Water Weekly
For the week of 09/24/18

Water conditions
The latest drought map shows improved conditions across South and East Texas, but some drying in the northwest corner of the Panhandle. The area of the state impacted by drought shrunk 2 percentage points and is now at its lowest value since December 2017.

Drought conditions

- 29% now
- 31% a week ago
- 47% three months ago
- 3% a year ago

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

U.S. seasonal drought outlook
The seasonal drought outlook through the end of the year looks positive for Texas. Drought is expected to continue to contract, with only scattered pockets remaining in our state as we begin 2019.

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