



Drought Information Statement for South Texas

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- Drought conditions slightly worsened over portions of the Coastal Bend and Coastal Plains with improvement over portions of Duval and Webb counties.
- September experienced above normal temperatures. Precipitation was generally below normal across South Texas, with splotches of above normal over the Rio Grande Plains and Victoria Crossroads.
- Below normal precipitation and above normal temperatures are generally expected during the month of October. Drought conditions are expected to persist or develop across South Texas through October.

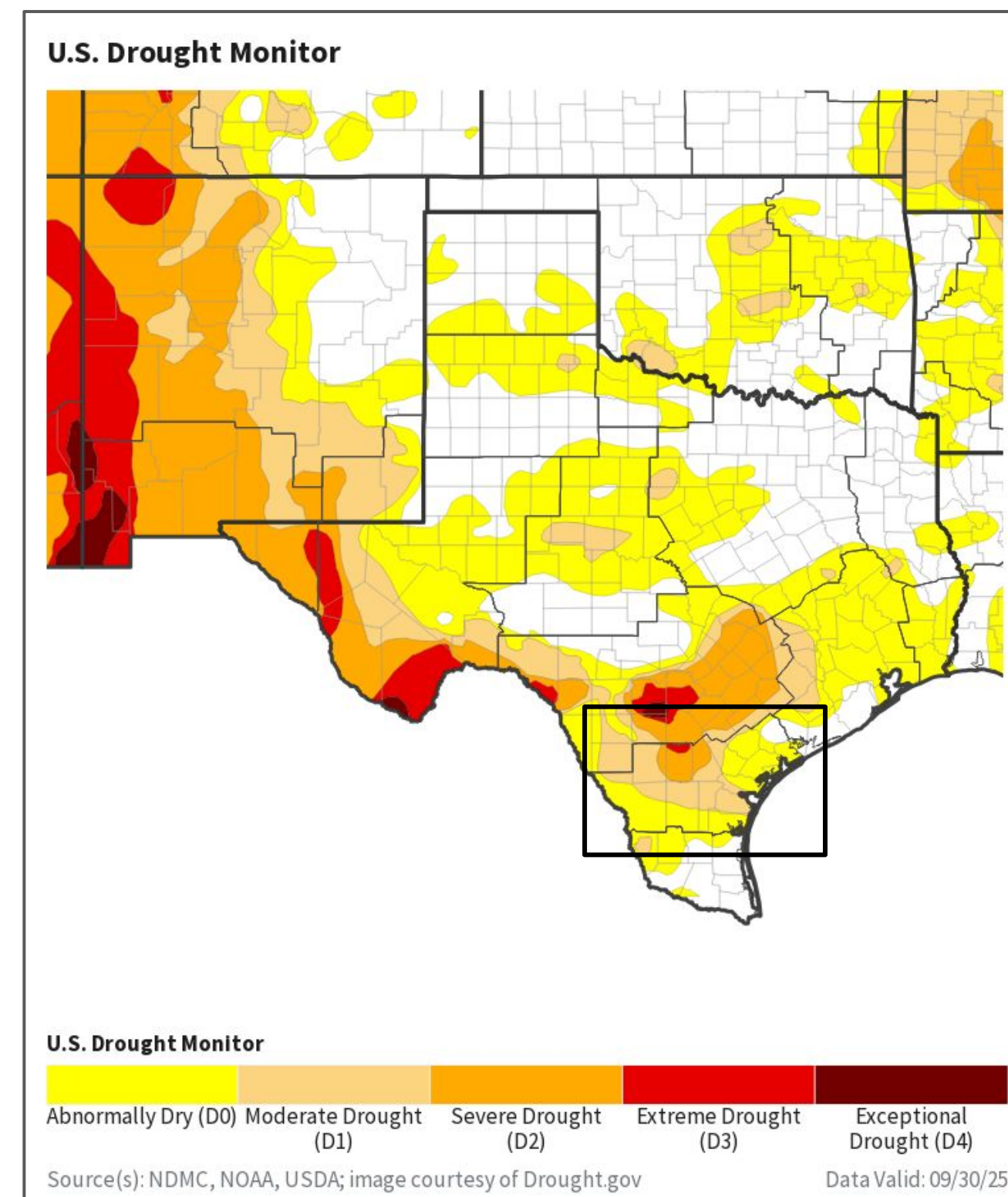


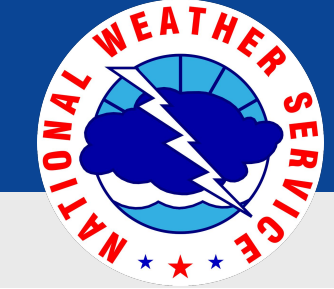
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Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#)

- Drought intensity and Extent
 - **D4 (Exceptional Drought)**: None
 - **D3 (Extreme Drought)**: Small portion of northern McMullen county.
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Rest of McMullen county. Portions of Live Oak and La Salle counties.
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Northern portion of Webb, Duval, Jim Wells, Bee, and Goliad counties. All of Nueces County. Portion of San Patricio County.
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: Rest of South Texas with the exception of majority of Victoria County and small eastern portion of Calhoun County.



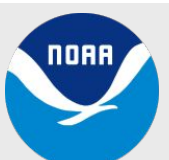
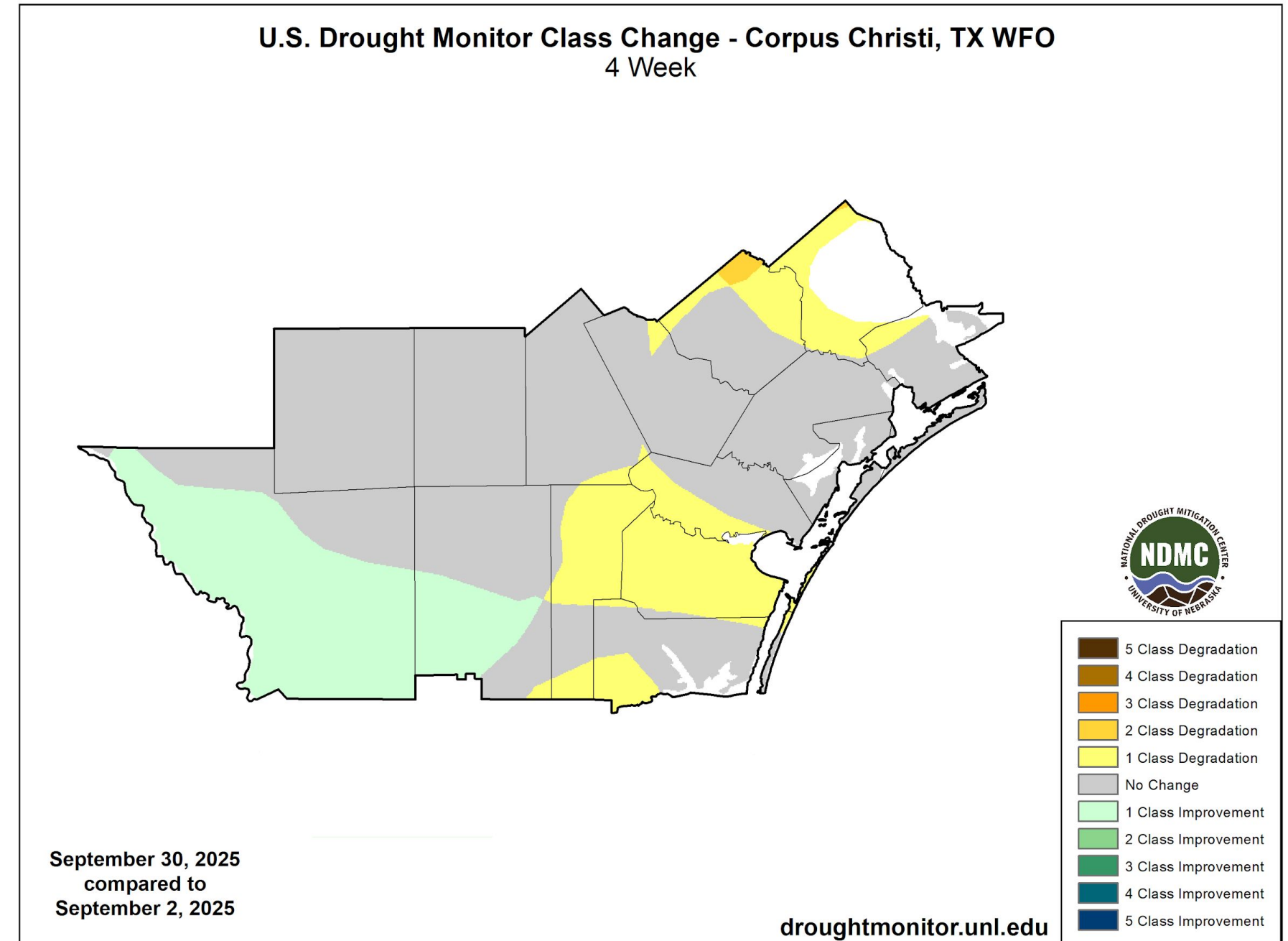


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

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

- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - Drought Worsened: Nueces County. Portions of Victoria, Calhoun, Goliad, San Patricio, Jim Wells, Kleberg, and extreme southeast Duval counties.
 - No Change: Northern Brush Country. Portions of Live Oak, Bee, Goliad, Refugio, Calhoun, Aransas, San Patricio, Kleberg, Jim Wells, and Duval counties.
 - Drought Improved: Much of Webb County and southern half of Duval County.





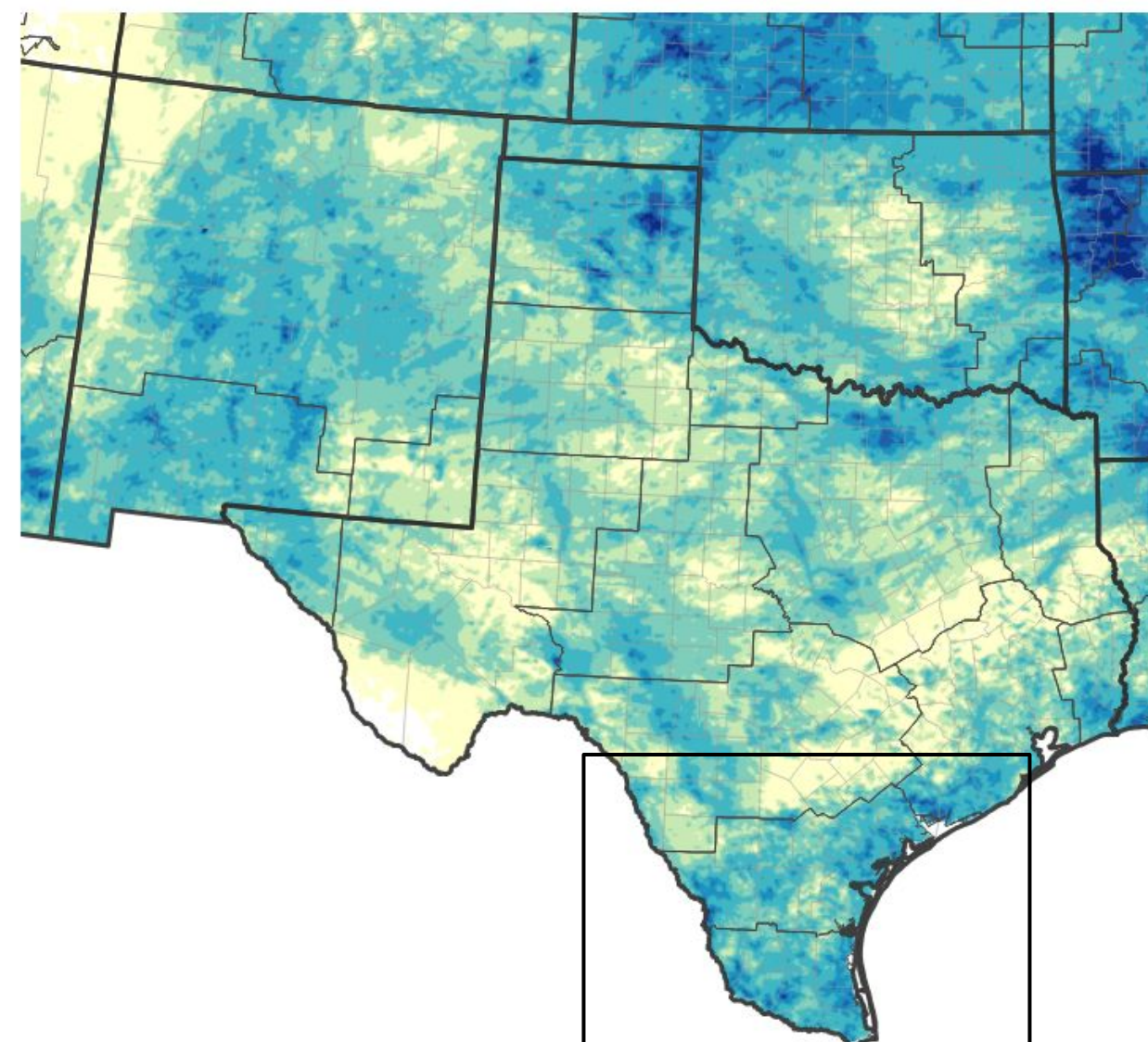
Precipitation

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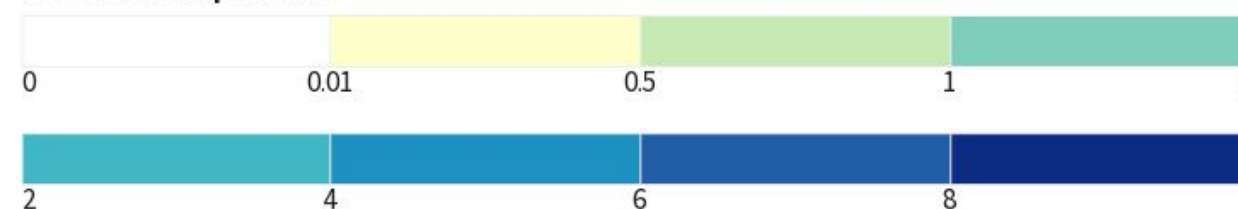
South Texas Rainfall

- Majority of South Texas received 25-75% of normal rainfall for the month of September, with the exception of Webb County, northeastern McMullen, and portions of the Victoria Crossroads near or slightly above normal rainfall.
- Most of South Texas received between 1-4" for the month of September but splotches of 4-6" fell over the Rio Grande Plains and Victoria Crossroads.

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



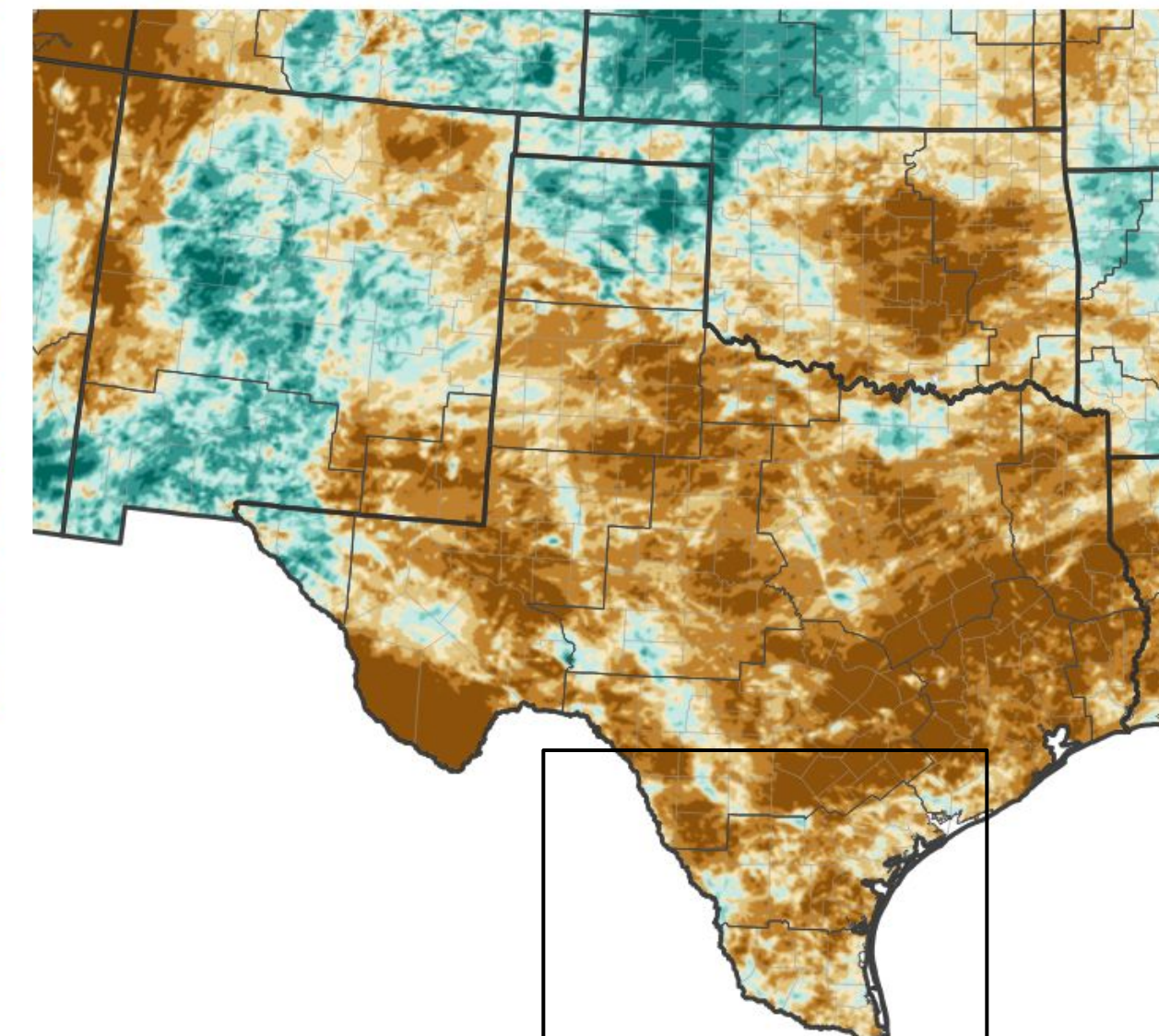
Inches of Precipitation



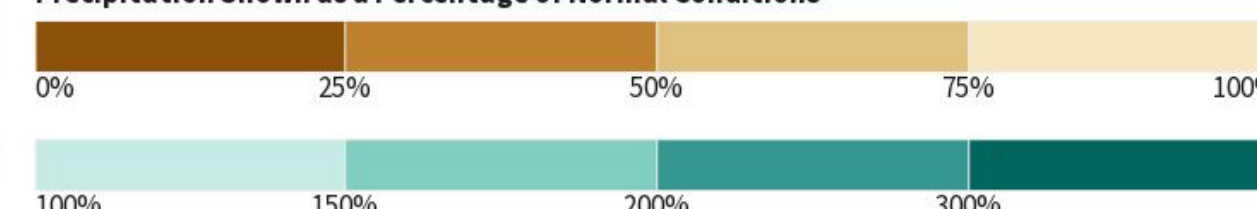
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30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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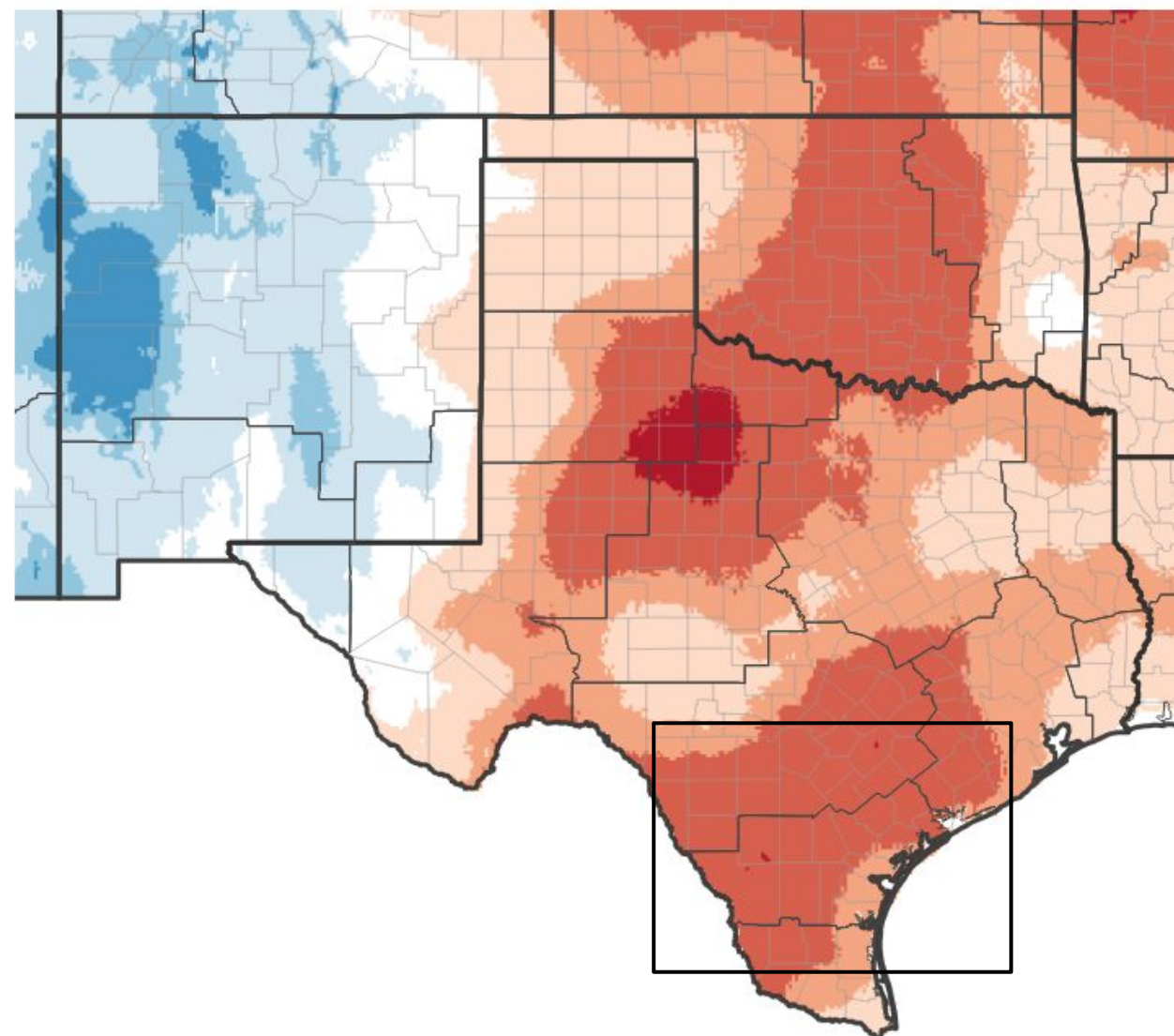


Temperature

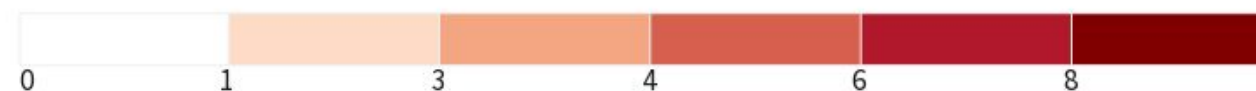
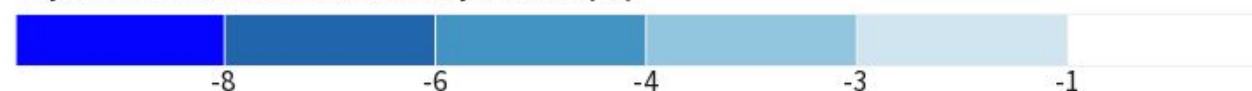
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- 7-Day max temperatures were consistently 3-6°F warmer than normal across South Texas.
- Max temperatures across the region were 1-6°F above normal over the span of September.

7-Day Temperature Anomaly



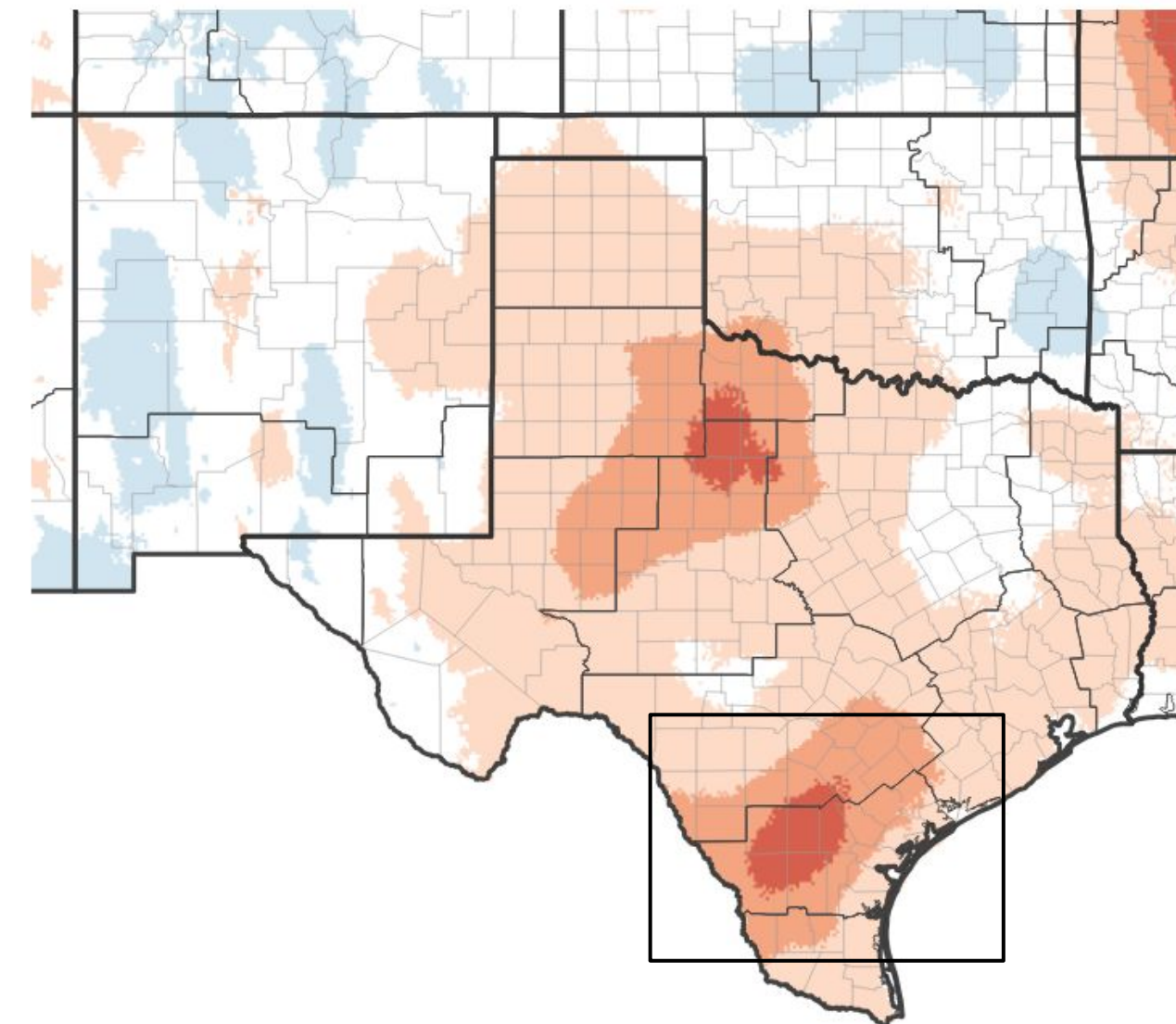
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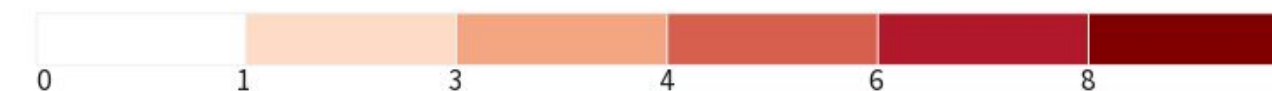
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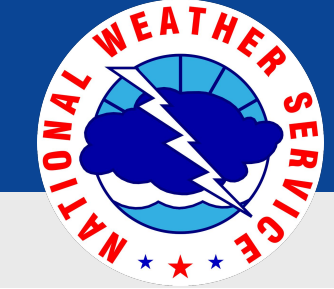
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Summary of Impacts

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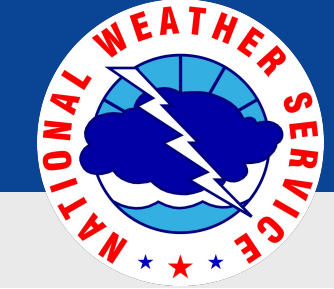
Hydrologic Impacts

- Stage 3 water restrictions remain in effect despite above normal rainfall over the watershed. Local lake levels continue to decline overall.
- Currently, the combined storage levels of Lake Corpus Christi and Choke Canyon are sitting at 12.3 percent as of October 6th compared to 13.2 percent one month prior.
- Under Stage 4 water restrictions, outdoor watering is prohibited, but no date has been announced for if or when they will kick in. However, homeowners can still water their foundations by hand once every other week. Stage 4 is implemented when city officials determine a water-supply emergency exists.
- Authorities are closely monitoring the situation and said they will continue to keep the public informed as the drought conditions persist.

Agricultural Impacts (<https://agrifetoday.tamu.edu/tag/texas-crop-and-weather-report/>)

- Coastal Bend: Hot, dry conditions persisted with little measurable rain since July, leaving soil moisture very dry and pastures stressed. Scattered showers brought slight improvements, but subsoil moisture remained poor, and drought conditions were critical. All major crops were harvested. Cotton yields were excellent, and ginning continued at full pace. Rangeland and pasture conditions varied from poor to good, forcing many producers to start hay feeding earlier than usual. Livestock remained in good condition, though supplemental feeding was increasing and concerns about hay inventories were growing. Pecan producers were preparing orchards for harvest, and crop potential looked fair to good.
- South: Temperatures were moderate, with a few days under 100 degrees and early mornings dropping to 76. Small, random showers brought up to 2 inches of rain in some areas, but most areas still needed significant rainfall to replenish deeper soil moisture. Cotton was defoliated, and harvest was underway, while peanut and sesame growers continued watering. Forage and turf producers harvested grass, though production was slowing, with one more hay cutting expected. Vegetable producers were harvesting okra, and soil preparation for strawberries was underway. The row crop harvest was complete, and fields were being prepared for fall and winter, while awaiting moisture. Limited irrigation was observed on citrus and vegetable crops. Pastures and rangelands had withered during the drought, though some areas were beginning to green again. Beef cattle were in good condition despite limited forage, prompting increased supplementation with hay and protein. In ungrazed areas, standing forage posed a wildfire threat. Ranchers were culling harder and selling lighter-weight calves due to poor range conditions. Hay and feed were in high demand, with elevated prices. Deer were being supplemented. Wildlife thrived, with operations preparing for hunting season. Dove season started strong, turkey and deer seasons looked promising, and ranchers noted large deer populations. Wildlife were on the move.





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Fire Hazard Impacts

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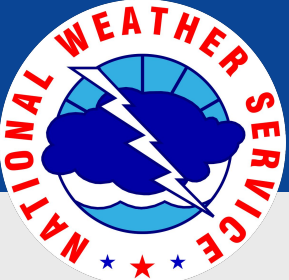
Other Impacts

- Corpus Christi under stage 3 water restrictions (<https://www.cctexas.com/>)
- Portland under stage 3 water restrictions
- Laredo under stage 2 water restrictions (<https://laredoutilities.com/water-conservation-program/>)
- Alice under stage 3 water restrictions (https://www.cityofalice.org/_T19_R185.php)
- Mathis under stage 3 water restrictions (<https://www.cityofmathis.com/213/Water-Restrictions>)
- Rockport under stage 3 water restrictions (<https://www.rockporttx.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/3440>)
- 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.



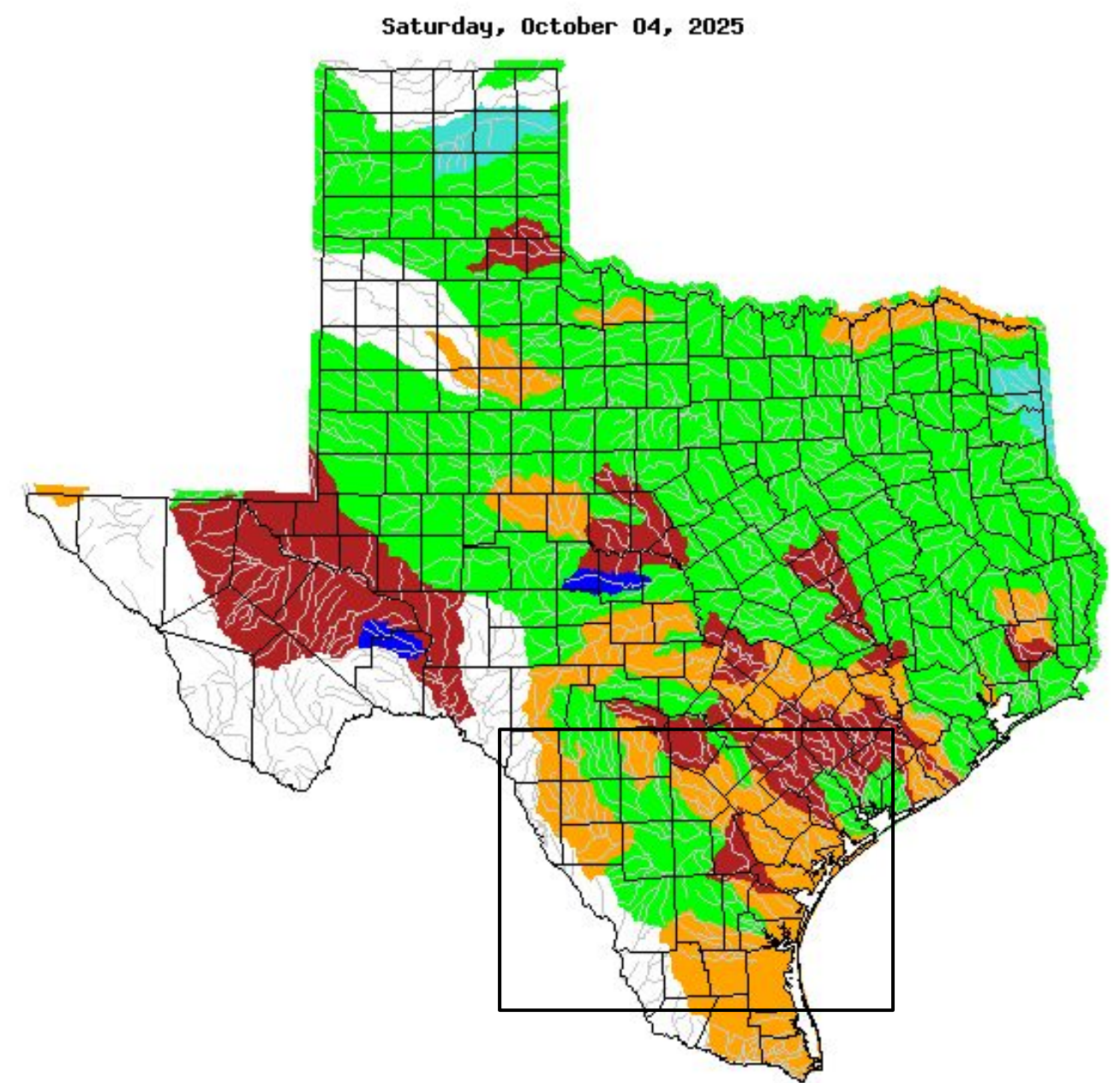









Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

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USGS 7-Day Avg Streamflow | Texas Reservoirs

- Flows are mixed between normal and much below normal
- Normal streamflow for the San Antonio - Nueces River Basin



Explanation - Percentile classes							
							
Low	<10	10-24	25-75	76-90	>90	High	No Data
	Much below normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal		

Reservoir	Pool Elevation (ft)	Current Elevation (ft)
Choke Canyon	220.5	182.88
Lake Corpus Christi	94.0	77.66
Lake Texana	44.0	40.58
Coleta Creek	98.0	96.01
Canyon Lake	909.0	891.27
Lake Amistad	1117.0	1057.49

Reservoir values as of September 5, 2025



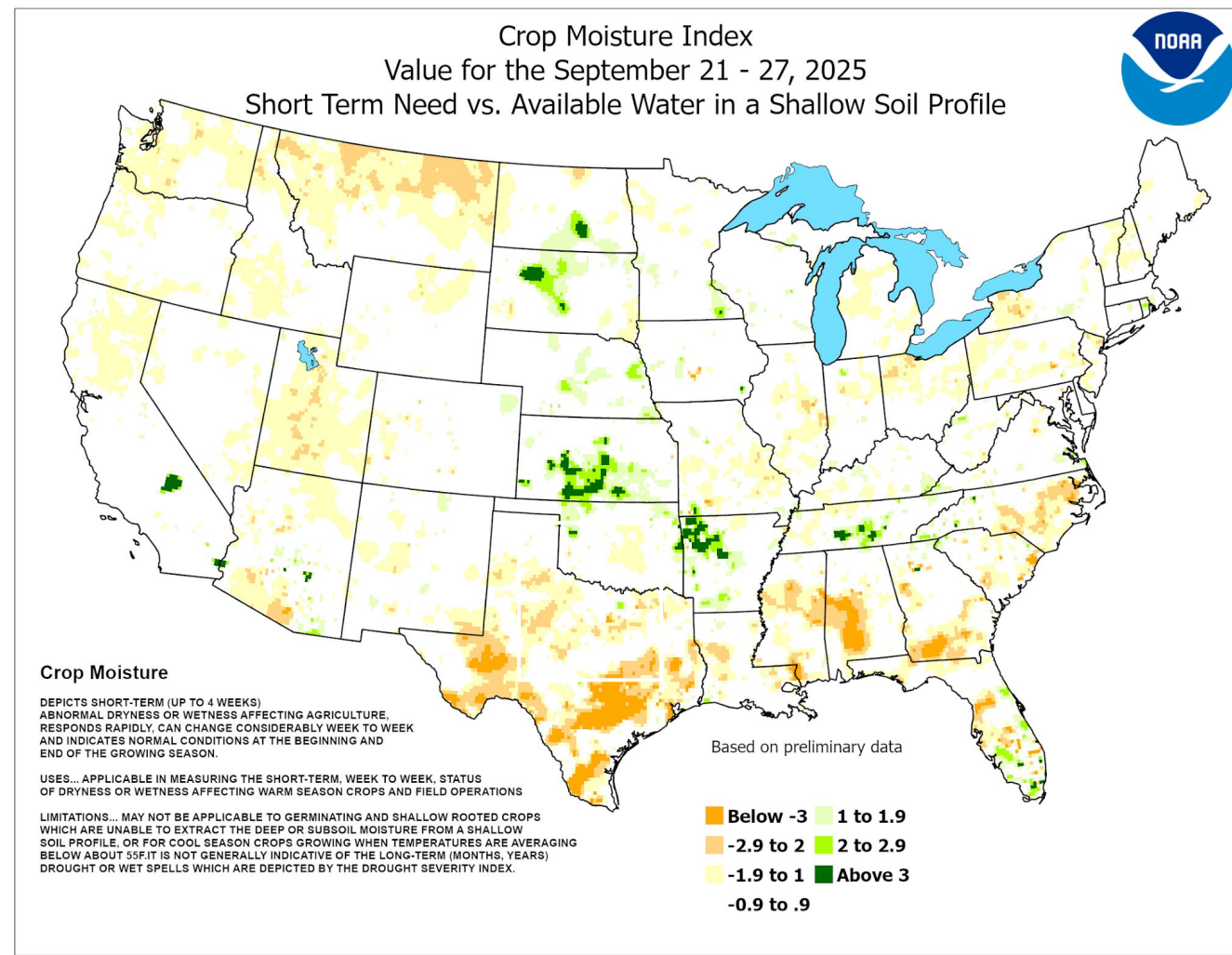
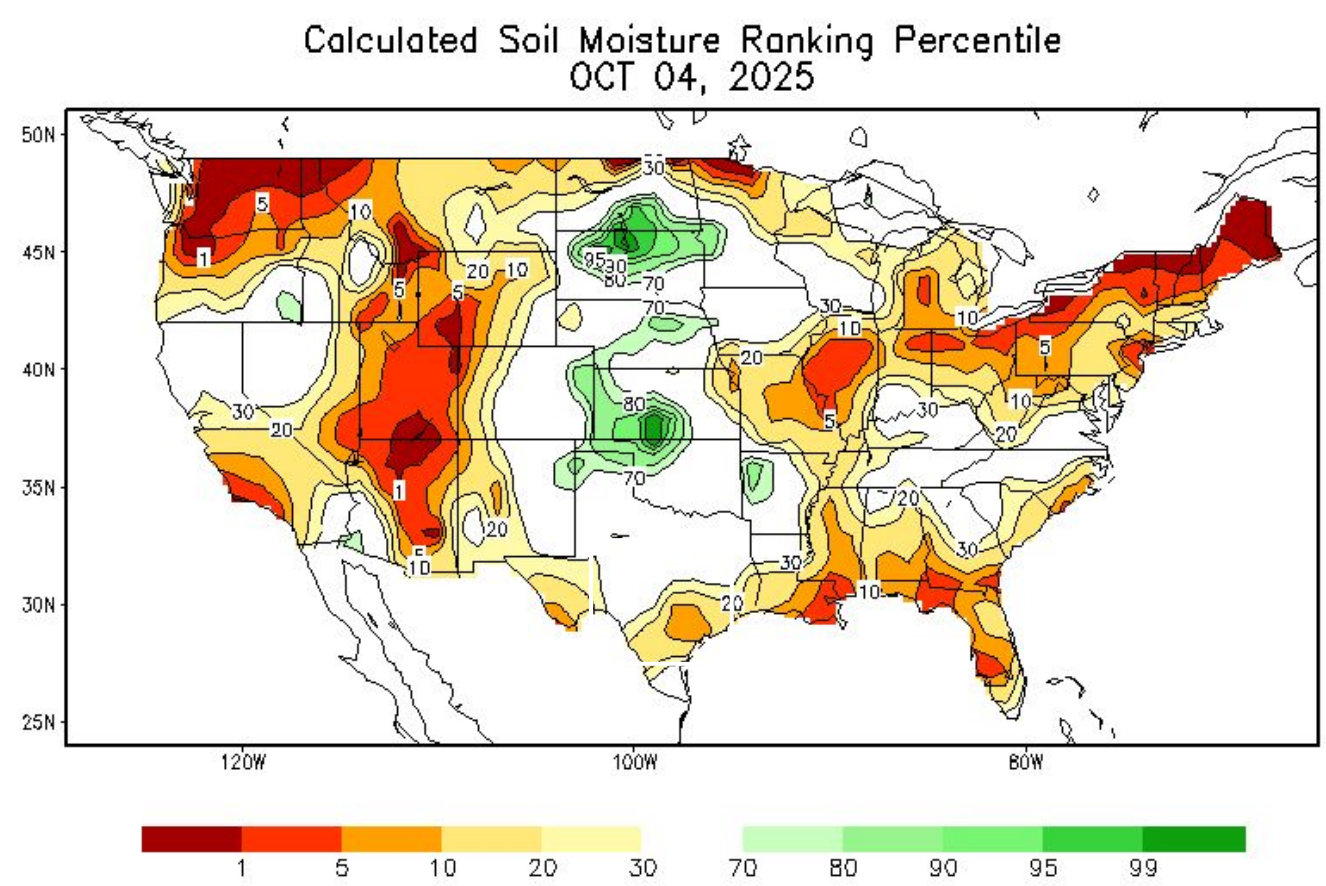


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Soil Moisture | Crop Moisture

- Soil moisture is below normal across the region.
- Crop moisture index remains well below normal for portions of South Texas.



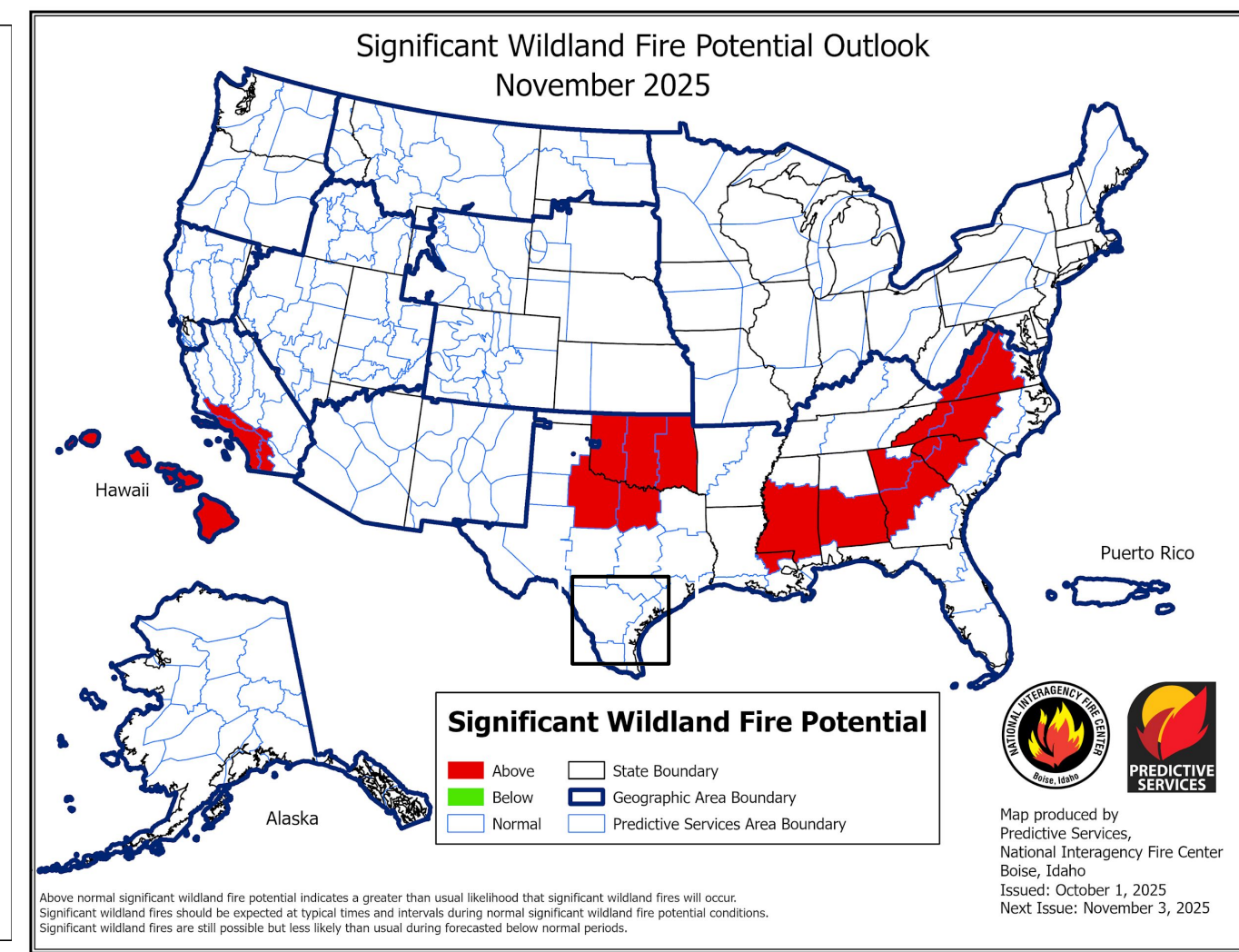
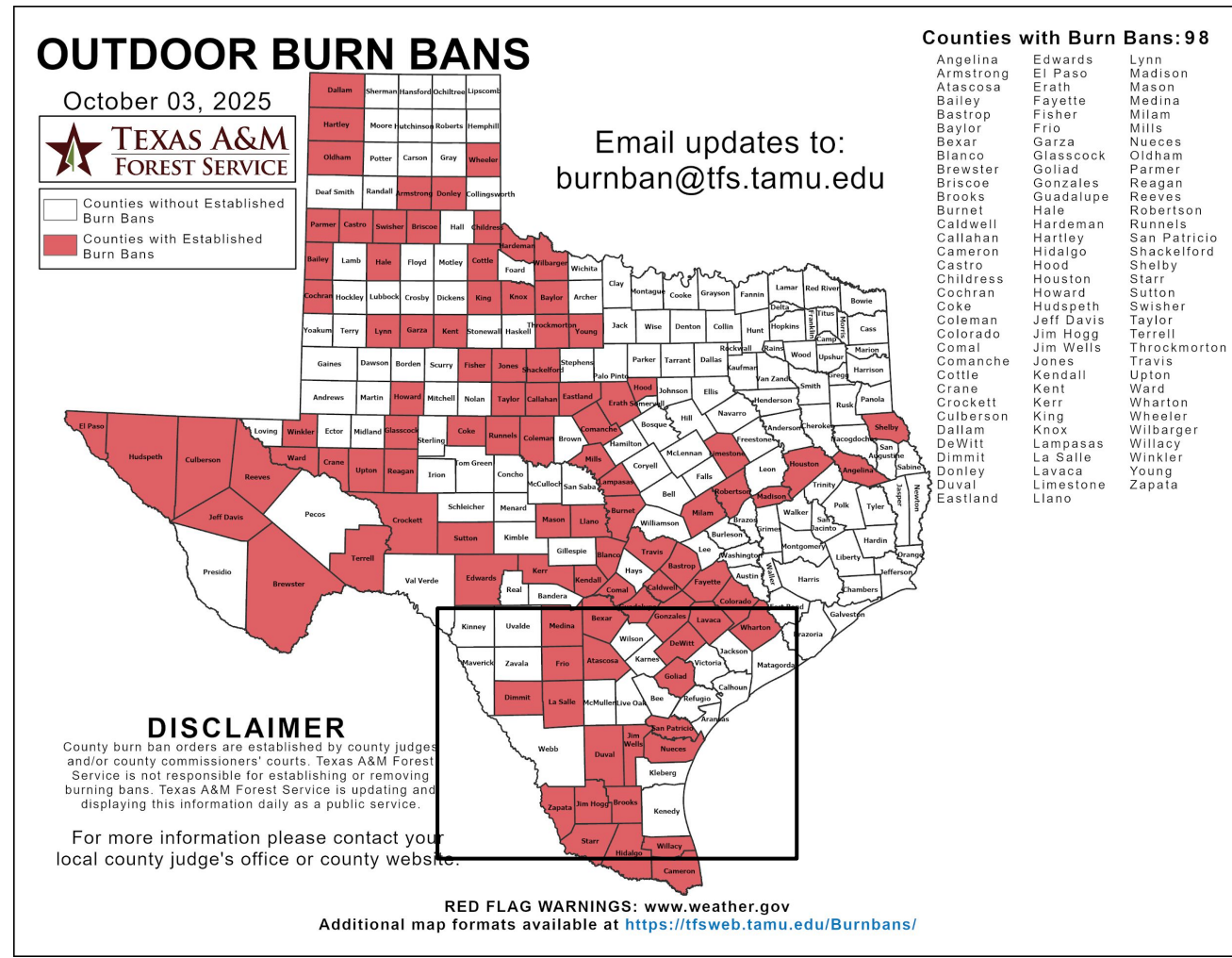


Fire Hazard Impacts

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

- Burn Bans currently in effect for La Salle, Duval, Jim Wells, Nueces, San Patricio, and Goliad counties.
- Above Normal significant wildland fire potential outlook across South Texas for October. Normal for November.



Latest TX Burn Ban map available [here](#).



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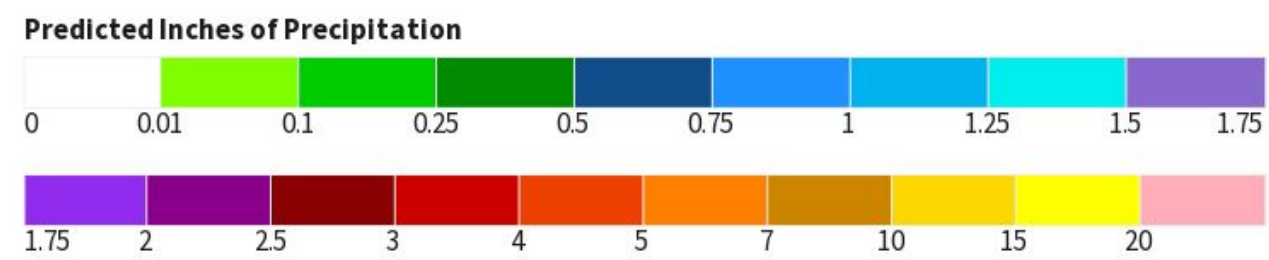
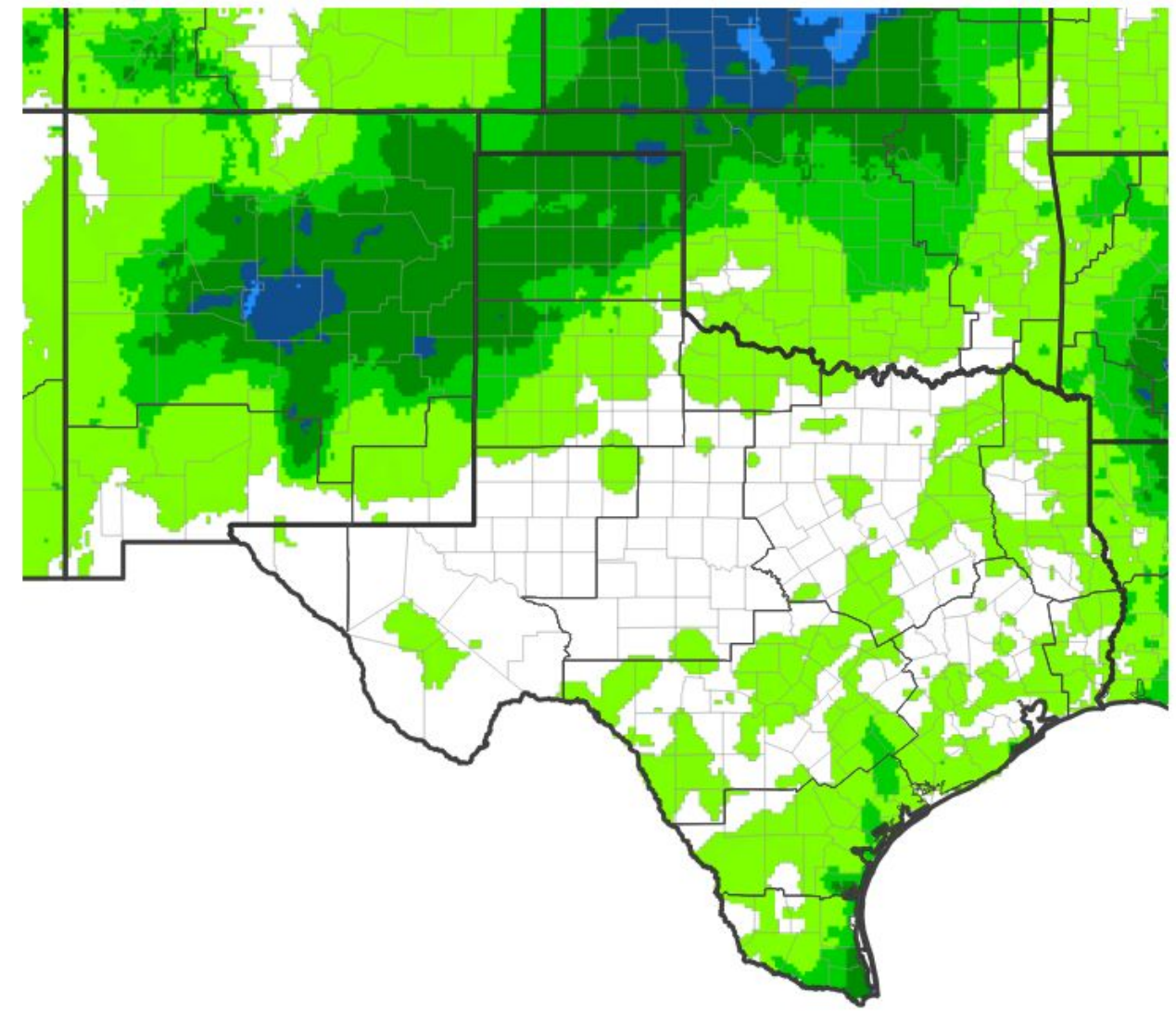


Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

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- Up to 0.5” of rain is forecast over the next 7 days along the Coast, lesser amounts inland.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for October 5, 2025–October 12, 2025



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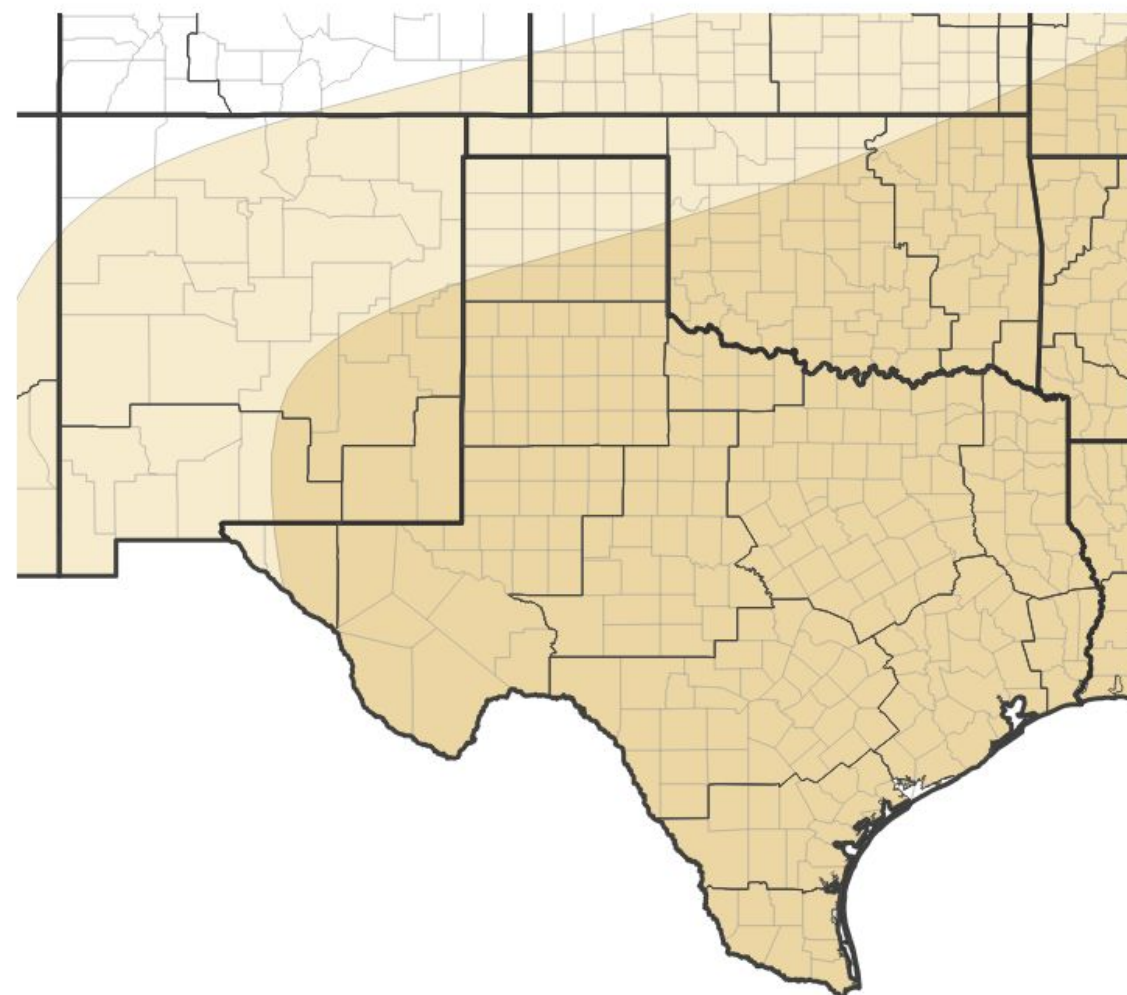
Long-Range Outlooks

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- Leaning towards below-normal precipitation through the month of October.
- Leaning towards above-normal temperatures through the month of October.

Monthly Precipitation Outlook for October 1,
2025–October 31, 2025



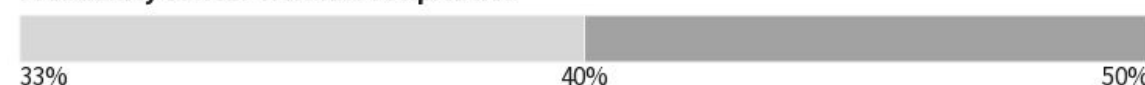
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Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



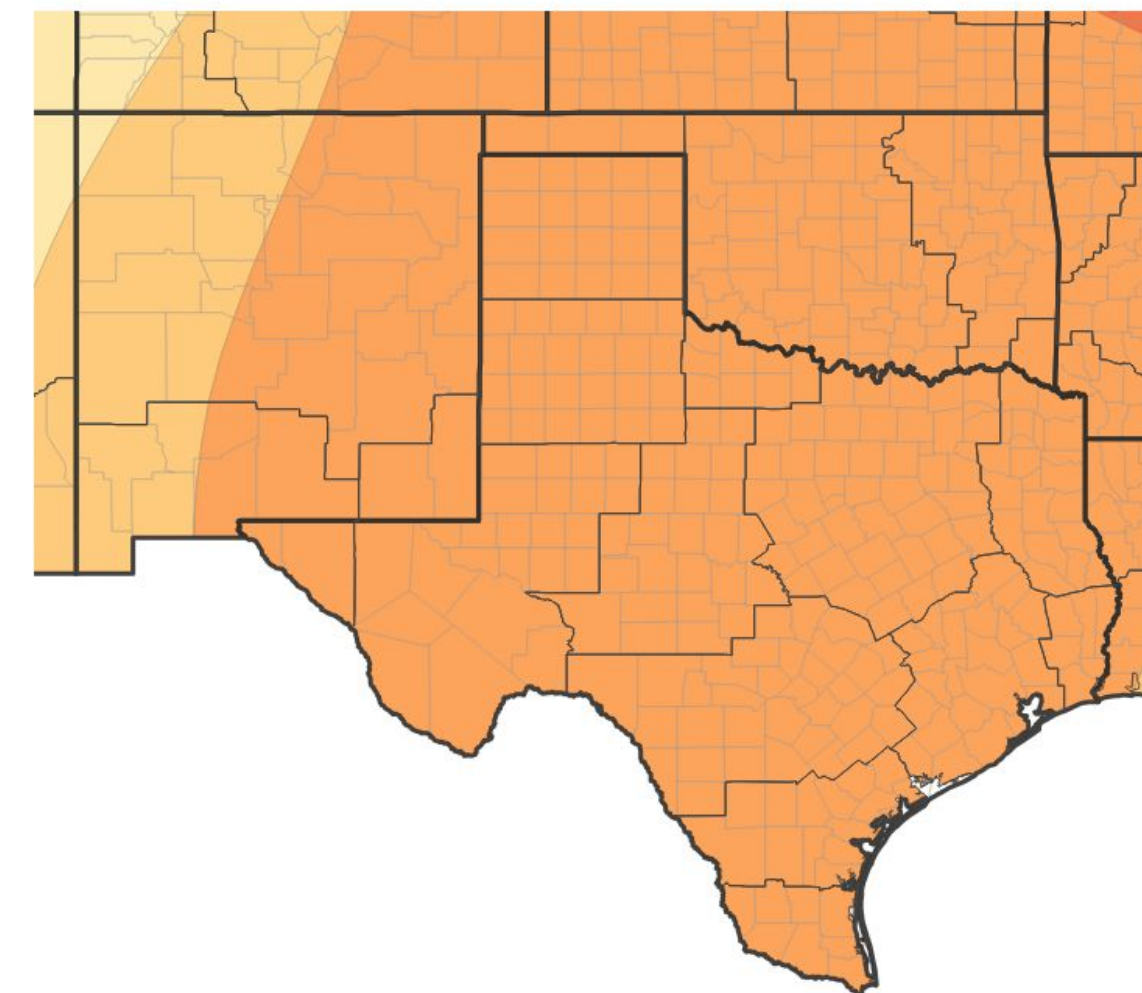
Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



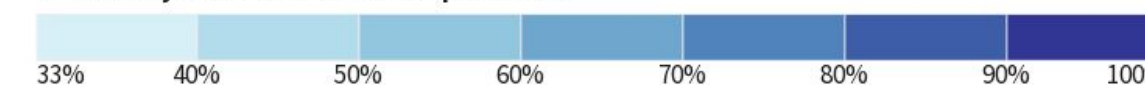
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Monthly Temperature Outlook for October 1,
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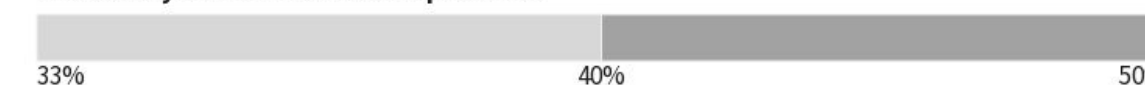
Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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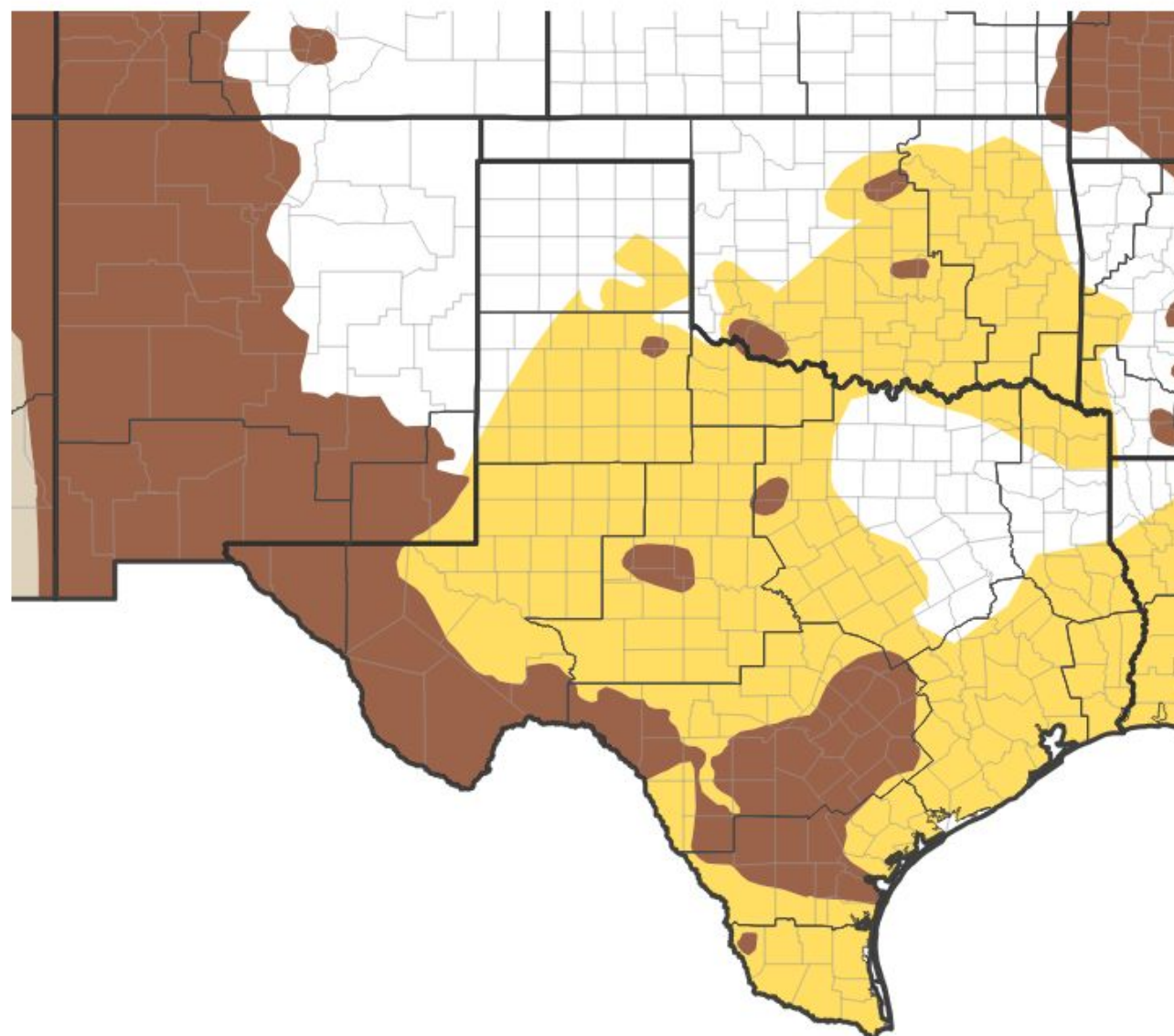
Drought Outlook

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- Drought conditions are expected to persist or develop across South Texas through October.
- Drought conditions are expected to persist or develop across South Texas through the end of 2025.

1-Month Drought Outlook for October 1, 2025–October 31, 2025



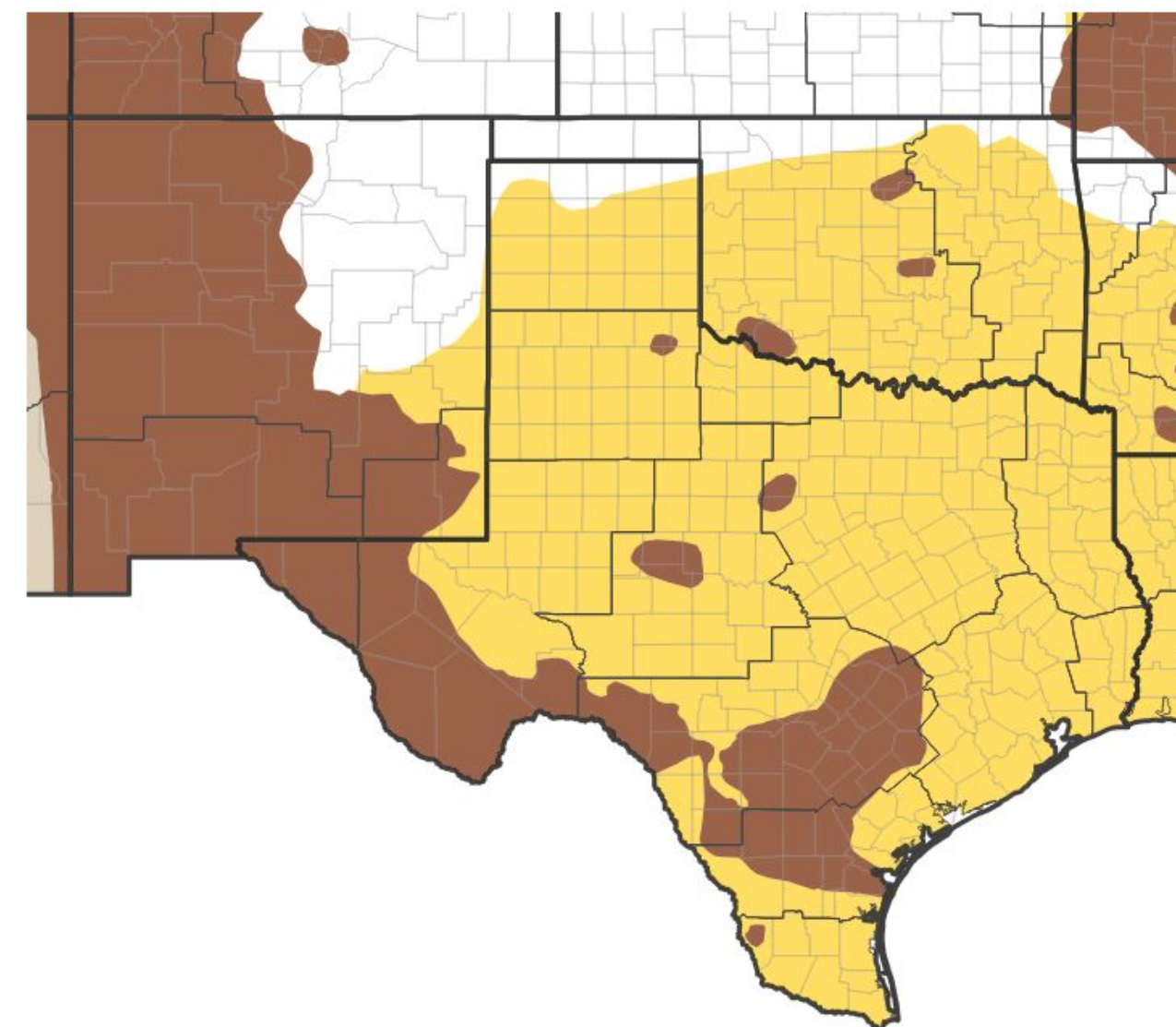
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Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for September 30, 2025–December 31, 2025



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