Water Weekly
*For the week of 04/10/17*

**Water conditions**
April showers lessen drought’s powers. Widespread rainfall greatly reduced abnormally dry or worse conditions from 45 percent of the state to 18 percent of the state over the past week. Drought conditions remain in northeast Texas with a sliver in the Panhandle. Much of the rest of the state had between 90 and 200 percent of normal rainfall over the past 90 days.

**Drought conditions**
- 3% now
- 9% a week ago
- 6% three months ago
- 4% a year ago

**Monthly soil moisture**
Soil moisture tells us something about drought as well flood potential. This anomaly map shows soil moisture deviation from normal in millimeters. Much of Texas is normal with above-normal conditions in south-central Texas and parts of West Texas.

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