



# Drought Information Statement for South Central Texas

Valid December 21, 2025

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- This product will be updated January 8, 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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- Below normal rainfall was observed over most of the service area over the past 30 days.
  - Streamflows continue to trend lower as a very dry Sep/Oct/Nov led to a flash drought for portions of the area.
  - Drought outlook does not bode well for improvement through the next 3 months with drier and warmer than normal weather expected to continue.

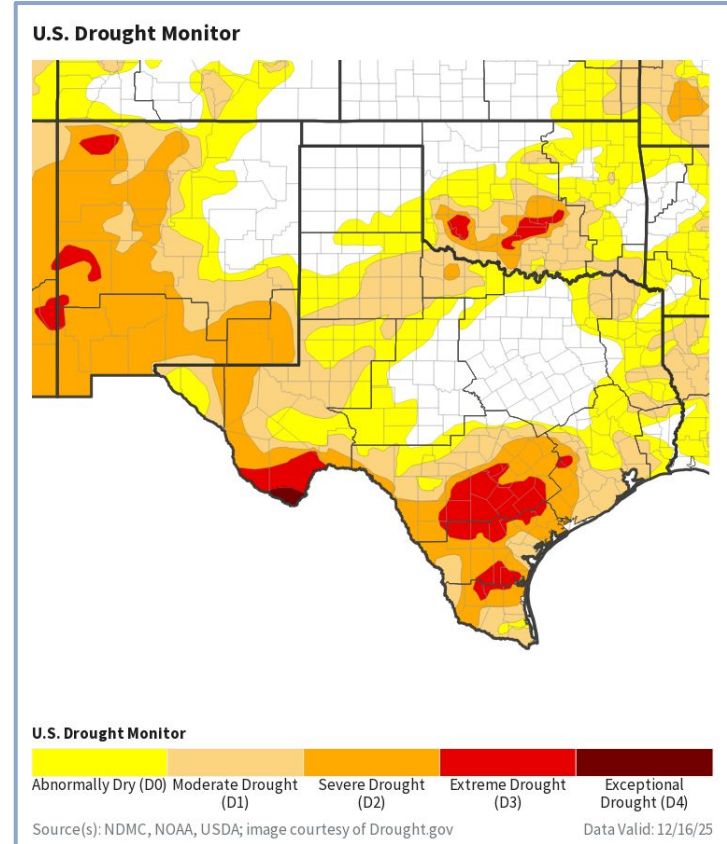




# U.S. Drought Monitor

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

- Drought intensity and Extent
  - **D4 (Exceptional Drought):** None.
    - Percent of Area: 0.00%
  - **D3 (Extreme Drought):** Covers Bexar, Comal, southern Hays and much of the Coastal Plains.
    - Percent of Area: 25.22%
  - **D2 (Severe Drought):** Covers portions of the Rio Grande Plains, I-35 Corridor, and Coastal Plains.
    - Percent of Area: 55.67%
  - **D1 (Moderate Drought):** Encompasses portions of the Coastal Plains, Rio Grande Plains, I-35 Corridor, and Hill Country.
    - Percent of Area: 84.84%

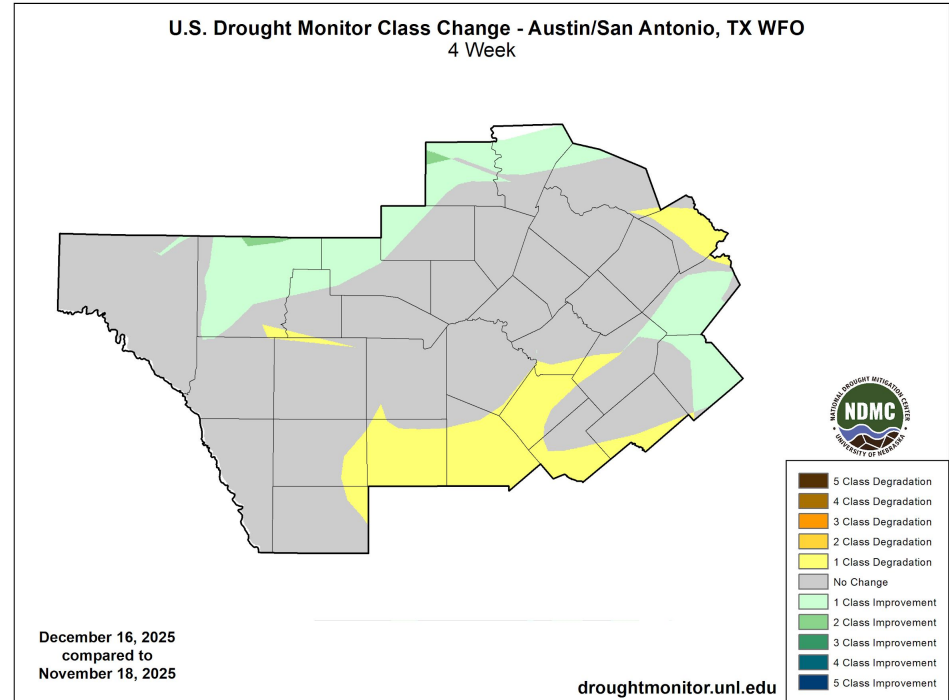




# Recent Change in Drought Intensity

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

- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
  - Drought Worsened: Portions of the Coastal Plains.
  - No Change: Large portions of South Central Texas along I-35 and into the Rio Grande Plains.
  - Drought Improved: Portions of the Edwards Plateau, Hill Country, and Coastal Plains.



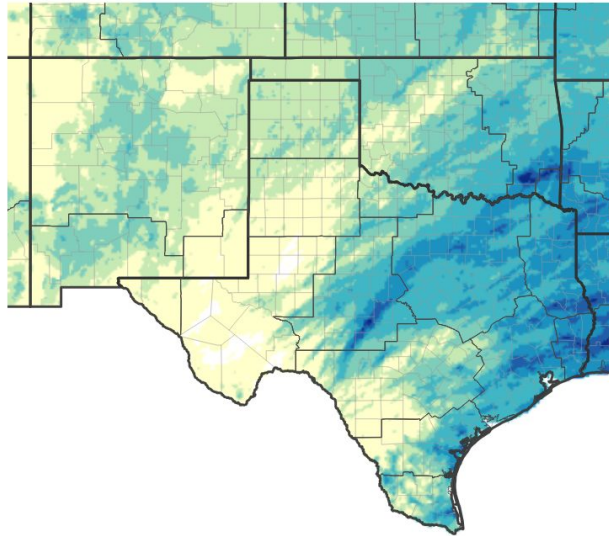


# Precipitation

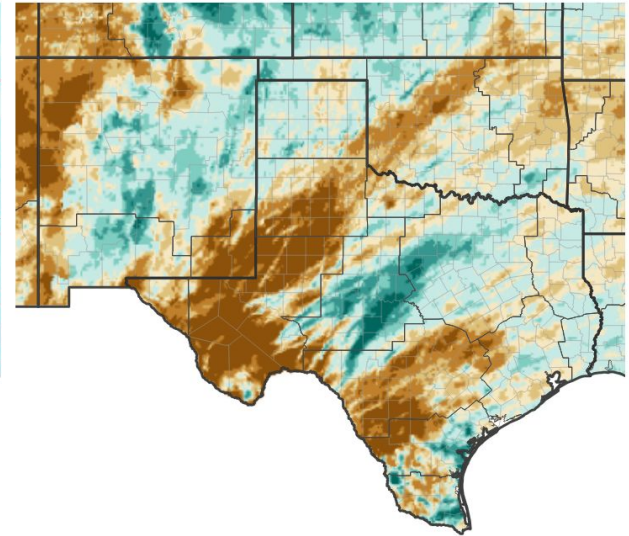
Links to the latest [Precipitation Accumulation](#) and [Percent of Normal](#) over the past 30 days

- The majority of the service area saw below to well below normal rainfall over the past 30 days.
- A swath of 0-50% of normal rainfall occurred over most of the area.
- Some beneficial rain fell over portions of the Southern Edwards Plateau.

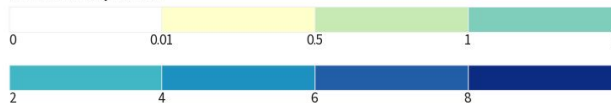
NWPS 30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (inches)



30-Day Precipitation: Percent of PRISM Normal



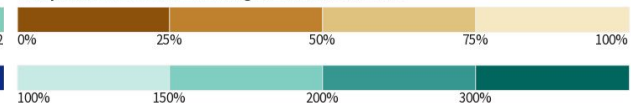
Inches of Precipitation



Source(s): National Weather Service National Water Prediction Service; image courtesy of Drought.gov

Data Valid: 12/18/25

Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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Data Valid: 12/19/25





# 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 Much 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 well below normal range as of December 19. ([NWS Climate Prediction Center](#))

## Fire Hazard Impacts

- Above normal wildland fire danger is expected for the months of January and February with continued dryness expected. ([National Interagency Coordination Center](#))
- See Fire Hazard page for more details.

## Drought Mitigation Actions

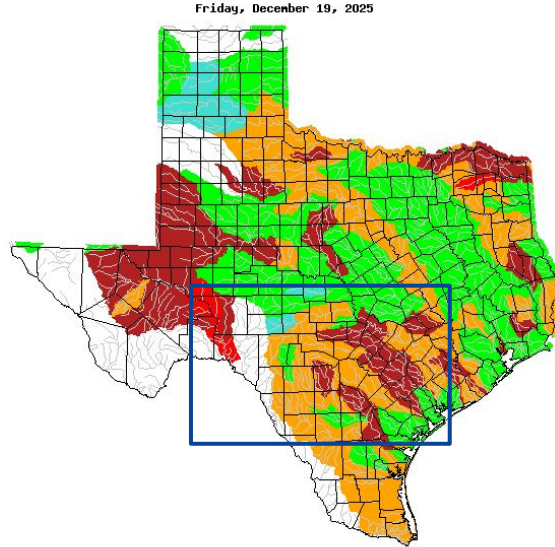
- Please refer to your municipality and/or water provider for mitigation information.
- Select [Municipality Restrictions](#) (as of 12/21/2025)
  - City of Uvalde: Stage 5
  - City of Fredericksburg: Stage 4
  - City of Kerrville: Stage 2
  - City of San Antonio: Stage 3
  - City of Universal City: 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 below normal percentile.
- Several watersheds along the I-35 corridor and Coastal Plains fall within the below normal to much below normal percentile.



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 Dec 19, 2025.

Reservoir	Pool Elevation	Current Elevation	Percent Full
Amistad	1117.00 feet	1055.06 feet	34.6%
Lake Austin	492.9 feet	492.24 feet	96.3%
Lake Buchanan	1020.00 feet	1018.82 feet	97%
Canyon Lake	909.00 feet	888.87 feet	62.3%
Georgetown Lake	791.00 feet	781.85 feet	71.5%
Granger Lake	504.00 feet	503.54 feet	96.4%
Lake LBJ	825.00 feet	824.75 feet	98.6%
Lake Marble Falls	738.00 feet	736.38 feet	95.1%
Medina Lake	1064.2 feet	979.95 feet	4.8%
Lake Travis	681.00 feet	667.96 feet	79.2%

Table caption: [TWDB Reservoir](#) conditions as of Dec 21, 2025

Additional data:

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

of Dec 19, 2025:

10 day average: 628.1

Historical Monthly Average: 667.1

Departure from Average: -38



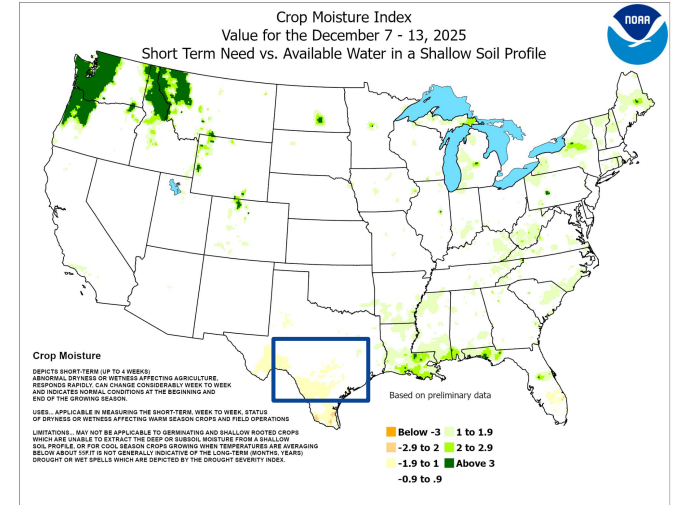
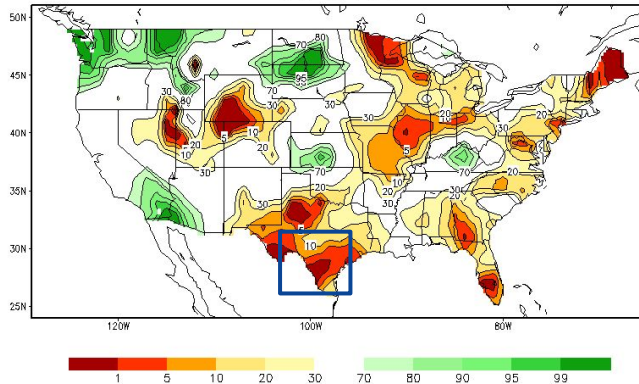


# Agricultural Impacts

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

- Soil moistures across the service area are shown in the well below normal range as of December 19th.
- Crop moisture index values show very dry conditions despite some recent rainfall.

Calculated Soil Moisture Ranking Percentile  
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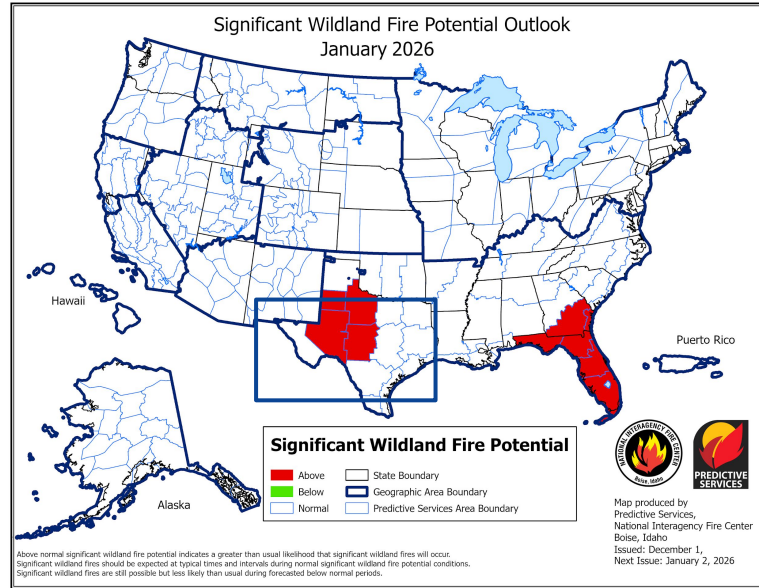




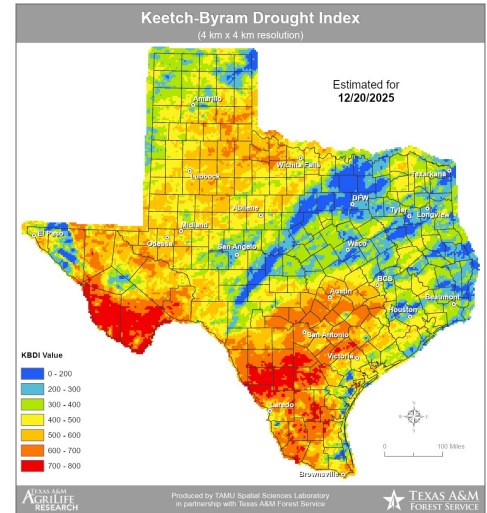
# Fire Hazard Impacts

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

- [Keetch Byram Drought Index values](#) of 500-800 are noted for much of the region.
- Values range between 200-500 for the Edwards Plateau.
- The Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook calls for above normal fire potential in January and February.



Burn bans remain for 22 of our 33 counties as of Dec 19, 2025. Latest County Burn Ban map available [here](#).



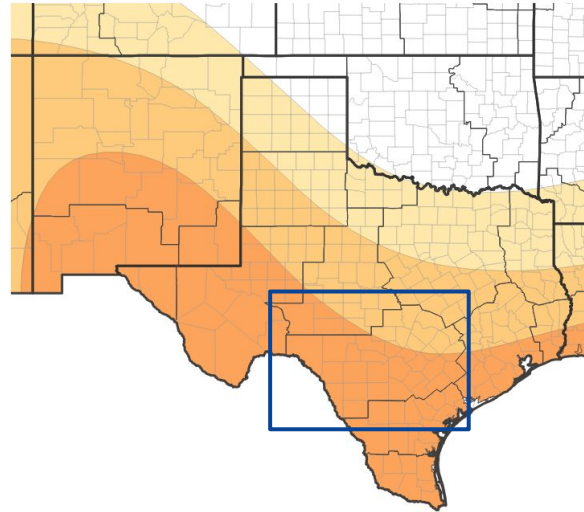


# Long-Range Outlooks

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

- The temperature outlook for the month of January leans towards above normal temperatures.
- The precipitation outlook the month of January leans towards below normal precipitation.

Monthly Temperature Outlook for January 1, 2026-January 31, 2026



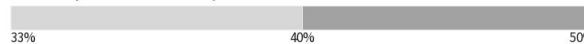
Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



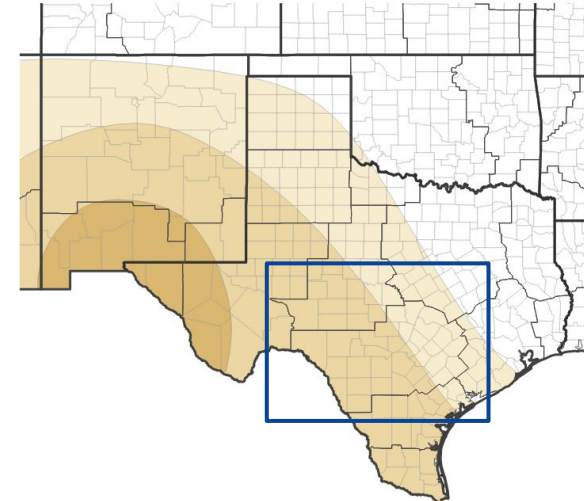
Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



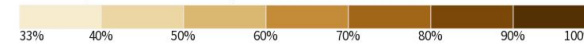
Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



Monthly Precipitation Outlook for January 1, 2026-January 31, 2026



Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



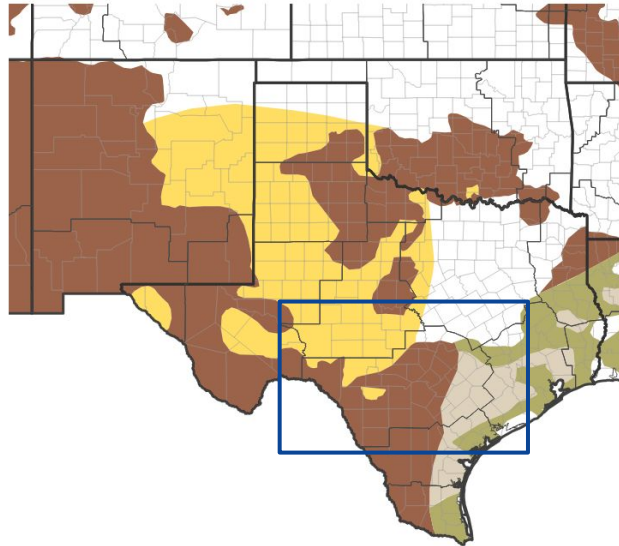


# Drought Outlook

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- The monthly drought outlook for December shows drought persisting for many and improving for some.
- The three month drought outlook shows drought persisting for many and developing for the remainder of the service area.

1-Month Drought Outlook for December 1, 2025–December 31, 2025



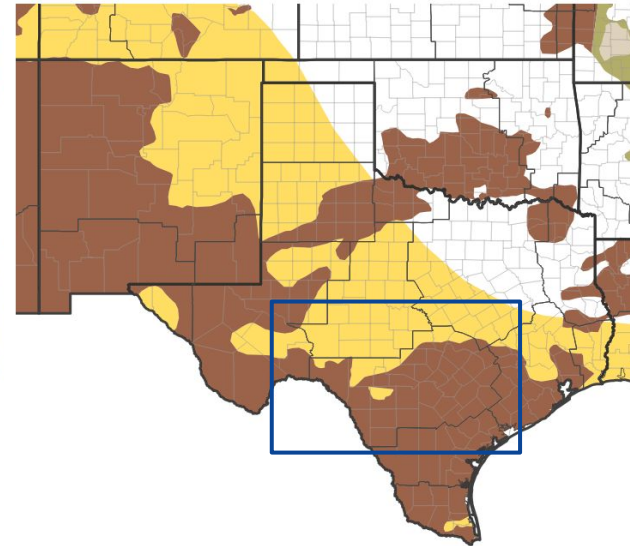
Drought Is Predicted To...



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Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for December 18, 2025–March 31, 2026



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Links to the latest:

- [Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)
- [Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)

