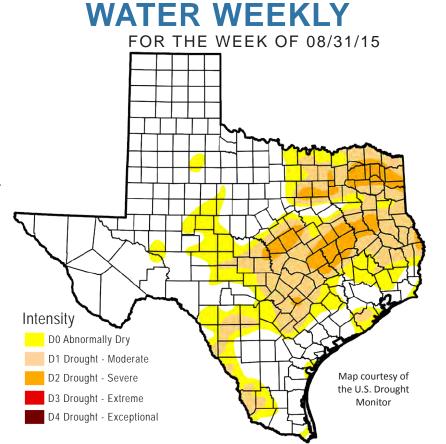


WATER CONDITIONS

There was a slight decrease in overall drought in Texas from 25 percent to 23.5 percent with improvements in East Texas but drought development in Central Texas and the Rio Grande Valley downstream of Del Rio. Statewide reservoir levels decreased to 83 percent, but are still higher than normal (about 79 percent) for this time of year.

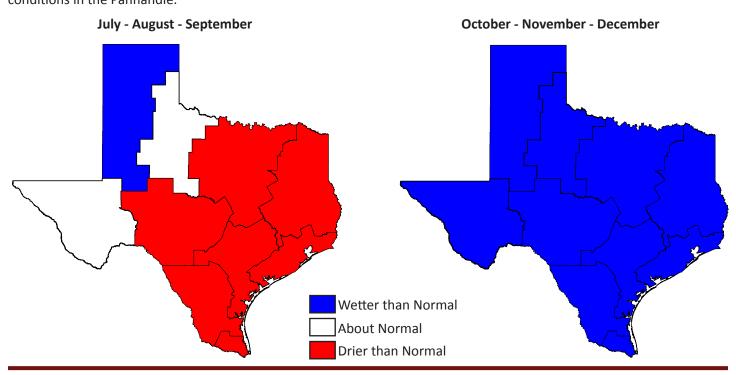
Drought conditions

- 23% now
- 25% a week ago
- 5% three months ago
- 61% a year ago



EL NIÑO AND SEASONAL PRECIPITATION TRENDS

These maps show rainfall tendencies in July-August-September and October-November-December. Just as we've seen in July and August, El Niño conditions favor drier than normal conditions in East and Central Texas and wetter than normal conditions in the Panhandle.



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