



Drought Information Statement for West-Central Texas

Valid October 9, 2026

Issued By: WFO San Angelo, TX

Contact Information:

- This product will be updated if D3 conditions change or significant improvements are introduced.
 - Please see all currently available products at <https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements>.
 - Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/SJT/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
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- Drought has expanded into the Concho Valley and Big Country, while drought improvement was introduced in the Northwest Hill Country and Northern Edwards Plateau due to increased rainfall.

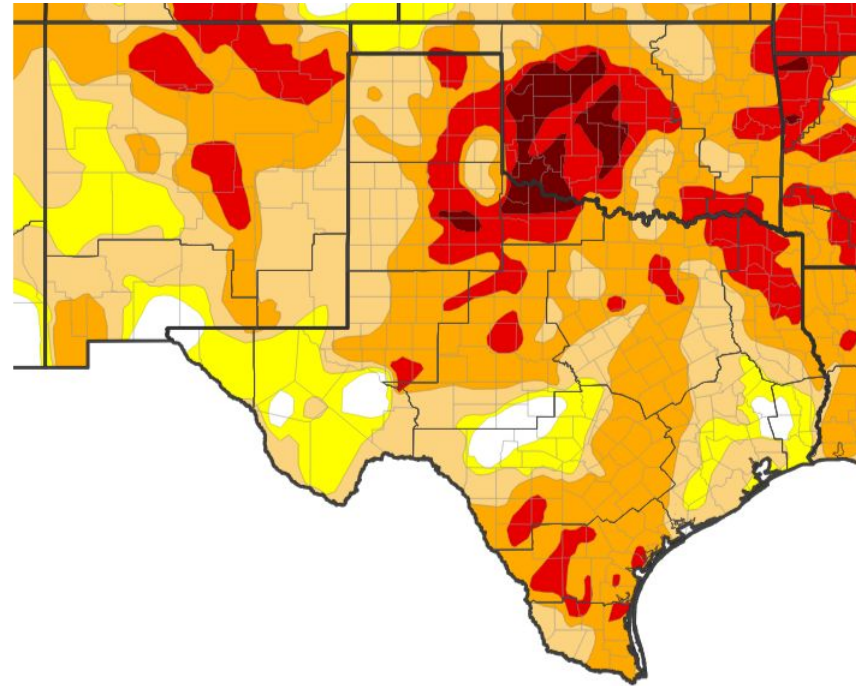




U.S. Drought Monitor

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

- Drought intensity and Extent
 - **D4 (Exceptional Drought)**
 - **D3 (Extreme Drought)**
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**



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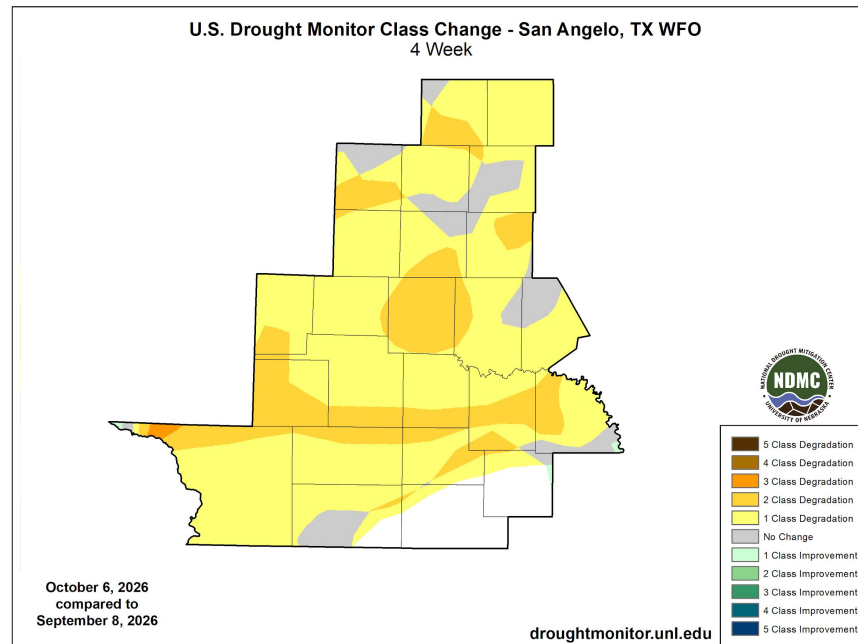




Recent Change in Drought Intensity

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

- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - Drought Worsened: Across the Big Country, the Concho Valley, the Heartland, Northern Edwards Plateau and portions of the Northwest Hill Country.
 - Drought Improved: Extreme eastern San Saba, and Mason counties.
 - No Change: Portions of the Big Country near Abilene, northern Fisher, northern Haskell, southern Sutton, and southern San Saba.

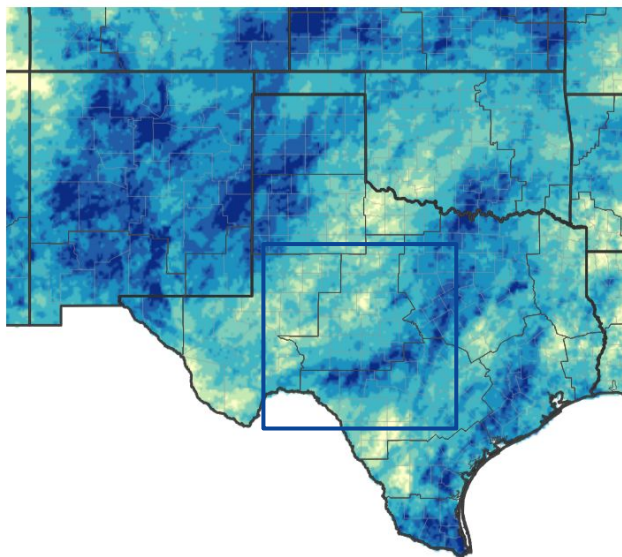




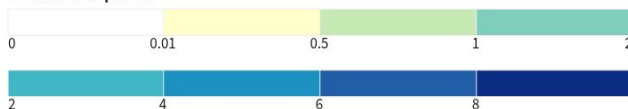
Precipitation

- The majority of the rainfall the past 4 weeks falls along and southeast of I-10. While most counties experienced some rainfall, only the southeastern portion of the CWA was above normal for precipitation.

NWPS 30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (inches)



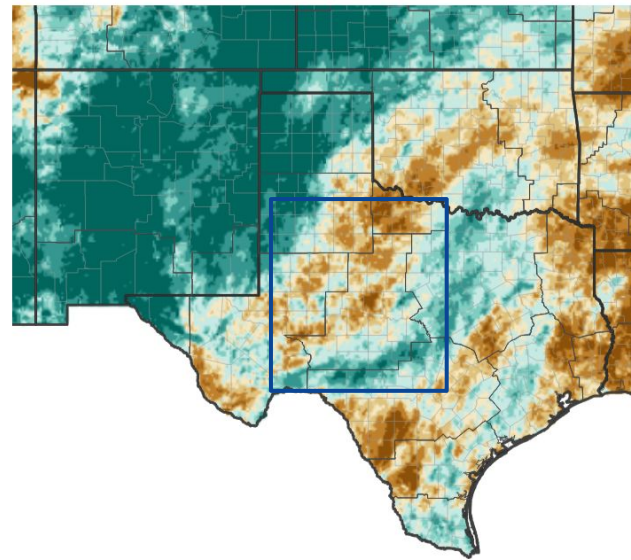
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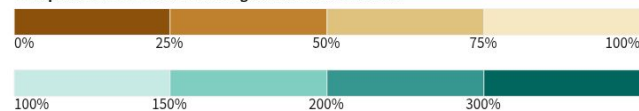
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image courtesy of Drought.gov

Data Valid: 10/06/26

30-Day Precipitation: Percent of PRISM Normal



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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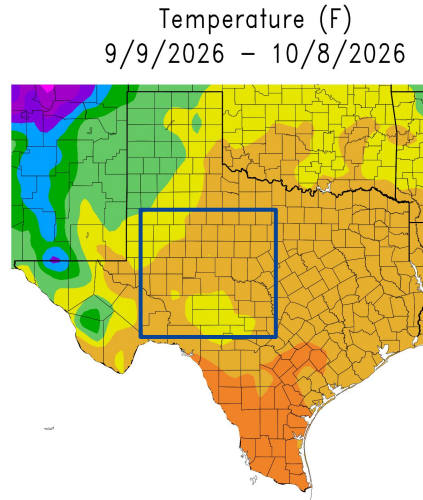
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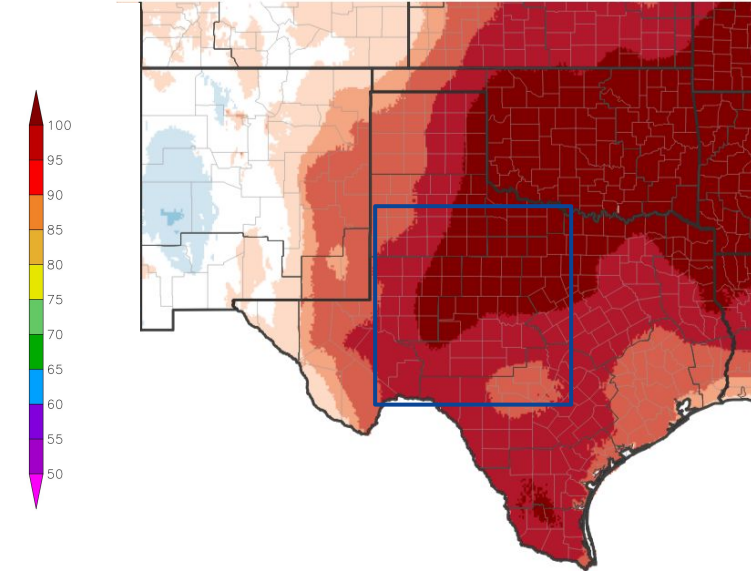
Temperature

- Average daily temperatures over the past 30 days has been mainly in the 80s.
- Across West Central Texas, temperatures remained above normal by 6-8 degrees over the past 30 days.



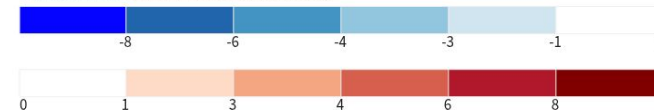
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30-Day Temperature Anomaly



ACIS Web Services

Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



Source(s): NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information; image courtesy of Drought.gov Data Valid: 10/04/26





Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- Despite recent rainfall, reservoir levels have continued to drop over the past 30 days.

Agricultural Impacts

- Across the majority of West Central Texas, soil moisture is below to well below normal. Normal soil moisture persists for the far northern counties. Crop moisture remains abnormally dry across the area.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Despite recent rainfall across the area, burn bans remain in effect, though the Significant Wildland Fire Potential is normal.

Other Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time

Mitigation Actions

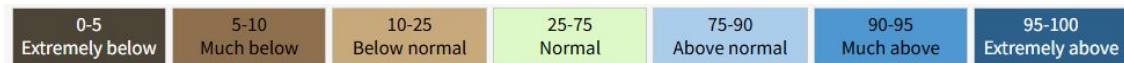
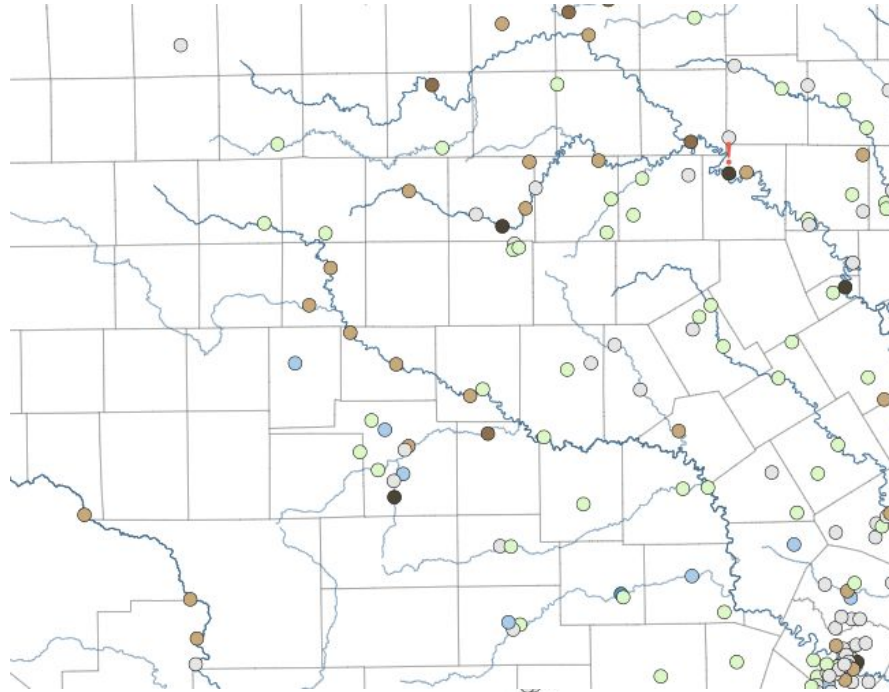
- Please refer to your municipality and/or water provider for mitigation information.





Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

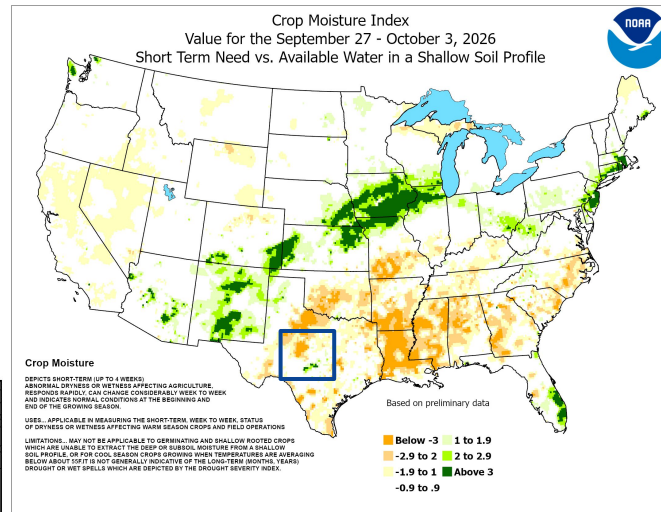
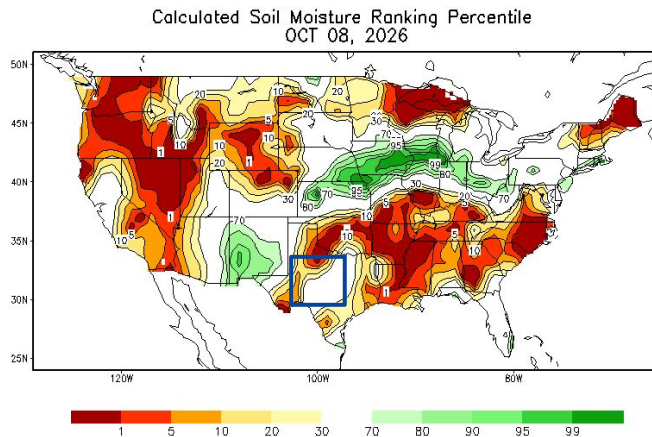
- Below normal streamflow along the Clear Fork of the Brazos in the Big Country, and along the Colorado River through the Concho Valley.
- Normal to above normal flow along the Colorado River in the Heartland, the San Saba River, and the Llano River.





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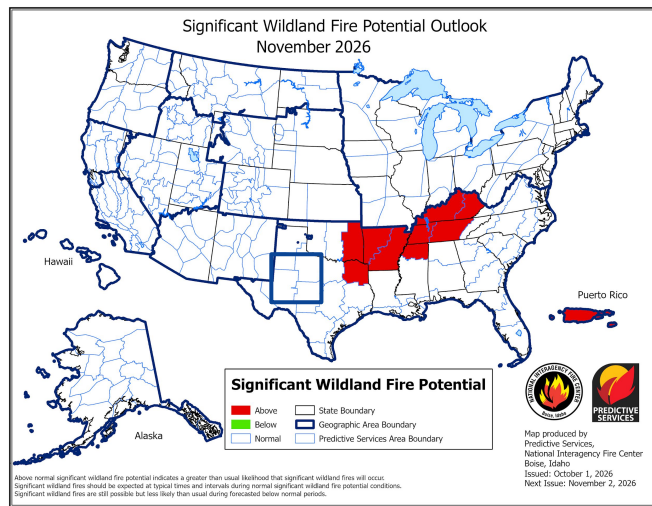
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Latest TX Burn Ban map available [here](#).

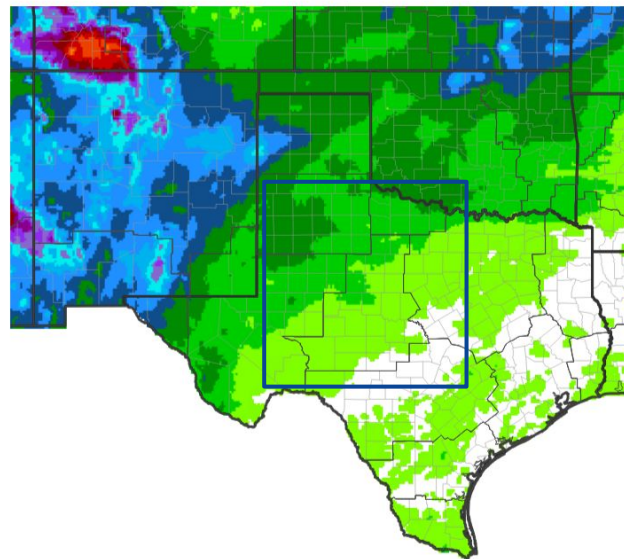




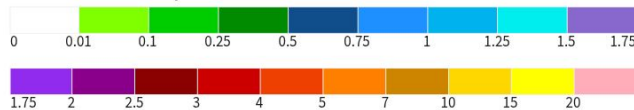
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Over the next 7 days, higher chances of rainfall are forecast across West Central Texas, with chances increasing to the northwest.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for October 8,
2026–October 15, 2026



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



Source(s): National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center; image

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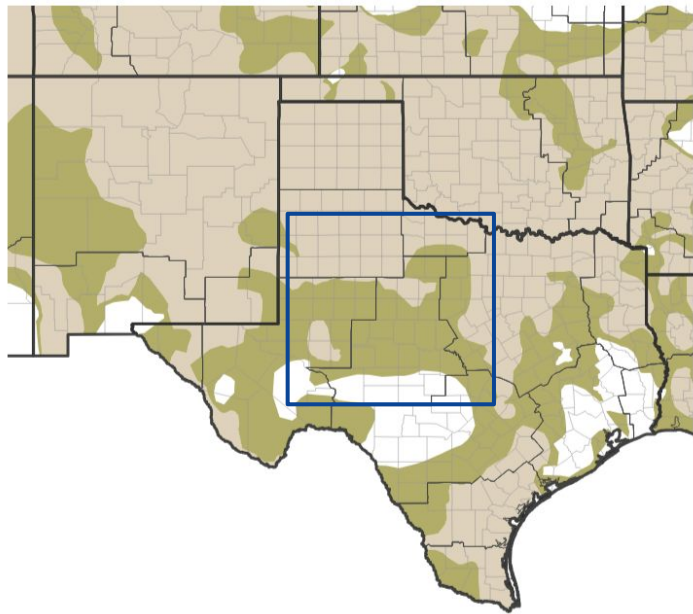


Drought Outlook

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

- Drought is expected to end by the end of the year.

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