

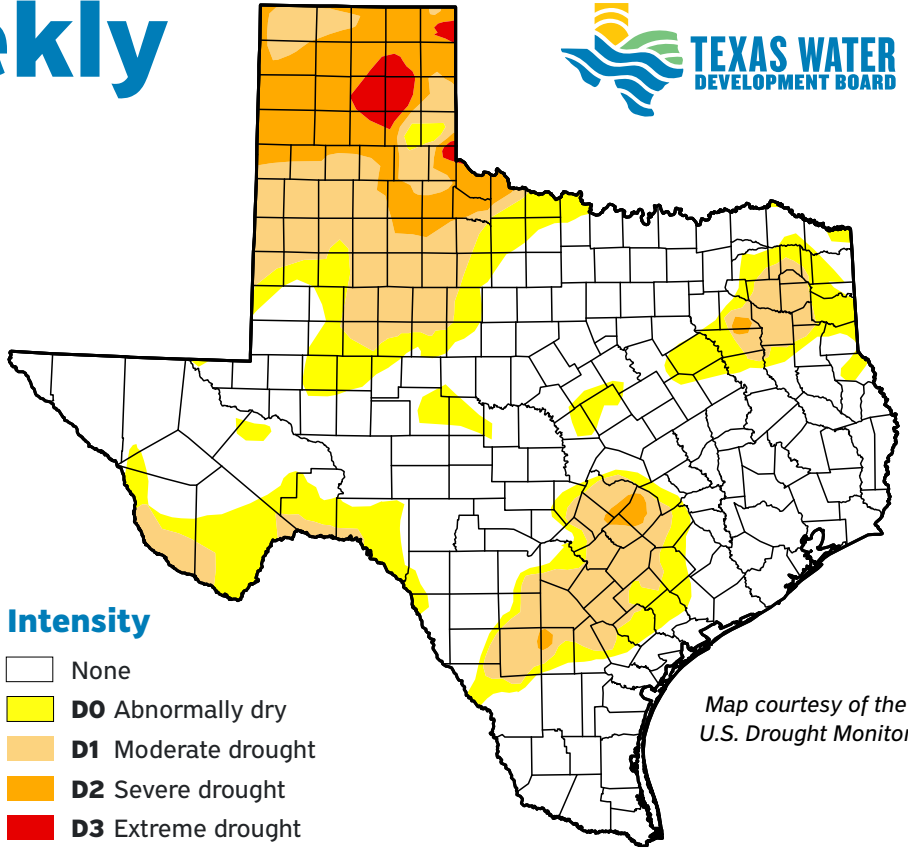
Water Weekly

For the week of 07/20/26



Water conditions

The latest drought map for conditions as of July 14 shows improvements across the state. After eight consecutive weeks of contraction, drought has reached its smallest total area since September 2025. Additional rain after July 14 should ensure drought continues to contract on next week's map.



Map courtesy of the
U.S. Drought Monitor

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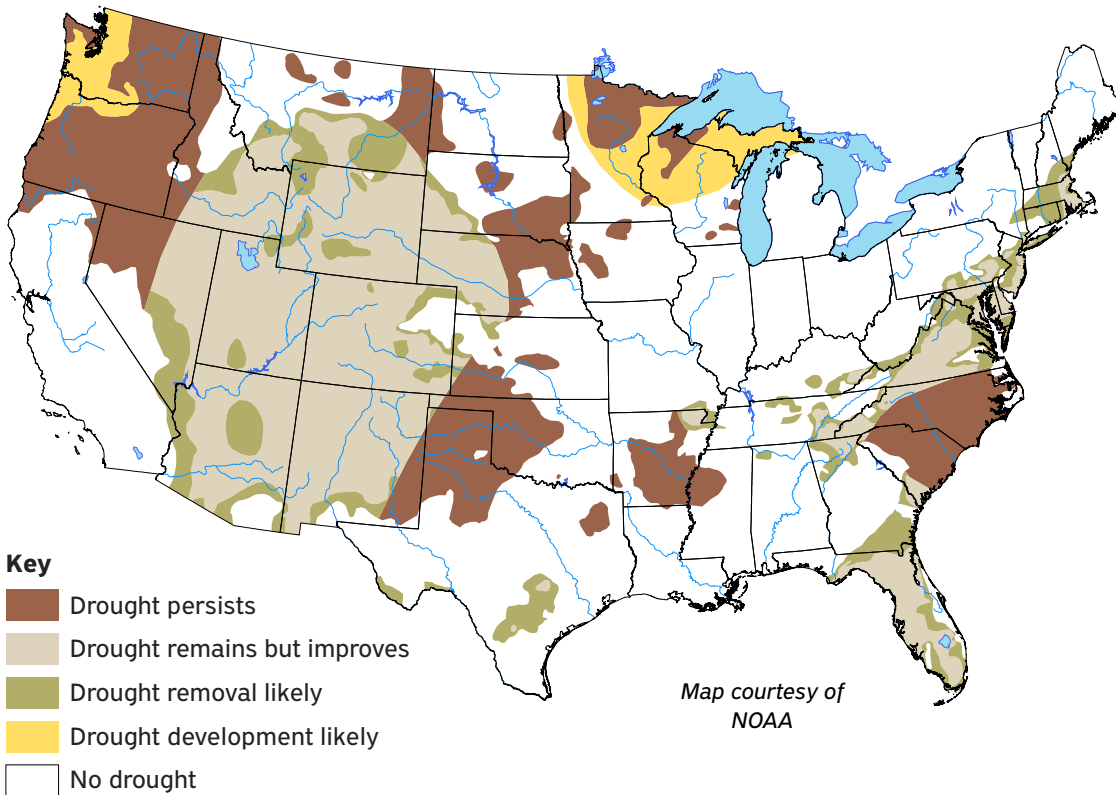
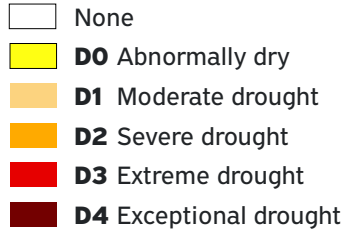
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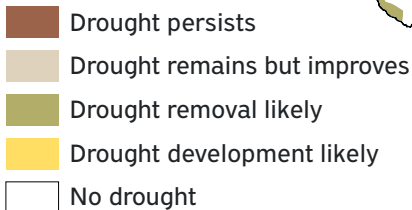
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Intensity



Key



Map courtesy of
NOAA

U.S. seasonal drought outlook

Through the first half of 2026, drought has strengthened in the Panhandle while weakening elsewhere in Texas. The latest seasonal drought outlook from the National Weather Service echoes that theme—through October, they expect drought to persist in the Panhandle while improving in other areas of the state.

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