

Water Weekly

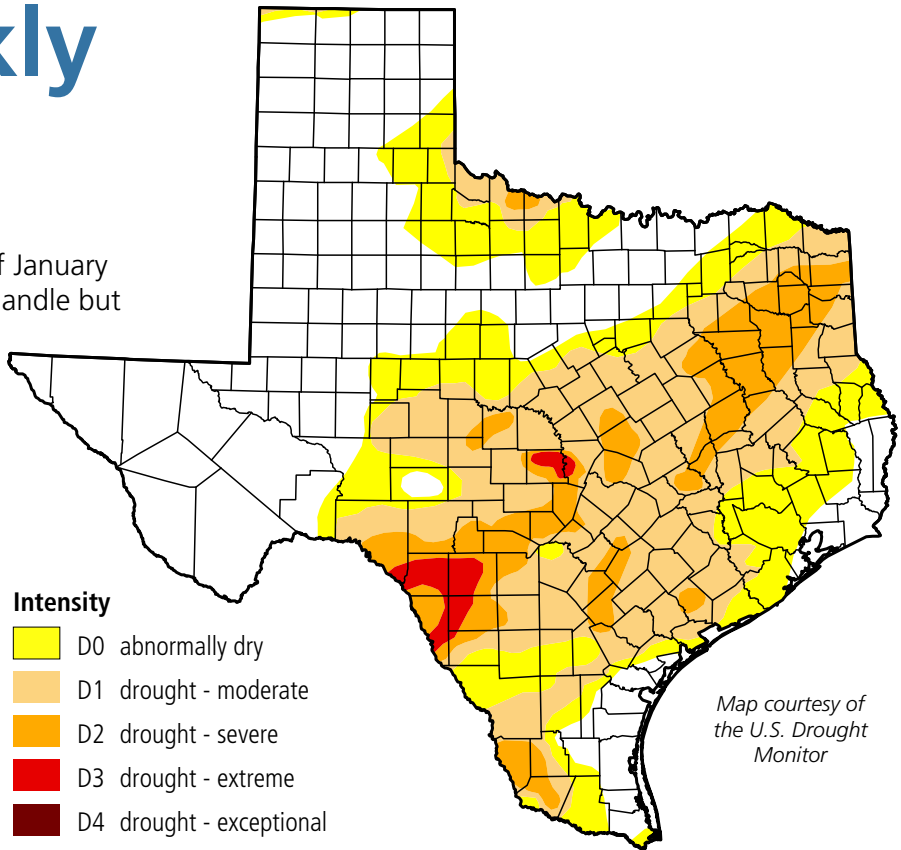
For the week of 01/13/20

Water conditions

The latest drought map for conditions as of January 7 shows modest improvements in the Panhandle but worsened conditions from south central to northeast Texas. Thanks to forecasted rainfall totals, the northeast corner of the state is expected to show improvement on next week's map.

Drought conditions

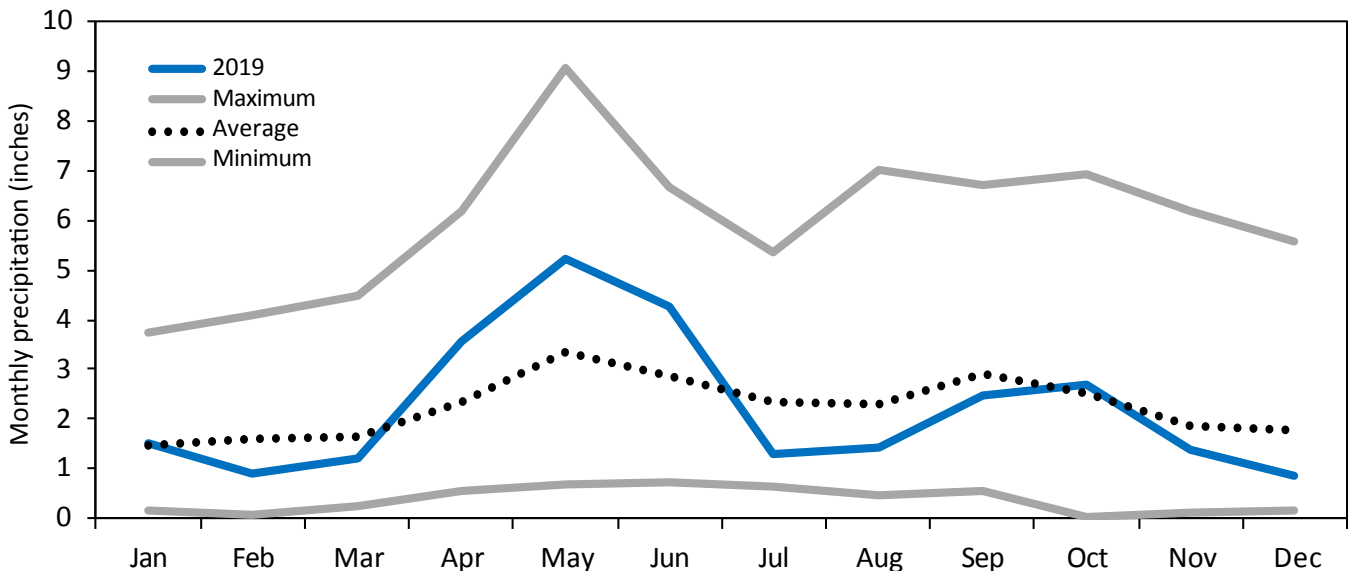
- ◆ 38% now
- ◆ 36% a week ago
- ◆ 49% three months ago
- ◆ 2% a year ago



Statewide precipitation

Data courtesy of NOAA

What a difference a half year makes! The first half of 2019 (January through June) was the 21st wettest in 125 years of data, nearly eliminating drought from the state. Unfortunately, the second half of the year (July through December) was the 18th driest, triggering drought expansion.



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