

Water Weekly

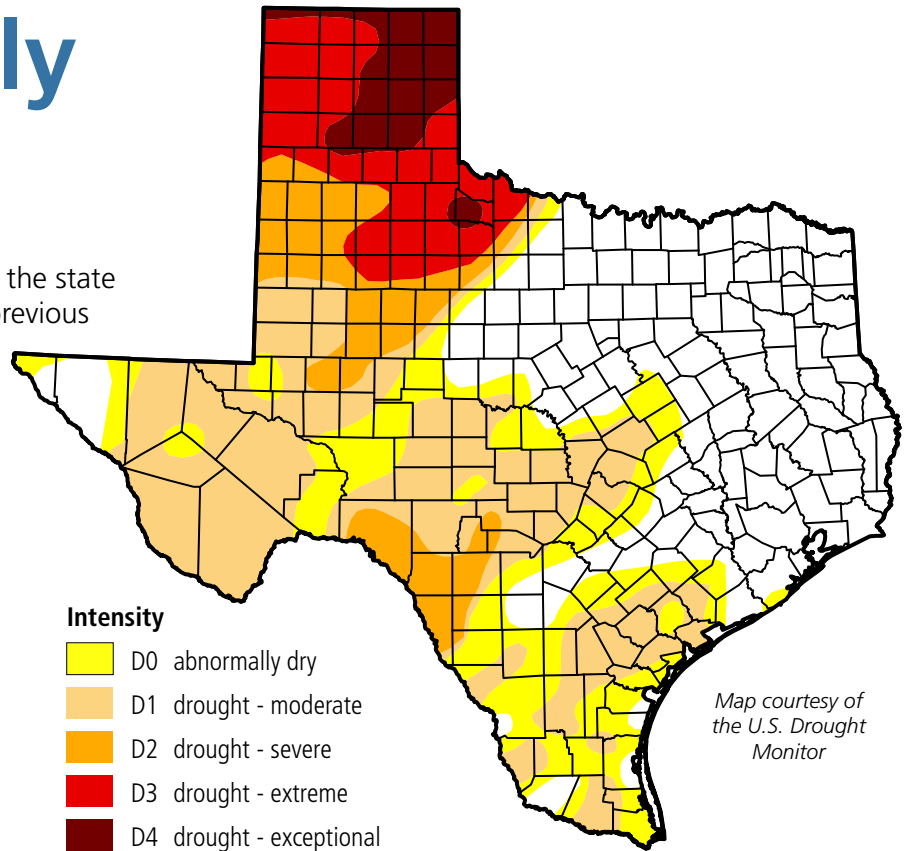
For the week of 04/16/18

Water conditions

The latest drought map shows 49 percent of the state impacted by drought, unchanged from the previous week. Exceptional drought, the most severe category, has intensified in the Panhandle and now covers 4 percent of the state. Exceptional drought has reached its largest extent since 2015.

Drought conditions

- ◆ 49% now
- ◆ 49% a week ago
- ◆ 37% three months ago
- ◆ 2% a year ago



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Probabilistic forecast of total May-July rainfall

Our in-house projection of summer rainfall suggests below normal rainfall for much of the state except South Texas. This projection is based on current soil moisture conditions, atmospheric circulation patterns, and development of convective weather systems.

Forecast Probability (%)

- below normal: 40, 50, 60, 70
- near normal: 40, 50, 60, 70
- above normal: 40, 50, 60, 70

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