

# Water Weekly

For the week of 06/11/18

## Water conditions

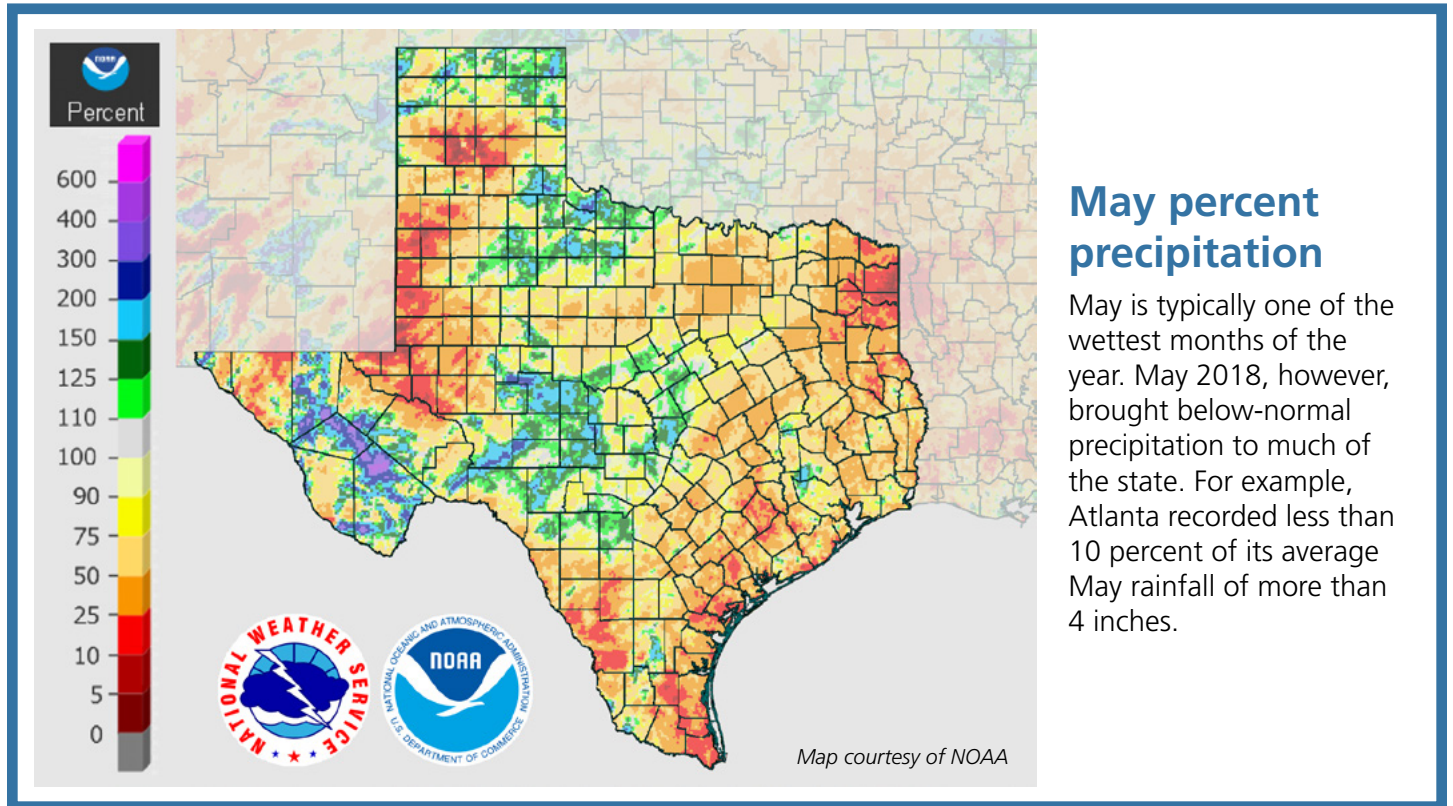
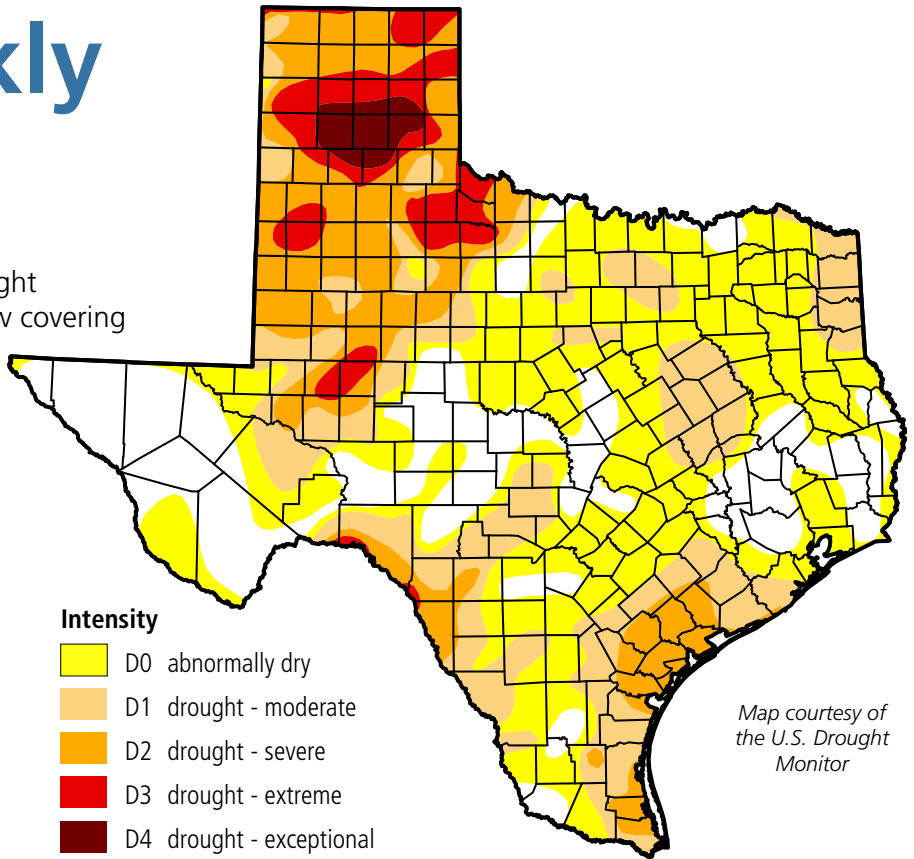
The most recent drought map shows drought expanding by 4 percentage points and now covering 44 percent of the state. Compared to the previous week, drought conditions improved in West Texas, held steady in the Panhandle, but expanded and intensified in Central, South, and East Texas.

## Drought conditions

- ◆ 44% now
- ◆ 40% a week ago
- ◆ 54% three months ago
- ◆ 1% a year ago

### Intensity

- ◆ D0 abnormally dry
- ◆ D1 drought - moderate
- ◆ D2 drought - severe
- ◆ D3 drought - extreme
- ◆ D4 drought - exceptional



## May percent precipitation

May is typically one of the wettest months of the year. May 2018, however, brought below-normal precipitation to much of the state. For example, Atlanta recorded less than 10 percent of its average May rainfall of more than 4 inches.

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