The drought giveth and taketh this past week. We saw a 1 percentage point decrease in the amount of the state in drought but a 4 percentage point uptick in the amount of the state under exceptional drought, the severest drought category. With this uptick, focused in the Edwards Plateau area, 25 percent of state is now under exceptional drought conditions.

**Drought statistics**
- 72% of state currently in moderate to exceptional drought
- 73% a week ago
- 58% three months ago
- 90% a year ago

**U.S. SEASONAL DROUGHT OUTLOOK**

*Drought tendencies for the period 5/15/14 to 8/31/14*

The lastest drought outlook shows drought continuing or developing across Texas through the end of August for much of the state.