



Drought Information Statement for South Central Texas

Valid September 4, 2025

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- This product will be updated October 2, 2025 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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- The trend of above normal rainfall continued for some locations over the past 30 days.
 - Most streamflows continue to show improvement from recent significant rainfall while western reservoirs continue to struggle with low storage.
 - Influence of significant rain since mid June continues to promote improvement to the short term and long term drought.



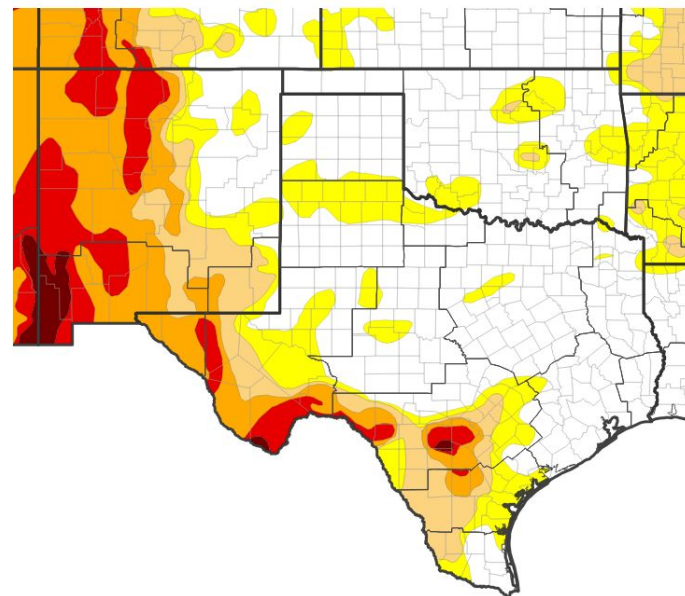


U.S. Drought Monitor

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

- Drought intensity and Extent
 - **D4 (Exceptional Drought):** Covers southeast Medina and northeast Frio.
 - Percent of Area: 1.05%
 - **D3 (Extreme Drought):** Covers portions of Bexar, Atascosa, Medina, Val Verde, and Kinney counties.
 - Percent of Area: 9.77%
 - **D2 (Severe Drought):** Covers portions of the Southern Edwards Plateau, Bexar County, and portions of the Winter Garden and Rio Grande Plains.
 - Percent of Area: 24.24%
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought):** Encompasses portions of the Coastal Plains, Rio Grande Plains, and I-35 Corridor.
 - Percent of Area: 48.61%

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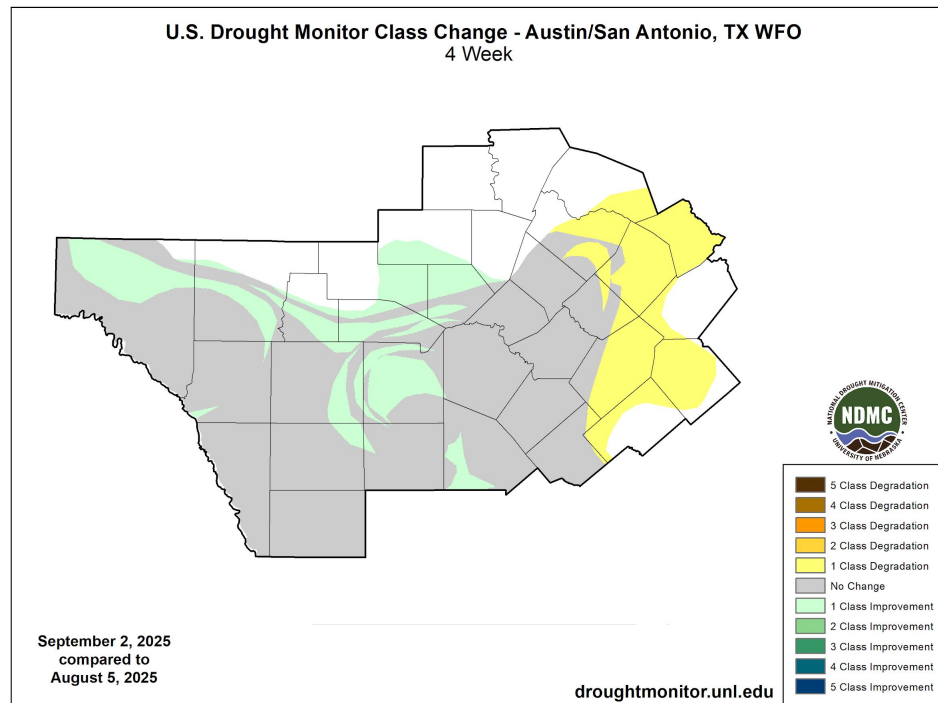
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Recent Change in Drought Intensity

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

- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - Drought Worsened: Portions of the I-35 Corridor and Coastal Plains.
 - No Change: I-35 Corridor and portions of the southern Edwards Plateau and Rio Grande Plains.
 - Drought Improved: Much of the southern Edwards Plateau and Hill Country.



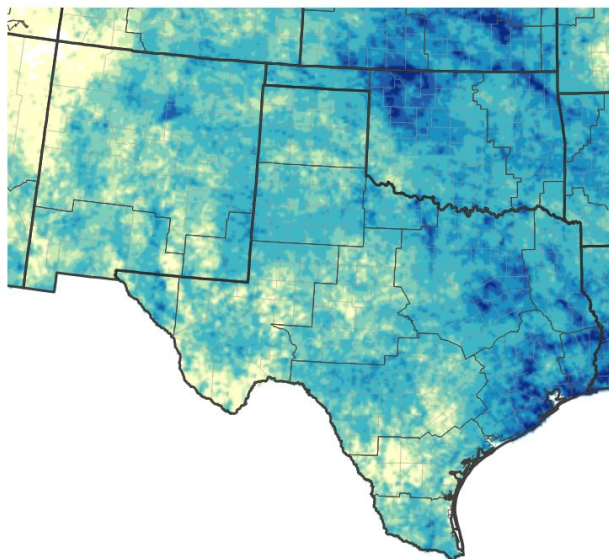


Precipitation

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

- The majority of the service area saw near to above normal rainfall over the past 30 days with some areas seeing significant rainfall in mid to late August.
- A swath of 150-300% of normal rainfall over the past 30 days stretches from the Rio Grande Plains through the Hill Country and Edwards Plateau.
- Portions of the Winter Garden, I-35 corridor, and Coastal Plains saw 25-75% of normal rainfall over the past 30 days.

NWPS 30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (inches)



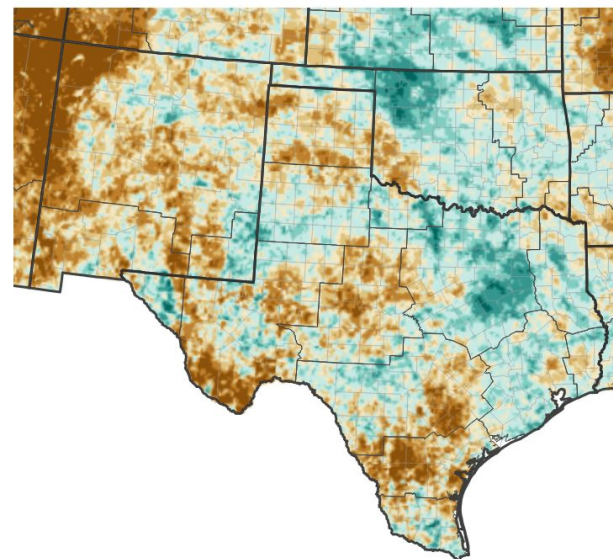
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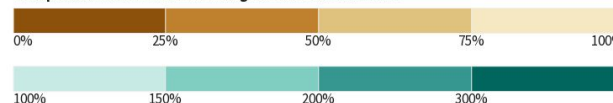
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30-Day Precipitation: Percent of PRISM Normal



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 range ([USGS](#))
- Storage remains near all time lows at Medina, with Canyon Lake and Amistad remaining below normal.
- See next page for more details.

Agricultural Impacts

- Please see the latest [Crop & Weather Report](#) from Texas A&M Agrilife.
- Soil moistures across the service area are shown in the near normal range as of September 3rd. ([NWS Climate Prediction Center](#))

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Normal wildland fire danger is expected for the months of September and October. ([National Interagency Coordination Center](#))
- See Fire Hazard page for more details.

Drought Mitigation Actions

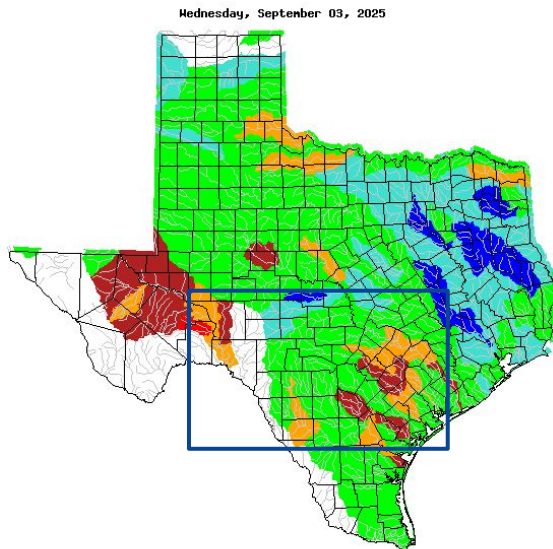
- Please refer to your municipality and/or water provider for mitigation information.
- Select [Municipality Restrictions](#) (as of 9/4/2025)
 - City of Uvalde: Stage 5
 - City of Fredericksburg: Stage 4
 - City of Kerrville: Stage 2
 - City of San Antonio: Stage 3
 - City of Universal City: Stage 3
 - City of Llano: Stage 1
 - City of Georgetown: Stage 1
 - City of New Braunfels: Stage 2
 - City of Austin: Stage 2
 - City of Del Rio: Stage 2





Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- The majority of streamflows across the service area fall within the Normal to Much above normal percentile.
- Several watersheds along the I-35 corridor and Coastal Plains fall within the below normal to much below normal percentile.



Additional data:

[Edwards Aquifer, Bexar Index Well J-17](#) as  of Sep 4, 2025:

10 day average: 628.72

Historical Monthly Average: 659.6

Departure from Average: -29.4

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		

Figure Caption: [USGS 7 day streamflows for Texas](#), valid Sep 4, 2025.

Reservoir	Pool Elevation	Current Elevation	Percent Full
Amistad	1117.00 feet	1056.43 feet	34.0%
Lake Austin	492.9 feet	492.04 feet	95.1%
Lake Buchanan	1020.00 feet	1019.03 feet	97.5%
Canyon Lake	909.00 feet	892.12 feet	67.6%
Georgetown Lake	791.00 feet	788.35 feet	91.1%
Granger Lake	504.00 feet	504.27 feet	100%
Lake LBJ	825.00 feet	824.73 feet	98.5%
Lake Marble Falls	738.00 feet	736.37 feet	95.0%
Medina Lake	1064.2 feet	983.59 feet	6.0%
Lake Travis	681.00 feet	673.52 feet	87.6%

Table caption: [TWDB Reservoir](#) conditions as of Sep 4, 2025.



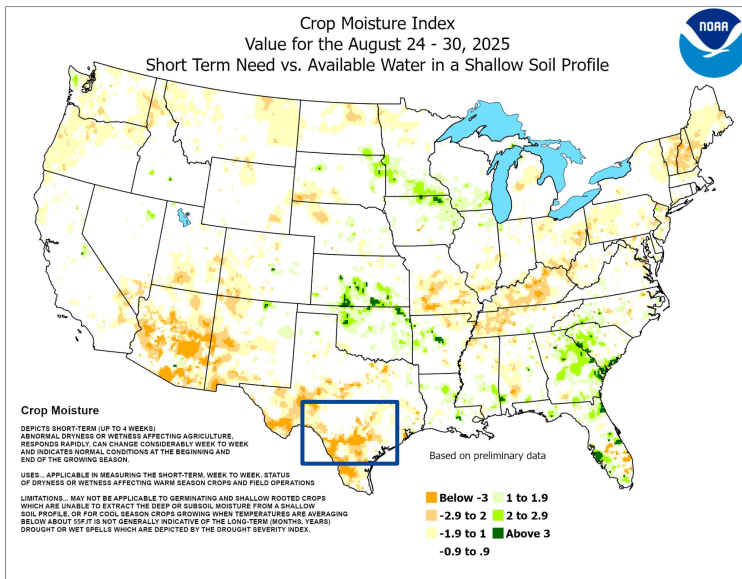
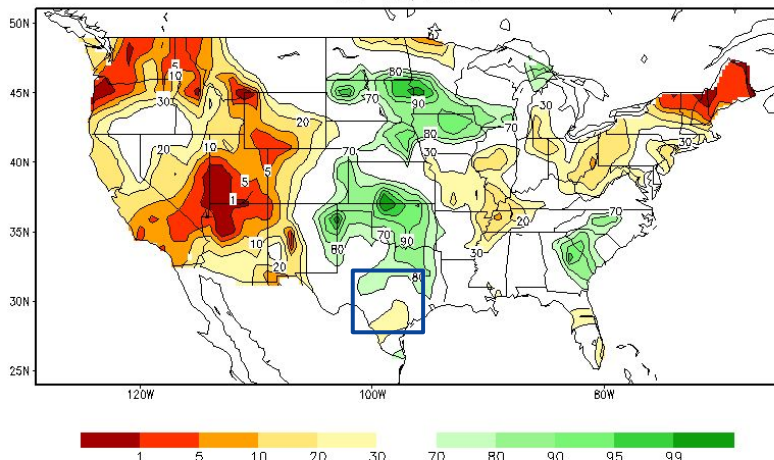


Agricultural Impacts

Links to the latest [Soil Moisture Ranking Percentile](#) and [Crop Moisture Index by Division](#).

- Soil moistures across the service area are shown in the near to below range as of September 3rd.
- Crop moisture index values show near normal conditions to below normal conditions due to lack of recent rain in the month of August.

Calculated Soil Moisture Ranking Percentile
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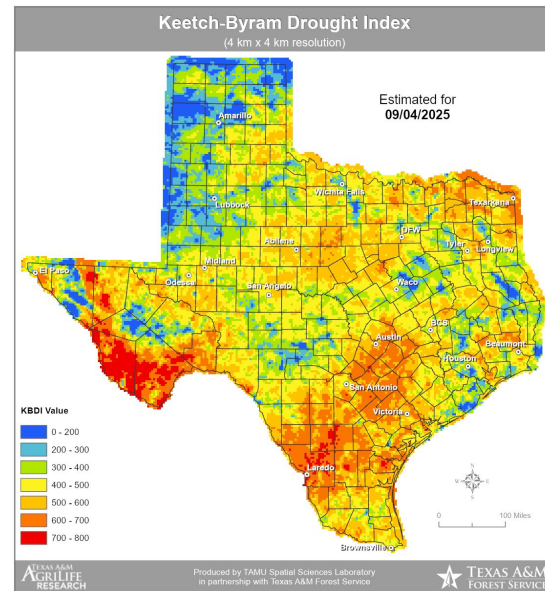
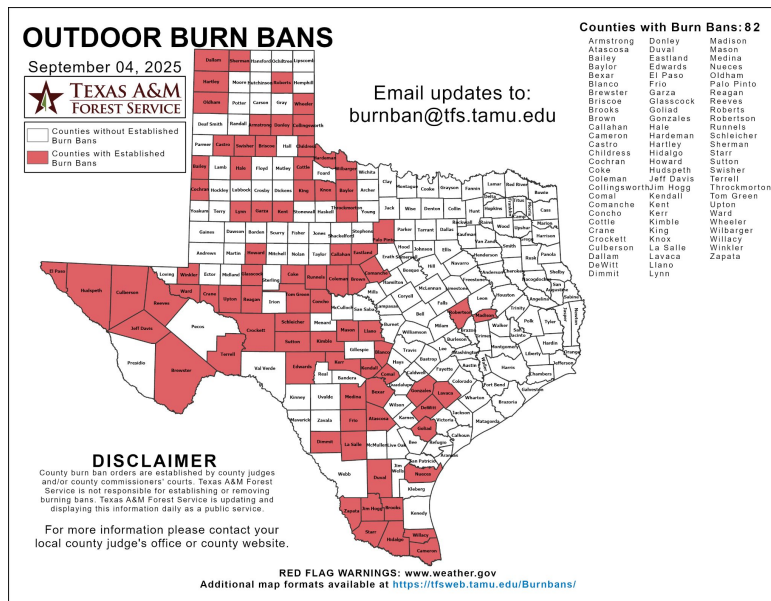
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Fire Hazard Impacts

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

- [Keetch Byram Drought Index](#) values of less than 200 are noted for portions of Edwards, Real, Gillespie, and Kerr Counties.
- Values range between 400 and 800 over the rest of the area.
- The Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook for September calls for near normal conditions.



Burn bans remain for 14 of our 33 counties as of Sep 4, 2025. Latest County Burn Ban map available [here](#).



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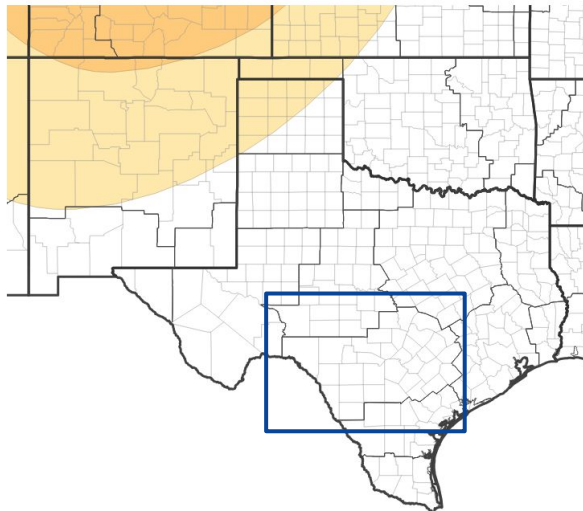


Long-Range Outlooks

The latest monthly and seasonal outlooks can be found on the [CPC homepage](https://cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/)

- The temperature outlook for the month of September shows near normal temperatures.
- The precipitation outlook the month of August leans towards equal chances for above, below, or normal rainfall for much of the area.

Monthly Temperature Outlook for September 1, 2025–September 30, 2025



Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



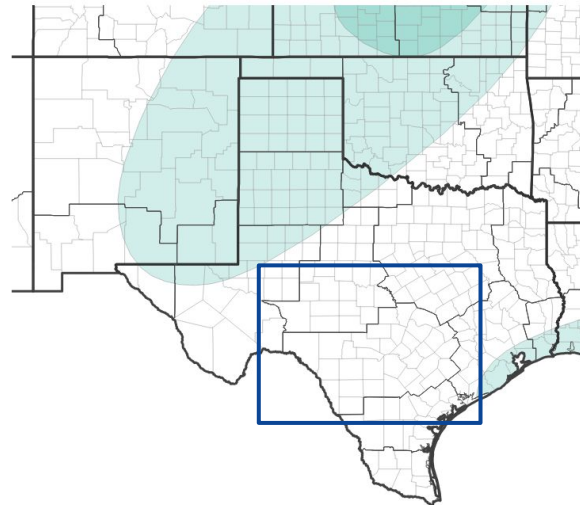
Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



Monthly Precipitation Outlook for September 1, 2025–September 30, 2025



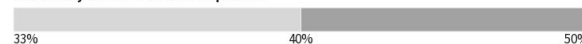
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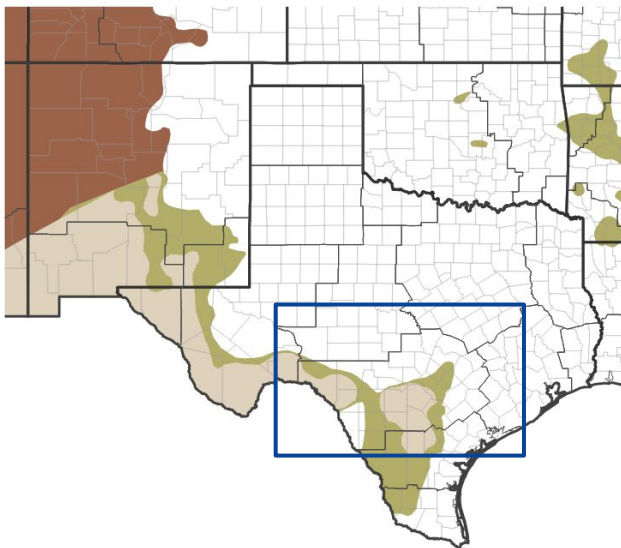


Drought Outlook

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- The monthly drought outlook for September shows drought improving for some and ending for others.
- The three month drought outlook shows drought improving for some and ending for others.

1-Month Drought Outlook for September 1,
2025–September 30, 2025



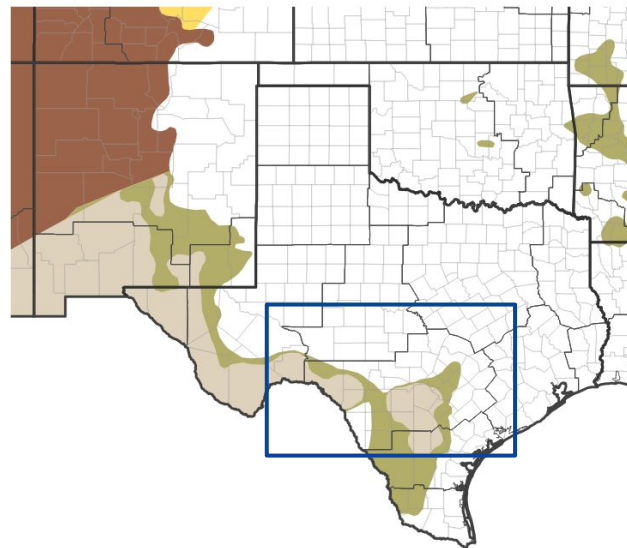
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Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for August 31,
2025–November 30, 2025



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Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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