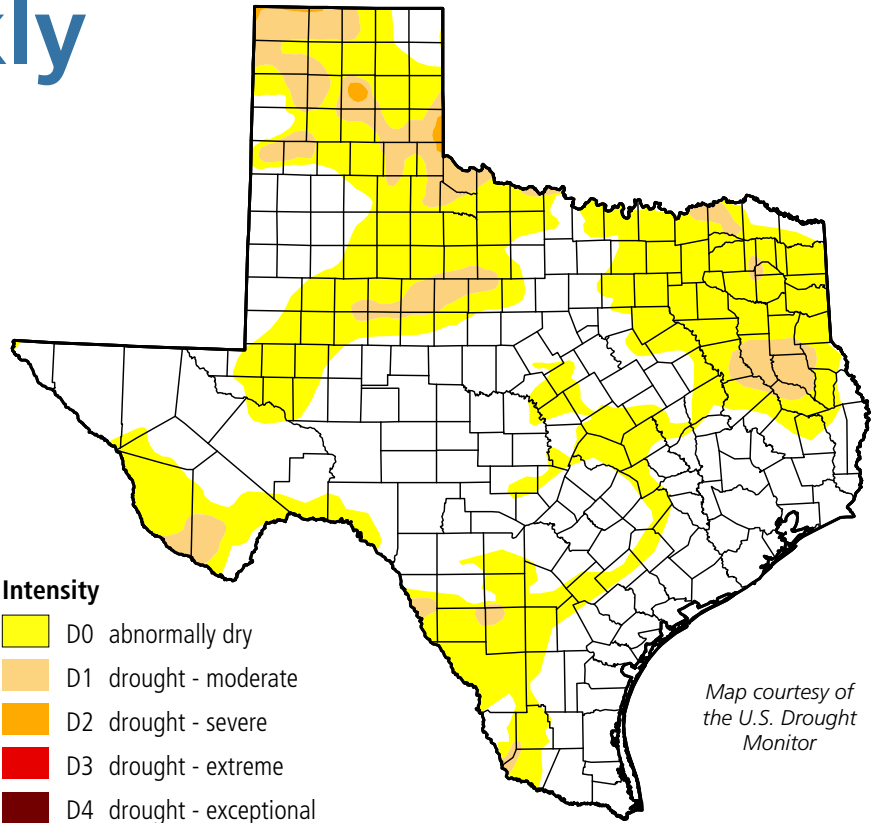


# Water Weekly

For the week of 10/11/21

## Water conditions

The most recent drought map for conditions as of October 5 shows modest expansion of drought. The rain that fell in late September and early October missed most of the areas already impacted by drought but did help to slow the expansion of drought into new areas.



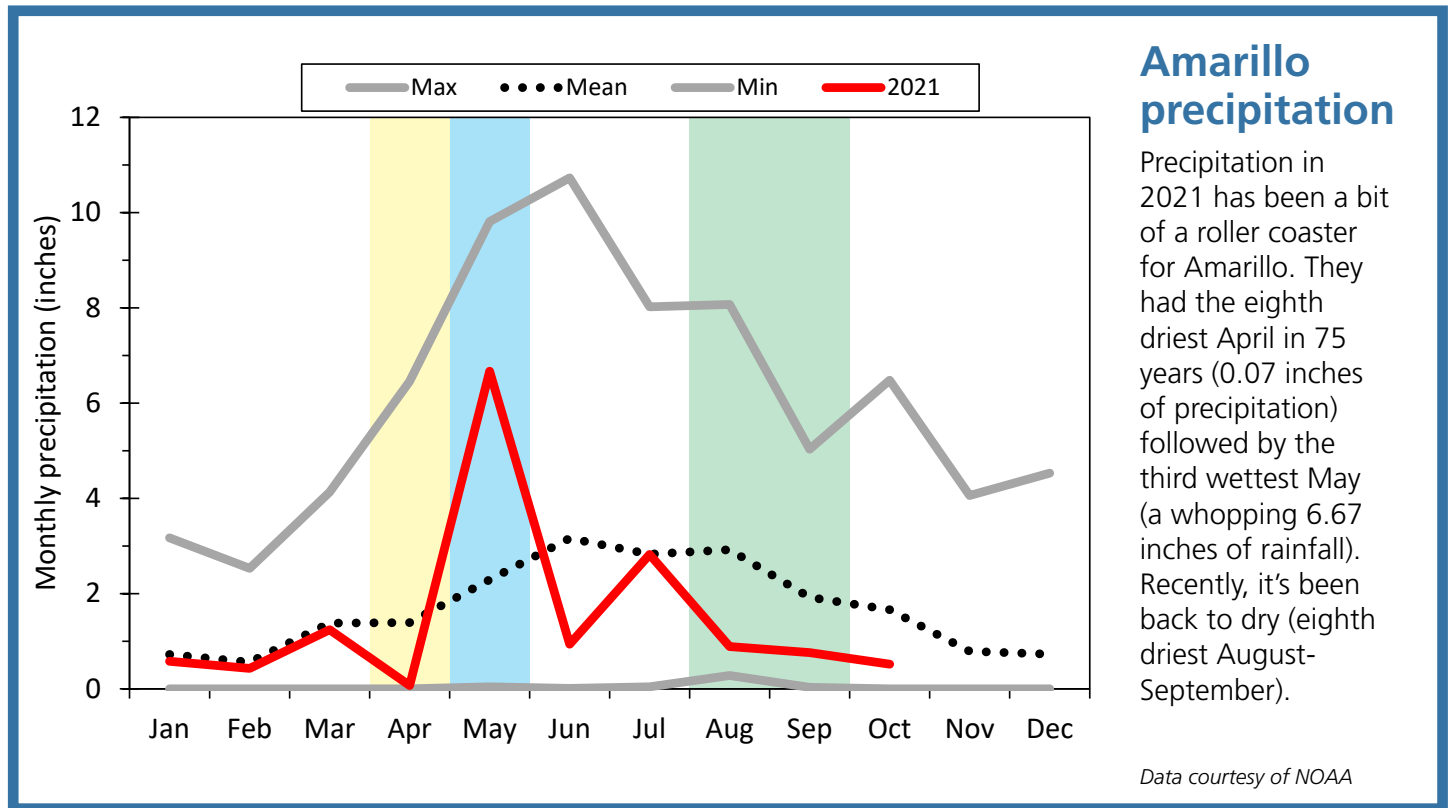
Map courtesy of the U.S. Drought Monitor

## Drought conditions

- ◆ 8% now
- ◆ 7% a week ago
- ◆ 6% three months ago
- ◆ 33% a year ago

### Intensity

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



## Amarillo precipitation

Precipitation in 2021 has been a bit of a roller coaster for Amarillo. They had the eighth driest April in 75 years (0.07 inches of precipitation) followed by the third wettest May (a whopping 6.67 inches of rainfall). Recently, it's been back to dry (eighth driest August-September).

Data courtesy of NOAA

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