Water Weekly

For the week of 10/16/17

Water conditions

Drought conditions mostly improved in the lower Rio Grande Valley; however, moderate drought increased considerably in northeast Texas, now affecting all of six counties and parts of another half dozen. Despite this increase in drought, reservoirs in the northeast Texas climate division are collectively the fullest they’ve been since 1990.

Drought conditions

- 3% now
- 2% a week ago
- 7% three months ago
- 4% a year ago

U.S. October drought outlook

The drought outlook for October anticipated drought formation in north-east Texas and suggests that it may be the southern tip of a drought area that extends north through Arkansas to contain Missouri, central-to-southern Illinois, and a dab of Indiana.

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