Water Weekly
For the week of 02/17/20

Water conditions
Drought continues to contract in the north but expand and intensify in the south. As of February 11, the total area of the state impacted by drought is unchanged from the previous week. But severe or worse drought is up one percentage point, now impacting 14 percent of the state.

Drought conditions
- 33% now
- 34% a week ago
- 32% three months ago
- 3% a year ago

Intensity
- D0 abnormally dry
- D1 drought - moderate
- D2 drought - severe
- D3 drought - extreme
- D4 drought - exceptional

Map courtesy of the U.S. Drought Monitor

Wood County precipitation
In 2019, Wood County in northeast Texas experienced its seventh driest November–December in 126 years, plunging the entire county into drought. But 2020 began with the ninth wettest January in 127 years and rain has continued in recent weeks. Less than one percent of the county remains in drought.

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