



Drought Information Statement for South Texas

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- This product will be updated July 7, 2026 or sooner if drought conditions change significantly.
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- Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/crp/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
- Please visit <https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates> for regional drought status updates.

- Removal of drought and abnormally dry conditions across all coastal counties in South Texas.
- Most of the northern Brush Country and Victoria Crossroads remain in Moderate Drought (D1) with a small area of Severe Drought (D2) on the La Salle/McMullen border.
- Widespread 14-day rainfall totals (through June 17th) of 2-4 inches common across the Brush Country with 4-6 inches closer toward the coast. Portions of Webb County and the coastal counties saw rainfall as high as the 8 inch range during the same period.
- Below-normal chances for precipitation and above-normal temperatures in July.



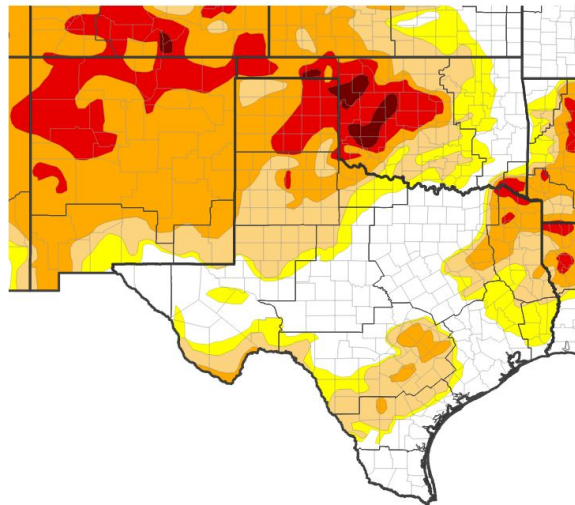


U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for South Texas

- Drought intensity and Extent
 - **D4 (Exceptional Drought)**: None
 - **D3 (Extreme Drought)**: None
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Portions of La Salle and McMullen Counties
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Most of La Salle, McMullen, Live Oak, Goliad, and portions of Webb, Duval, Bee and Victoria Counties

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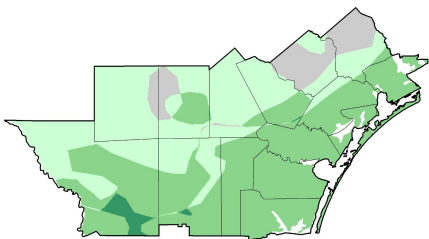


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for South Texas

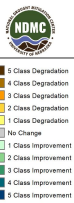
- One Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - Drought Worsened: None.
 - Drought Improved: Most of the Coastal Plains and the Brush Country
 - No Change: Portions of the Brush Country
- 2-Week improvement of 1-3 classes across South Texas

U.S. Drought Monitor Class Change - Corpus Christi, TX WFO
2 Week

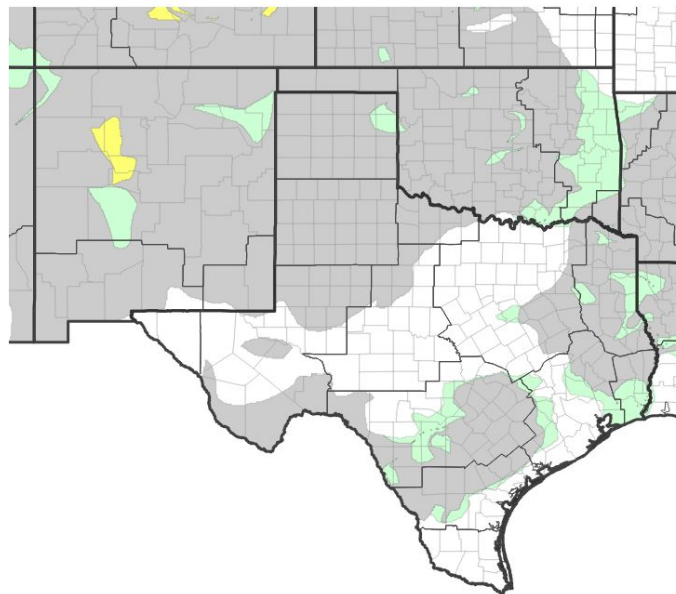


June 9, 2026
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May 26, 2026

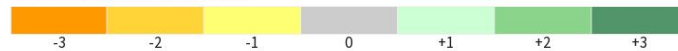
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U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map



Drought Change Since Last Week



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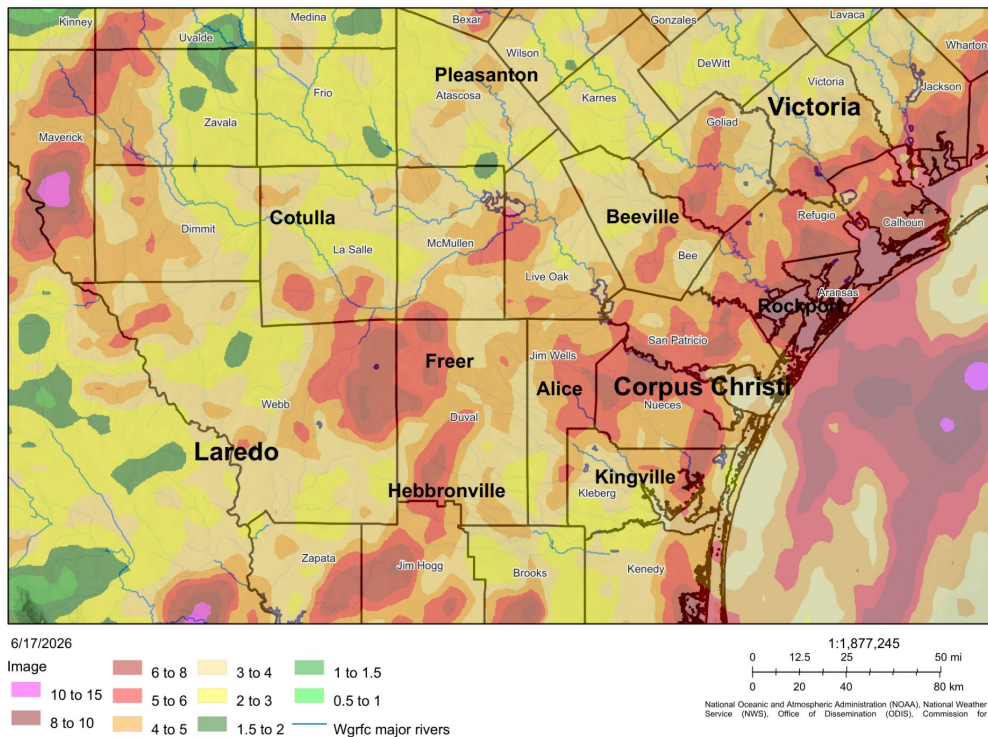


14-Day Rainfall (Through June 17th)

Across most of the Brush Country, 2 to 4 inches of rainfall across the 14 days prior to June 17th was common, while most of the Coastal Plains received 4-6 inches. Areas pockets of 8 inch rainfall totals were isolated to eastern Webb and generally along the coast north of Corpus Christi Bay. This was due to tropical moisture moving in from the western Caribbean and the remnants of Tropical Storm Cristina (eastern Pacific storm) and what would later form into Tropical Storm Alberto.

For that 14-day period, the percentage of normal rainfall exceeded 200-400% across South Texas.

Rainfall Analysis Maps

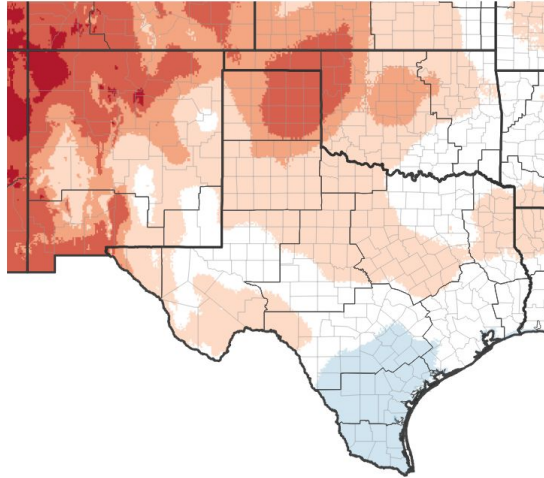




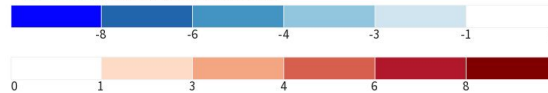
Temperature

Over the last week, temperatures have remained 1 to 3°F below normal, due to recent rainfall events, and generally remaining 1 to 3°F below normal across the last 30 days.

7-Day Temperature Anomaly

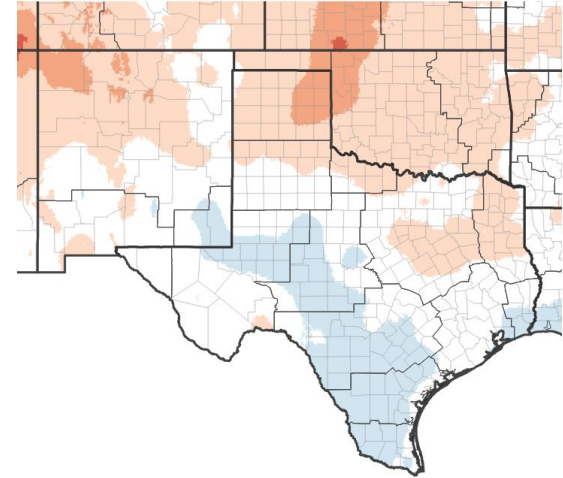


Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)

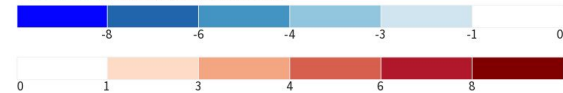


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30-Day Temperature Anomaly



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Summary of Impacts

Links: See/submit [Condition Monitoring Observer Reports \(CMOR\)](#) and view the [Drought Impacts Reporter](#)

Hydrologic Impacts

- Stage 3 water restrictions remain in effect across much of South Texas. No date has been announced for Stage 4 implementation.
- Currently, the combined storage levels of Lake Corpus Christi and Choke Canyon are sitting at 14.4 percent as of June 20th compared to 8.3 percent one month prior. Lake Corpus Christi saw the greatest increase in storage, from 11.2 percent last month to 29.2 percent as of June 20th.

Agricultural Impacts (<https://agrifetoday.tamu.edu/2026/06/16/alternative-crops-offer-producers-diversification-and-late-planting-options/>)

- Coastal Bend: Saturated soils and recurring showers presented difficult field conditions for producers across much of the district. Producers relied on aerial application for pest and weed management in some areas. Cotton was stressed by prolonged wet conditions in some fields. Some cotton was responding well to the combination of moisture and warmth, with many fields in the candle square stage. Fleahopper counts reached treatment thresholds in some fields. Earlier-planted fields already had blooms and small bolls, shifting scouting emphasis toward bollworms, stink bugs and Lygus bugs. Headworms in grain sorghum were a problem in some areas, but harvest was approaching for maturing fields. Corn and grain sorghum prospects were described as fair to excellent where excessive moisture had not caused deterioration. Pasture mealybug continued spreading and was affecting forage quality in some counties. Rice fields had low numbers of rice delphacid identified and were developing well. Range and pasture conditions were excellent, with cattle gaining weight and body condition.
- South: Hot, humid conditions persisted across the district, with heat index values reaching 105-110 degrees in parts of the lower Rio Grande Valley. Most counties reported rain. Rainfall was locally heavy, with one area reporting 8 inches in a single event. Soils were saturated in some locations, while other areas received only light scattered showers. Grain sorghum harvest was underway in the southernmost counties but was slowed or halted by rain in several areas. Corn was drying down in some counties while still in dough and dent stages in others. Cotton was progressing through squaring and boll-set stages, with active management for pests. Peanut planting continued and neared completion, with early-planted peanuts in the pegging stage. Cantaloupe and watermelon harvests were active with producers reporting excellent yields and good fruit quality. Citrus trees were developing fruit and should respond well to the additional rainfall. New World screwworm confirmed cases were reported, and producers were monitoring for wounds in livestock, taking fly control measures and in contact with animal health officials. Pasture and range conditions were mostly good to excellent, and livestock were performing well. Cattle sales slowed in some areas as producers held animals on abundant grass. Some hay baling was delayed by wet conditions, but many fields were cut before the rains. Stock tank water levels were replenished.





Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

Fire Hazard Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time

Other Impacts

- Beeville under stage 4 emergency water shortage restrictions and Local State of Disaster Issued (<https://www.beevilletx.gov/news/post/10042/>) (<https://www.beevilletx.gov/news/post/10036/>)
- Corpus Christi under stage 3 water restrictions (<https://www.cctexas.com/>)
- Portland under stage 3 water restrictions
- Aransas Pass under stage 3 water restrictions
- Laredo under stage 2 water restrictions (<https://laredoutilities.com/water-conservation-program/>)
- Mathis under stage 3 water restrictions (<https://www.cityofmathis.com/213/Water-Restrictions>)
- Victoria under stage 2 water restrictions (<https://www.victoriatx.gov/civicalerts.aspx?aid=2001>)
- Other South Texas communities under restrictions can be found [here](#)

Mitigation Actions

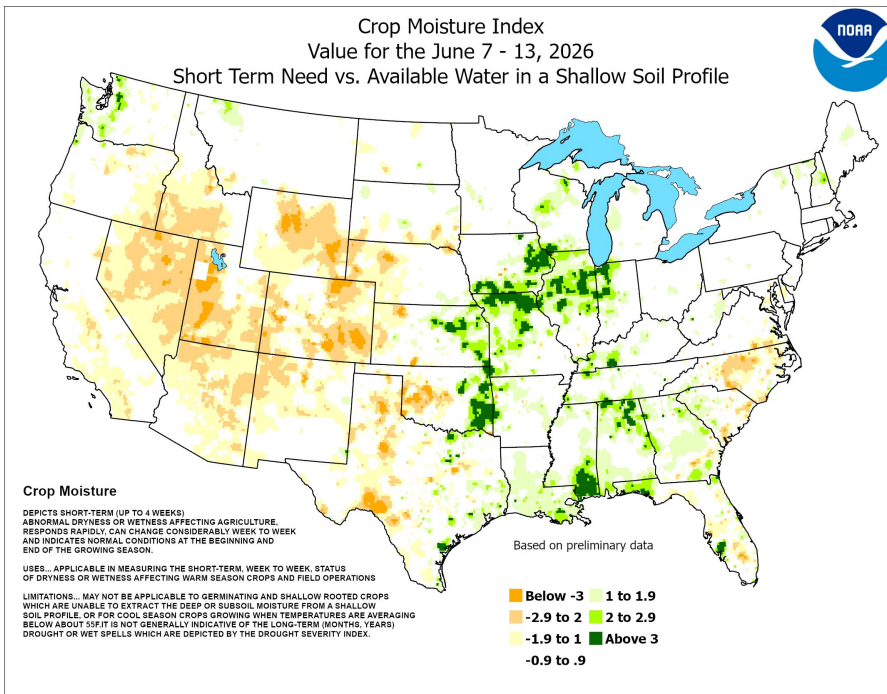
- Please refer to your municipality and/or water provider for mitigation information.





Agricultural Impacts

- Crop Moisture Index for most of South Texas ranges -1.9 to 0.9, however scattered areas across the coastal plains have a Crop Moisture Index ranging from 1.0 to above 3.0.

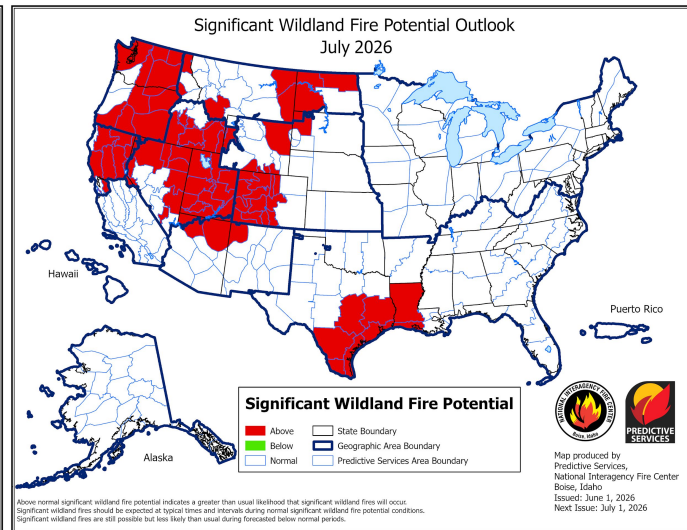
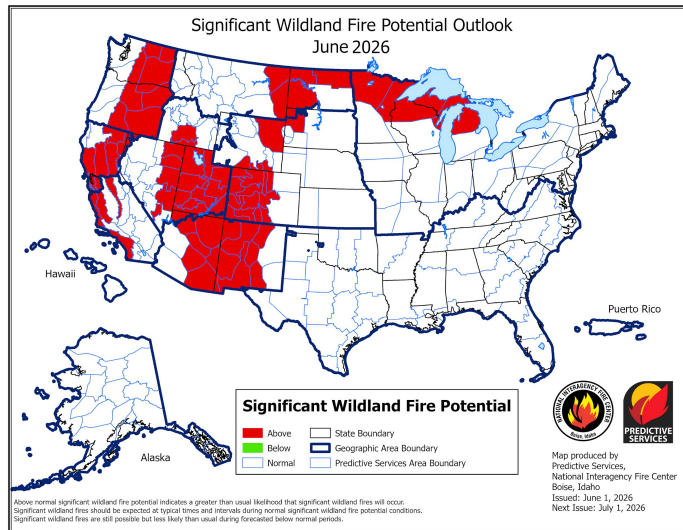




Fire Hazard Impacts

Link to [Wildfire Potential Outlooks from the National Interagency Coordination Center](#).

- The Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook for June is forecast to be near normal with July increasing to an above normal potential across South Texas.



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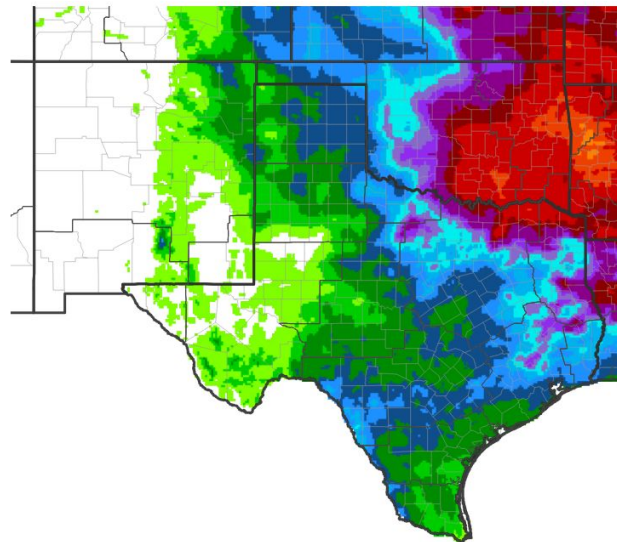
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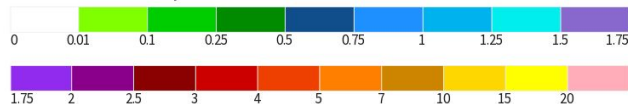
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Rain up to 0.5-0.75 inches forecast through the next 7 days across South Texas.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for June 19, 2026–June 26, 2026



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



Source(s): National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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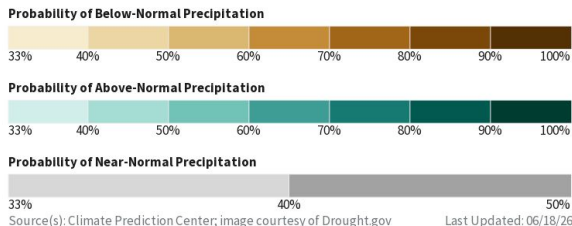
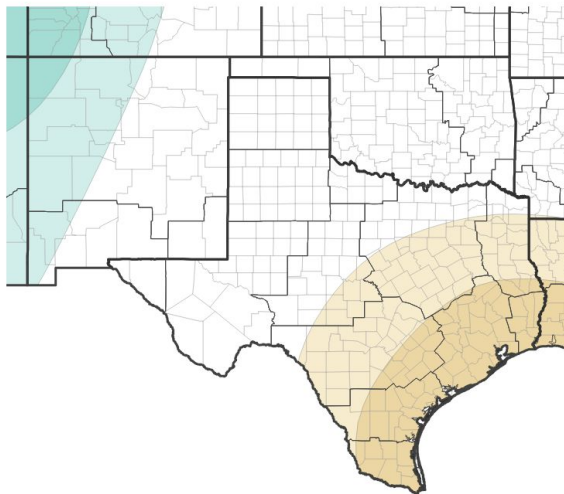


Long-Range Outlooks

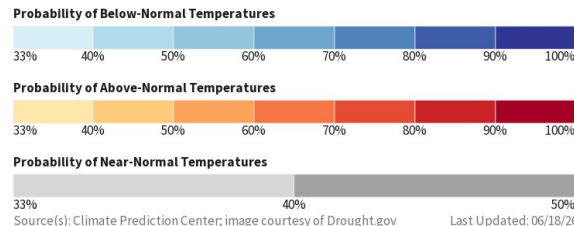
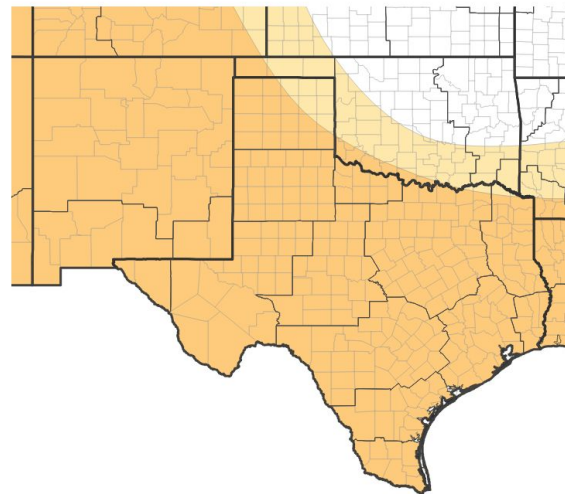
The latest monthly and seasonal outlooks can be found on the [CPC homepage](#)

- Precipitation outlook for July across all of South Texas has 40-50% of below-normal chances.
- Temperatures across of South Texas is expected to be 40-50% above-normal for July.

Monthly Precipitation Outlook for July 1, 2026–July 31, 2026



Monthly Temperature Outlook for July 1, 2026–July 31, 2026



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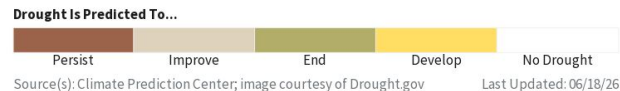
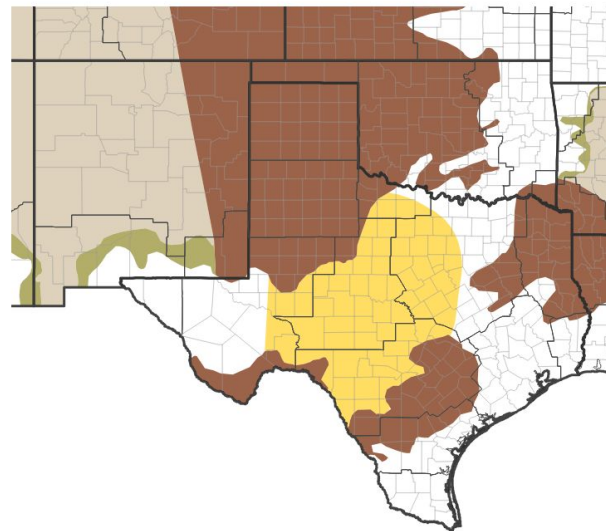


Drought Outlook

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- The latest 3-month outlook is forecasting that drought will persist across the northern Brush Country, Rio Grande Plains, and northern Victoria Crossroads.
- Elsewhere, no changes to the drought-free conditions.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for June 18, 2026-September 30, 2026



Links to the latest:

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



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