



Drought Information Statement for South Central Texas

Valid May 7, 2026

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- This product will be updated June 5, 2026 or sooner if drought conditions change significantly.
 - Please see all currently available products at <https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements>.
 - Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/EWX/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
 - Please visit <https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates> for regional drought status updates.
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- Beneficial rainfall occurred for much of South Central Texas in the month of April with improvements noted in short term drought across the board.
 - Streamflows and western reservoirs continue to trend low with nearly all watersheds reporting less than normal percentiles.
 - The seasonal drought outlook does bode well for south central Texas with drought improvement and removal likely for portions of the service area.



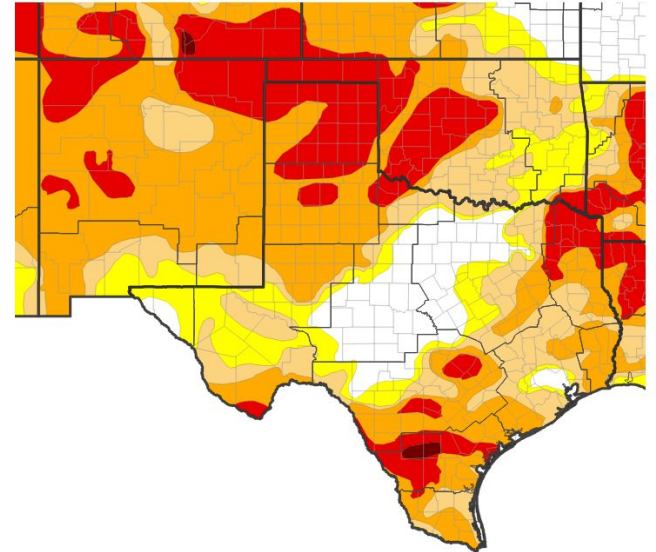


U.S. Drought Monitor

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

- Drought intensity and Extent
 - **D4 (Exceptional Drought):** None
 - Percent of Area: 0%
 - **D3 (Extreme Drought):** Covers the I-35 Corridor and portions of the Rio Grande Plains.
 - Percent of Area: 12.54%
 - **D2 (Severe Drought):** Covers portions of the Rio Grande Plains, I-35 Corridor, and Coastal Plains.
 - Percent of Area: 51.55%
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought):** Covers portions of the Hill Country, Edwards Plateau, I-35 Corridor, Coastal Plains, and Rio Grande Plains.
 - Percent of Area: 70.92%
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry):** Covers the Hill Country and Edwards Plateau.
 - Percent of Area: 85.62%

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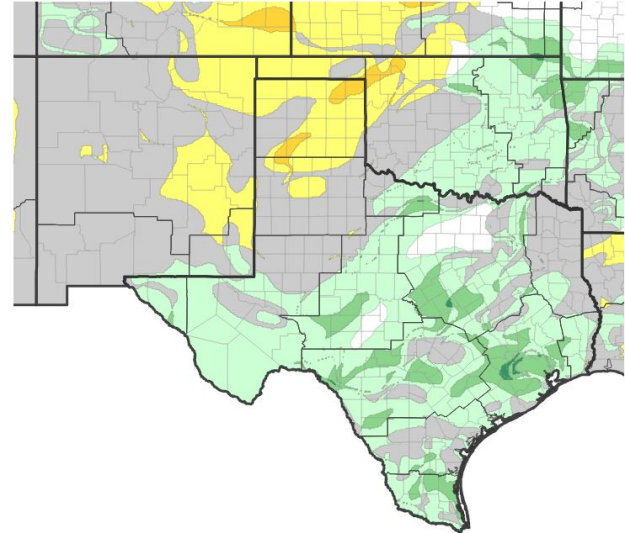


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

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

- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - Drought Worsened: None
 - No Change: Portions of the I-35 Corridor
 - Drought Improved: The remainder of south central Texas.

U.S. Drought Monitor 4-Week Change Map



Drought Degradation



Drought Improvement



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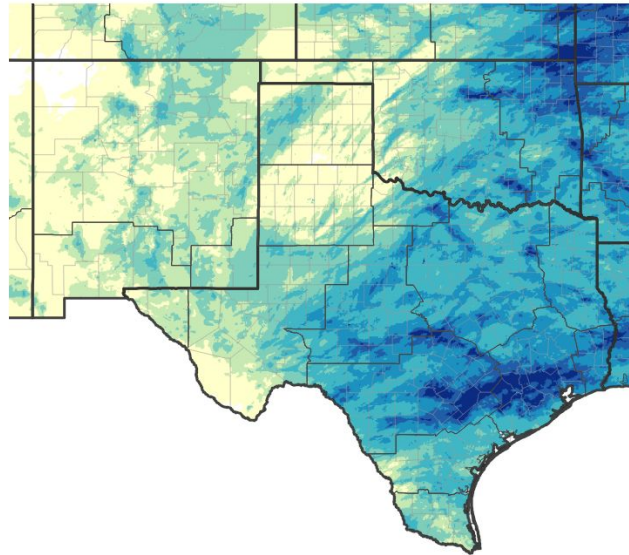


Precipitation

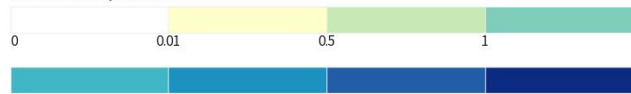
Links to the latest [Precipitation Accumulation](#) and [Percent of Normal](#) over the past 30 days

- The entire service area saw above normal rainfall over the past 30 days.
 - Localized pockets saw greater than 300% of normal rainfall over the last 30 days.

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



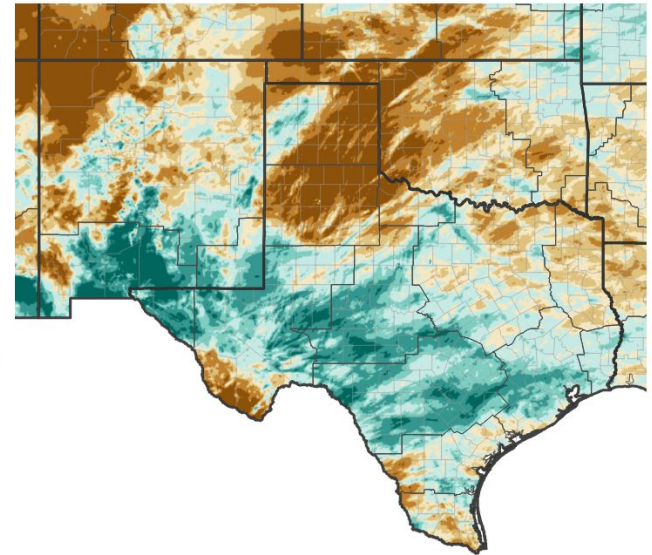
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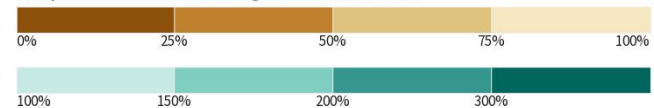
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30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- The majority of streamflows across the service area fall within the normal to below normal percentile. ([USGS](#))
- Several watersheds in the I-35 Corridor, Hill Country, and Coastal Plains fall within the normal to above normal percentile. ([USGS](#))
- Storage in area reservoirs remain low at Medina, Canyon Lake, and Amistad.
- See next page for more details.

Agricultural Impacts

- Please see the latest [Crop & Weather Report](#) from Texas A&M Agrilife.
- Crop moisture index values show below normal condition over the region. ([NWS Climate Prediction Center](#))

Fire Hazard Impacts

- The Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook calls for normal fire potential May and June.
- ([National Interagency Coordination Center](#))
- See Fire Hazard page for more details.

Mitigation Actions

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





Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- The majority of streamflows across the service area fall within near normal to below normal range.
- Isolated watersheds in the I-35 corridor and Coastal Plains, and Hill Country fall within the above normal category.

Additional data:

[Edwards Aquifer, Bexar Index Well J-17](#)

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of May 7, 2026:

10 day average: 638

Historical Monthly Average: 664.5

Departure from Average: -26.2

Reservoir	Pool Elevation	Current Elevation	Percent Full
Amistad	1117.00 feet	1047.87 feet	30.3%
Lake Austin	492.9 feet	491.96 feet	94.5%
Lake Buchanan	1020.00 feet	1018.75 feet	96.8%
Canyon Lake	909.00 feet	886.72 feet	58.9%
Georgetown Lake	791.00 feet	788.94 feet	93.1%
Granger Lake	504.00 feet	504.57 feet	100%
Lake LBJ	825.00 feet	824.61 feet	97.8%
Lake Marble Falls	738.00 feet	736.51 feet	96.1%
Medina Lake	1064.2 feet	976.75 feet	3.9%
Lake Travis	681.00 feet	664.22 feet	73.9%

Table caption: [TWDB Reservoir](#) conditions as of May 7, 2026

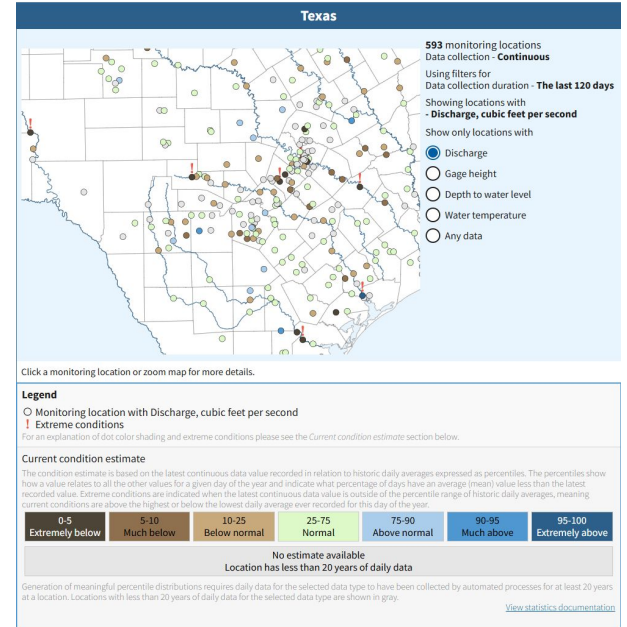


Figure Caption: [Daily historical percentile](#) discharge, valid May 7, 2026.

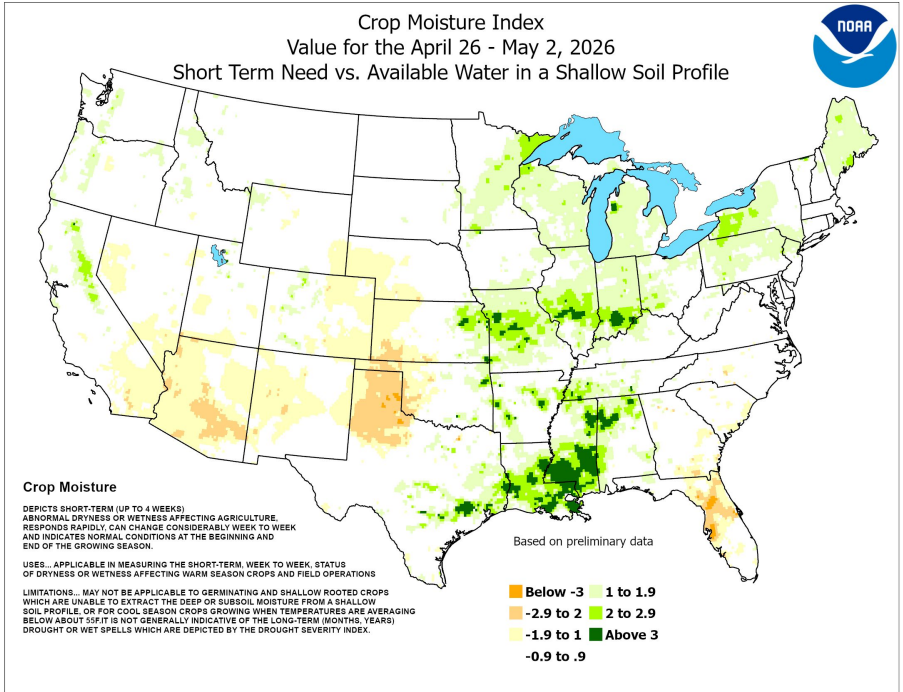




Agricultural Impacts

Links to the latest [Crop Moisture Index by Division](#).

- Crop moisture index values show near normal to slightly above normal indices.

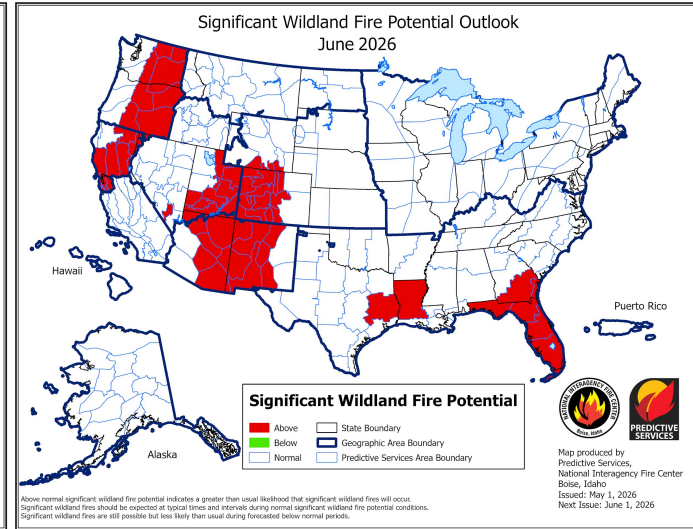
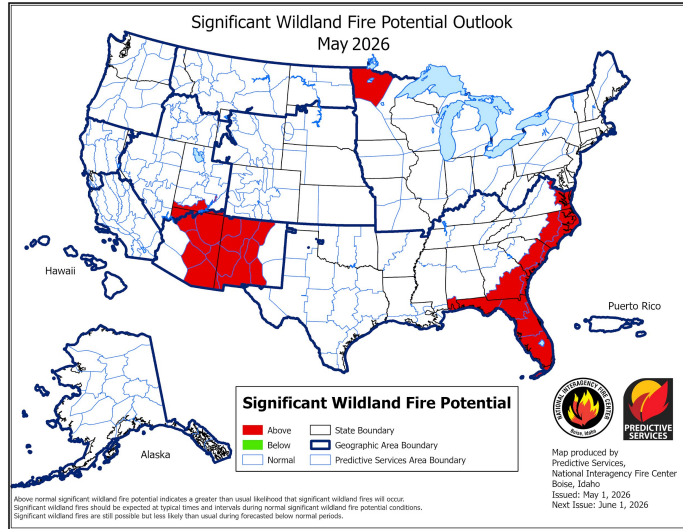




Fire Hazard Impacts

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

- [Keetch Byram Drought Index](#) values of 0-200 are noted for much of the region.
 - Portions of the Rio Grande Plains and Edwards Plateau fall between 200-400.
- The Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook calls for normal fire potential for May and June.



Burn bans remain for 31 of our 33 counties as of April 2, 2026. Latest County Burn Ban map available [here](#).



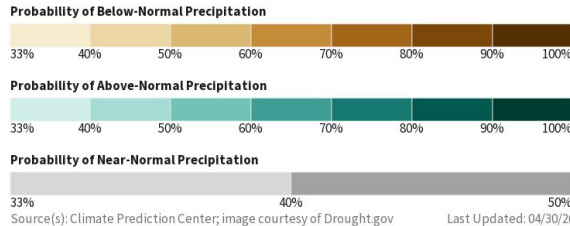
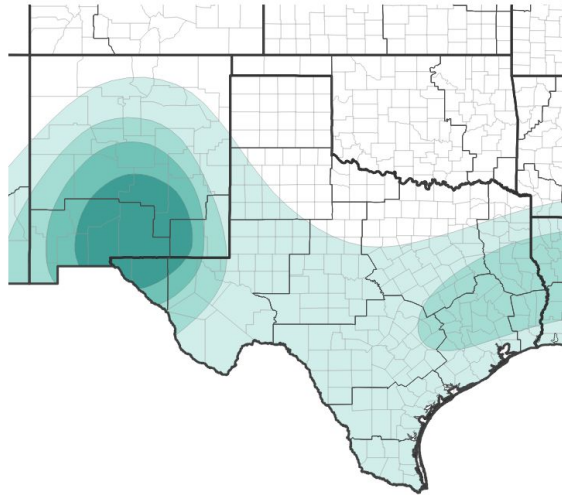


Long-Range Outlooks

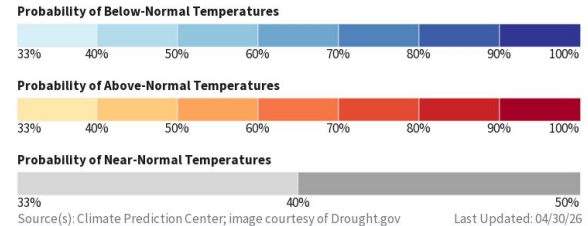
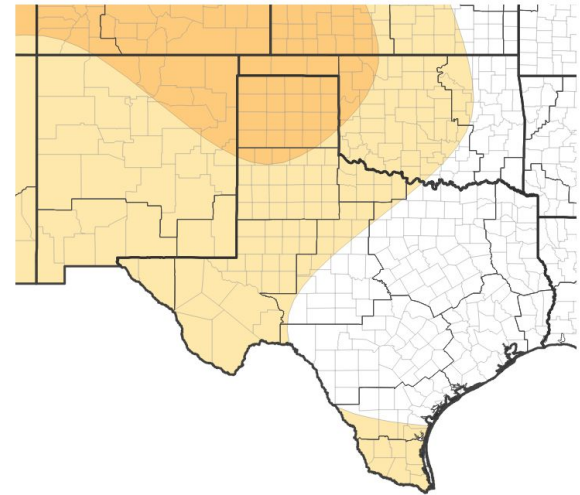
The latest monthly and seasonal outlooks can be found on the [CPC homepage](#)

- The entire area is shown to lean towards above normal precipitation for the month of May.
- Much of the area is shown to lean towards normal temperatures for the month of May.

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



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



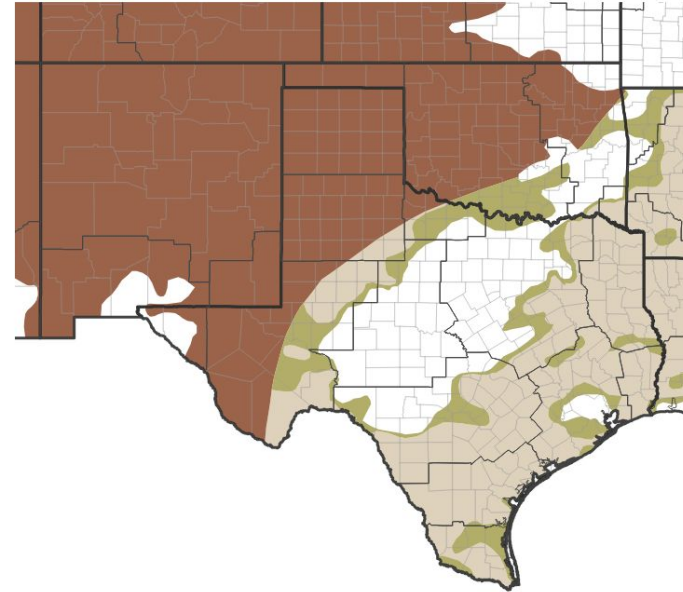


Drought Outlook

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- The three month drought outlook shows drought improving for much of the area with drought ending for a portion of the Hill Country, Rio Grande Plains, and I-35 Corridor.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for April 30, 2026–July 31, 2026



Drought Is Predicted To...



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Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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