

Water Weekly

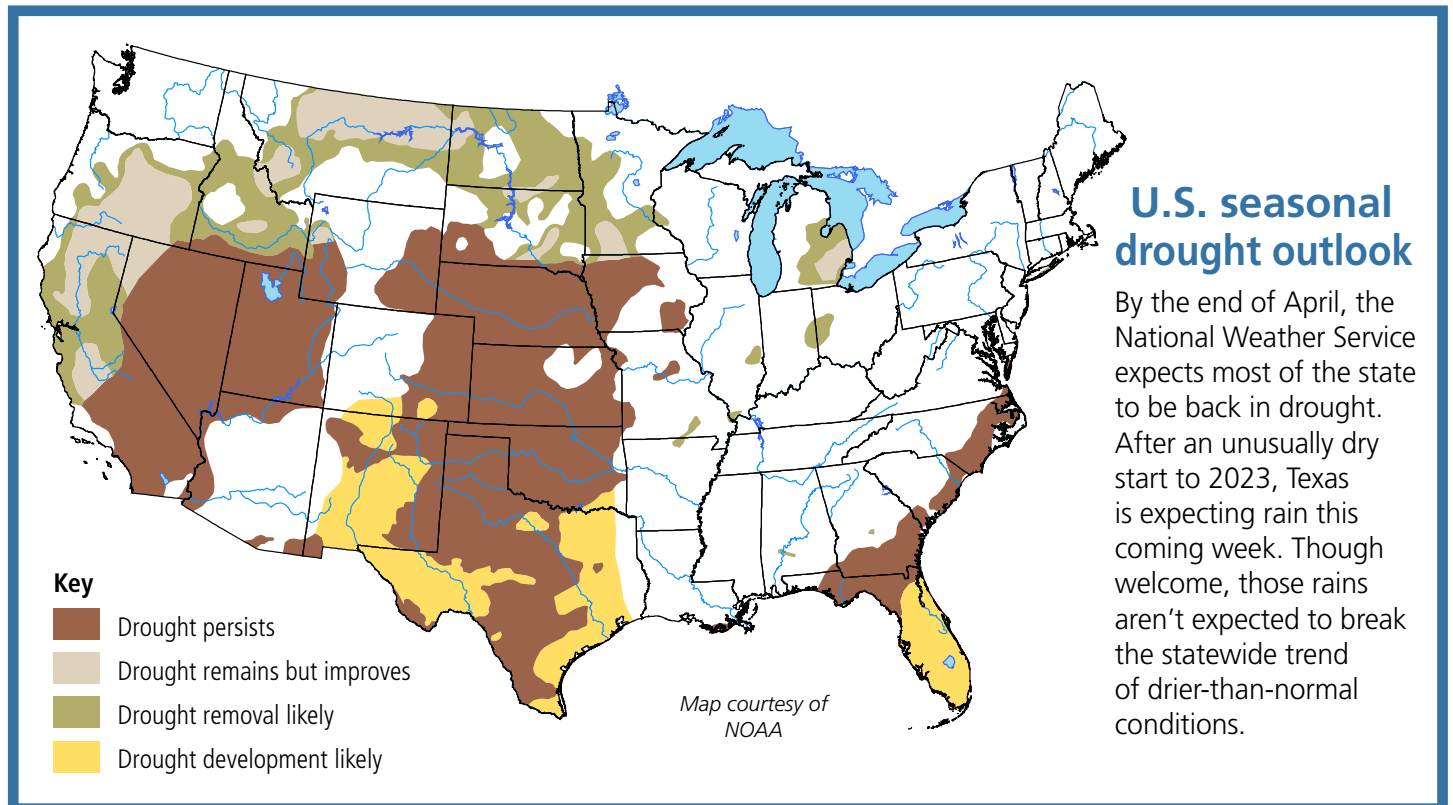
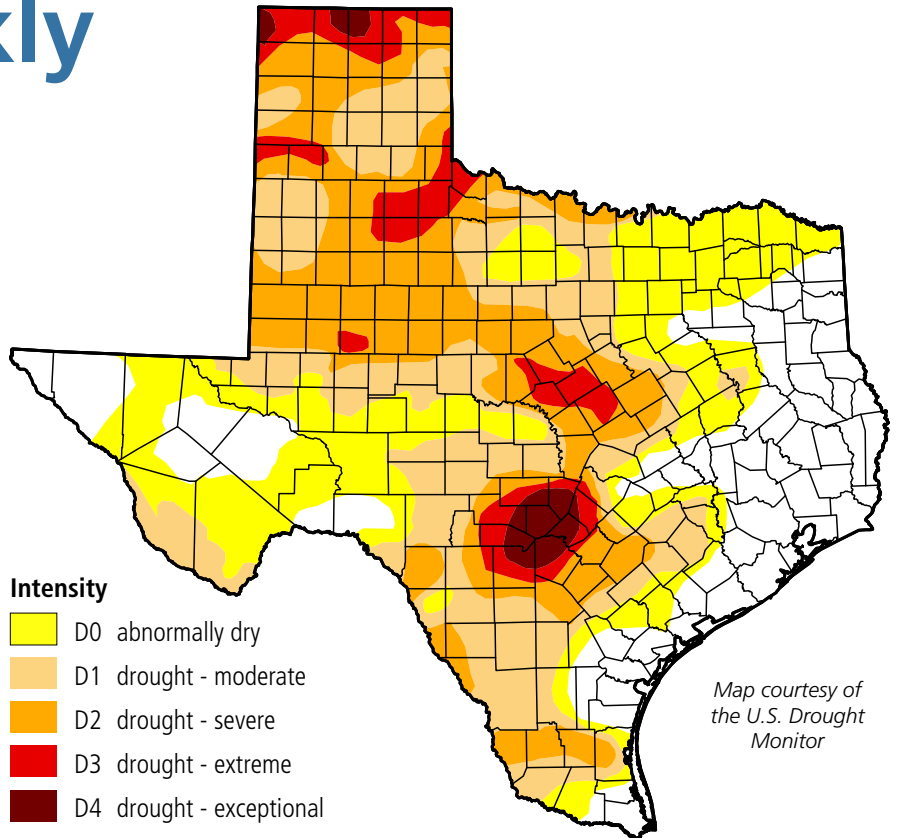
For the week of 01/23/23

Water conditions

This week's drought monitor map, for conditions as of January 17, shows expansion and intensification of drought in North-Central, Central and South Texas. This is the third consecutive week of expansion in the state and drought has now reached its largest extent since mid-November 2022.

Drought conditions

- ◆ 55% now
- ◆ 52% a week ago
- ◆ 72% three months ago
- ◆ 86% a year ago



U.S. seasonal drought outlook

By the end of April, the National Weather Service expects most of the state to be back in drought. After an unusually dry start to 2023, Texas is expecting rain this coming week. Though welcome, those rains aren't expected to break the statewide trend of drier-than-normal conditions.

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