

Water Weekly

For the week of 09/07/26



Water conditions

The latest drought map for conditions as of September 1 shows the sixth consecutive week of drought expansion. During the last six weeks, drought has expanded 40 percentage points to reach its largest extent since April. Precipitation from Tropical Storm Edouard may bring some improvement on next week's map.

Drought conditions

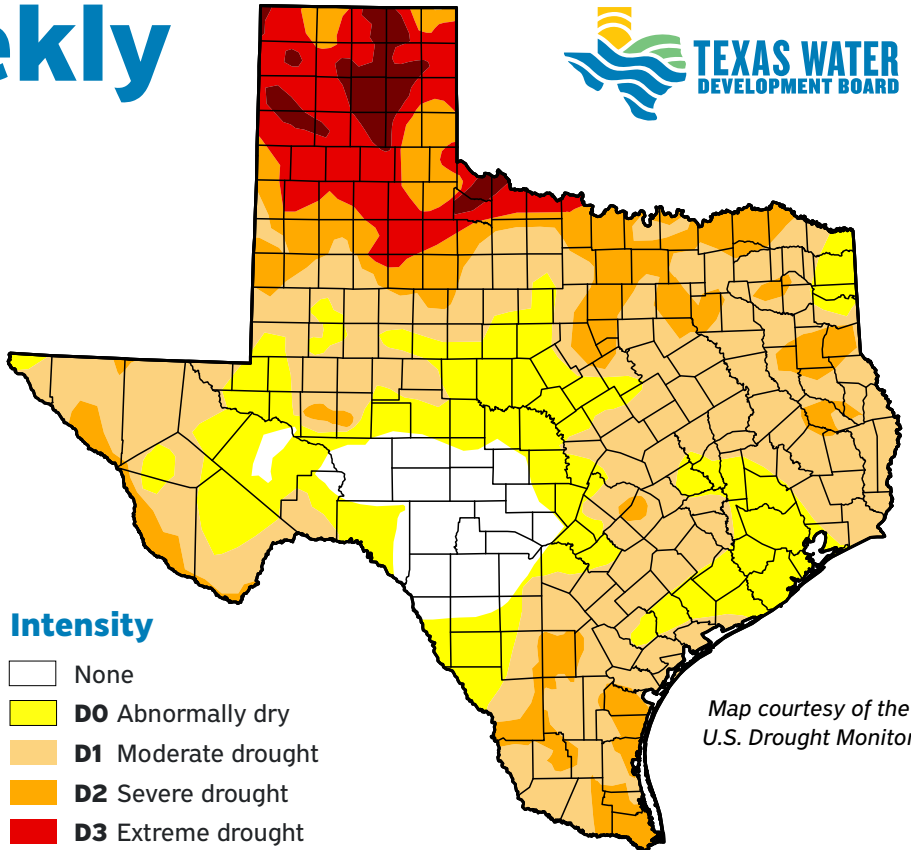
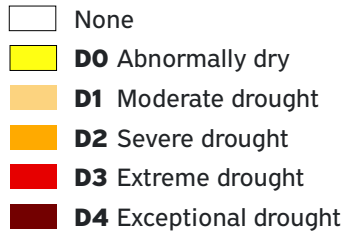
69% now

57% a week ago

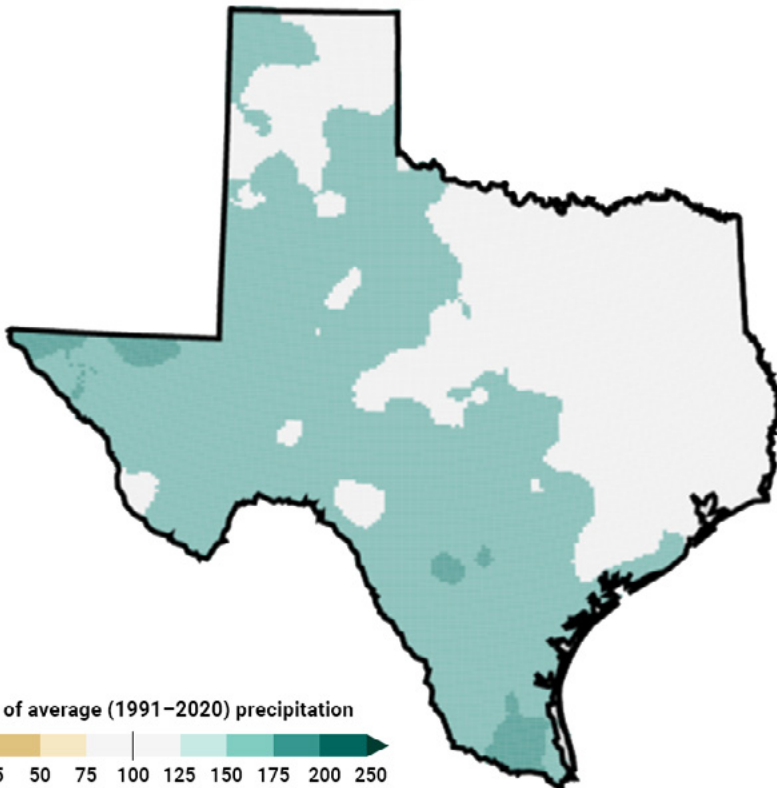
50% three months ago

20% a year ago

Intensity



Map courtesy of the U.S. Drought Monitor



Percent of average (1991-2020) precipitation

5 10 25 50 75 100 125 150 175 200 250

Strong El Niño and Oct-Mar precipitation

Sea surface temperatures in the eastern equatorial Pacific Ocean are unusually warm and expected to remain so well into 2027. Similar conditions, known as strong El Niño events, have occurred 11 times since 1950 and are associated with average to above-average precipitation across Texas from October through March.

Map courtesy of NOAA

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