

Water Weekly

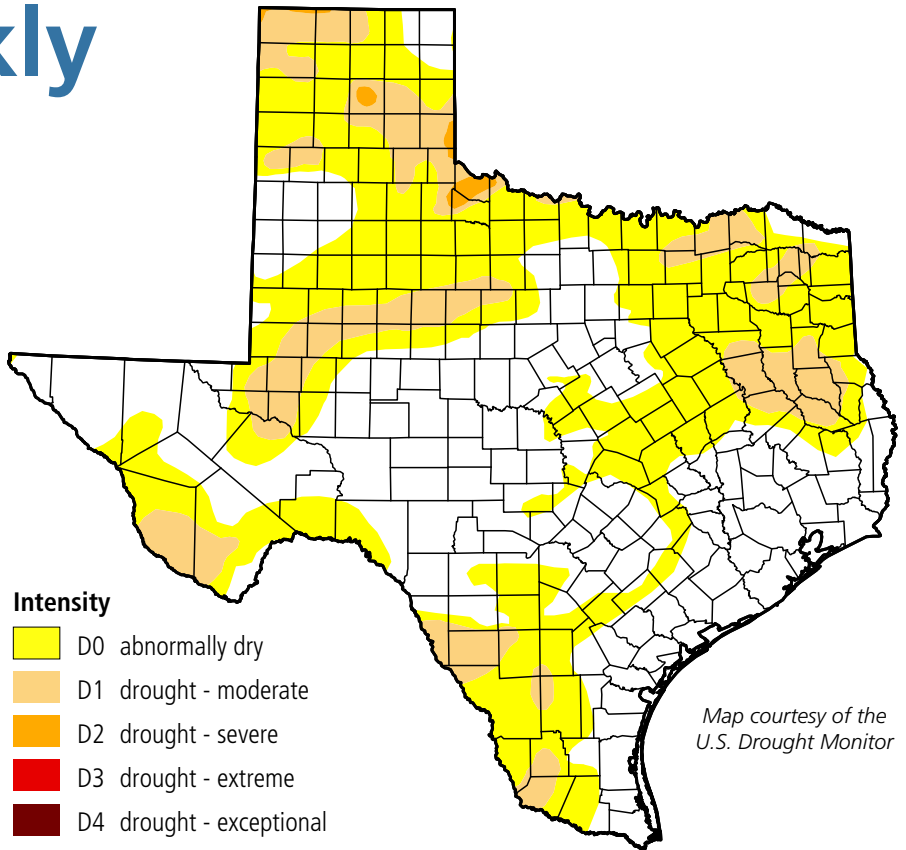
For the week of 10/18/21

Water conditions

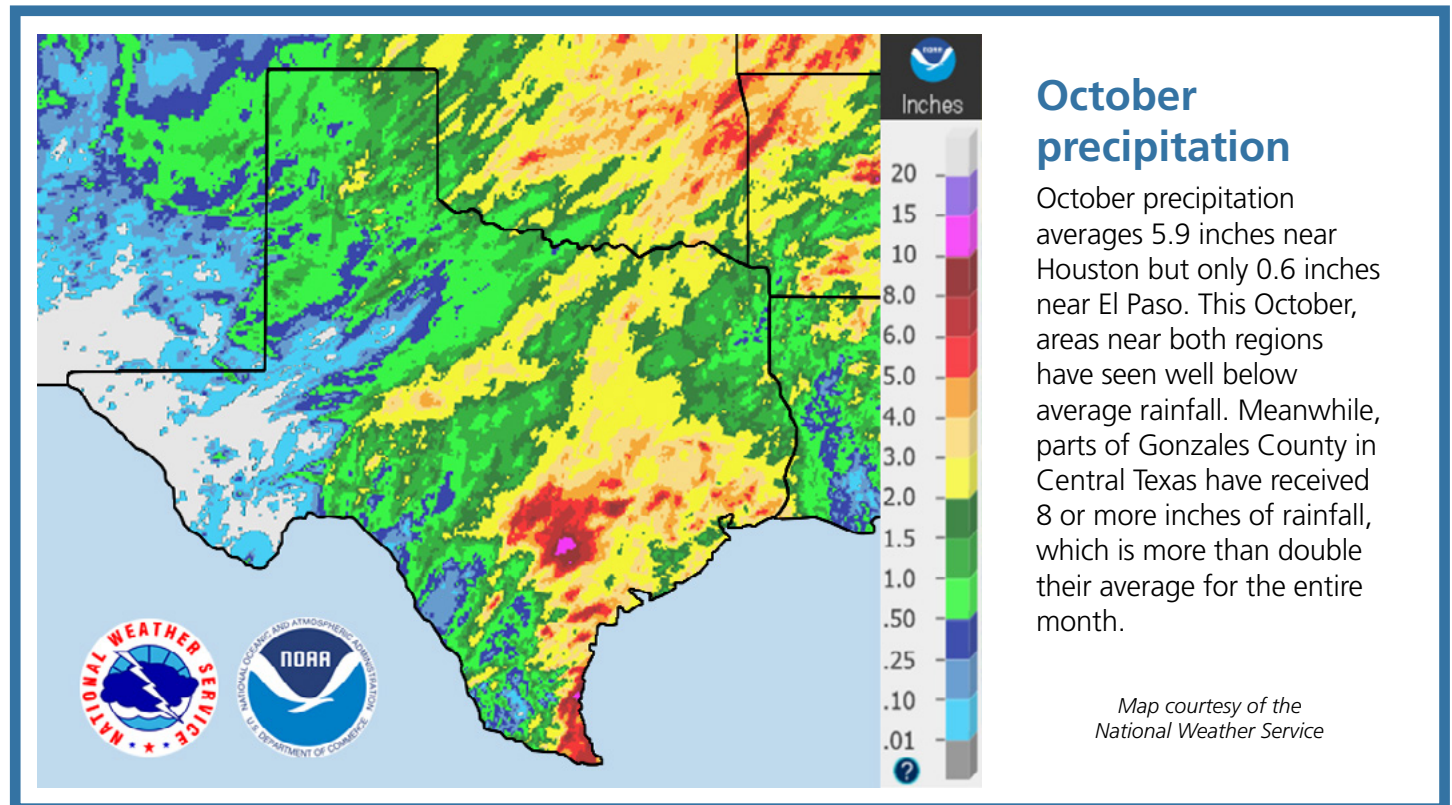
The most recent drought map for conditions as of October 12 shows rapid expansion of drought. Through mid-month, October rainfall has been scattered—excessive in some areas but well below average for most of the state. Drought now covers more of the state than at any time since early June.

Drought conditions

- ◆ 15% now
- ◆ 9% a week ago
- ◆ 5% three months ago
- ◆ 36% a year ago



Map courtesy of the U.S. Drought Monitor



October precipitation

October precipitation averages 5.9 inches near Houston but only 0.6 inches near El Paso. This October, areas near both regions have seen well below average rainfall. Meanwhile, parts of Gonzales County in Central Texas have received 8 or more inches of rainfall, which is more than double their average for the entire month.

Map courtesy of the National Weather Service

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