



Drought Information Statement for the South Plains, Rolling Plains, and far Southern Texas Panhandle

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 - Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/lub/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
 - Please visit <https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates> for regional drought status updates.
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- Drought conditions improve over the month of June with several widespread rainfall events, however, some extreme drought (D3) remains
 - This product will be updated August 6, 2026 or sooner if drought conditions change significantly



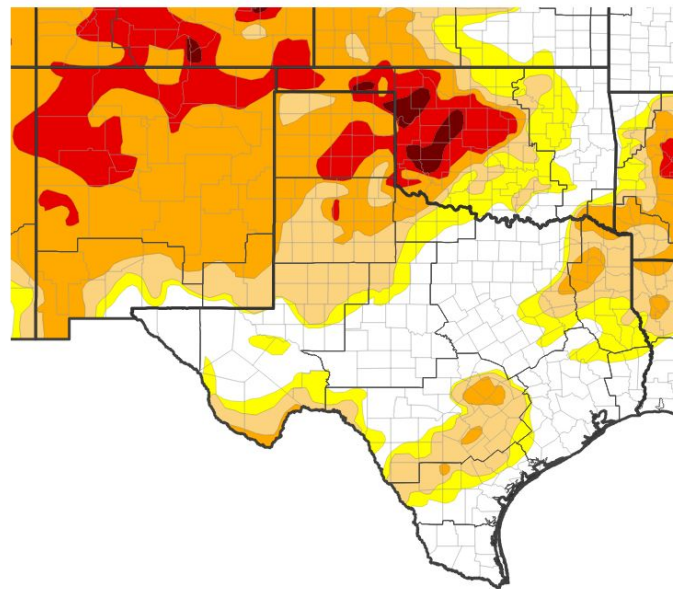


U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for South Plains, Rolling Plains, and southern Texas Panhandle

- Drought intensity and Extent
 - **D3 (Extreme Drought)**: Several small pockets of extreme drought remained across western Floyd, northeast Childress, and far northern portions of Briscoe and Swisher Counties.
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Portions of the South Plains, Rolling Plains, and far southern Texas Panhandle were still observing severe drought.
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: The remainder of the area was in moderate drought.

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

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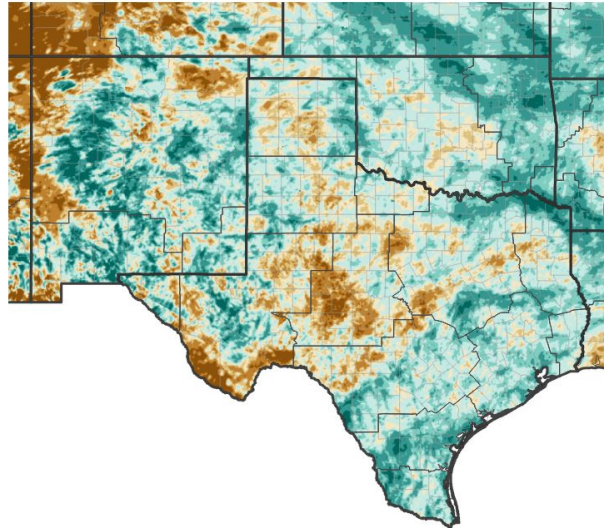


Precipitation

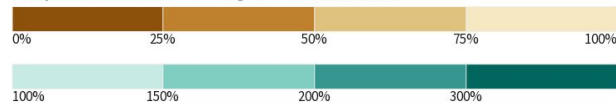
Last 30 days

- May and June are the wettest months on average for the area. While May rainfall was mostly lacking, June rainfall was higher, and closer to average for much of the area.
- Lower than average precipitation fell across much of the Rolling Plains into the far southern Texas Panhandle.

30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



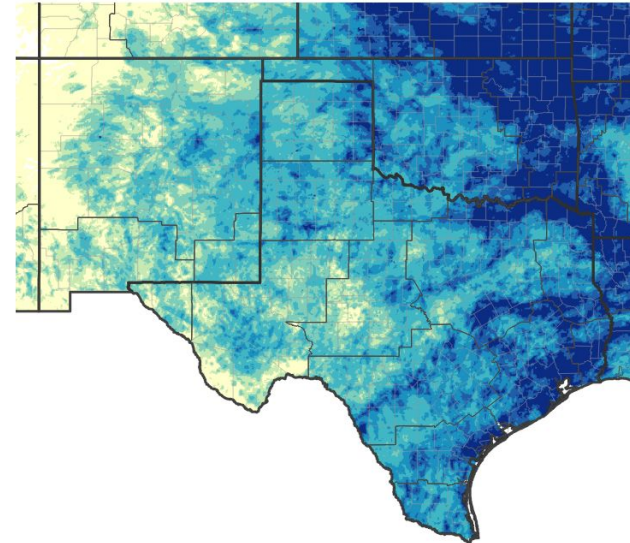
Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



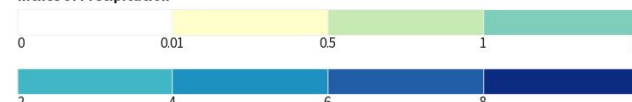
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30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (inches)



Inches of Precipitation



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Summary of Impacts

Links: See [Condition Monitoring Observer Reports \(CMOR\)](#) and view the [Drought Impacts Reporter](#)

Hydrologic Impacts

- Area reservoir levels were roughly unchanged as much of the area received near-average rainfall (USGS Gauges).

Agricultural Impacts

- Please see the latest [Crop and Weather Report](#) from Texas A&M Agrilife.
- Some areas received beneficial rainfall resulting in improvements to soil moisture and livestock over the past few of weeks. Hot temperatures and local hail events have stressed other areas.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Wildfire activity markedly decreased in June with no large fire activity reported since early June.

Other Impacts

- Soil moisture values are below the 5th percentile in many locations, especially south of a line from Lubbock to Paducah.
- Others areas that have seen rainfall have improved soil moisture conditions. ([NASA SpoRT-LiS](#))

Mitigation Actions

- Burn bans remained in place for most counties across the region.





Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Summarize conditions/impacts here

Reservoir	Conservation Pool (ft)	Current Elevation (ft)	Percent Full
Mackenzie Lake	3100.0	3030.5	14%
White River Lake	2370.0	2351.5	22%
Lake Alan Henry	2220.0	2211.3	77%
Lake Meredith	2936.0	2891.0	44%

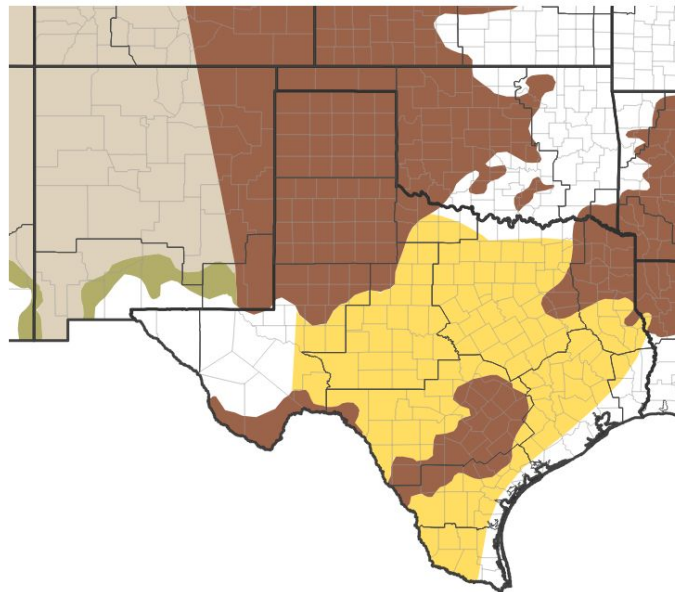


Drought Outlook

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

- While drought categories showed a general improvement for the area in June, the outlook calls for the current drought conditions at the end of June to persist through the remainder of the summer.

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