

Water Weekly

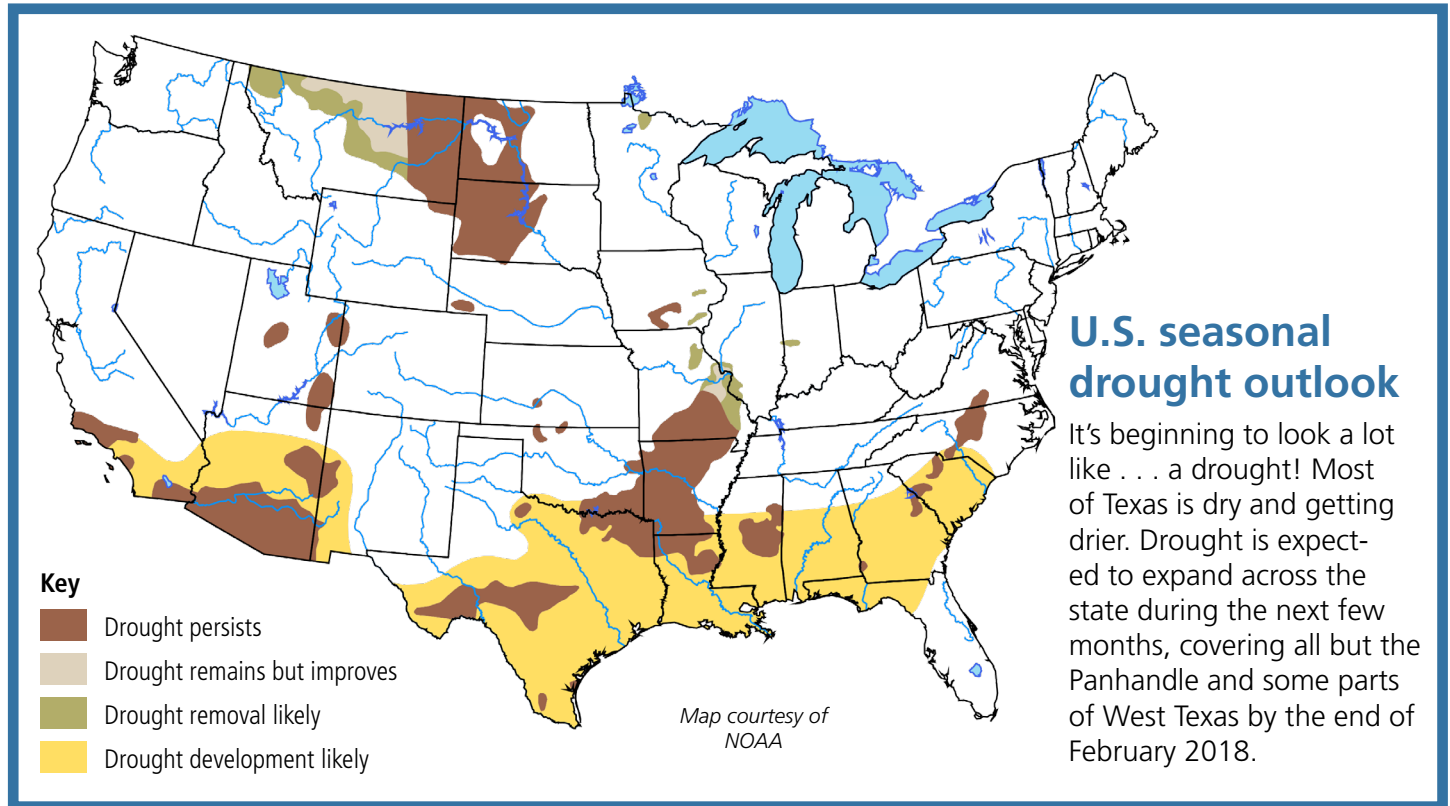
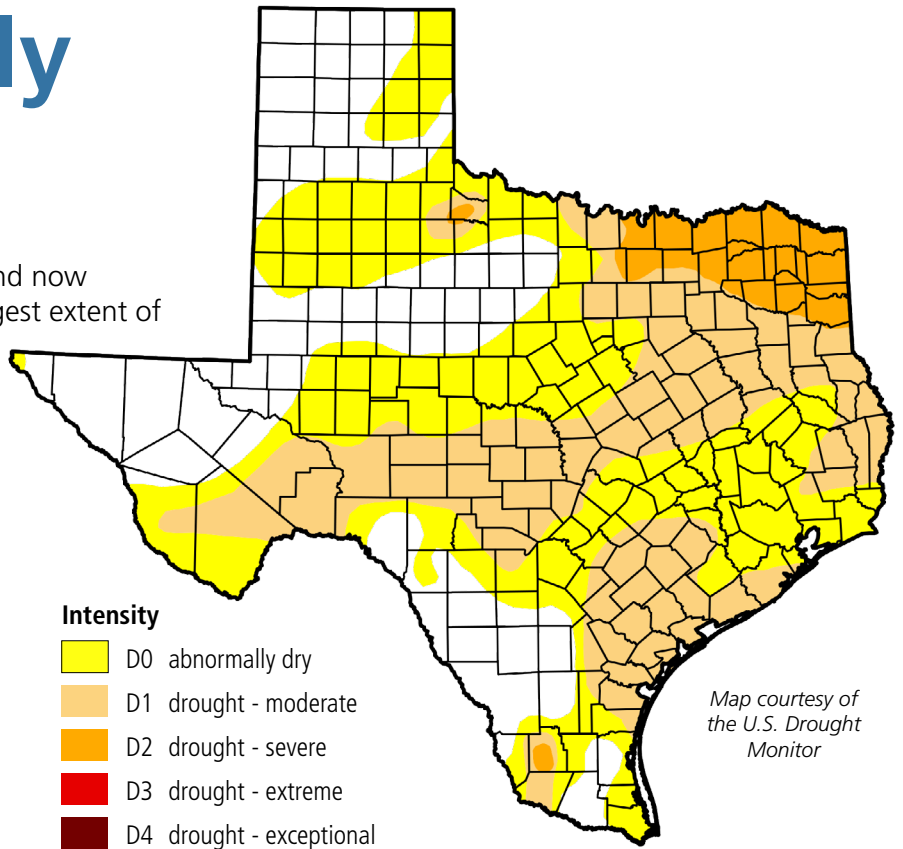
For the week of 12/04/17

Water conditions

Drought expanded rapidly in the last week and now covers 35 percent of the state. This is the largest extent of drought in our state in more than two years. All or large portions of 23 counties are now impacted by severe drought.

Drought conditions

- ◆ 35% now
- ◆ 20% a week ago
- ◆ 0.9% three months ago
- ◆ 14% a year ago



U.S. seasonal drought outlook

It's beginning to look a lot like . . . a drought! Most of Texas is dry and getting drier. Drought is expected to expand across the state during the next few months, covering all but the Panhandle and some parts of West Texas by the end of February 2018.

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