

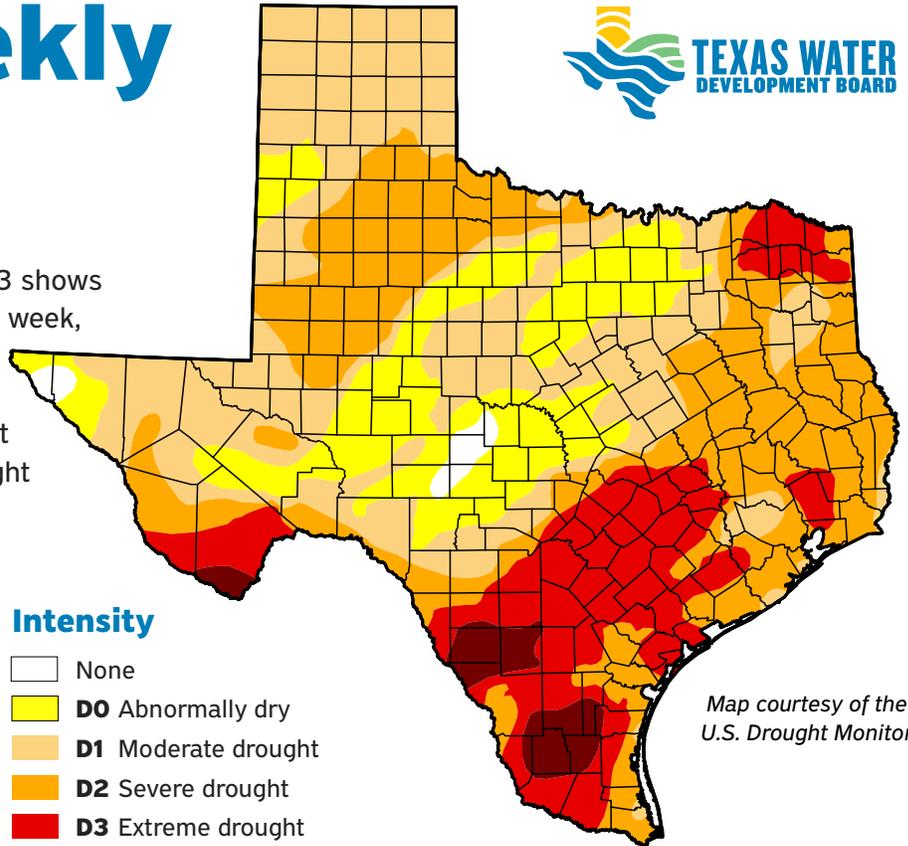
Water Weekly

For the week of 03/09/26



Water conditions

The latest map for conditions as of March 3 shows an expansion of drought from the previous week, the fifth consecutive week that drought expanded. Exceptional drought covers three percent of the state, its largest extent since July 2025. Moderate or worse drought has reached its largest extent since September 2023.



Map courtesy of the U.S. Drought Monitor

Drought conditions

82% now

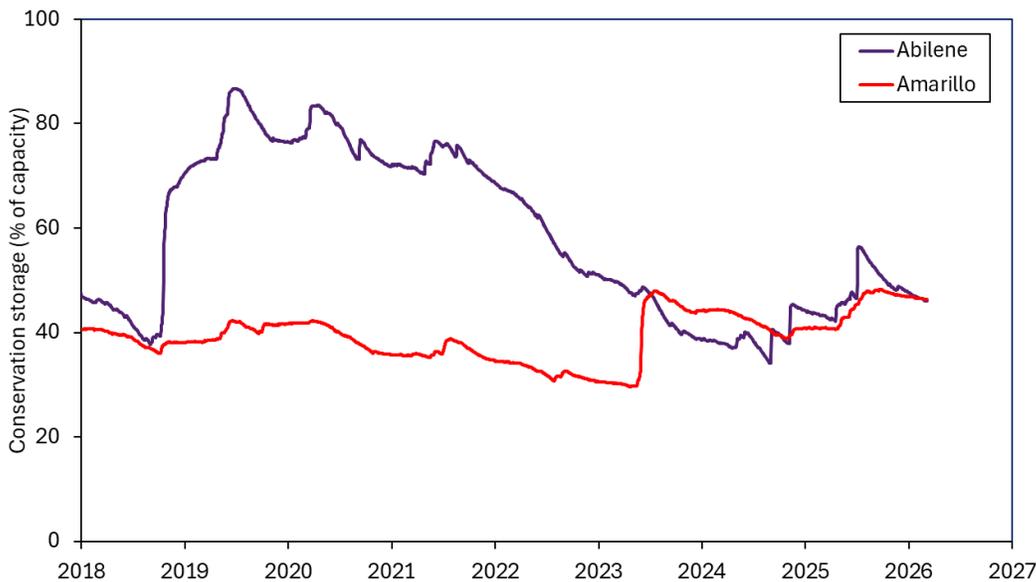
80% a week ago

45% three months ago

54% a year ago

Intensity

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



Abilene and Amarillo storage

Abilene's surface water storage is typically much closer to capacity than Lake Meredith's, the reservoir that supplies Amarillo. During the 2022–2026 statewide drought, supply conditions have been similar for both communities. Amarillo's supply conditions (46.3 percent of capacity) are currently slightly better than Abilene's (46.1 percent).

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