Water Weekly

For the week of 02/11/19

Water conditions

The latest drought map shows development of a new patch of drought in Dimmit County in South Texas. Overall, drought is impacting 2 percent of the state. Another 16 percent of the state is abnormally dry and vulnerable to drought development in the next few weeks.

Drought conditions

- 2% now
- 1% a week ago
- 1% three months ago
- 65% a year ago

**Intensity**

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

Map courtesy of the U.S. Drought Monitor

Texas temperature

Hot, dry conditions lead to drought. 2015–2018 was the hottest four-year period for Texas based on records dating back to 1895. Fortunately, it was also the wettest four-year period in those records, limiting the amount of drought we experienced.

Data courtesy of NOAA

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