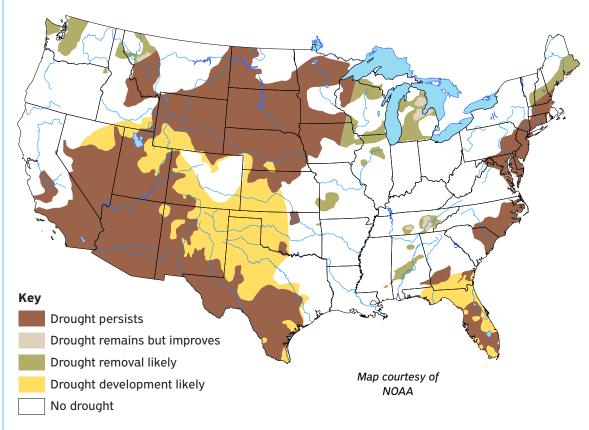
Water Weekly For the week of **02/24/25 Water conditions** The latest drought map for conditions as of February 18 shows a small increase in drought relative to last week. Drought intensity also ticked up. Severe or worse drought now covers almost 25 percent of the state, its largest extent since late-October 2024. **Drought conditions Intensity** 43% now None Map courtesy of the **DO** Abnormally dry 42% a week ago U.S. Drought Monitor **D1** Moderate drought 49% three months ago **D2** Severe drought 23% a year ago

D3 Extreme droughtD4 Exceptional drought



U.S. seasonal drought outlook

The National Weather Service's most recent seasonal drought outlook is trending more pessimistic for Texas. By the end of May, they anticipate expansion of drought sufficient to cover two-thirds of the state. Only the eastern third of the state is expected to remain drought free.

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