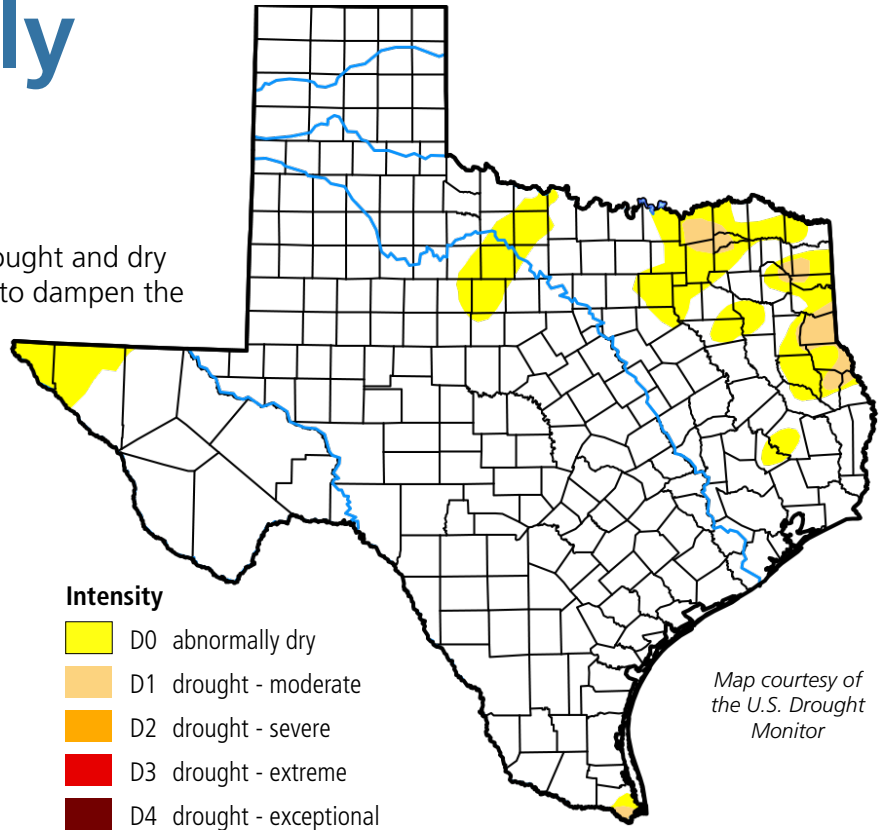


Water Weekly

For the week of 05/01/17

Water conditions

Last week brought us a slight decrease in drought and dry conditions as weekly waves of rain continue to dampen the state. Looking forward, several indicators suggest a wetter-than-normal (and thus a cooler-than-normal) summer. There are increasing chances of El Niño conditions by the end of summer, but the consensus continues to favor neutral (La Nada) conditions through the fall and winter.



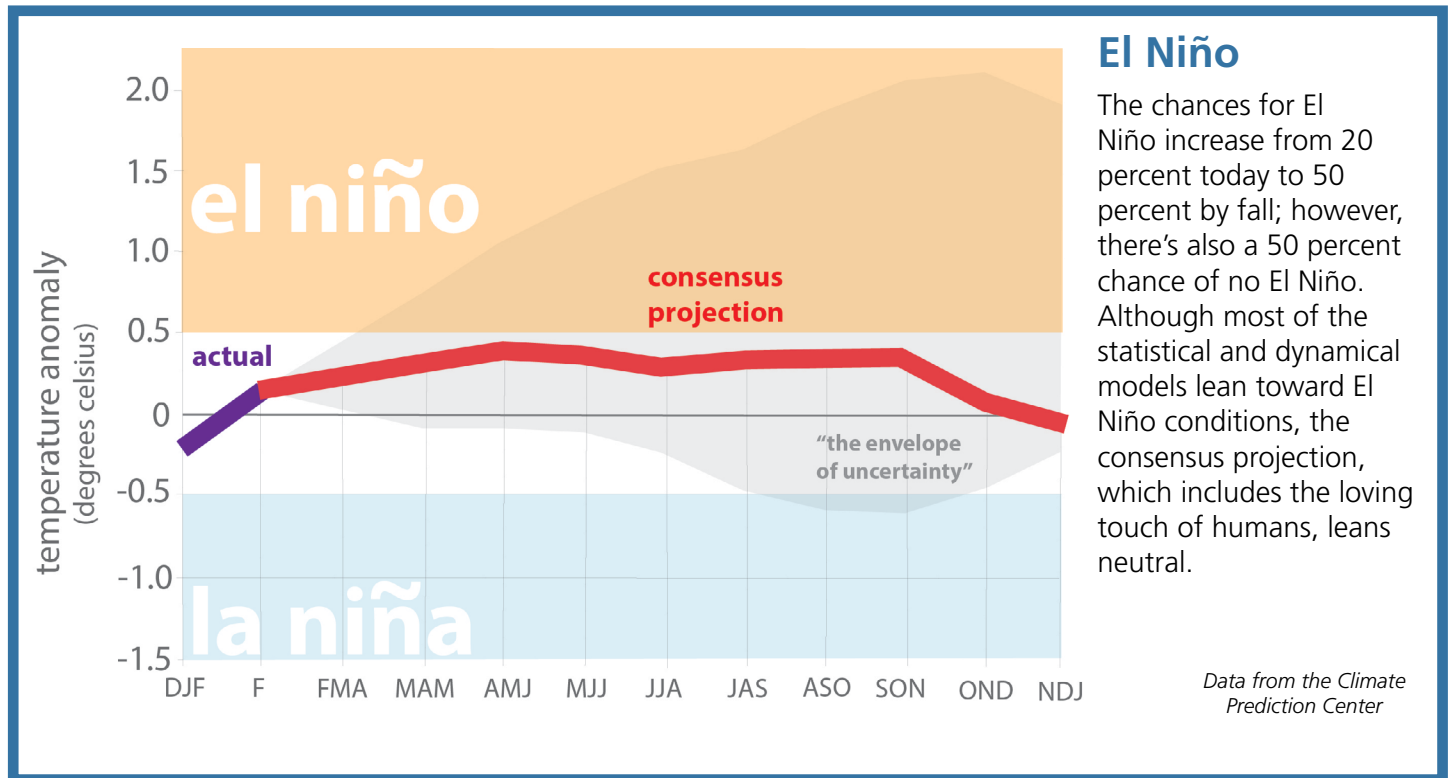
Map courtesy of the U.S. Drought Monitor

Drought conditions

- ◆ 1% now
- ◆ 2% a week ago
- ◆ 3% three months ago
- ◆ 2% a year ago

Intensity

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



El Niño

The chances for El Niño increase from 20 percent today to 50 percent by fall; however, there's also a 50 percent chance of no El Niño. Although most of the statistical and dynamical models lean toward El Niño conditions, the consensus projection, which includes the loving touch of humans, leans neutral.

Data from the Climate Prediction Center

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