**Water Weekly**

*For the week of 10/17/16*

**Water conditions**

The past week saw an expansion of dry conditions in the state with the establishment of a regional drought, moderate in strength, in northeast Texas. Twenty-two counties in northeast Texas are now affected. Statewide reservoir storage is at 84 percent full, five percentage points above normal for this time of year.

**Drought conditions**

- 4% now
- 1% a week ago
- 0% three months ago
- 47% a year ago

**30-day percent precipitation**

Over the last 30 days, much of East Texas received less than 50 percent of normal rainfall with much of northeast Texas receiving less than 25 percent of normal rainfall.

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