Texas Water Development Board

FOR THE 83RD LEGISLATURE | WEEK OF 7/22/13

CURRENT DROUGHT CONDITIONS

Despite the recent and relatively widespread rains over the past week, statewide reservoir storage improved only slightly, squeaking upwards by less than 0.1 percentage points. Dry ground and relatively low rainfall amounts when averaged over large areas contributed to the lack of run off and reservoir rise. In a bit of good news, however, Lake Brownwood jumped up by 15 percentage points, a welcome development for this drought-suffering area.

Current Drought statistics

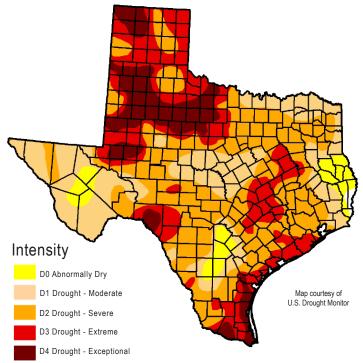
- 99% of state currently in drought
- 99% a week ago
- 97% three months ago
- 95% a year ago

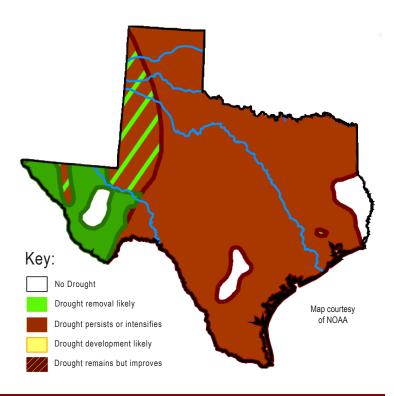
Statewide Reservoir statistics

- Currently 64% full
- 64% a week ago
- 66% three months ago
- 74% a year ago
- Normally 83% at this time

SEASONAL DROUGHT OUTLOOK 7/18/13–10/31/13

The latest drought outlook shows a substantial change from the previous outlook two weeks ago: Persistence of drought in much of the state, including much of east Texas, with improvement and removal from drought in Far West and parts of West Texas. This is the reverse of what the outlooks have been showing for several months now.





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