



Drought Information Statement for South Central Texas

Valid October 1, 2026

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- This product will be updated November 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 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 be removed for most, with drought persisting for portions of the Coastal Plains and Austin Metro.



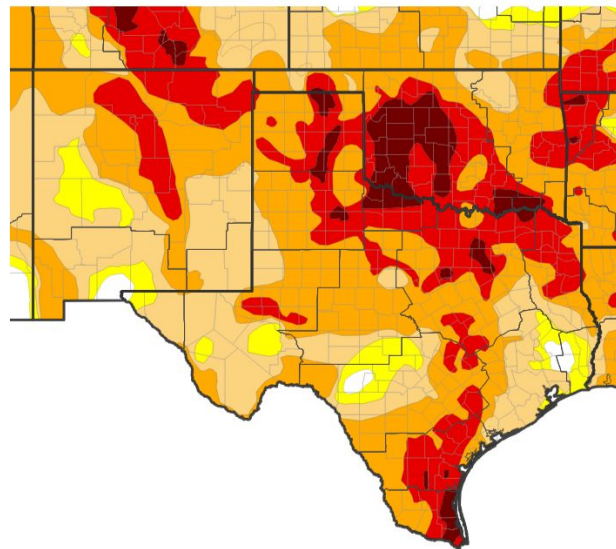


U.S. Drought Monitor

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 portions of the I-35 Corridor and Coastal Plains.
 - Percent of Area: 10.61%
 - **D2 (Severe Drought):** Covers portions of the I-35 Corridor, Coastal Plains, and Val Verde County.
 - Percent of Area: 56.55%
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought):** Covers portions of the I-35 Corridor, Hill Country, Edwards Plateau, and Rio Grande Plains.
 - Percent of Area: 80.57%
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry):** Covers portions of the Hill Country and Edwards Plateau.
 - Percent of Area: 96.38%

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Source(s): NDMC, NOAA, USDA, NASA; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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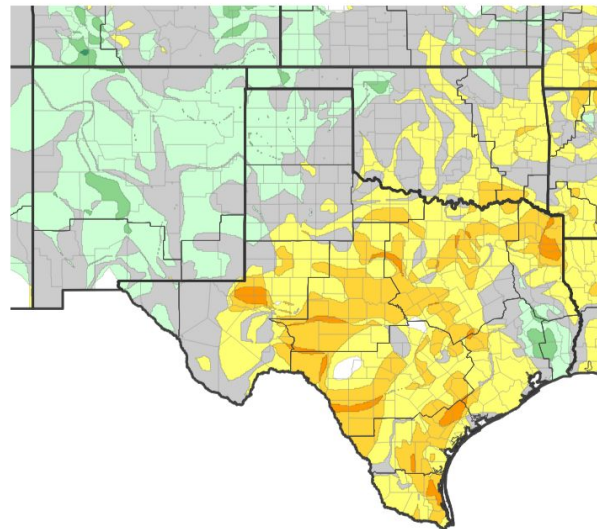


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

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

- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - Drought Worsened: Much of South Central Texas.
 - No Change: Portions of the Edwards Plateau.
 - Drought Improved: None

U.S. Drought Monitor 4-Week Change Map



Drought Degradation



Drought Improvement



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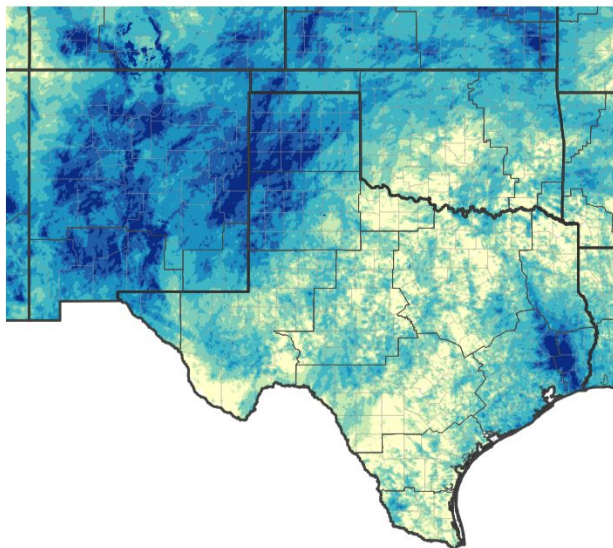


Precipitation

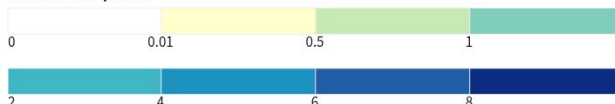
Links to the latest [Precipitation Accumulation](#) and [Percent of Normal](#) over the past 30 days

- Much of the service area saw below normal rainfall the past 30 days.
 - Localized pockets saw greater than 100-150% of normal rainfall.
 - September was a very dry and hot month for the service area.
 - This does not account for the rainfall observed over the past 24 hours.

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



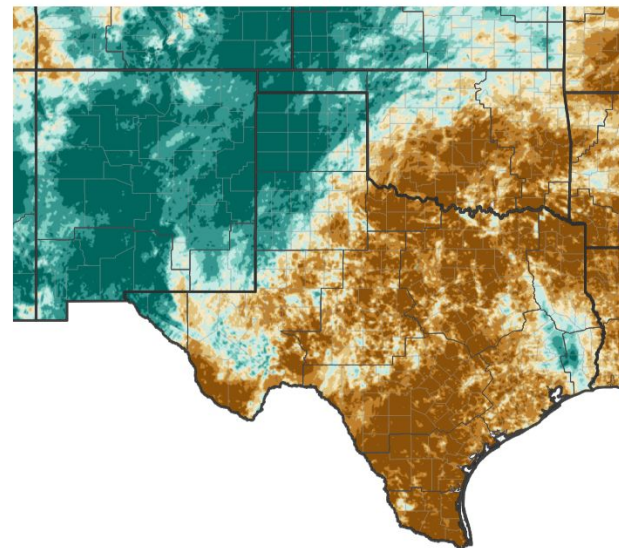
Inches of Precipitation



Source(s): National Weather Service Multi-Radar Multi-Sensor System;
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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 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 days. ([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 to below normal conditions over the region. ([NWS Climate Prediction Center](#))

Fire Hazard Impacts

- The Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook calls for near normal conditions in October and November.
- ([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 above normal range.
- 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 October 1, 2026:

10 day average: 638.7

Historical Monthly Average: 662.0

Departure from Average: -23.1

Reservoir	Pool Elevation	Current Elevation	Percent Full
Amistad	1117.00 feet	1056.73 feet	40.3%
Lake Austin	492.9 feet	492.31 feet	96.8%
Lake Buchanan	1020.00 feet	1018.39 feet	95.9%
Canyon Lake	909.00 feet	907.87 feet	97.6%
Georgetown Lake	791.00 feet	783.77 feet	77%
Granger Lake	504.00 feet	503.64 feet	97.2%
Lake LBJ	825.00 feet	824.54 feet	97.4%
Lake Marble Falls	738.00 feet	736.11 feet	92.9%
Medina Lake	1064.2 feet	1020.58 feet	28.6%
Lake Travis	681.00 feet	674.58 feet	89.3%

Table caption: [TWDB Reservoir](#) conditions as of October 1, 2026

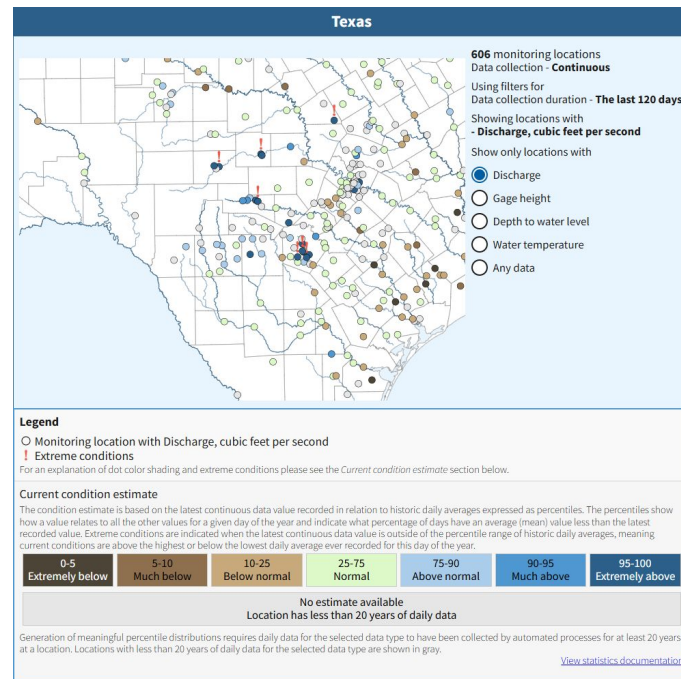


Figure Caption: [Daily historical percentile](#) discharge, valid October 1, 2026.

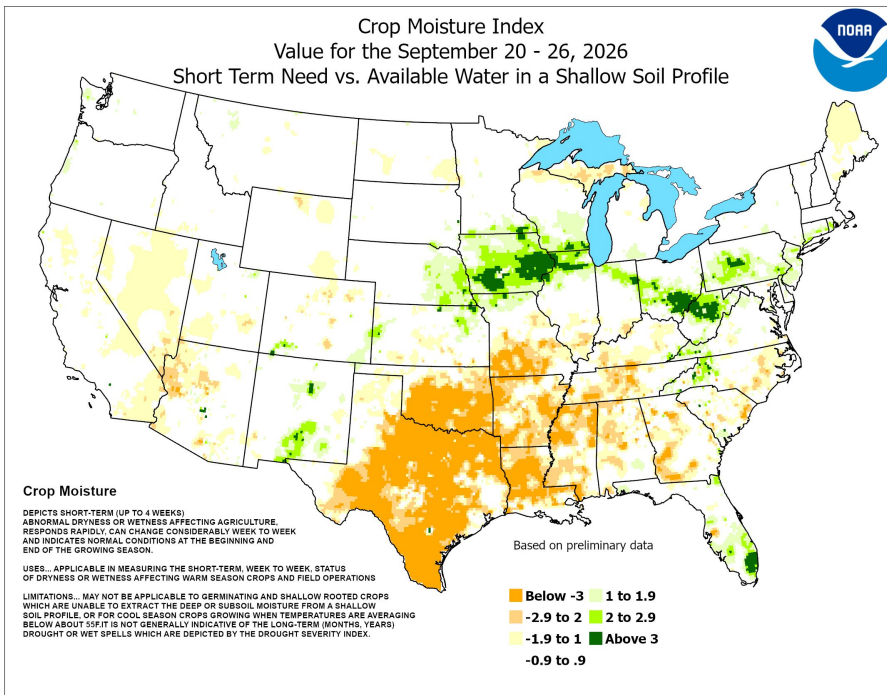




Agricultural Impacts

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

- Crop moisture index values show well below normal values, but rain over the last 24 hours is not in this depiction.

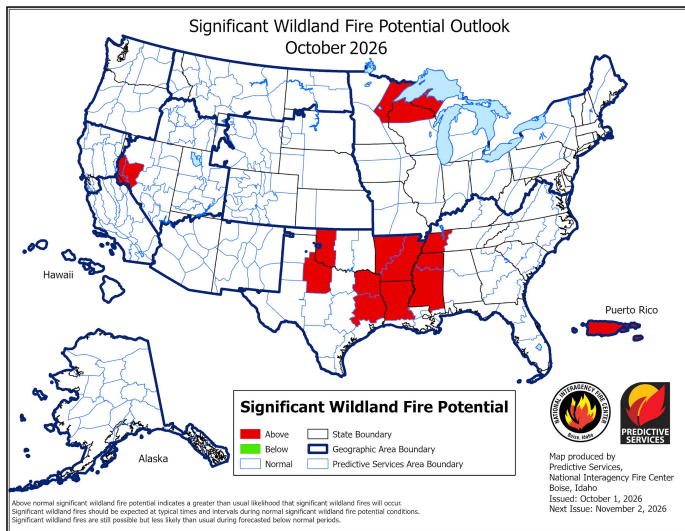




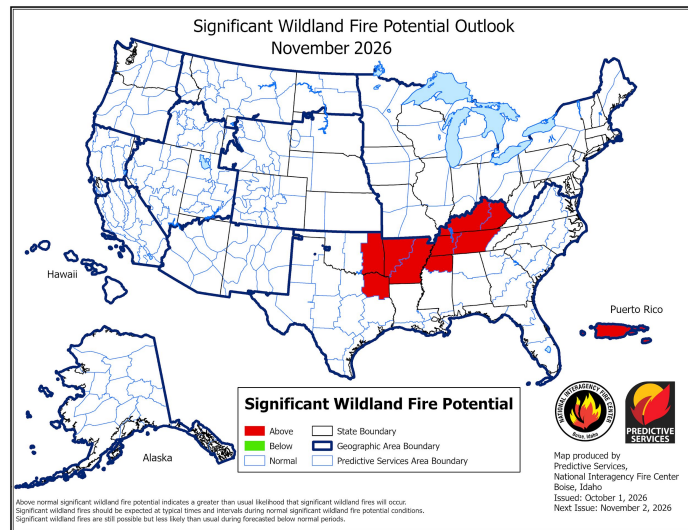
Fire Hazard Impacts

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 near normal potential October through December.



Burn bans are in effect for 29 of our 33 counties as of October 1, 2026. Latest County Burn Ban map available [here](#).



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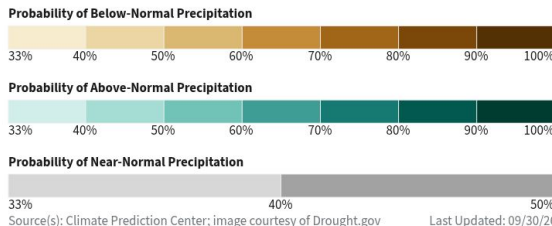
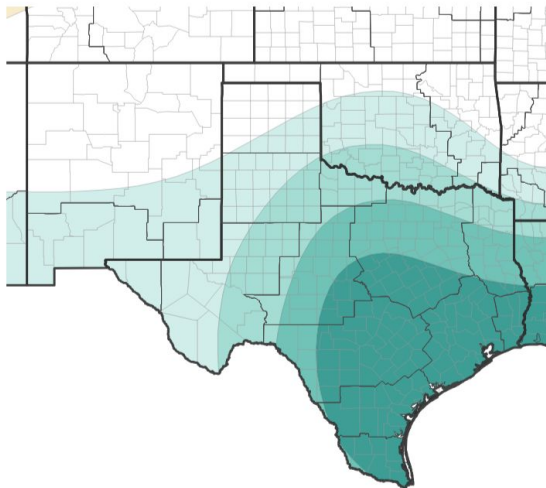


Long-Range Outlooks

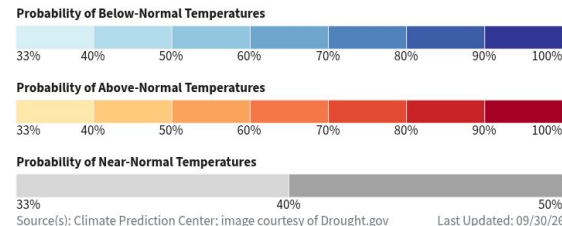
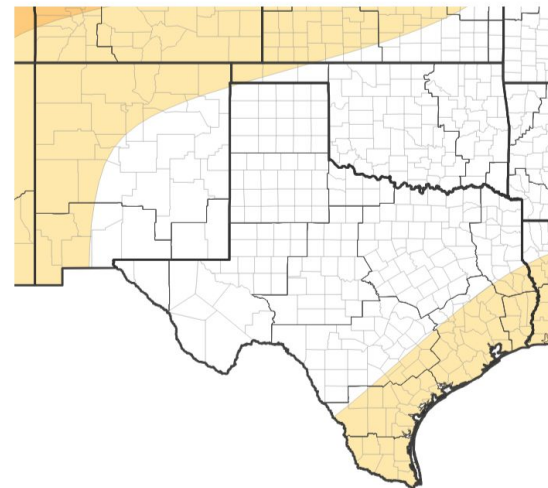
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- Most of the area likely above normal precipitation for the month of October.
- Most of the area will be near normal for temperatures for the month of October.

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



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



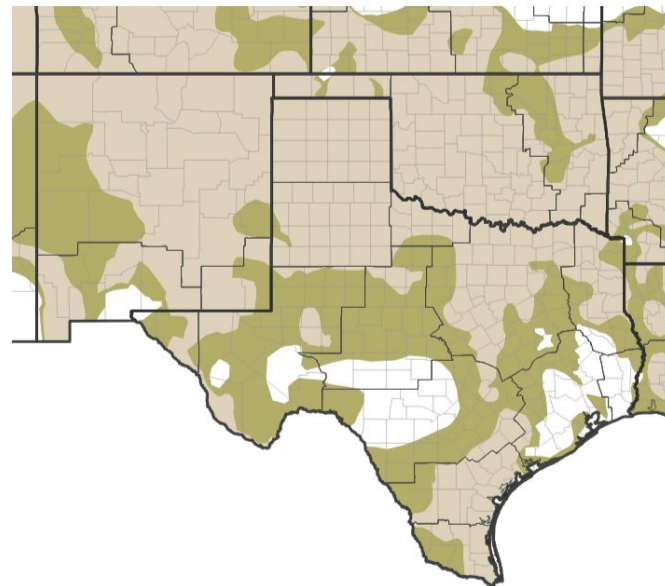


Drought Outlook

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- The three month drought outlook shows drought persisting for areas within drought at this time but ending for a good chunk of the area with the exception being the Travis, Williamson, and Bastrop Counties, as well as portions of the Coastal Plains.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for September 30, 2026–December 31, 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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