A moderate to severe long-term drought persisted across Deep South Texas during the month of October. Average rainfall amounts for the month were generally less than one inch region-wide. However, some coastal locations, such as Port Isabel, did receive beneficial rainfall. Following are some selected annual rainfall departures through the end of October: Brownsville reported 10.55 inches below normal; Harlingen reported 5.64 inches below normal; McAllen reported 3.90 inches below normal; McCook reported 7.70 inches below normal; Hebbronville reported 8.89 inches below normal; Zapata reported 9.41 inches below normal; and Port Mansfield reported 9.82 inches below normal.