



# Drought Information Statement for South Central Texas

Valid January 2, 2025

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- This product will be updated February 6, 2025 or sooner if drought conditions change significantly.
  - Please see all currently available products at <https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements>.
  - Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/ewx/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
  - Please visit <https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates/> for regional drought status updates.
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- Isolated improvement in drought conditions in the service area due to late December thunderstorms
  - Wildfire forecast to be above normal through January
  - Streamflow and reservoirs remain low
  - Monthly and Seasonal outlooks advertise drought persistence

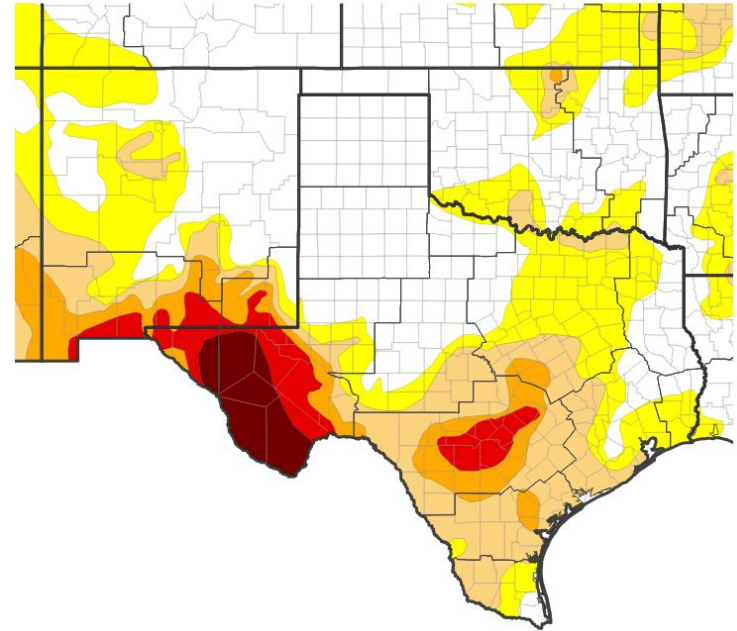




# U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for south central Texas

- Drought intensity and Extent
  - **D3 (Extreme Drought):** Covers portions of the Edwards Plateau and I-35 Corridor
    - Percent of Area: 18.06%
  - **D2 (Severe Drought):** Extends across the portions of the Hill Country, Edwards Plateau, I-35 Corridor, and Coastal Plains
    - Percent of Area: 31.29%
  - **D1 (Moderate Drought):** Encompasses the Coastal Plains, and portions of the Hill Country, Southern Edwards Plateau, and Rio Grande Plains
    - Percent of Area: 50.65%



U.S. Drought Monitor



Source(s): NDMC, NOAA, USDA; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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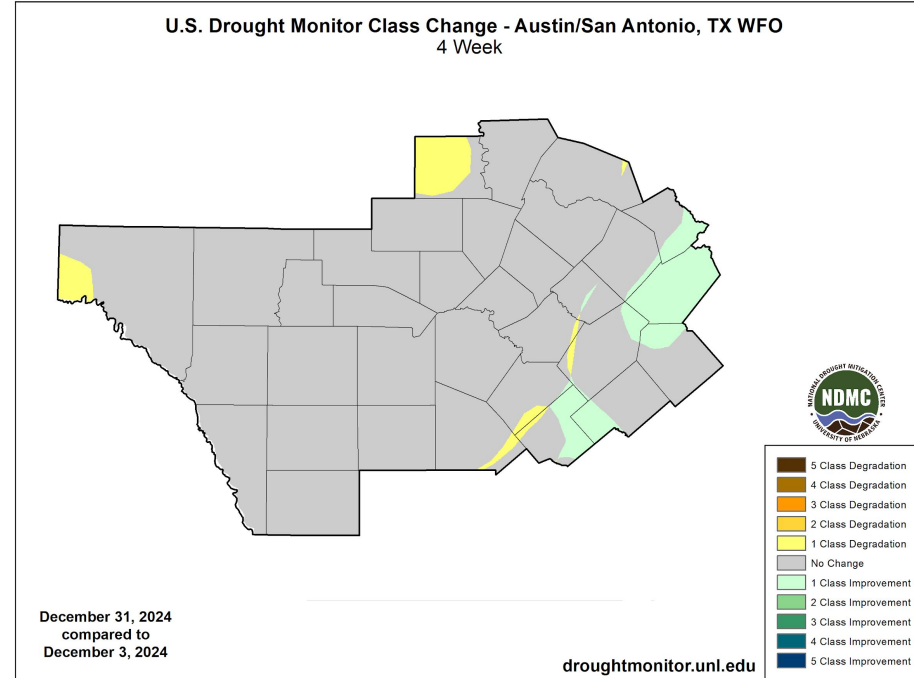




# Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for south central Texas

- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
  - Drought Worsened: small portions of the Hill Country, southern Edwards Plateau, and Coastal Plains.
  - No Change: Much of south central Texas.
  - Drought Improved: portions of the Coastal Plains.



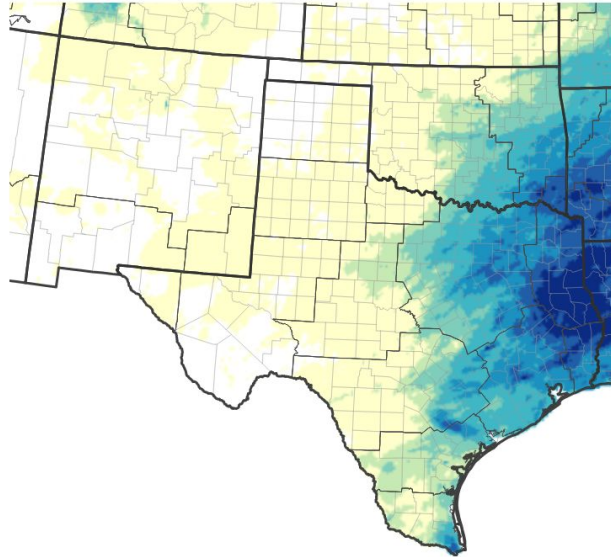


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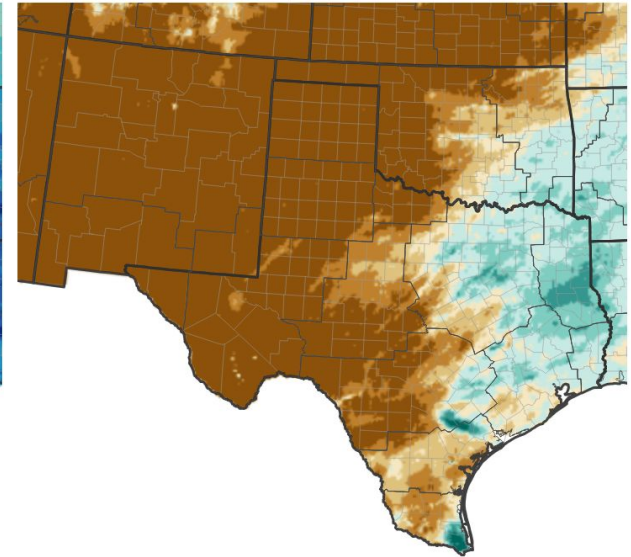
Links to the latest [Precipitation Accumulation](#) and [Percent of Normal](#) over the past 30 days

- Much of the service area saw below normal rainfall over the past 30 days. The main exception would be portions of the Coastal Plains which saw between 150% to greater than 300% from late December thunderstorms.

NWPS 30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (inches)



30-Day Precipitation: Percent of PRISM Normal



Inches of Precipitation



Source(s): National Weather Service National Water Prediction Service; image courtesy of Drought.gov

Data Valid: 12/30/24

Percent of Normal Precipitation (%)



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Data Valid: 12/31/24





# Summary of Impacts

Links: See/submit [Condition Monitoring Observer Reports \(CMOR\)](#) and view the [Drought Impacts Reporter](#)

## Hydrologic Impacts

- Streamflows across much of the service area remain in the below to much below normal streamflow for late December/early January. The exception is for streams that received rainfall from late December thunderstorms or runoff from rain that occurred outside of the service area. ([USGS](#))
- Area reservoirs remain extremely low across the service area.
- See next page for more details

## Agricultural Impacts

- Please see the latest [Crop & Weather Report](#) from Texas A&M Agrilife
- Soil moistures across the service area are shown in the below to well below normal range. ([NWS Climate Prediction Center](#))

## Fire Hazard Impacts

- Normal wildland fire activity is forecast through the month of November. This activity is expected to increase in the months of December and January. ([National Interagency Coordination Center](#))
- See Fire Hazard page for more details

## Drought Mitigation Actions

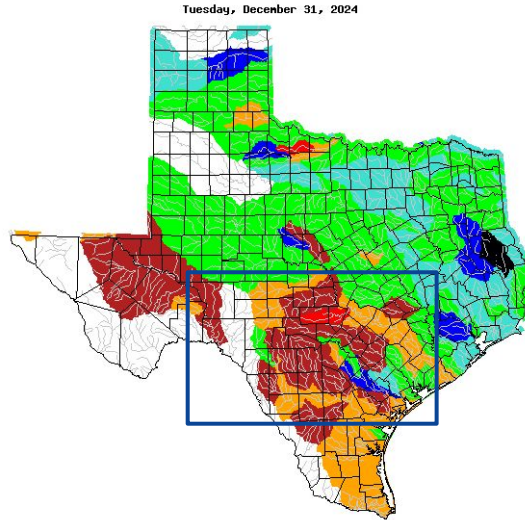
- Please refer to your municipality and/or water provider for mitigation information.
- Select [Municipality Restrictions](#) (as of 1/1/2025)
  - City of Uvalde: Stage 5
  - City of Fredericksburg: Stage 4
  - City of Kerrville: Stage 3
  - City of San Antonio: Stage 3
  - City of Universal City: Stage 3
  - City of Llano: Stage 3
  - City of Georgetown: Stage 2
  - City of New Braunfels: Stage 2
  - City of Austin: Stage 2
  - City of Del Rio: Stage 2





# Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

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Explanation - Percentile classes							
Low	<10	10-24	25-75	76-90	>90	High	No Data
	Much below normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal		

Figure Caption: [USGS 7 day streamflows for Texas](#), valid December 31, 2024

Reservoir	Pool Elevation	Current Elevation	Percent Full
Amistad	1117.00 feet	1051.18 feet	26.5%
Medina Lake	1064.2 feet	972.12 feet	2.7%
Canyon Lake	909.00 feet	880.69 feet	50.1%
Granger Lake	504.00 feet	503.05 feet	92.7%
Georgetown Lake	791.00 feet	779.28 feet	64.5%
Lake Buchanan	1020.00 feet	1003.39 feet	61.4%
Lake LBJ	825.00 feet	824.73 feet	98.5%
Lake Marble Falls	738.00 feet	736.363 feet	94.9%
Lake Travis	681.00 feet	637.94 feet	43.9%
Lake Austin	492.9 feet	492.12 feet	95.6%

Table caption: [TWDB Reservoir](#) conditions as of January 1, 2025

Additional data:

[Edwards Aquifer, Bexar Index Well J-17](#) as

of January 1, 2025:

10 day average: 627.6

Historical Monthly Average: 668.4

Departure from Average: -41.4



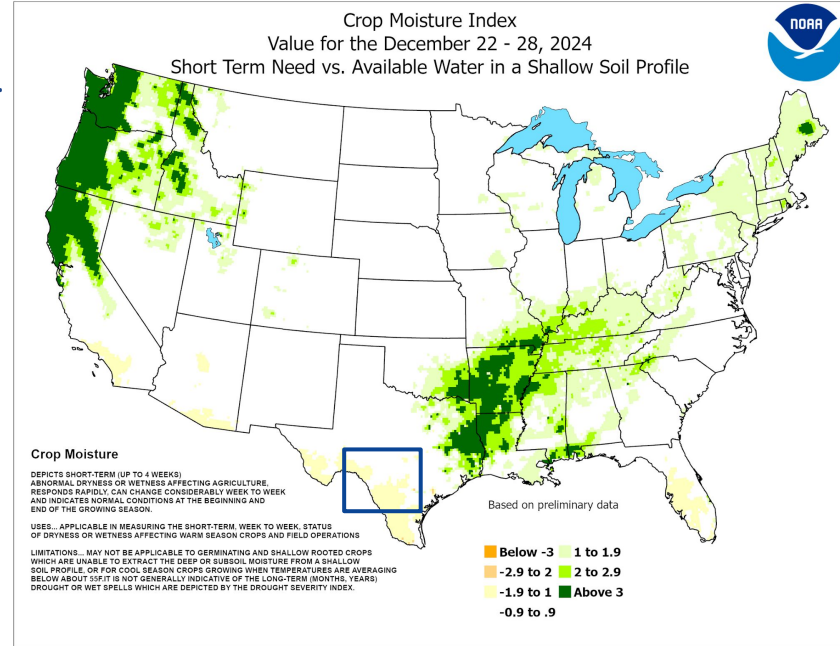
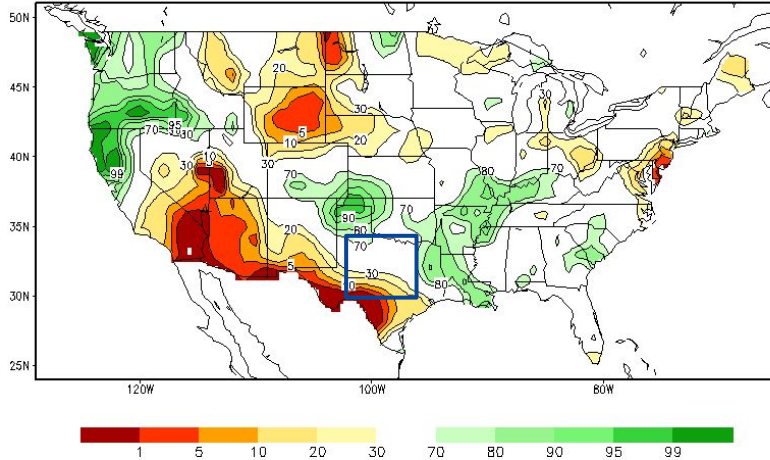


# Agricultural Impacts

Links to the latest [Soil Moisture Ranking Percentile](#) and [Crop Moisture Index by Division](#).

- Soil moistures across the service area are shown in the below to well below normal range as of December 31st.
- Crop moisture index values show normal to below normal conditions across all of our service area as of December 28th

Calculated Soil Moisture Ranking Percentile  
DEC 31, 2024





# Fire Hazard Impacts

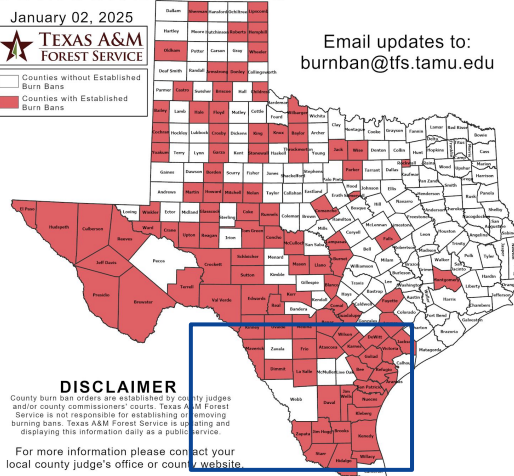
Link to [Wildfire Potential Outlooks from the National Interagency Coordination Center](#).

- [Keetch Byram Drought Index](#) values of less than 400 are primarily in a singular county in the Coastal Plains from recent rains.
- Values range between 500 and 800 across a majority of the service area.
- Above normal wildland fire potential is expected for January.

## OUTDOOR BURN BANS

January 02, 2025  
 TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE  
 Legend:  
 □ Counties without Established Burn Bans  
 ■ Counties with Established Burn Bans

Email updates to: [burnban@tfs.tamu.edu](mailto:burnban@tfs.tamu.edu)



### DISCLAIMER

County burn ban orders are established by county judges and/or county commissioners' courts. Texas A&M Forest Service is not responsible for establishing or removing burning bans. Texas A&M Forest Service is updating and displaying this information daily as a public service.

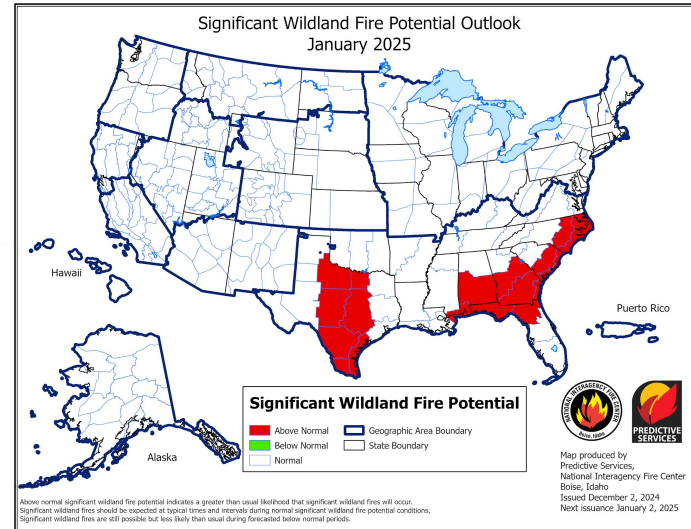
For more information please contact your local county judge's office or county website.

RED FLAG WARNINGS: [www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov)  
 Additional map formats available at <https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/Burnbans/>

### Counties with Burn Bans: 102

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|-----------|------------|--------------|
| Araucario | Garza      | Nueces       |
| Aransas   | Glenn      | Oldham       |
| Armadillo | Goliad     | Parker       |
| Atascosa  | Guadalupe  | Presidio     |
| Baylor    | Hale       | Reagan       |
| Bee       | Hemphill   | Real         |
| Brewster  | Hidalgo    | Reeves       |
| Brewster  | Howard     | Retugio      |
| Brewster  | Hudspeth   | Roberts      |
| Brewster  | Jack       | Rockwall     |
| Brewster  | Jackson    | Russell      |
| Brewster  | Jeff Davis | San Antonio  |
| Brewster  | Jim Hogg   | Schleicher   |
| Brewster  | Jim Wells  | Sherman      |
| Brewster  | Karnes     | Somervell    |
| Brewster  | Kendall    | Starr        |
| Brewster  | Kerr       | Stonewall    |
| Brewster  | King       | Sutton       |
| Brewster  | Kinney     | Tarrant      |
| Brewster  | Kleberg    | Texas        |
| Brewster  | Knox       | Throckmorton |
| Brewster  | Kroger     | Tom Green    |
| Brewster  | Lampasas   | Upton        |
| Brewster  | Leake      | Uvalde       |
| Brewster  | Leake      | Val Verde    |
| Brewster  | Lipscomb   | Victoria     |
| Brewster  | Llano      | Ward         |
| Brewster  | Martin     | Wheeler      |
| Brewster  | McCluskey  | Wilbarger    |
| Brewster  | Mason      | Willacy      |
| Brewster  | Mason      | Wilson       |
| Brewster  | Maverick   | Winkler      |
| Brewster  | Medina     | Wise         |
| Brewster  | Mitchell   | Yoakum       |
| Brewster  | Floyd      | Zapata       |
| Brewster  | Frío       | Zapata       |

Burn bans remain for 23 of our 33 counties as of January 2, 2025. Latest County Burn Ban map available [here](#).



Above normal significant wildland fire potential indicates a greater than usual likelihood that significant wildland fires will occur. Significant wildland fires should be expected at typical times and intervals during normal significant wildland fire potential conditions. Significant wildland fires are still possible but less likely than usual during forecasted below normal periods.





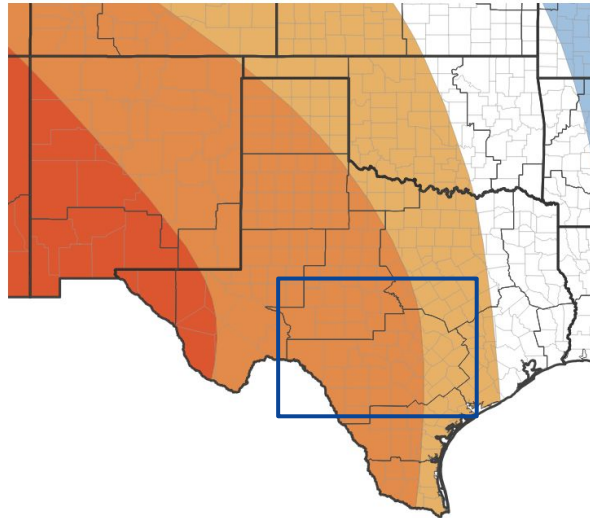


# Long-Range Outlooks

The latest monthly and seasonal outlooks can be found on the [CPC homepage](#)

- The temperature outlook for the month of January leans towards above normal for the entire service area.
- The precipitation outlook favors below normal rainfall for most of the service area for the month.
- The seasonal outlook for temperature and precipitation advertises the same trends through the end of March.

Monthly Temperature Outlook for January 1, 2025–January 31, 2025



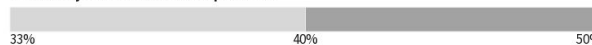
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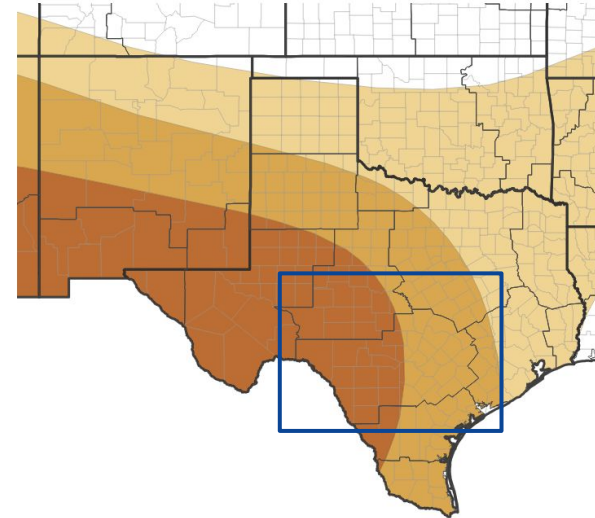
Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



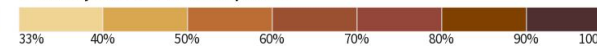
Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



Monthly Precipitation Outlook for January 1, 2025–January 31, 2025



Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



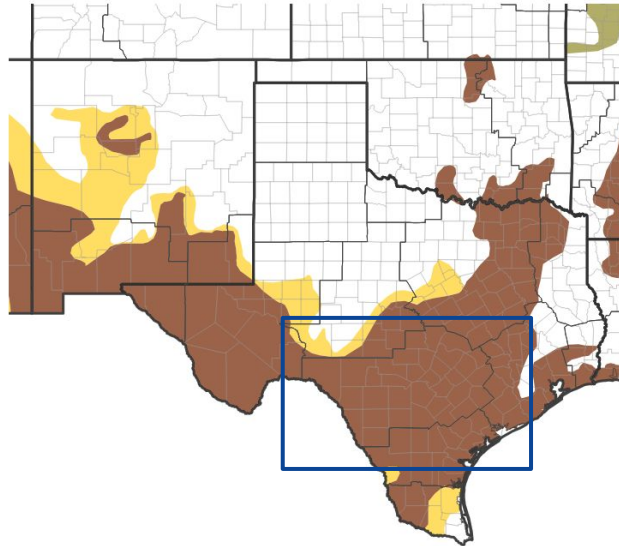


# Drought Outlook

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- The monthly drought outlook for January shows drought persisting for the entire service area.
- The three month outlook shows drought persisting through March for the entire service area.

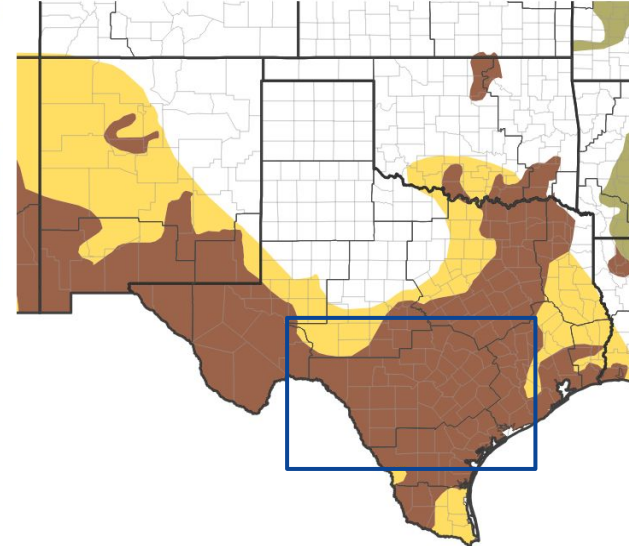
1-Month Drought Outlook for January 1, 2025–January 31, 2025



Source(s): Climate Prediction Center; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for December 31, 2024–March 31, 2025



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Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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