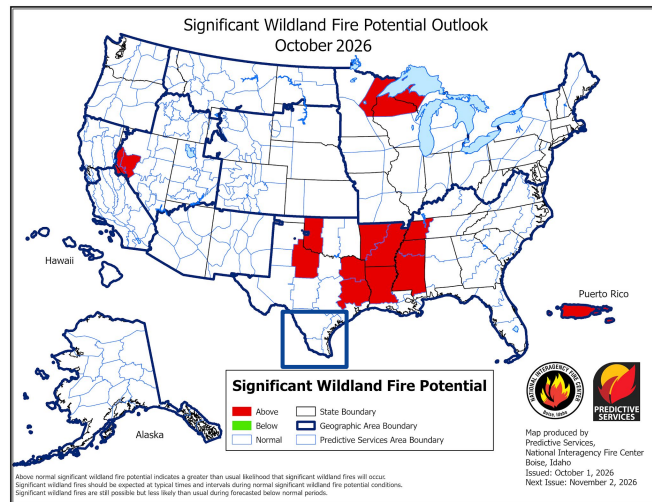


- Keetch-Byram Drought Index

values generally range from 200-400 across Deep South Texas, with values across northern Zapata, Jim Hogg, Brooks, and Kenedy counties ranging from 400-600.

- Near normal wildland fire potential is expected across all of Deep South Texas through the remainder of October, with near normal wildland fire potential expected through January 2027.

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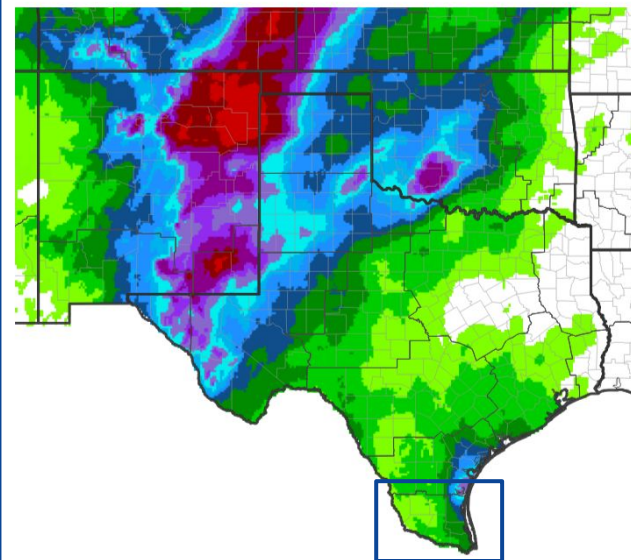


Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

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

- A low chance of rain (15-25%) is expected into Monday before an upper level disturbance and tropical moisture off the Pacific bring increased rain chances (45-65%) Monday night through Thursday.
- Lingering streamer or sea breeze showers and thunderstorms are possible each morning and afternoon Wednesday through Friday, with a drier weekend expected.
- Total estimated rainfall across Deep South Texas is expected to range from 0.01 to 0.50 of an inch, generally from west to east, with a pocket of heavier rainfall up to 1-2 inches possible along the coast through Friday, October 30th.
- Overall, there is a **likely (50-70%) chance of above normal rainfall** across Deep South Texas through Monday, November 2nd.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for October 23, 2026–October 30, 2026



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



Source(s): National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center; image Last Updated: 10/23/26



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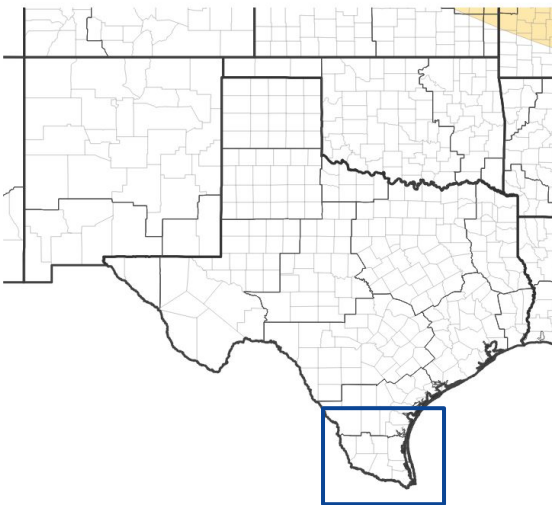


Long-Range Outlooks

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

- There is a **an equal chance of above or below normal temperatures** across Deep South Texas through November.
- There is a **medium (40-50%) chance of above normal rainfall** across Deep South Texas through November.
- Through January 2027, there is **an equal chance of above or below normal temperatures** and a **medium (33-40%) chance of above normal rainfall** across Deep South Texas.

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



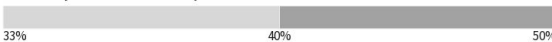
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Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



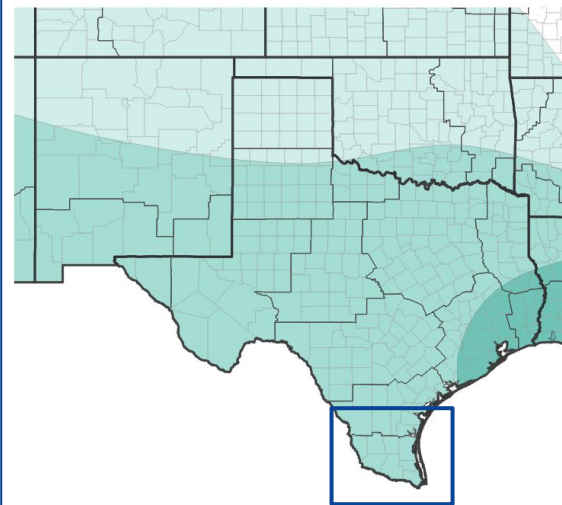
Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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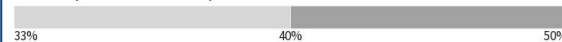
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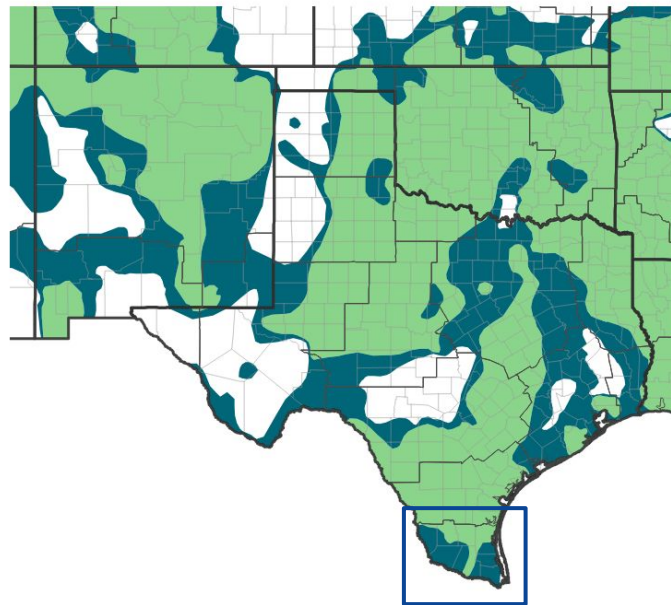


Drought Outlook

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

- **Drought is expected to end** across most of Zapata, southern Jim Hogg, Starr, western Hidalgo, southeastern Hidalgo, southern Kenedy, Willacy, and most of Cameron counties through January 2027.
- **Drought is expected to improve** across the remainder of Deep South Texas, including northern Zapata, northern Jim Hogg, most of Brooks, northern Kenedy, central Hidalgo, and southeastern Cameron counties through January 2027.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for October 15, 2026–January 31, 2027



Drought Is Predicted To...



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