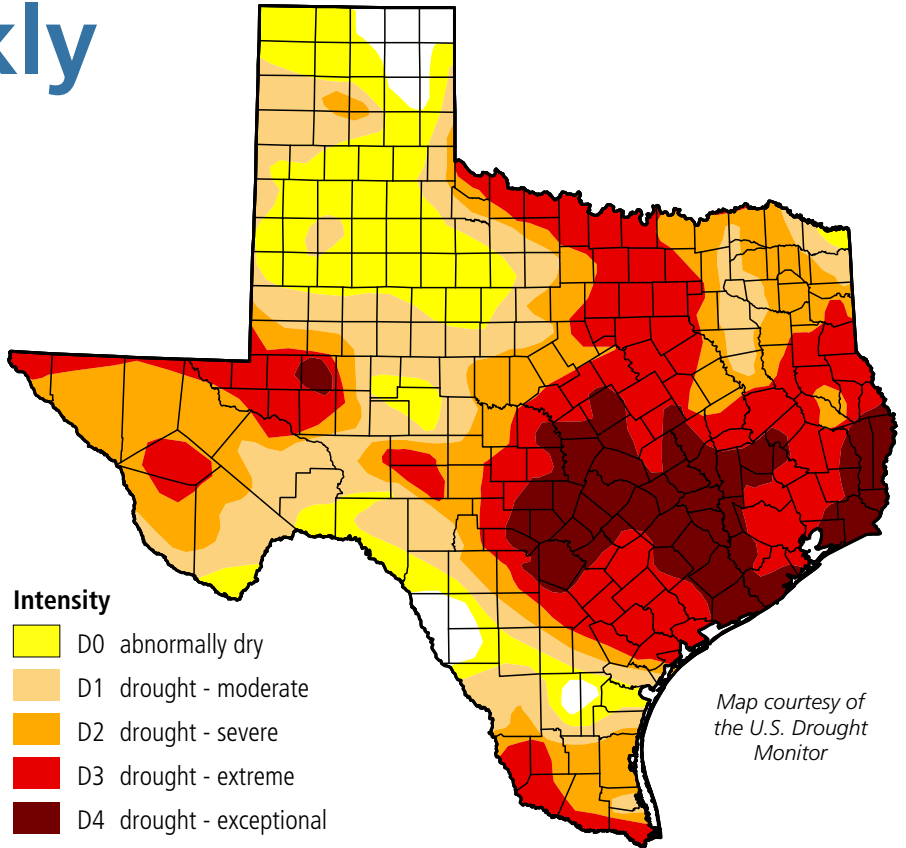


# Water Weekly

For the week of 10/02/23

## Water conditions

The drought map for conditions as of September 26 shows improvement in areas of East and Central Texas along with degradation in parts of South Texas. The net result was a small decrease in the total area of the state impacted by drought. Expect additional improvements on next week's map.



Map courtesy of the U.S. Drought Monitor

## Drought conditions

- ◆ 81% now
- ◆ 82% a week ago
- ◆ 24% three months ago
- ◆ 61% a year ago

## 2021-2023 drought

The current drought began in fall 2021 and covered 97 percent of the state by July 2022. Drought area contracted to 23 percent of the state in June 2023 before climbing back to 86 percent in September. Drought is expected to decline in coming months but linger into 2024.

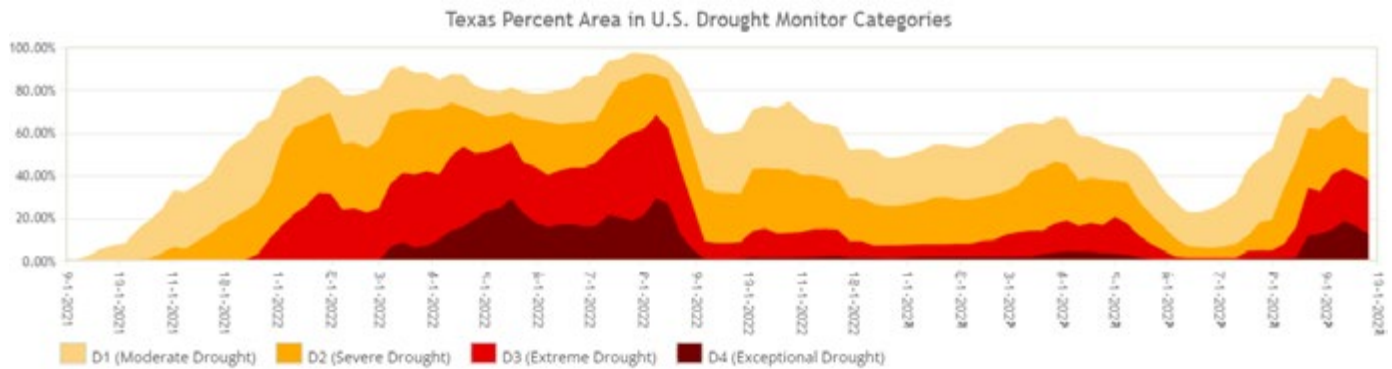


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