

Water Weekly

For the week of 05/15/17

Water conditions

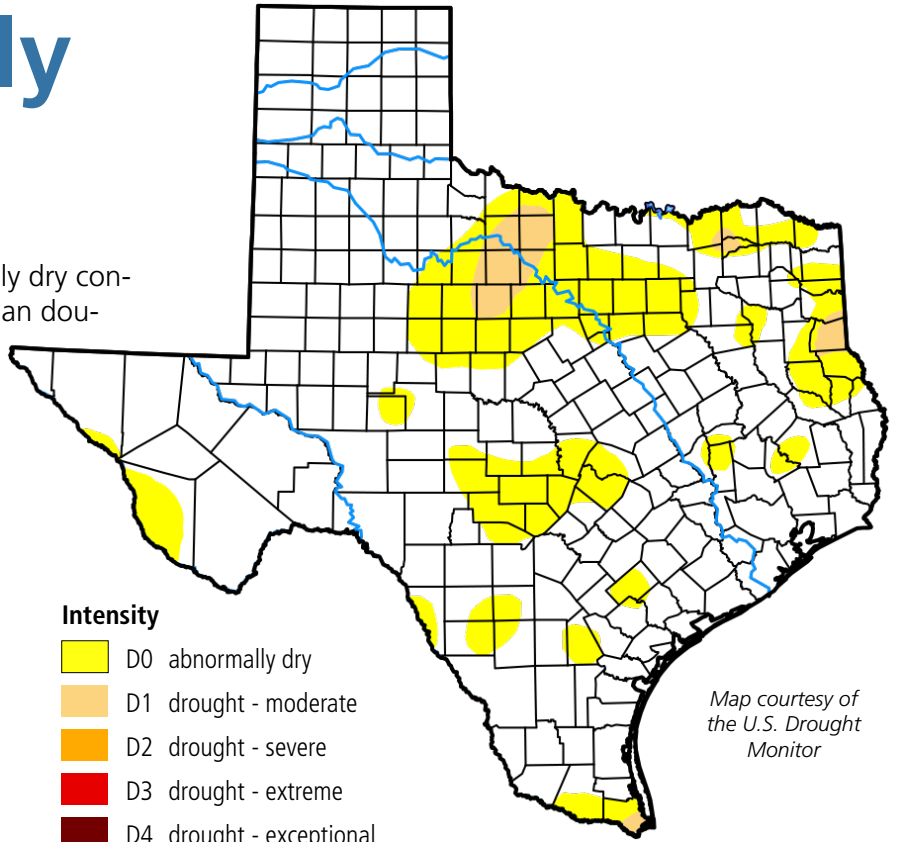
Due to a relatively dry start to May, abnormally dry conditions have blossomed across Texas, more than doubling since last week to cover about a fifth of the state. This map doesn't consider rainfall over the past week, so perhaps east and northeast Texas are better now than the map shows.

Drought conditions

- ◆ 2% now
- ◆ 1% a week ago
- ◆ 3% three months ago
- ◆ 0.7% a year ago

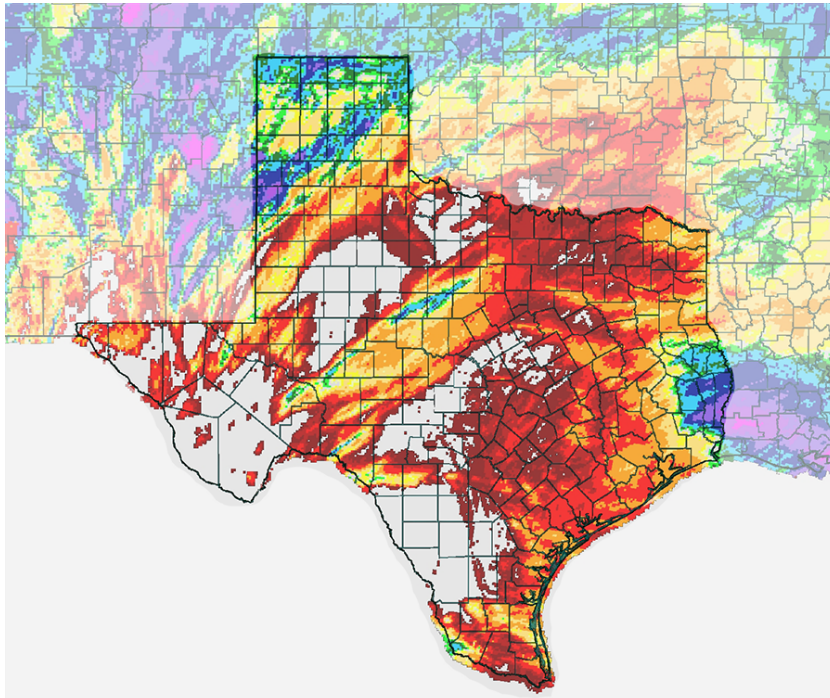
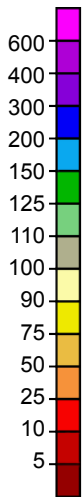
Intensity

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



Map courtesy of the U.S. Drought Monitor

Percent of normal



Map courtesy of NOAA

Month to date precipitation

Much of the state has received less than half of normal amounts of rain so far this month with large areas with no rainfall at all. May is usually one of our wettest months.

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