

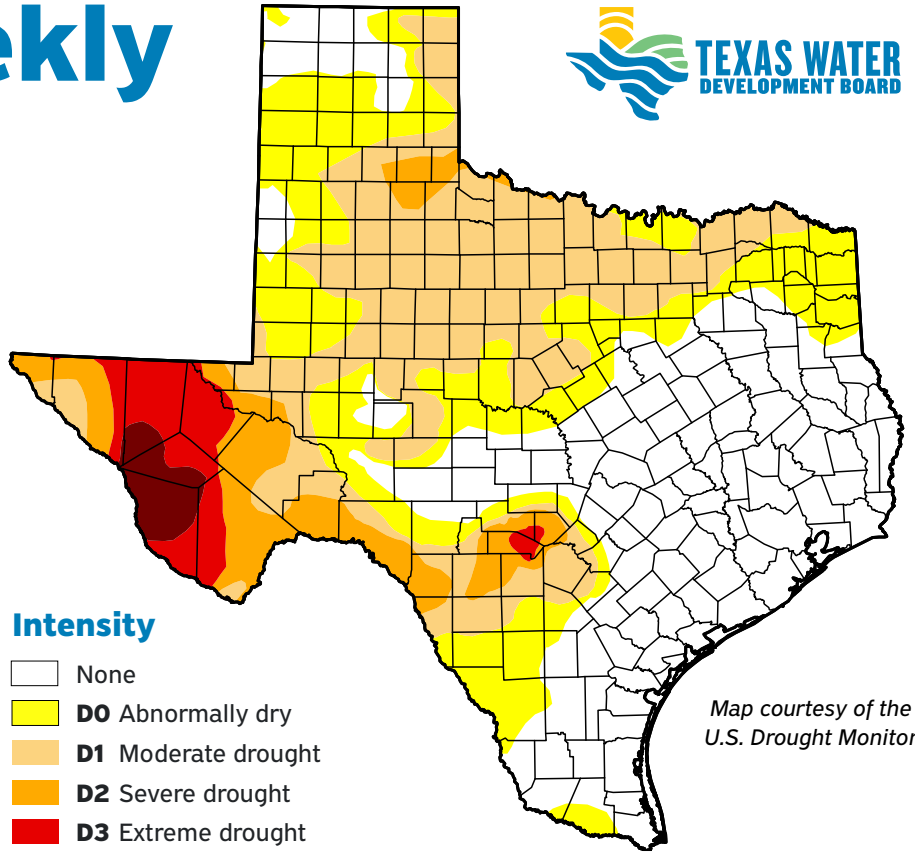
Water Weekly

For the week of 08/26/24



Water conditions

The latest drought map for conditions as of August 20 shows an increase in the area of the state impacted by drought for the third consecutive week. Drought has reached its largest extent since December 2023. An additional 20 percent of the state is vulnerable to drought in coming weeks.



Map courtesy of the U.S. Drought Monitor

Drought conditions

40% now

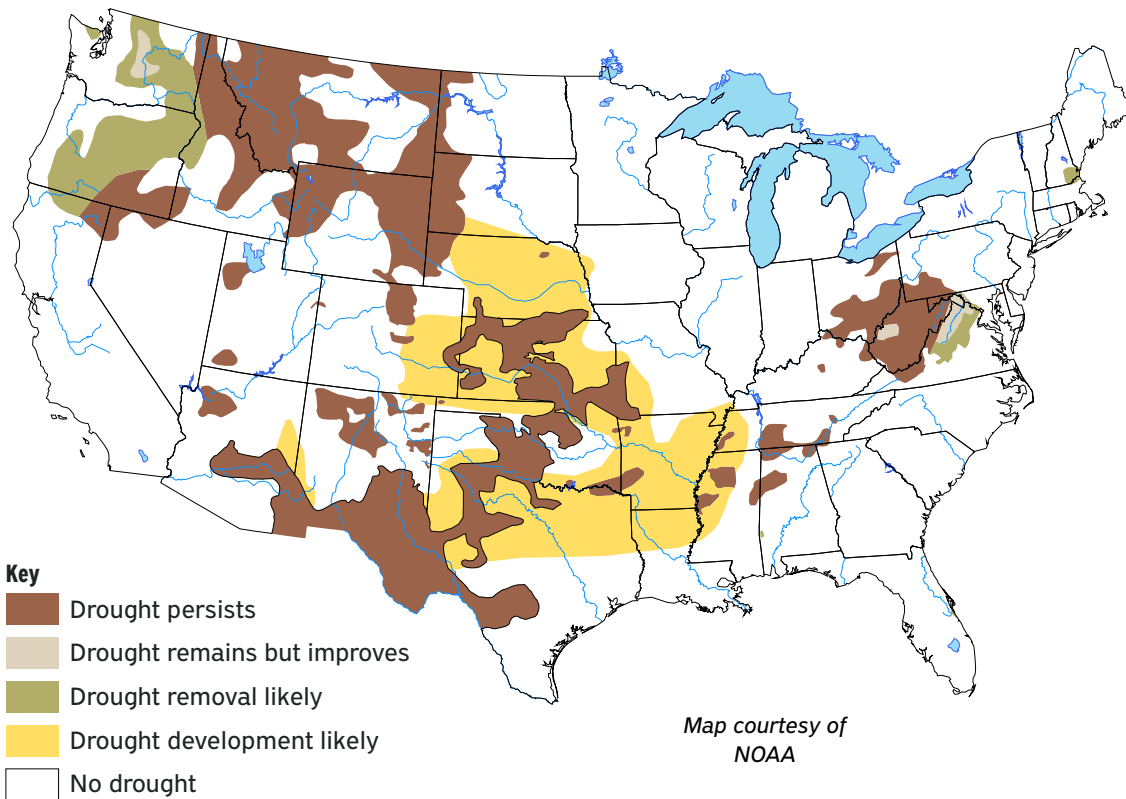
30% a week ago

26% three months ago

79% a year ago

Intensity

- None
- D0** Abnormally dry
- D1** Moderate drought
- D2** Severe drought
- D3** Extreme drought
- D4** Exceptional drought



- Key**
- Drought persists
 - Drought remains but improves
 - Drought removal likely
 - Drought development likely
 - No drought

Map courtesy of NOAA

U.S. seasonal drought outlook

August is shaping up to be hotter and drier than normal for Texas, triggering recent drought expansion. And according to the latest predictions from the National Weather Service, we won't see any improvements any time soon. In fact, continued drought expansion is anticipated in Texas through the end of November.

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