

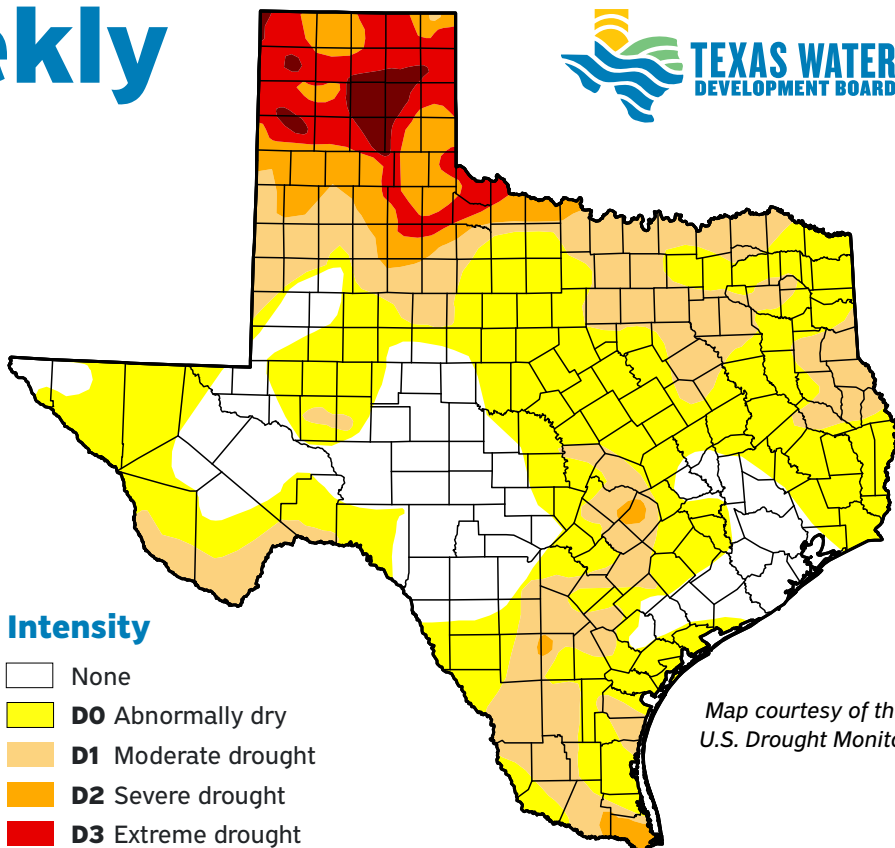
Water Weekly

For the week of 08/24/26



Water conditions

The latest drought map for conditions as of August 18 shows the fourth consecutive week of drought expansion. During the last four weeks, drought has expanded 14 percentage points, and now 42 percent of the state is abnormally dry and vulnerable to drought expansion in coming weeks.



Map courtesy of the
U.S. Drought Monitor

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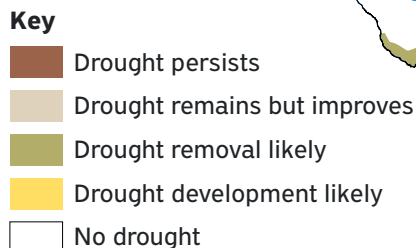
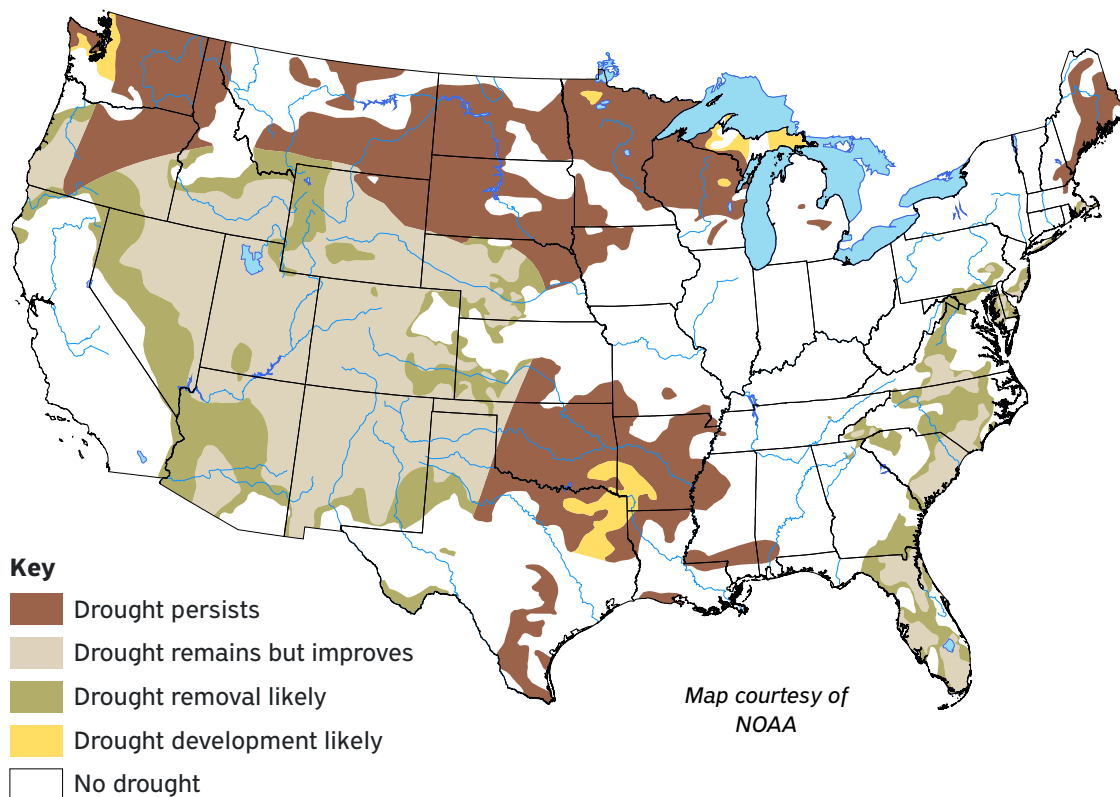
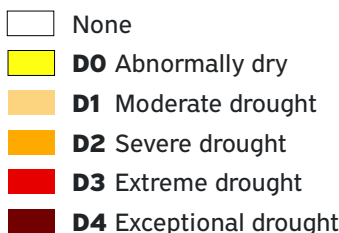
36% now

28% a week ago

65% three months ago

20% a year ago

Intensity



Map courtesy of
NOAA

U.S. seasonal drought outlook

Despite recent drought expansion, the outlook for Texas drought relief this fall and winter is promising. Through the end of November, the National Weather Service anticipates drought improvement and removal across the Panhandle and West Texas. The rest of the state should see at least some improvement by early 2027.

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