



Drought Information Statement for West Texas & Southeast New Mexico

Valid 07/29/2025

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- This product will be updated January 2, 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/maf/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.



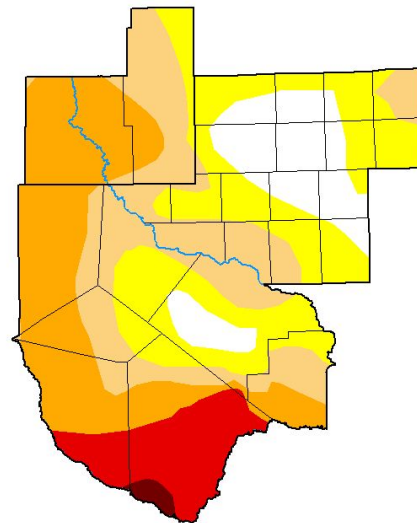


U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for [region]

- DROUGHT CONDITIONS GREATLY IMPROVED FOR WEST TEXAS AND SE NM.
- Drought intensity and Extent
 - D4 (Exceptional Drought): Small portions of Brewster and Presidio counties.
 - D3 (Extreme Drought): Portions of Brewster and Presidio counties.
 - D2 (Severe Drought): Portions of Brewster, Terrell, Jeff Davis, Culberson, Eddy and Presidio counties.
 - D1 (Moderate Drought): Portions of Lea County into Reeves, Jeff Davis, Pecos, and Brewster counties.
 - D0: (Abnormally Dry): Portions of Lea, Loving, Reeves, Pecos, Ward, and Crane counties as well as parts of the Permian Basin.

U.S. Drought Monitor Midland/Odessa, TX WFO



November 25, 2025
(Released Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2025)
Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	12.79	26.64	24.84	25.66	9.33	0.75
Last Week 11-18-2025	12.79	26.60	24.87	25.66	9.33	0.75
3 Months Ago 08-26-2025	34.50	20.36	16.50	15.89	11.99	0.75
Start of Calendar Year 01-01-2025	17.56	13.45	7.90	13.13	18.91	29.06
Start of Water Year 09-30-2024	15.24	36.09	22.20	15.02	10.70	0.75
One Year Ago 11-26-2024	20.77	9.50	9.63	12.13	18.91	29.06

Intensity

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate Drought	D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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Image Caption: U.S. Drought Monitor valid 7am EST Nov 26th.



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Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest [1-week change map](#) for [region]

- One Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - No changes were made across the CWA in the last week.

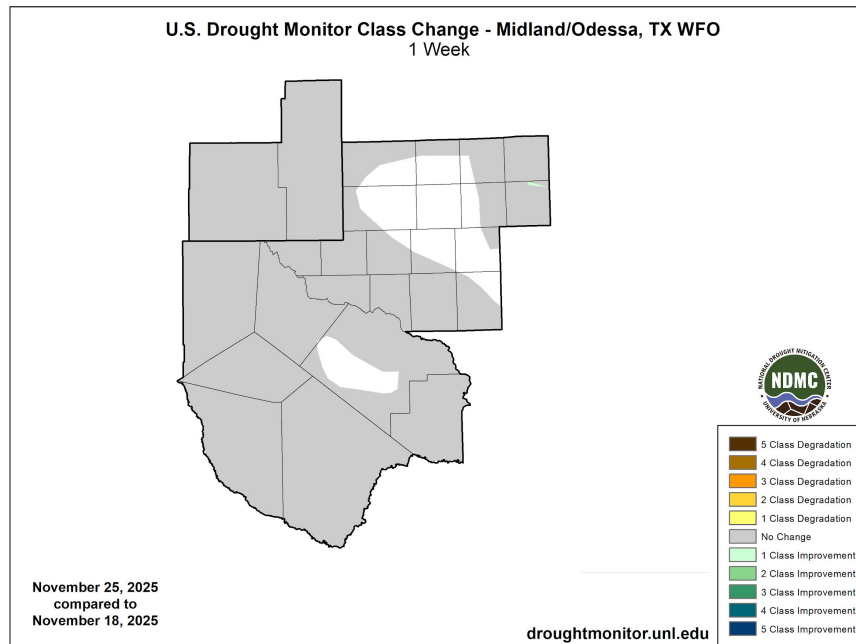


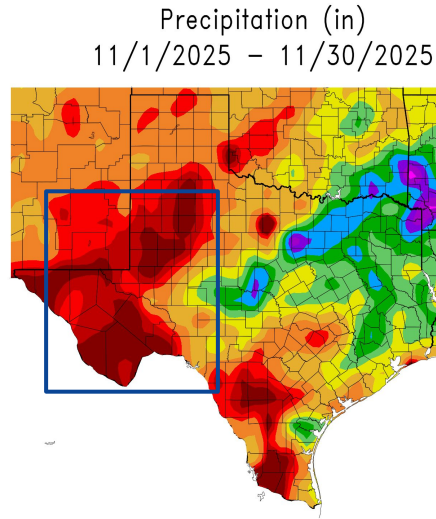
Image Caption: U.S. Drought Monitor 1-week change map valid 7am EST November 26th.





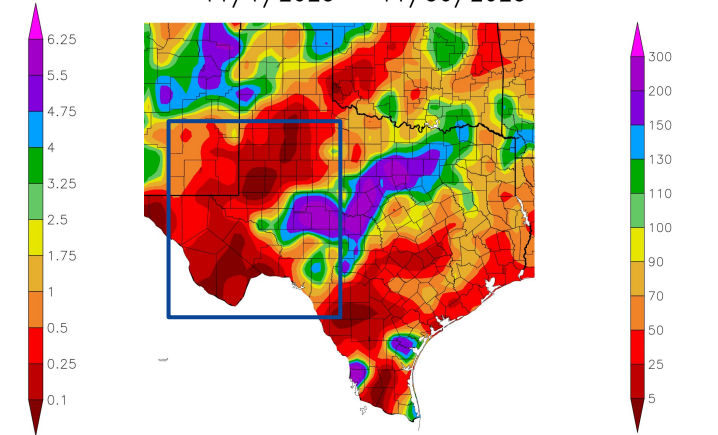
Precipitation

- Much of the region saw below normal precipitation with only small portions of the southeast Permian Basin receiving any significant rainfall.



Generated 12/1/2025 using provisional data.

Percent of Normal Precipitation (%)
11/1/2025 – 11/30/2025



ACIS Web Services using provisional data.

ACIS Web Services

Image Captions:

Left - Precipitation Amount for West Texas and SE NM

Right - Percent of Normal Precipitation for West Texas and SE NM

Data Courtesy High Plains Regional Climate Center.

Data over the past 30 days ending November 30, 2025

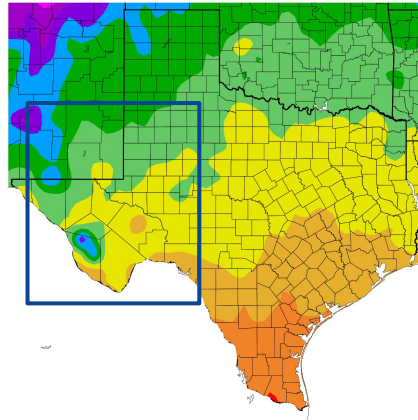




Temperature

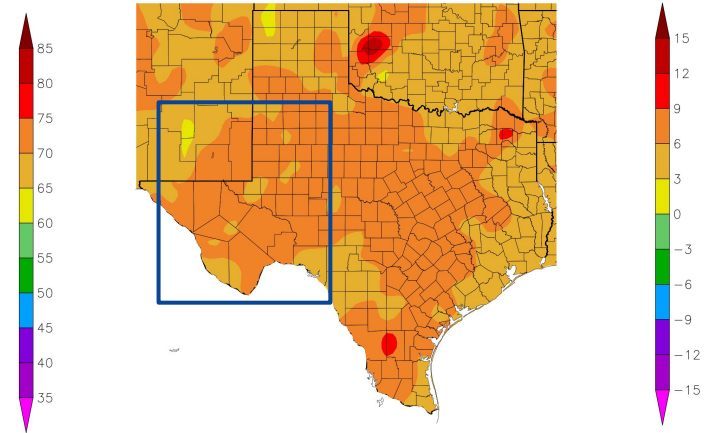
- Average temperatures dip quickly heading into late fall and into early winter. However, average temperatures were solidly 3-7 degrees above normal across nearly the entirety of West Texas and southeast New Mexico.

Temperature (F)
11/1/2025 – 11/30/2025



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Departure from Normal Temperature (F)
11/1/2025 – 11/30/2025



ACIS Web Services 025 using provisional data.

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Image Captions:

Left - Average Temperature

Right - Departure from Normal Temperature

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Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- Most area rivers and tributaries remain near baseflow. Area reservoirs are at 51.2% conservation capacity. See next page for more details.

Agricultural Impacts

- A lack of fall rain has allowed soil moisture to worsen across much of the region. Further impacts are detailed in the "[Texas Crop and Weather Report](#)".

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Fire weather impacts will be low to moderate as dry conditions and the onset of colder temperatures allow fuels/vegetation to go dormant and cure.

Other Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time.

Mitigation Actions

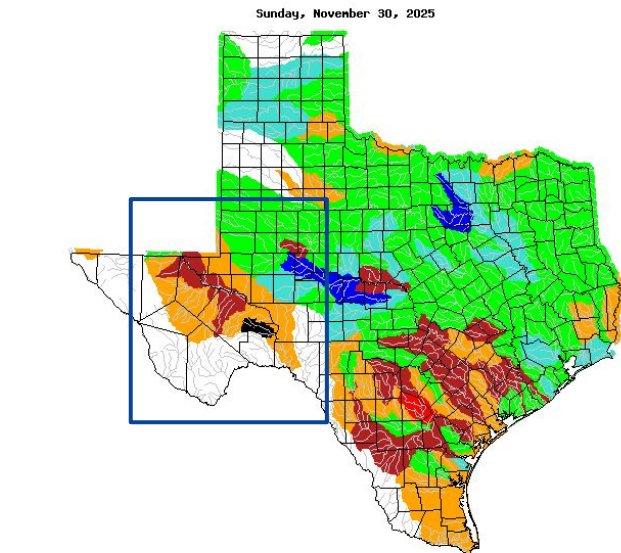
- Please refer to your municipality and/or water provider for mitigation information.





Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- The Rio Grande, the West Texas Pecos River, and Beals Creek, as well as associated tributaries, are much below normal to below normal.
- All other river and tributary basins, are normal to above normal.
- [Midland Monthly Hydrology Report for October](#)
- [November Rainfall](#)



USGS

Explanation - Percentile classes							
Low	<10 Much below normal	10-24 Below normal	25-75 Normal	76-90 Above normal	>90 Much above normal	High	No Data

Image Caption: [USGS 7 day streamflows for Texas](#), valid 30 November 2025

Reservoir	Pool Elevation	Current Elevation	% Full
JB Thomas	2258.00	2232.64	31.3
Colorado City	2070.20	2059.80	56.7
Champion Creek	2083.00	2062.35	42.0
Natural Dam Salt Lake	2457.00	M	M
Moss Creek	2337.00	2331.10	75.0
Brantley	3256.70	3245.55	44.0
Avalon	3177.40	3175.16	58.0
Red Bluff	2827.40	2816.53	51.5





Agricultural Impacts

- Continued dry conditions through November have allowed soil moisture to drop with much of the region ranking in the 30th percentile and lower.
- Crop moisture is near to below normal areawide due in part to harvests taking place and a reliance on using supplemental water for the end of the growing season.

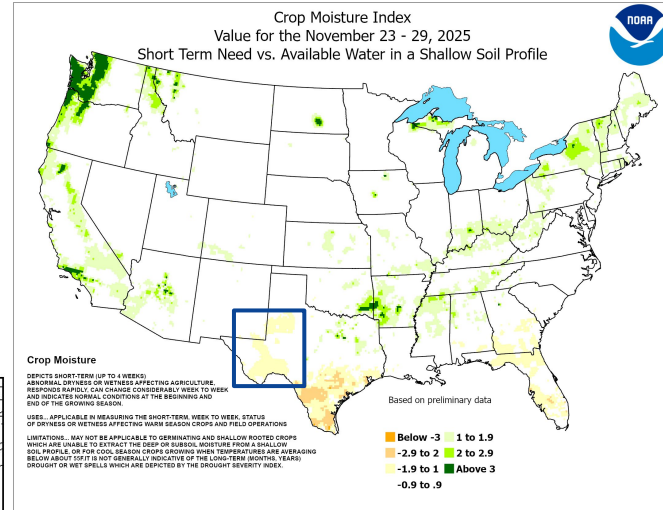
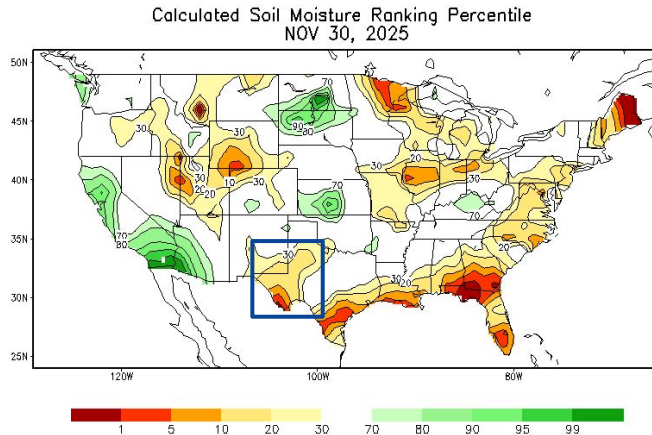


Image Captions:

Left: CPC Calculated [Soil Moisture Ranking Percentile](#) valid Nov 30, 2025

Right: [Crop Moisture Index by Division](#). Weekly value for period ending Nov 29, 2025



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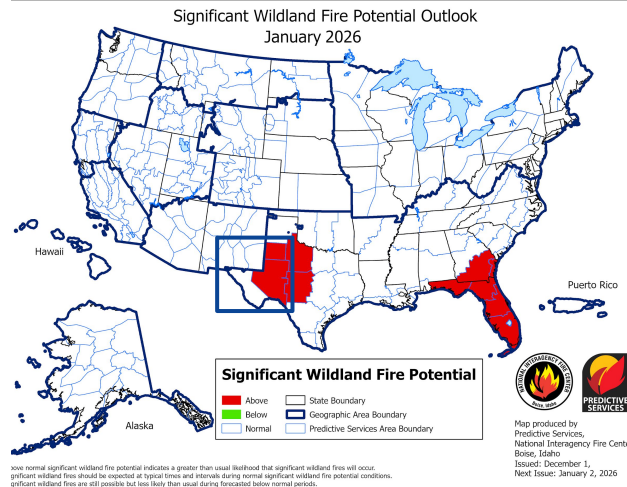
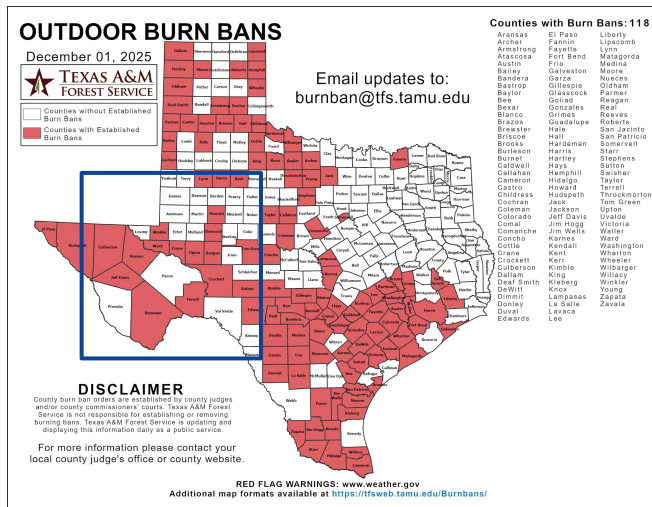
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Fire Hazard Impacts

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

- Wildfire potential remains normal to above normal across West Texas and southeast New Mexico. Heading into winter, colder, drier air allows vegetation to go dormant and begin to rapidly cure. Generally, stronger winds and less precipitation increase the threat for fire spread/growth if fires begin.



Latest TX Burn Ban map available [here](#).

Image Caption: [Significant Wildland Fire Potential Monthly Outlook](#) for January 2026



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Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Little precipitation in the forecast for the next week with only small amounts possible across the Big Bend and areas to the south and east.

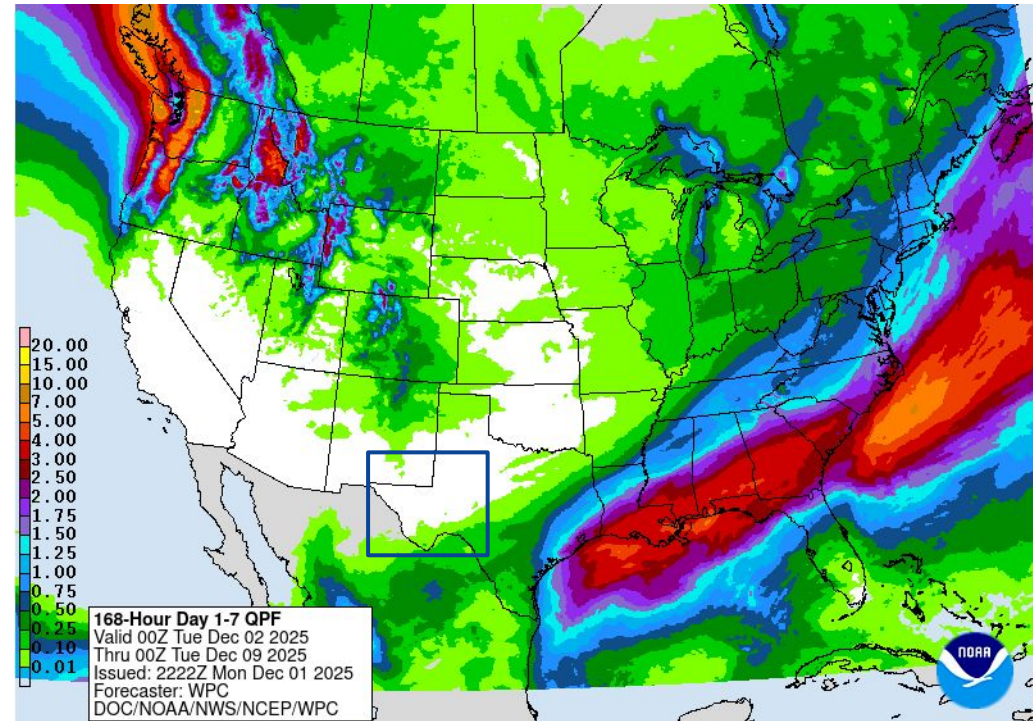


Image Caption: Weather Prediction Center [7-day precipitation forecast](#) valid Tuesday December 02 to Tuesday December 09





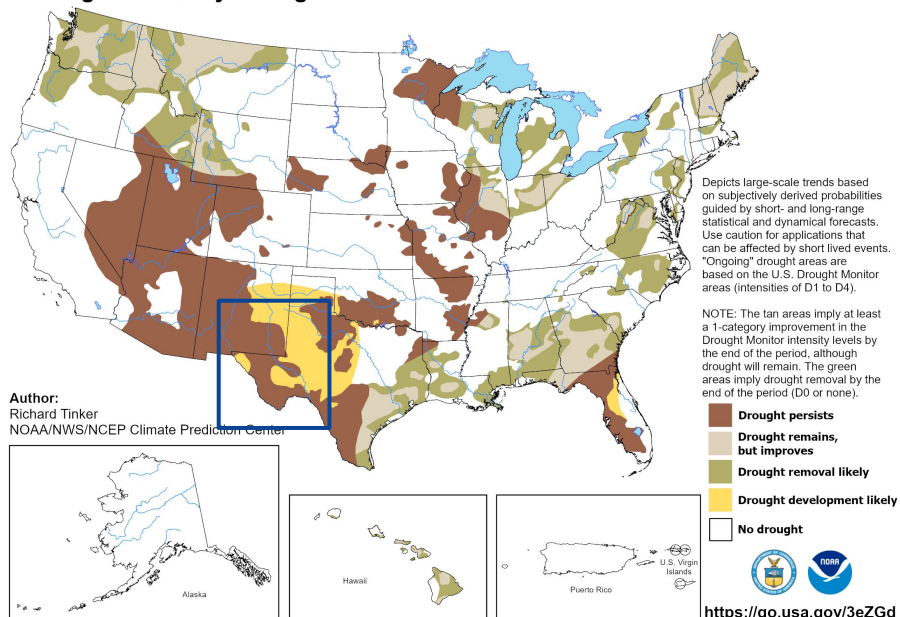
Drought Outlook

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

- The outlook for December shows drought remaining or expanding across the region. Not only is December one of the drier months for the region, but the outlook remains dry through at least mid-December.

U.S. Monthly Drought Outlook Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

Valid for December 2025
Released November 30, 2025



<https://go.usa.gov/3eZGd>

Image Caption:

Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook Released 11 30, 2025 valid for 12 2025

Links to the latest:

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



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