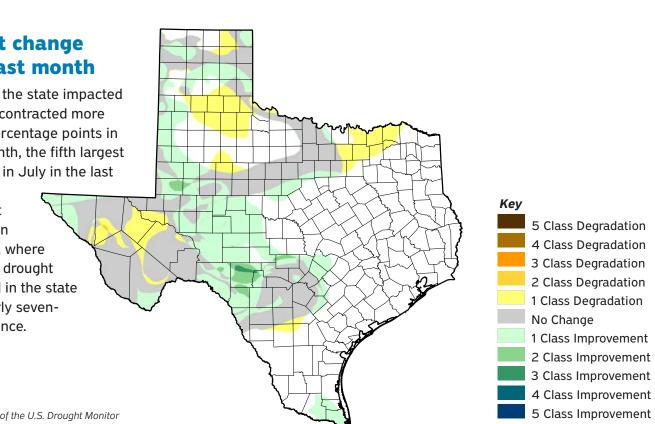


Drought change in the last month

The area of the state impacted by drought contracted more than five percentage points in the last month, the fifth largest contraction in July in the last

25 years. But drought intensified in West Texas, where exceptional drought re-emerged in the state after a nearly sevenmonth absence.



Map courtesy of the U.S. Drought Monitor

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