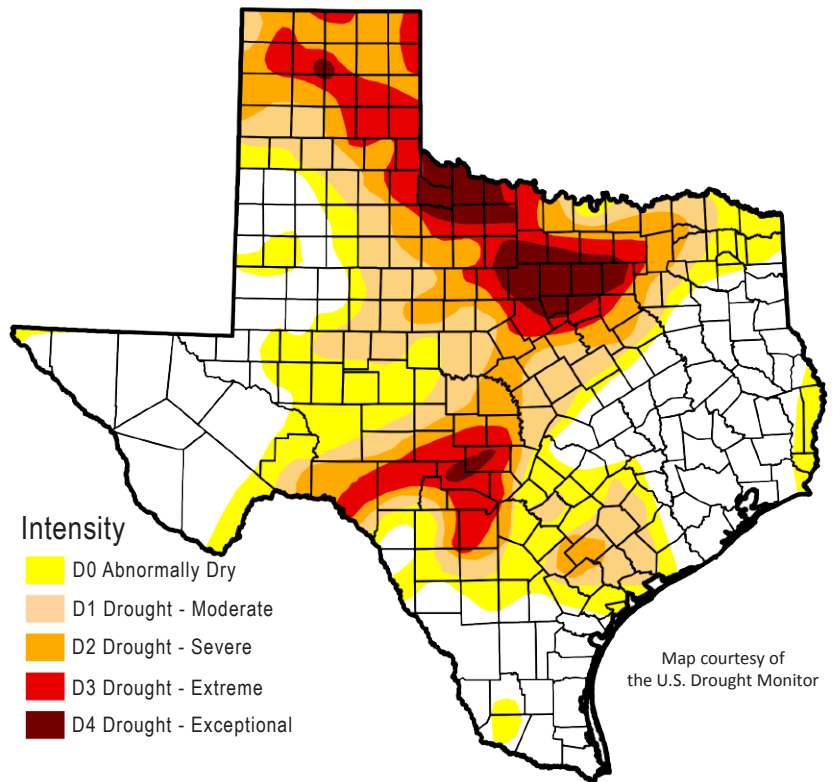


DROUGHT CONDITIONS

Drought conditions are relatively unchanged from last week with a slight improvement in the western Panhandle, a slight degradation in the western Hill Country, and abnormally dry conditions starting to peek in along the Sabine River near the Gulf Coast. Recent rains gave us a slight but welcome uptick in reservoir storage in North-Central and East Texas.

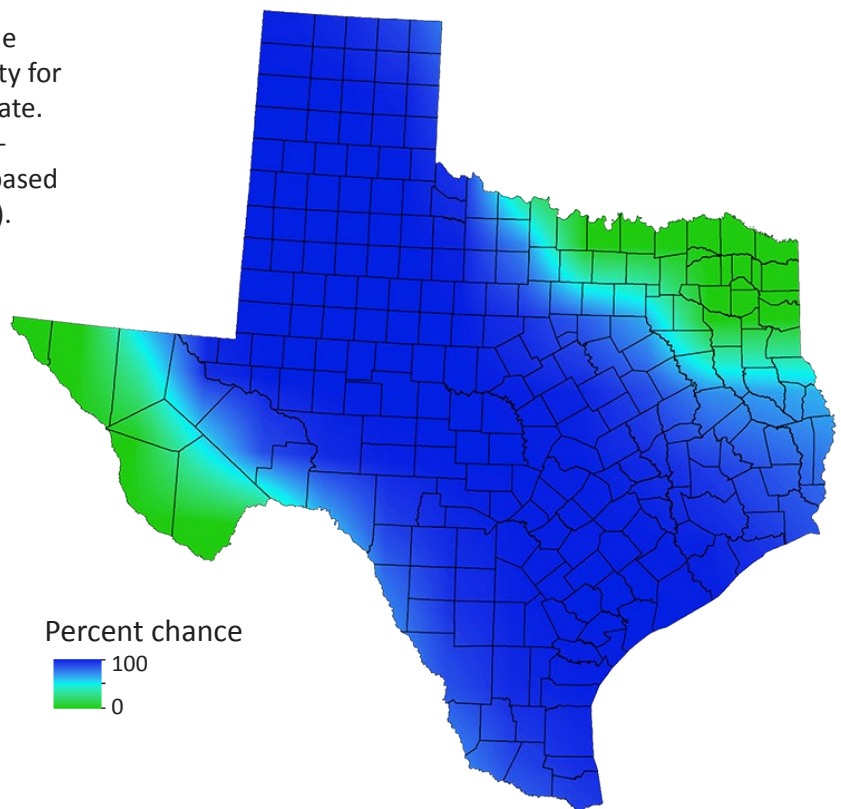
Drought statistics

- 43% of state currently in moderate to exceptional drought
- 43% a week ago
- 43% three months ago
- 68% a year ago



TEXAS SUMMER RAINFALL OUTLOOK

The drought forecast for the summer of 2015, made using January observations, shows a high probability for a wetter-than-average summer over most of the state. The probabilities are highest over the south, south-central, and Panhandle regions. This projection is based on a study by D. Nelun Fernando and others (2015).



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