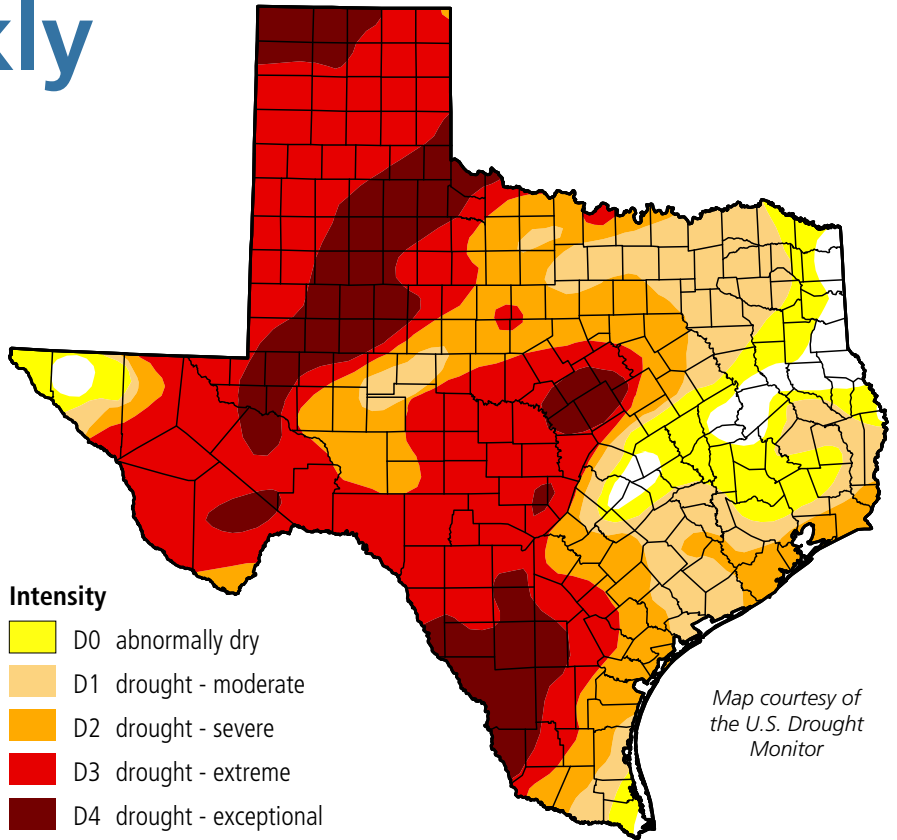


Water Weekly

For the week of 04/25/22

Water conditions

The latest drought map for conditions as of April 19 shows little expansion of drought from the previous week. Unfortunately, in areas already impacted by drought, drought intensified. The area of the state impacted by extreme or worse drought climbed to 54 percent, its largest value since February 2012.

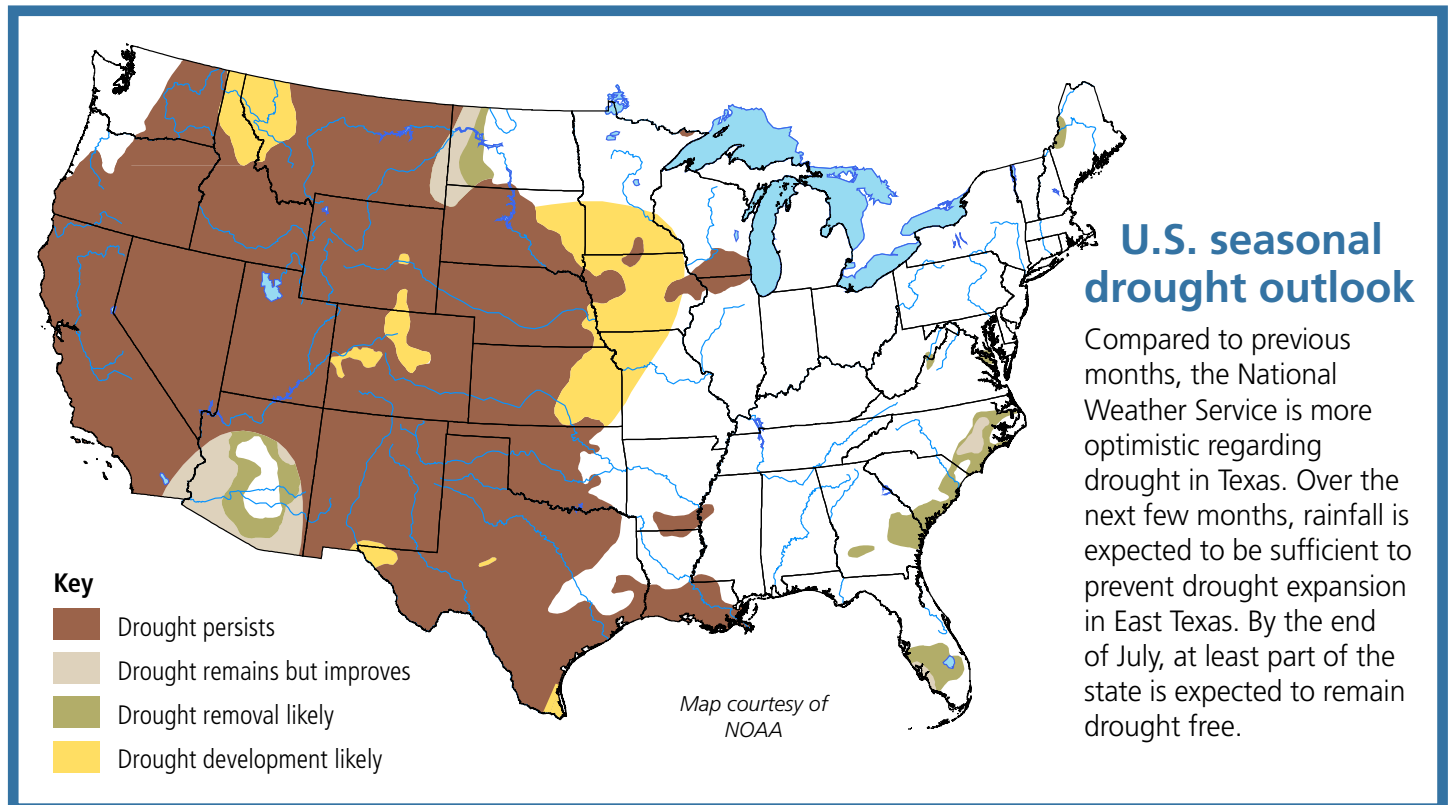


Drought conditions

- ◆ 87% now
- ◆ 88% a week ago
- ◆ 86% three months ago
- ◆ 67% a year ago

Intensity

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



U.S. seasonal drought outlook

Compared to previous months, the National Weather Service is more optimistic regarding drought in Texas. Over the next few months, rainfall is expected to be sufficient to prevent drought expansion in East Texas. By the end of July, at least part of the state is expected to remain drought free.

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