



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

Valid August 8th, 2026

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- Please see all currently available products at <https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements>.
 - 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 persist across the region.
 - This product will be updated September 3rd, 2026 or sooner if drought conditions change significantly

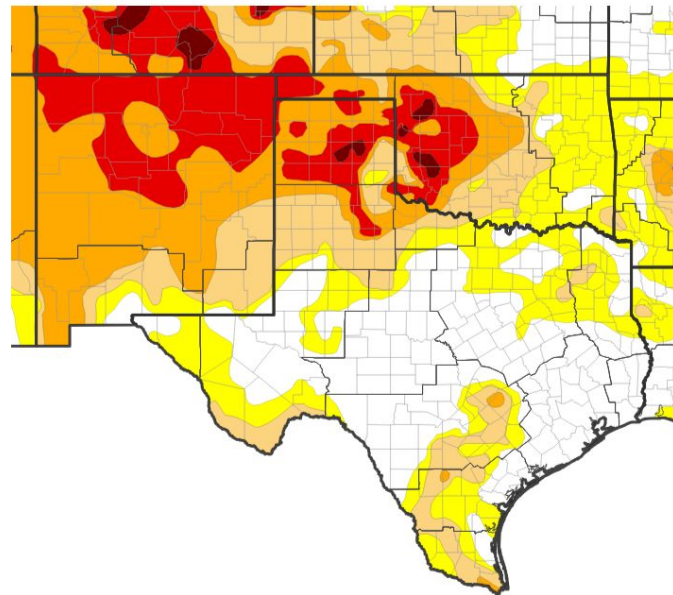


U.S. Drought Monitor

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

- Drought intensity and Extent
 - **D3 (Extreme Drought)**: A corridor of extreme drought exists across portions of Briscoe, Hall, Floyd, Motley, Cottle, Dickens, King, and Childress counties.
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Portions of the far southern Texas Panhandle, northern Rolling Plains, and central Rolling Plains.
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Much of the rest 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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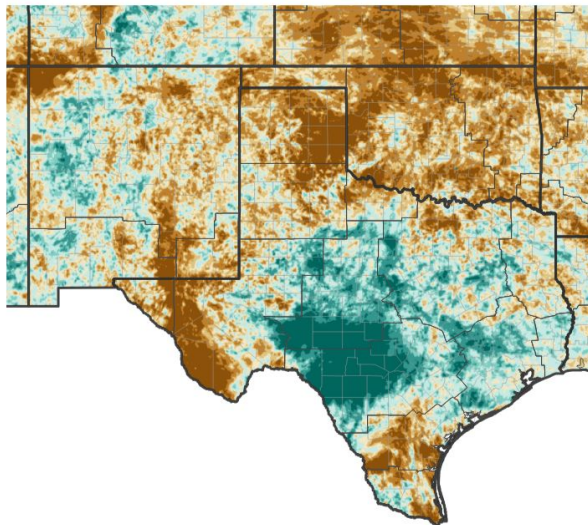


Precipitation

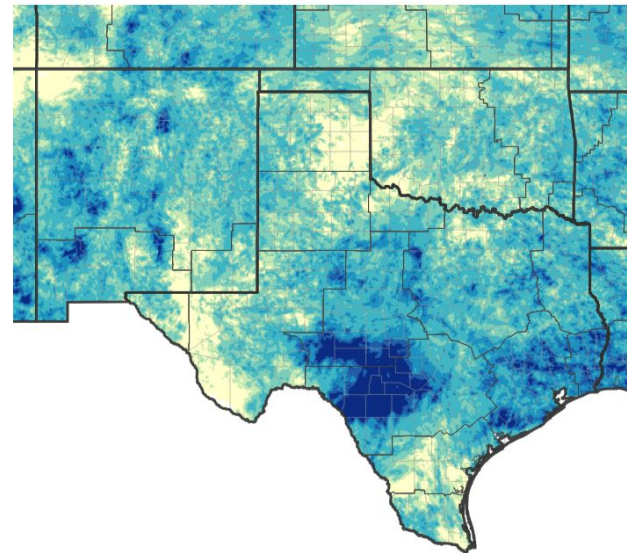
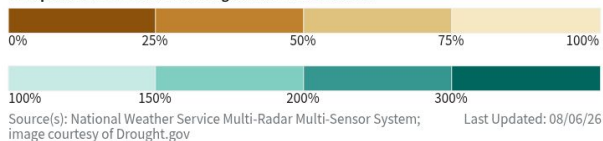
Last 30 days

- Precipitation over the last 30 days has been in the form of scattered thunderstorms.
- This has resulted in inconsistent rainfall, with a few locations seeing above normal amounts, but many staying below normal.
- The far southeastern Texas Panhandle generally received less than 25% of normal rainfall.

30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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

- Reservoirs have trended lower over the last month.

Agricultural Impacts

- Please see the latest [Crop and Weather Report](#) from Texas A&M Agrilife.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Wildfire activity has been limited over the last month, but a grass fire was reported southwest of Idalou which resulted in damage to mobile homes.

Other Impacts

- Soil moisture values are below the 10th percentile in some locations, primarily east of a line from Lubbock to Dimmitt. ([NASA SpoRT-LiS](#))

Mitigation Actions

- Burn bans remain in place for many counties across the region.





Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Area reservoirs continue to fall.

Reservoir	Conservation Pool (ft)	Current Elevation (ft)	Percent Full
Mackenzie Lake	3100.0	3019.6	14%
White River Lake	2370.0	2350.4	19%
Lake Alan Henry	2220.0	2210.4	75%
Lake Meredith	2936.0	2890.1	43%

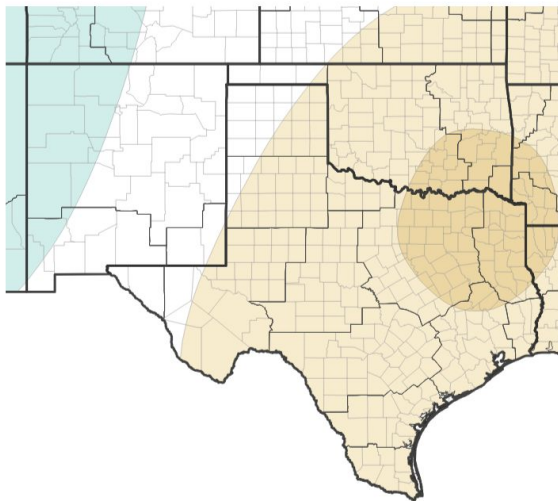


Long-Range Outlooks

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

- Above normal temperatures and below normal precipitation are forecast during the month of August.

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



Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation

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

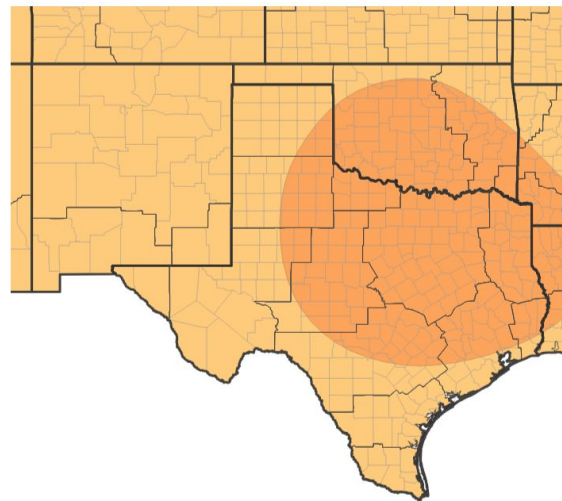
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Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation

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



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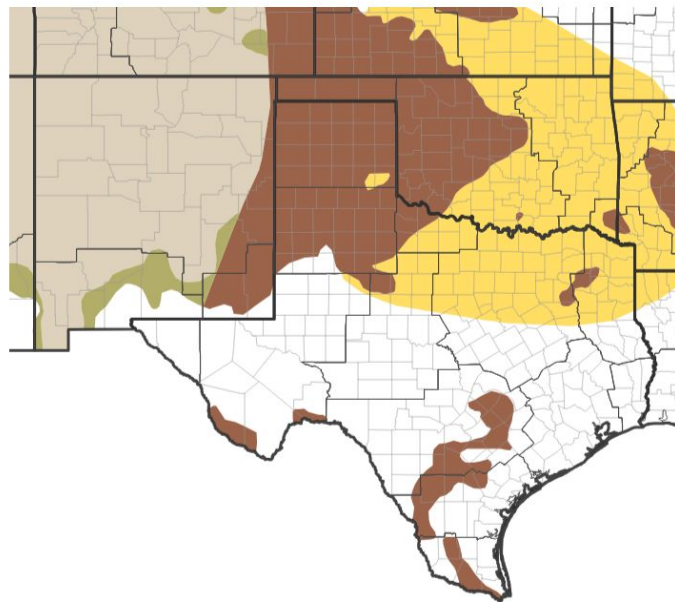


Drought Outlook

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- Above normal temperatures and below normal precipitation are expected to lead to drought persisting.

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



Drought Is Predicted To...



Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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