

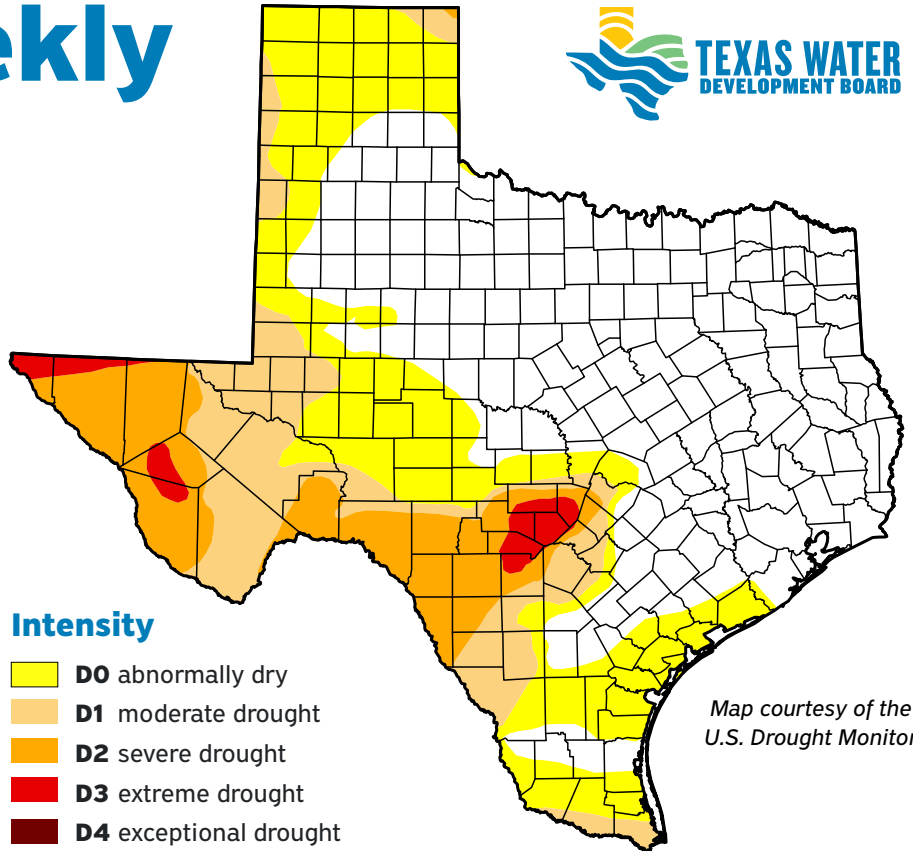
# Water Weekly

For the week of 05/20/24



## Water conditions

The latest drought map for conditions as of May 14 shows a less than one percentage point decrease in drought from the previous week, making it the third consecutive week that drought has declined. Drought has continued to contract slowly in Central Texas but expand in South Texas.



Map courtesy of the U.S. Drought Monitor

## Drought conditions

**26%** now

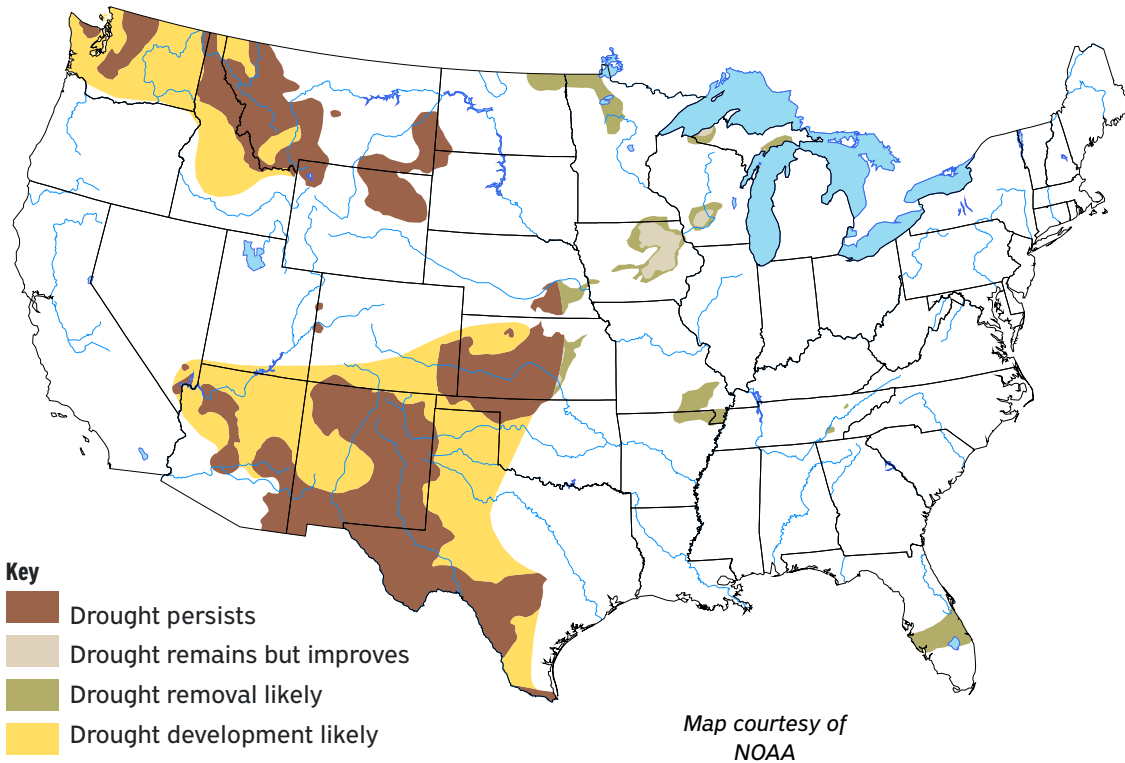
**26%** a week ago

**21%** three months ago

**49%** a year ago

## Intensity

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



- Key**
- Drought persists
  - Drought remains but improves
  - Drought removal likely
  - Drought development likely

Map courtesy of NOAA

## U.S. seasonal drought outlook

Recent rains have fallen primarily in parts of north central and East Texas that are already out of drought. The latest seasonal drought outlook from the National Weather Service expects that trend to continue, leading to drought expansion across the western half of the state through the end of August.

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