CURRENT DROUGHT CONDITIONS

Nearly the entire state (98.6 percent) is now withering under drought conditions with all but a small part of West Texas free of drought. Reservoir levels dropped 150,000 acre-feet over the past week. If we don’t get some rainfall before our typically hot (=much more evaporation) and dry summers, we will be setting all-time record low reservoir levels this year.

Current Drought statistics

• 99% of state currently in drought
• 96% a week ago
• 95% three months ago
• 89% a year ago

Statewide Reservoir statistics

• Currently 65% full
• 66% a week ago
• 65% three months ago
• 78% a year ago
• Normally 85% at this time

PRECIPITATION IN TEXAS FOR THE PAST 3 YEARS

Statewide precipitation since October is following a similar trend to what we saw in the 2011 drought, the driest one-year period on record. If this trend continues, we’ll see record low statewide reservoir levels later this year.