

Drought Information Statement for South Central Texas

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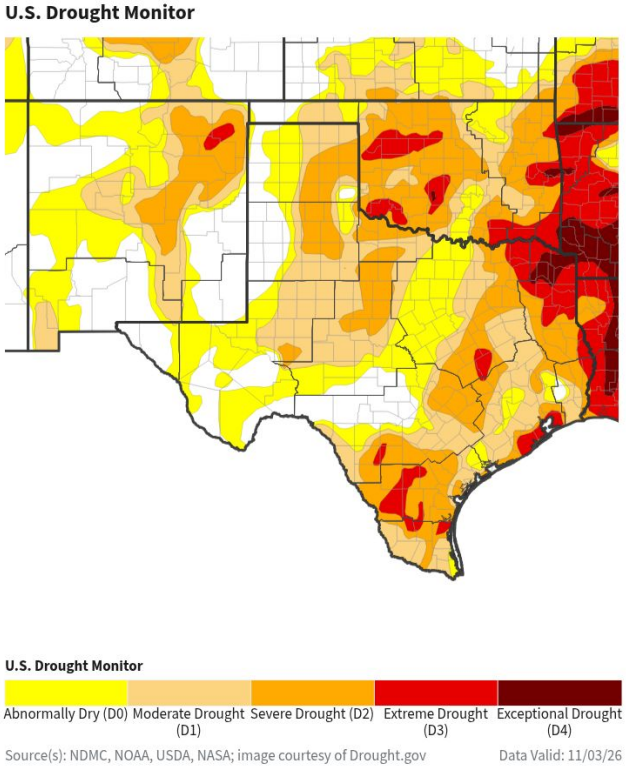
- This product will be updated December 3, 2026 or sooner if drought conditions change significantly.
- Please see all currently available products at https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements.
- Please visit https://www.weather.gov/EWX/DroughtInformationStatement for previous statements.
- Please visit https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates for regional drought status updates.

- Improvement in drought across the northern portions of the service area while the southwestern saw drought worsen given a lack of rainfall over the past 60 days.
- Streamflows show at or above normal for the vast majority of streams across the service area with improvement for reservoirs.
- The seasonal drought outlook calls for drought to be removed for most through the winter months.

U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor for South Central Texas

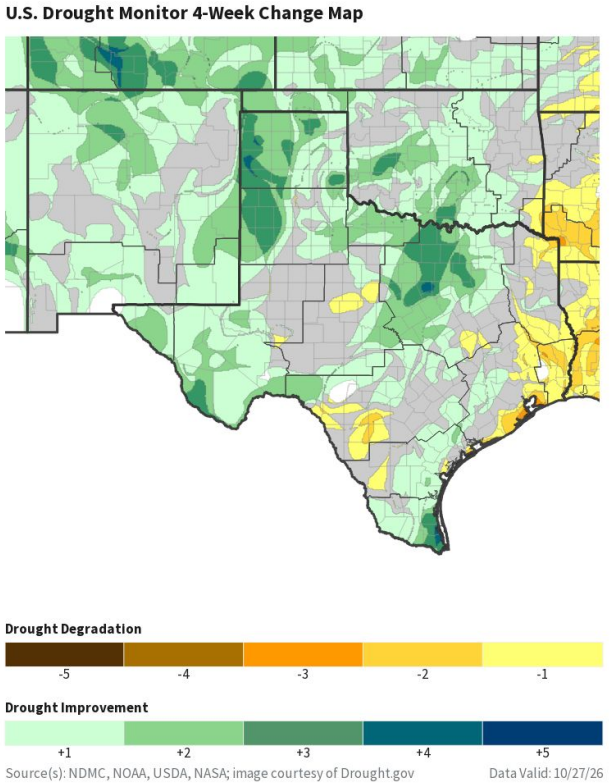
- Drought intensity and Extent
  - **D4 (Exceptional Drought)**: None
    - Percent of Area: 0%
  - **D3 (Extreme Drought)**: Covers portions of the Winter Garden
    - Percent of Area: 1.20%
  - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Covers portions of the I-35 Corridor, Coastal Plains, and Winter Garden County.
    - Percent of Area: 29.91%
  - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Covers portions of the I-35 Corridor, and Rio Grande Plains
    - Percent of Area: 56.09%
  - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: Covers portions of the Hill Country
    - Percent of Area: 71.33%



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 Winter Garden of South Central Texas.
  - No Change: Much of south central Texas
  - Drought Improved: Portions of the southern Edwards Plateau, Hill Country, Coastal Plains, and I-35 corridor

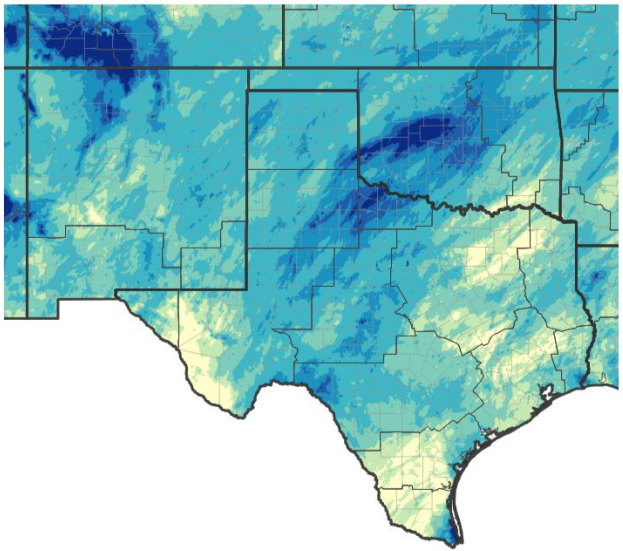


Precipitation

Links to the latest Precipitation Accumulation and Percent of Normal over the past 30 days

- The majority of the service area saw below normal rainfall the past 30 days.
  - A swath of 150-300% of normal rainfall can be seen stretching from Val Verde County to Burnet County.
  - A noticeable areas of well below normal rainfall for the month of October from the Rio Grande Plains, Winter Garden, and I-35 Corridor

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



Inches of Precipitation

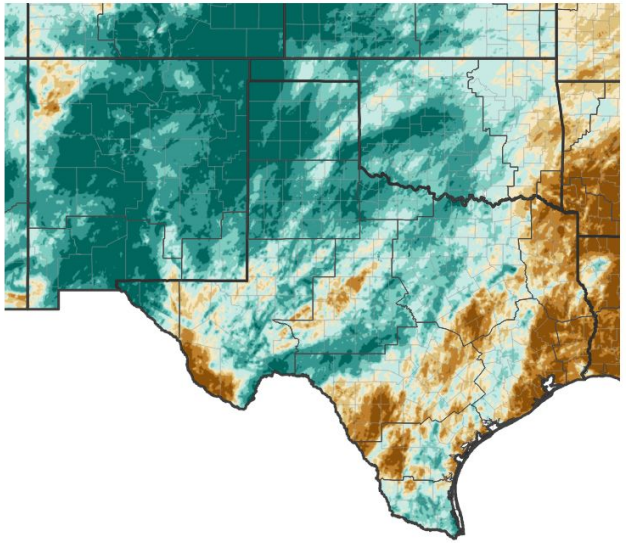
0 | 0.01 | 0.5 | 1 | 2

2 | 4 | 6 | 8

Source(s): National Weather Service Multi-Radar Multi-Sensor System; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions

0% | 25% | 50% | 75% | 100%

100% | 150% | 200% | 300%

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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 above normal range.(USGS)
- Localized streamflows seen in the I-35 corridor and Coastal Plains show well below normal values for the 28-day historical streamflow percentiles. (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 for much of the region. (NWS Climate Prediction Center)

Fire Hazard Impacts

- The Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook calls for near normal conditions in November and December.
- (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.

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Additional data:

Edwards Aquifer, Bexar Index Well J-17 as of November 5, 2026:

10 day average: 640.7

Historical Monthly Average: 665.2

Departure from Average: -23.7

Reservoir	Pool Elevation	Current Elevation	Percent Full
Amistad	1117.00 feet	1066.616 feet	50.6%
Lake Austin	492.9 feet	492.35 feet	97.1%
Lake Buchanan	1020.00 feet	1018.36 feet	95.8%
Canyon Lake	909.00 feet	907.25 feet	96.2%
Georgetown Lake	791.00 feet	784.37 feet	78.7%
Granger Lake	504.00 feet	503.92 feet	99.4%
Lake LBJ	825.00 feet	824.73 feet	98.5%
Lake Marble Falls	738.00 feet	736.86 feet	98.9%
Medina Lake	1064.2 feet	1018.66 feet	26.8%
Lake Travis	681.00 feet	677.18 feet	93.5%

Table caption: TWDB Reservoir conditions as of November 5, 2026

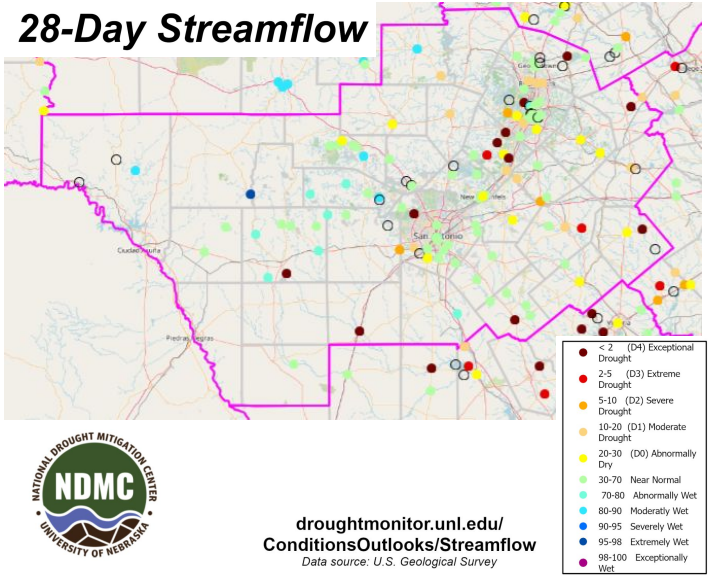


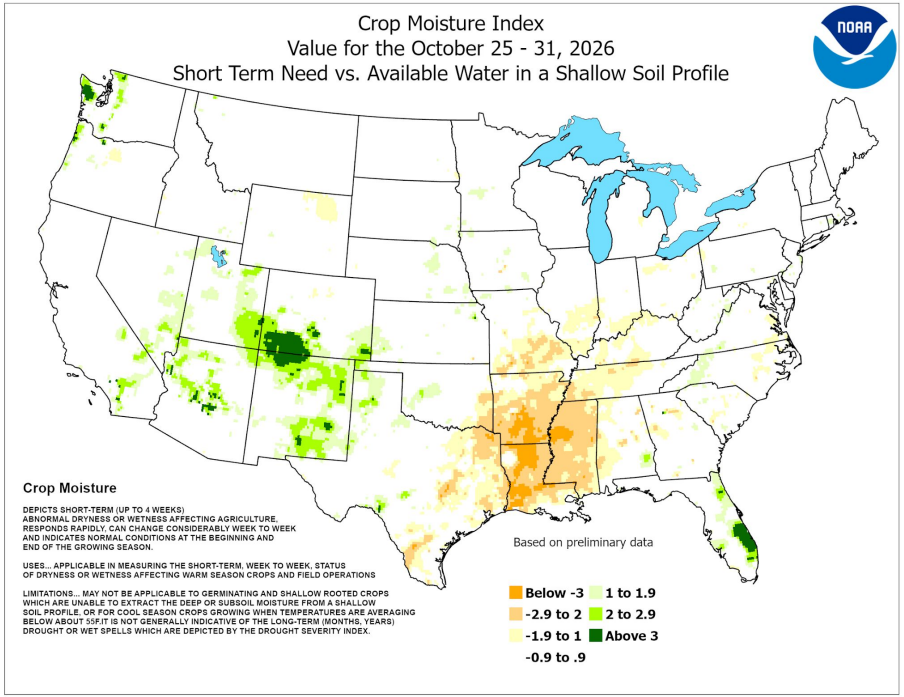
Figure Caption: 28-day historical percentile streamflow, valid November 5, 2026.

Agricultural Impacts

Links to the latest Crop Moisture Index by Division.

- Crop moisture index values show near normal to above normal values for much of south-central Texas.

- An area of below normal crop moisture is seen across portions of the I-35 corridor.

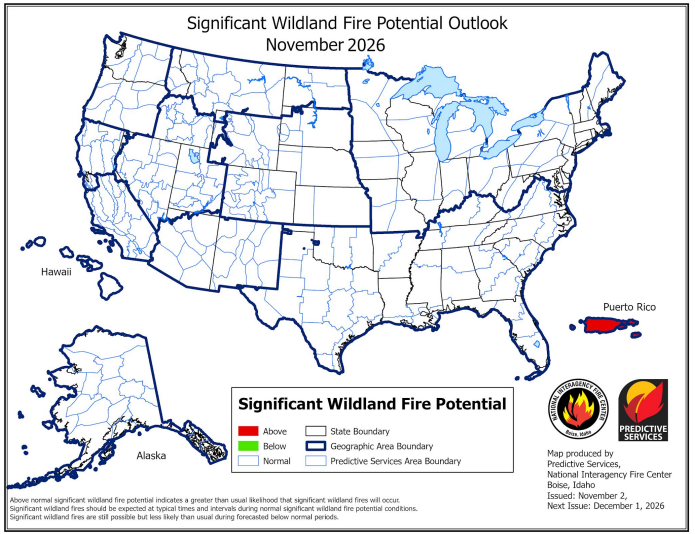


Fire Hazard Impacts

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

- [Keetch Byram Drought Index values] of 500-600 are noted across portions of the Winter Garden, I-345 Corridor, and Coastal Plains

- The Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook calls for near normal potential November and December.





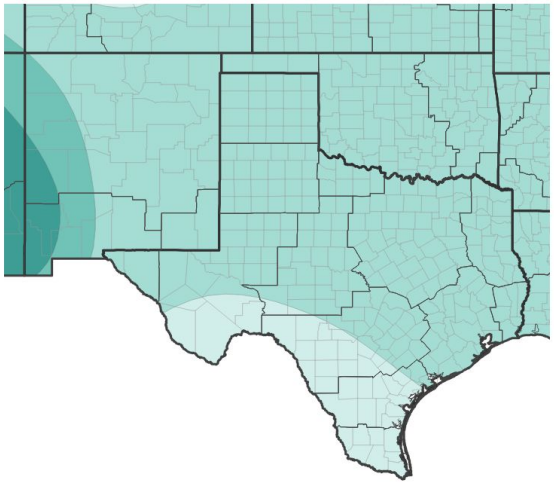
Burn bans are in effect for 29 of our 33 counties as of October 1, 2026. Latest County Burn Ban map available here.

Long-Range Outlooks

The latest monthly and seasonal outlooks can be found on the CPC homepage

- The monthly outlook for precipitation for the month of November shows a leaning towards above normal chances.
- The entire service area shows equal chances for below, above, or near normal temperatures for the month of November.

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



Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation

33% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%

Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation

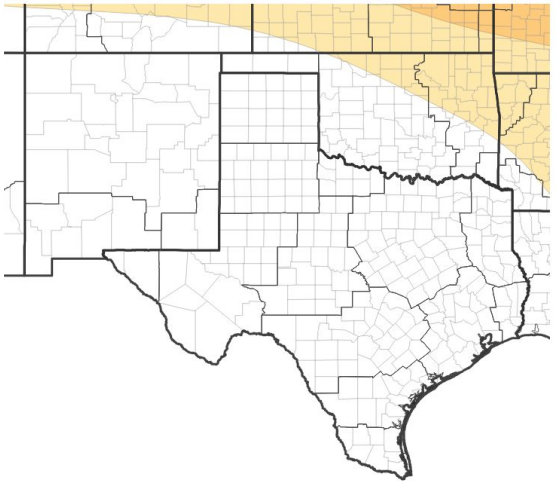
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Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation

33% 40% 50%

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



Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures

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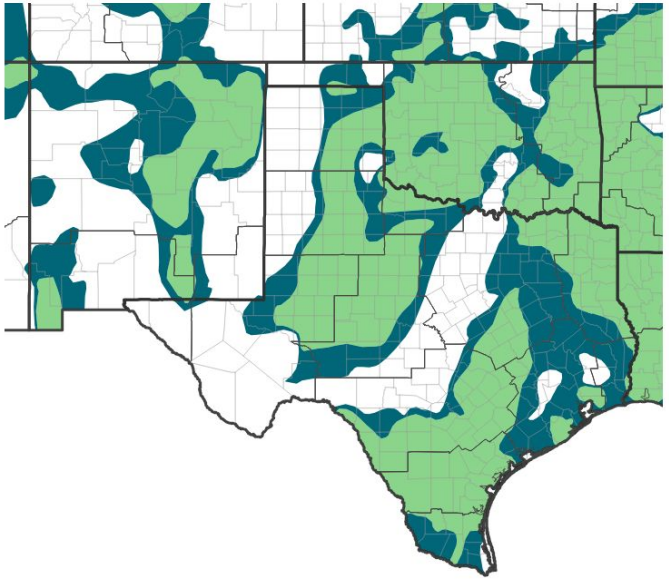
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Drought Outlook

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- The three month drought outlook shows drought improve or be removed for the I-35 corridor, Coastal Plains, Winter Garden, and Rio Grande Plains showing the impact of the forecast above normal precipitation for the winter months.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for October 31, 2026–January 31, 2027



Links to the latest:
Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook
Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook