



Drought Information Statement for North and Central Texas

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- Please see all currently available products at <https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements>.
- Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/fwd/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
- Please visit <https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates> for regional drought status updates.
- Below normal rainfall was observed over all of the service area over the past 60 days.
- Severe to Extreme drought conditions persist over parts of northeast TX, with continued gradual expansion of Abnormally Dry to Moderate conditions elsewhere across the region.
- Drought conditions are expected to persist across the region into early spring.

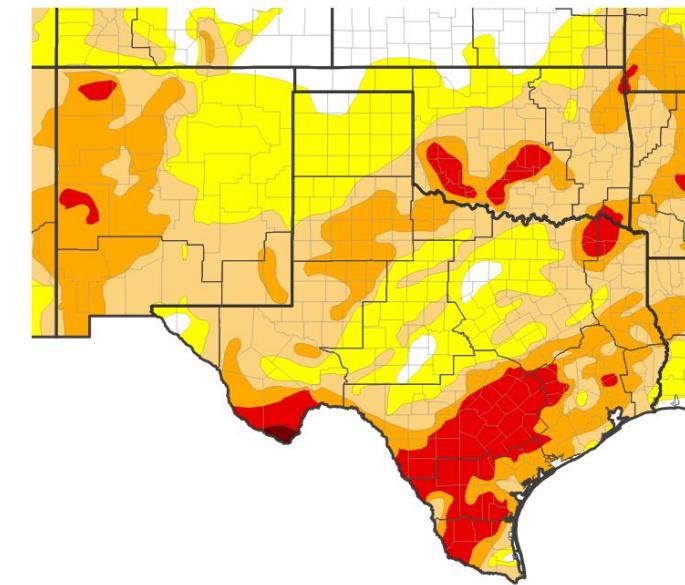


U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for North and Central Texas

- Drought intensity and Extent
 - **D4 (Exceptional Drought):** None
 - **D3 (Extreme Drought):** Eastern and central Lamar, Delta, and Hopkins counties with a small area spreading into far southern Milam county.
 - **D2 (Severe Drought):** Western Lamar, Delta, and Hopkins counties. Portions of Fannin, Hunt and Rains counties. Most of Milam, Robertson, and Leon counties.
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought):** Portions of the Big Country, areas along the Red River, and portions of East and Central Texas including Waco.
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry):** Large areas across central and western North and Central Texas including most of the DFW Metroplex.

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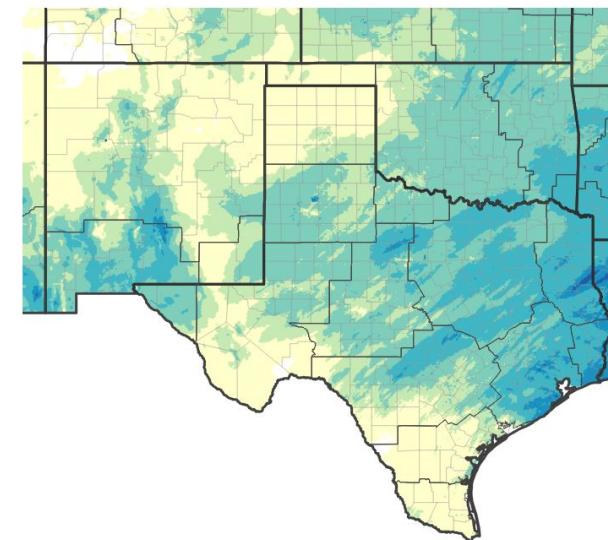
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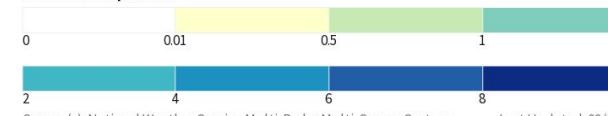
Precipitation

- A large portion of North and Central Texas received only 50-75% of normal rainfall for the month of January.
- Some locations in western North Texas and the Big Country received around or above normal rainfall in the last 30 days.
- Most of last month's precipitation fell during the late January winter storm (1/23-1/25).

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)

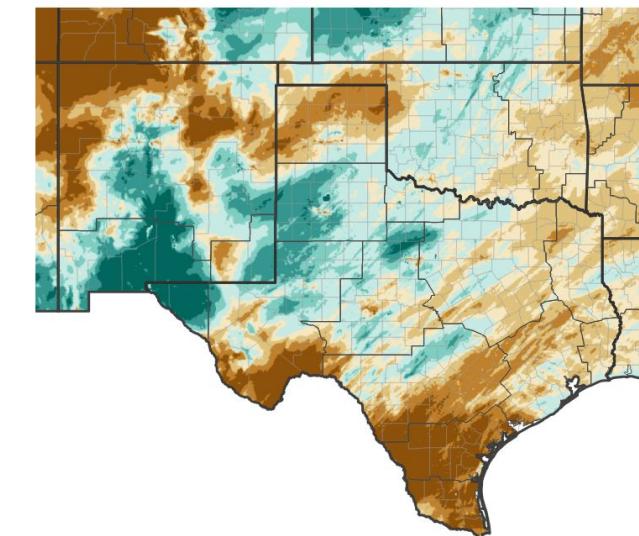


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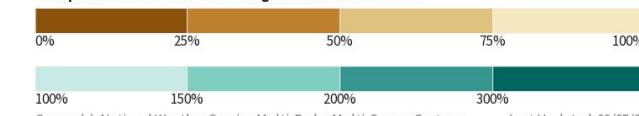


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30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



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

- See the complete list of [Texas Public Water Systems Limiting Water Use to Avoid Shortages](#)
- Stage 1 Voluntary Water Conservation Measures and scheduled irrigation plans to conserve water and manage high demand continue across the region.

Agricultural Impacts

- See the latest [Crop & Weather Report from Texas A&M AgriLife](#).
- A winter storm brought sleet and temperatures in the teens and single digits in late January. Following this, temperatures were slow to warm leading to delayed melting and minimal improvements to shallow topsoil moisture.
- Soil moisture remains below normal. See CPC Daily Soil Moisture Ranking [here](#).

Fire Hazard Impacts

- [Burn bans](#) are scattered across the region including parts of western Central Texas, the Big Country, and north/east of the DFW Metroplex.

Mitigation Actions

- Please refer to your municipality and/or water provider for mitigation information.



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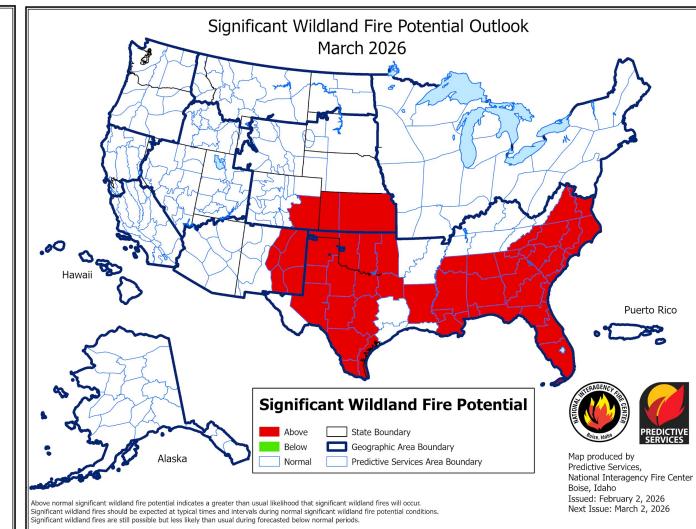
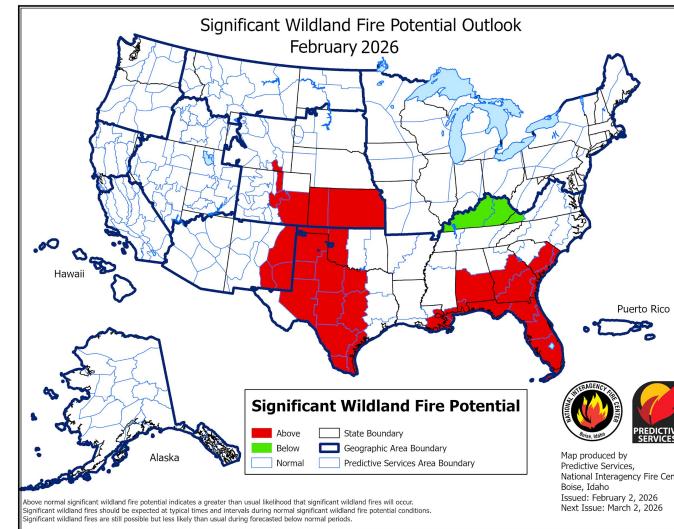
Fire Hazard Impacts

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

Above-normal to exceptional fuel loading currently exists along and west of the I-35 corridor in our Eastern Hill Country and Cross Timbers counties.

Along with lingering La Niña influences and continued below-normal precipitation forecast into early spring, there is an above-normal significant wildfire potential February into March across much of North and Central Texas.

The Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook calls for **above normal fire potential** in February and March.



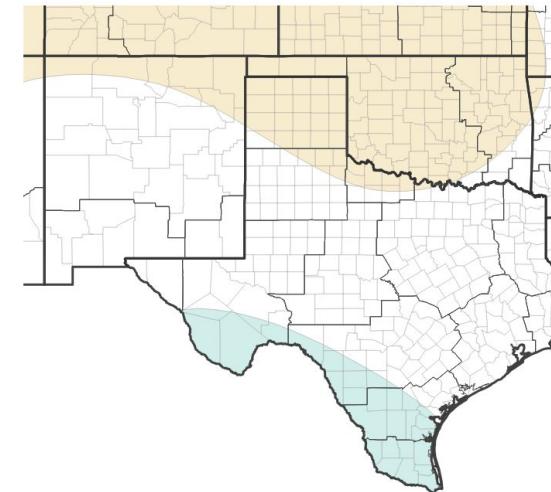


Long-Range Outlooks

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

- Equal chances for above, below, or near normal precipitation across all of North and Central Texas through the end of the month.
- Approximately a 30-40% probability of above-normal temperatures during the month of February.

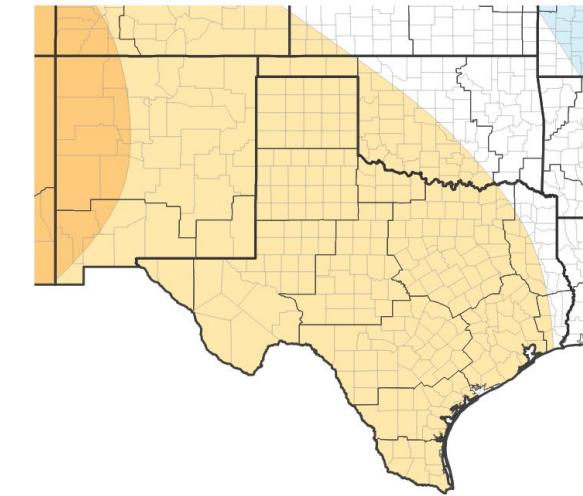
Monthly Precipitation Outlook for February 1, 2026–February 28, 2026



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Monthly Temperature Outlook for February 1, 2026–February 28, 2026



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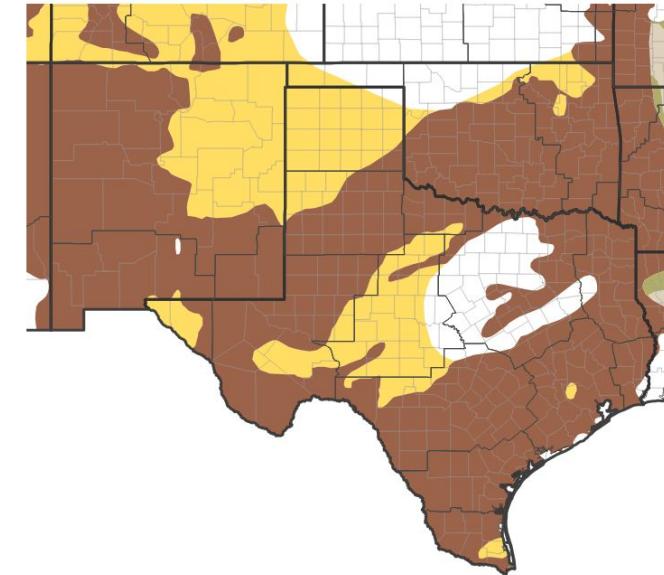




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Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for January 31,
2026–April 30, 2026



Drought conditions are currently expected to persist through the rest of the season and into early spring.

Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)

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