



Drought Information Statement for South Central Texas

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- This product will be updated October 1, 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 months of June/July with improvements noted in short term drought across the board.
 - Streamflows and reservoirs have trended much higher since the July floods, however, an increasing number of watershed are seeing lower streamflow percentile given the lack of rainfall over the past 30 days.
 - The seasonal drought outlook calls for drought to persist for areas still within drought.



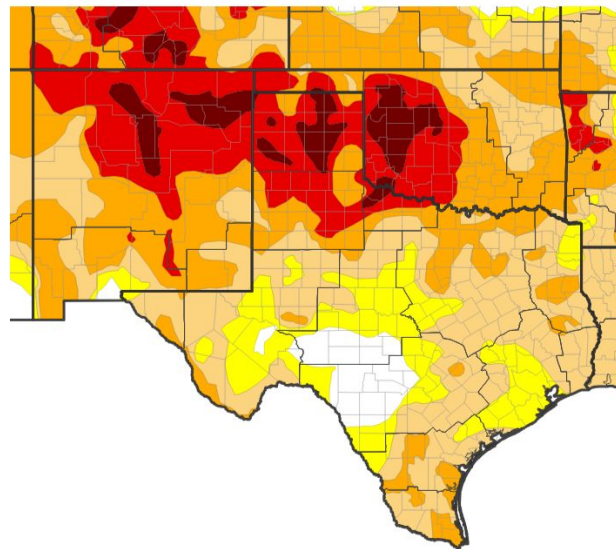


U.S. Drought Monitor

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)**: None
 - Percent of Area: 0%
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Covers portions of Travis and Bastrop Counties.
 - Percent of Area: 1.23%
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Covers portions of the I-35 Corridor, Hill Country, and Coastal Plains.
 - Percent of Area: 35.33%
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: Covers the Hill Country, I-35 Corridor, and portions of the Rio Grande Plains.
 - Percent of Area: 65.80%

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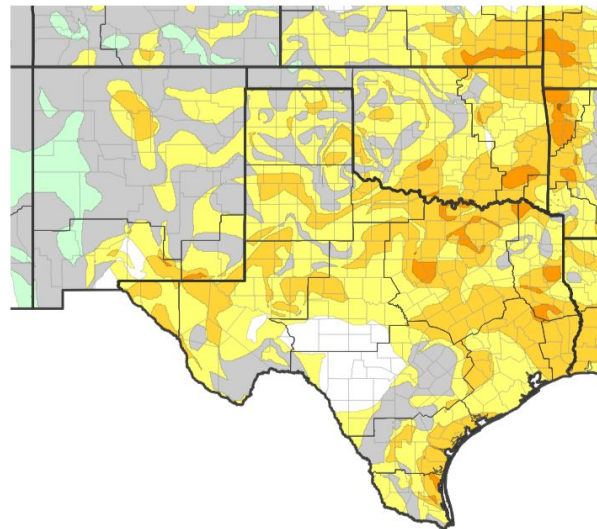


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

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

- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - Drought Worsened: Portions of the Hill Country, Rio Grande Plains, Coastal Plains, and I-35 Corridor.
 - No Change: Portions of the I-35 Corridor, Rio Grande Plains, and Coastal Plains.
 - Drought Improved: A small sliver of Dimmit County.

U.S. Drought Monitor 4-Week Change Map



Drought Degradation



Drought Improvement



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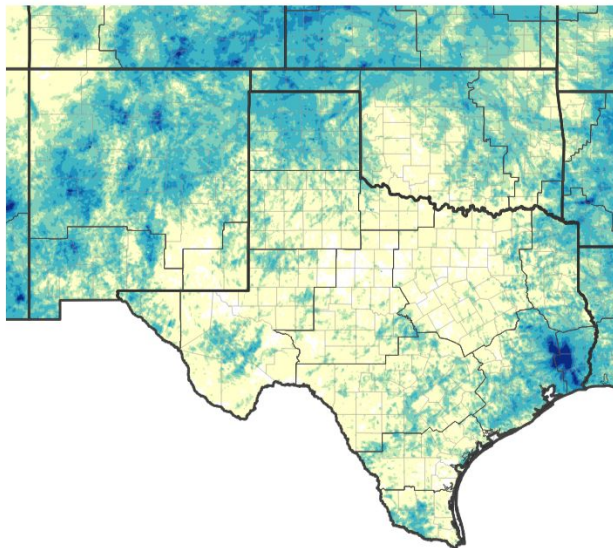


Precipitation

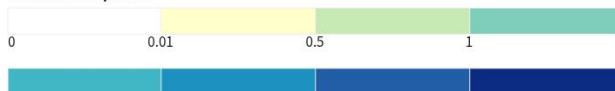
Links to the latest [Precipitation Accumulation](#) and [Percent of Normal](#) over the past 30 days

- Much of the service area saw below normal rainfall the past 30 days.
 - Localized pockets saw greater than 100-150% of normal rainfall.
 - August was a very dry month across south central Texas.

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)

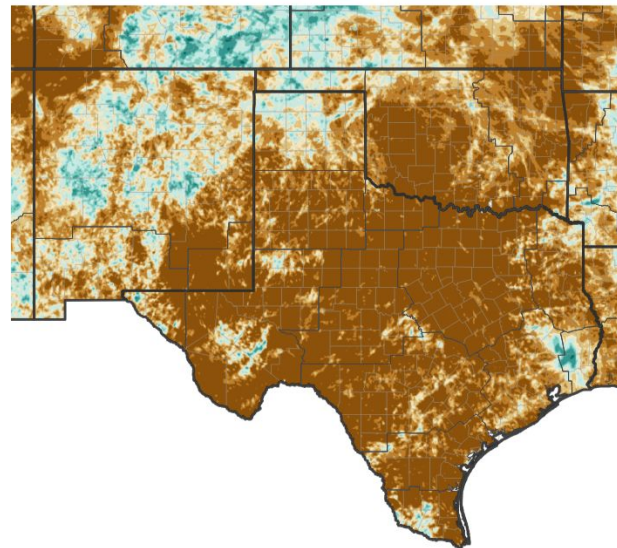


Inches of Precipitation

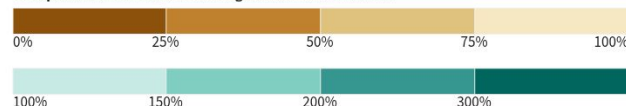


Source(s): National Weather Service Multi-Radar Multi-Sensor System; image courtesy of Drought.gov Last Updated: 09/03/26

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 remain in the normal to above normal percentile. ([USGS](#))
- An increasing number of sporadic sites are starting to show below to much below streamflow percentile as surface runoff was minimal over the past 30 day. ([USGS](#))
- Storage in area reservoirs remain low at Medina and Amistad despite recent improvements.
- 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 near normal conditions over the region. ([NWS Climate Prediction Center](#))

Fire Hazard Impacts

- The Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook calls for near normal conditions in July and August.
- ([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 the normal to much above normal category.
- With the lack of surface runoff from less than normal rainfall over the past 30 days has resulted in an increasing number of sites reporting below to much below normal streamflow percentile.

Additional data:

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

as

of September 2, 2026:

10 day average: 642.8

Historical Monthly Average: 659.3

Departure from Average: -16.2

Reservoir	Pool Elevation	Current Elevation	Percent Full
Amistad	1117.00 feet	1056.65 feet	38.1%
Lake Austin	492.9 feet	492.39 feet	97.3%
Lake Buchanan	1020.00 feet	1019.00 feet	97.4%
Canyon Lake	909.00 feet	909.20 feet	100%
Georgetown Lake	791.00 feet	786.64 feet	85.7%
Granger Lake	504.00 feet	504.17 feet	100%
Lake LBJ	825.00 feet	824.76 feet	98.6%
Lake Marble Falls	738.00 feet	736.43 feet	95.4%
Medina Lake	1064.2 feet	1021.50 feet	29.5%
Lake Travis	681.00 feet	678.28 feet	95.4%

Table caption: [TWDB Reservoir](#) conditions as of September 2, 2026

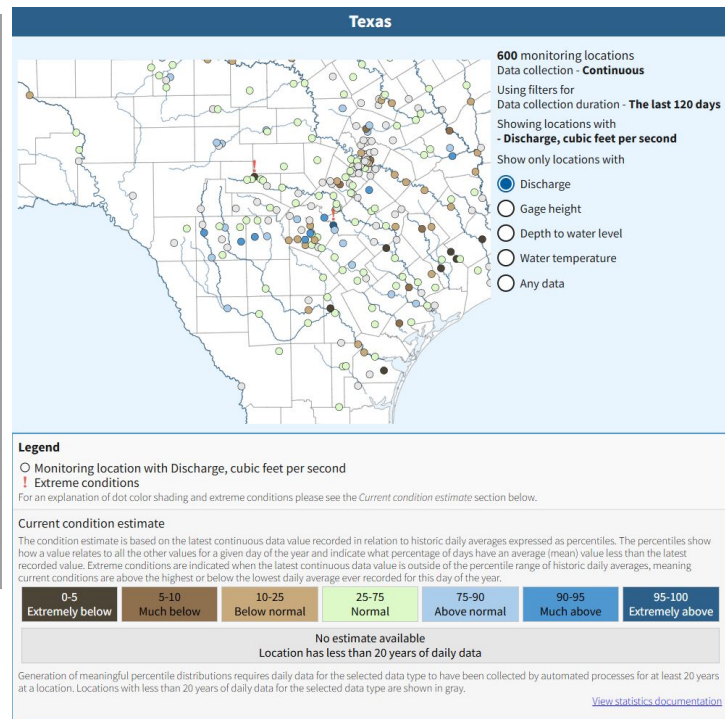


Figure Caption: [Daily historical percentile](#) discharge, valid September 2, 2026.



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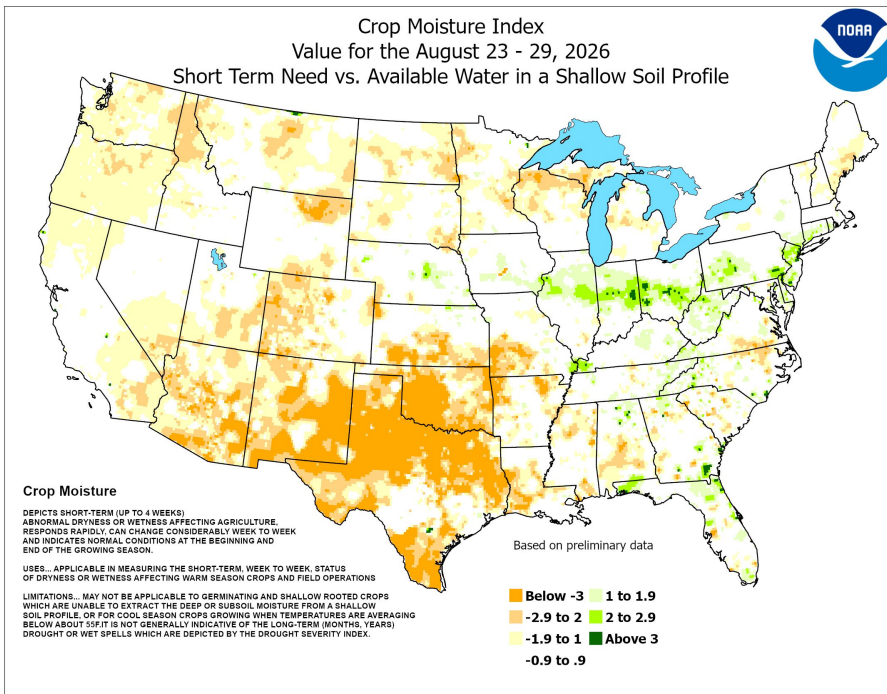
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Agricultural Impacts

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

- Crop moisture index values show near normal to well below normal values.
- Small sliver of above normal where heavy rains fell late last week.

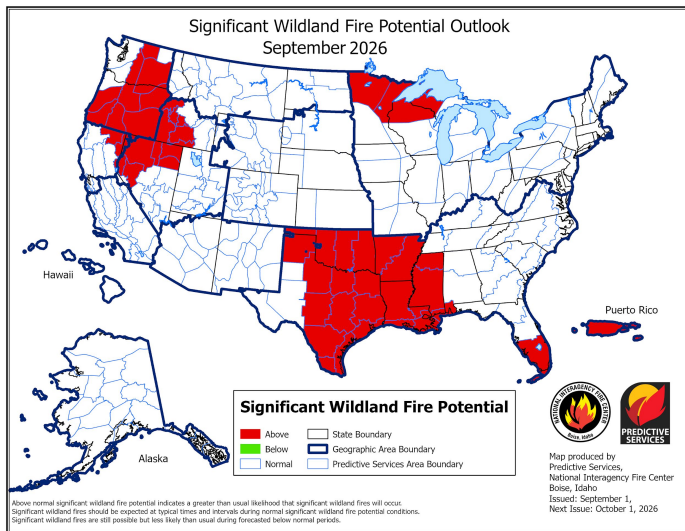




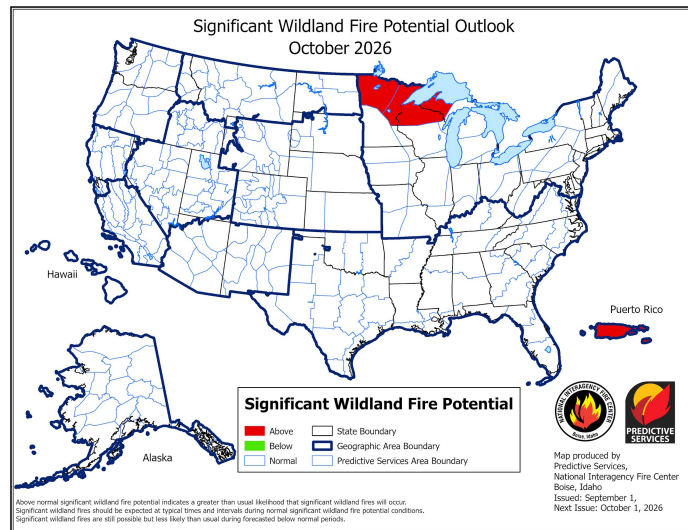
Fire Hazard Impacts

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

- [Keetch Byram Drought Index](#) values of 500-800 are noted across much of the service area.
- The Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook calls for above normal potential in September, but normal conditions are expected October through December.



Burn bans are in effect for 27 of our 33 counties as of September 3, 2026. Latest County Burn Ban map available [here](#).



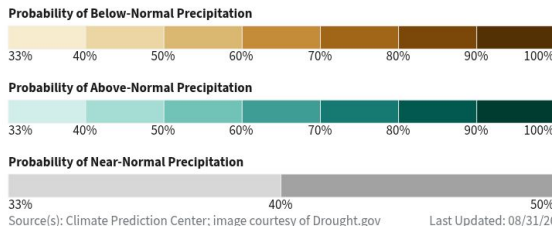
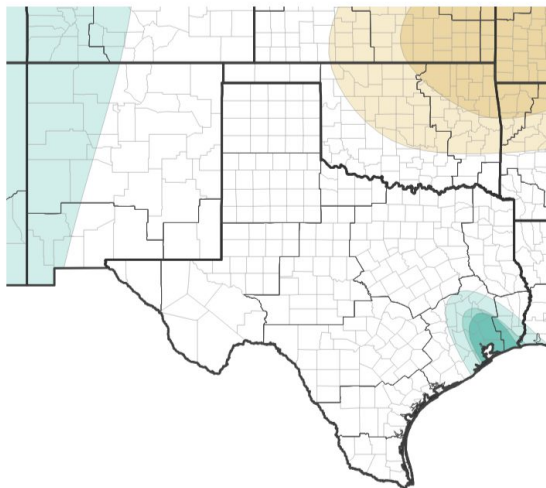


Long-Range Outlooks

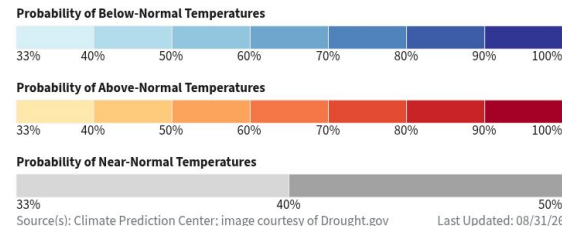
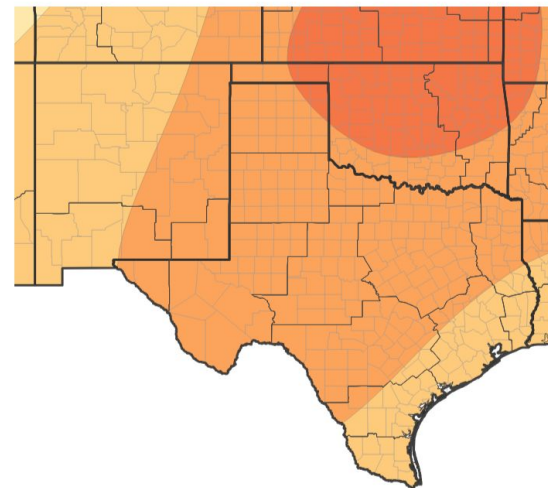
The latest monthly and seasonal outlooks can be found on the [CPC homepage](#)

- Most of the area leaning towards near normal precipitation for September.
- The entire service area is shown to lean towards above normal temperatures for the month of September.

Monthly Precipitation Outlook for September 1,
2026–September 30, 2026



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



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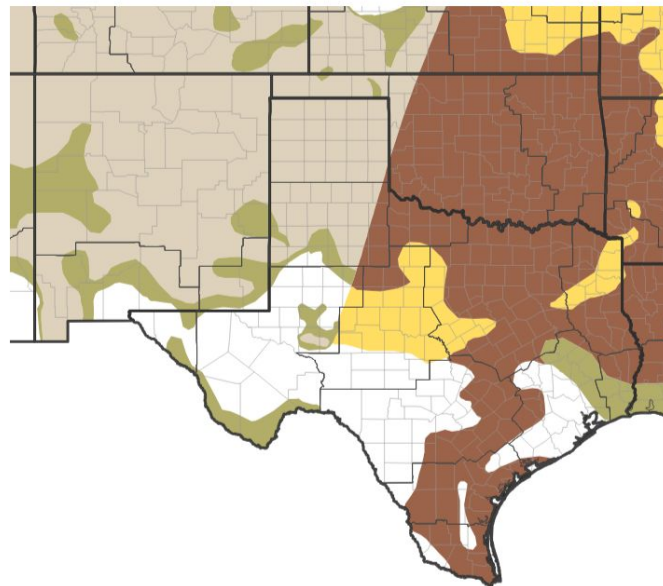


Drought Outlook

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- The three month drought outlook shows drought persisting for areas within drought at this time.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for August 31,
2026–November 30, 2026



Drought Is Predicted To...



Source(s): Climate Prediction Center; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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