

# Water Weekly

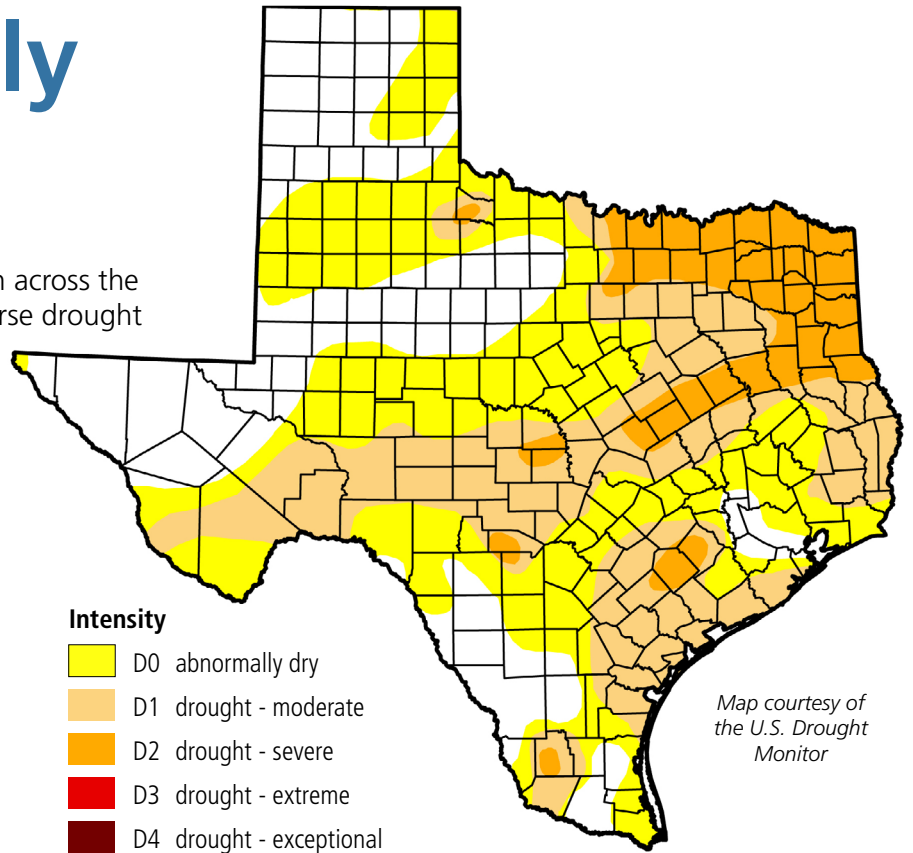
For the week of 12/11/17

## Water conditions

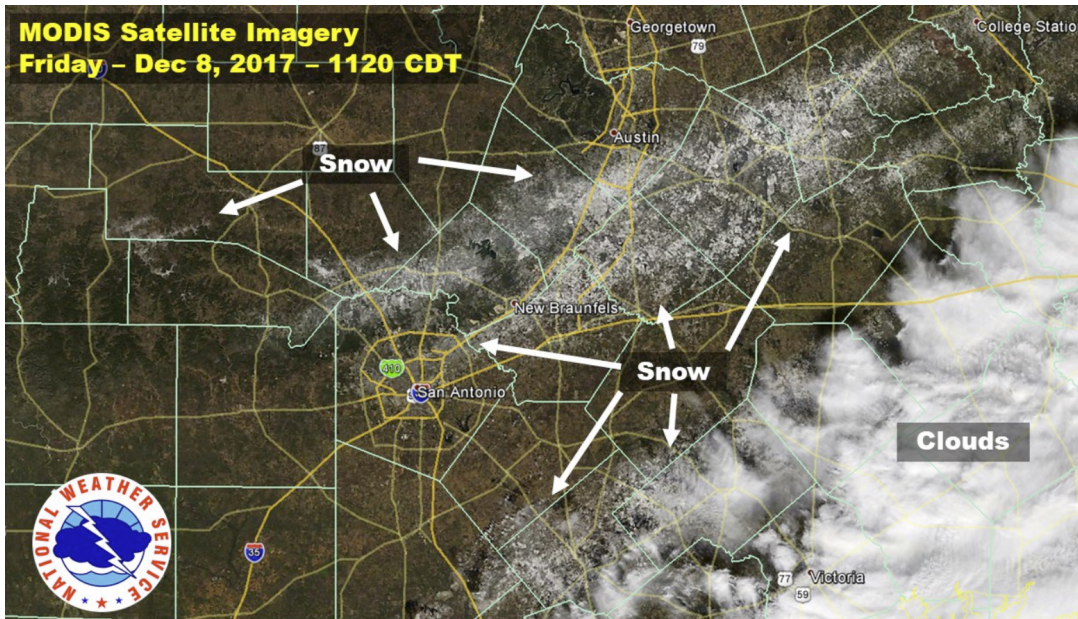
Drought slowed, but continued its expansion across the state last week. The area of moderate or worse drought is up two percentage points, now covering 37 percent of the state. The area of severe drought grew by five percentage points, now covering 11 percent of the state.

## Drought conditions

- ◆ 37% now
- ◆ 35% a week ago
- ◆ 0.8% three months ago
- ◆ 5% a year ago



**MODIS Satellite Imagery**  
Friday - Dec 8, 2017 - 1120 CDT



## Scattered snow across Texas

Parts of Texas, from El Paso to Houston and Austin to Corpus Christi, got snow last week. It was fun while it lasted but didn't do much to improve drought conditions. It takes between 10 and 20 or more inches of snow to equal 1 inch of rain.

Satellite imagery courtesy of the National Weather Service

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