**Water Weekly**

*For the week of 10/23/17*

**Water conditions**

Drought contracted in South Texas and remains in only one county in that area. However, drought expanded elsewhere, now present in 21 counties in the north-east. The city of Longview received almost 8 inches of precipitation in August, but less than 1 inch from September 1 to October 20.

**Drought conditions**

- 4% now
- 3% a week ago
- 8% three months ago
- 6% a year ago

**U.S. seasonal drought outlook**

Conditions are expected to be warmer and drier than normal across Texas during the next three months. As a result, drought is expected to persist in the northeast part of the state, expand in the lower Rio Grande Valley, and develop in the Big Bend area.

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