

Water Weekly

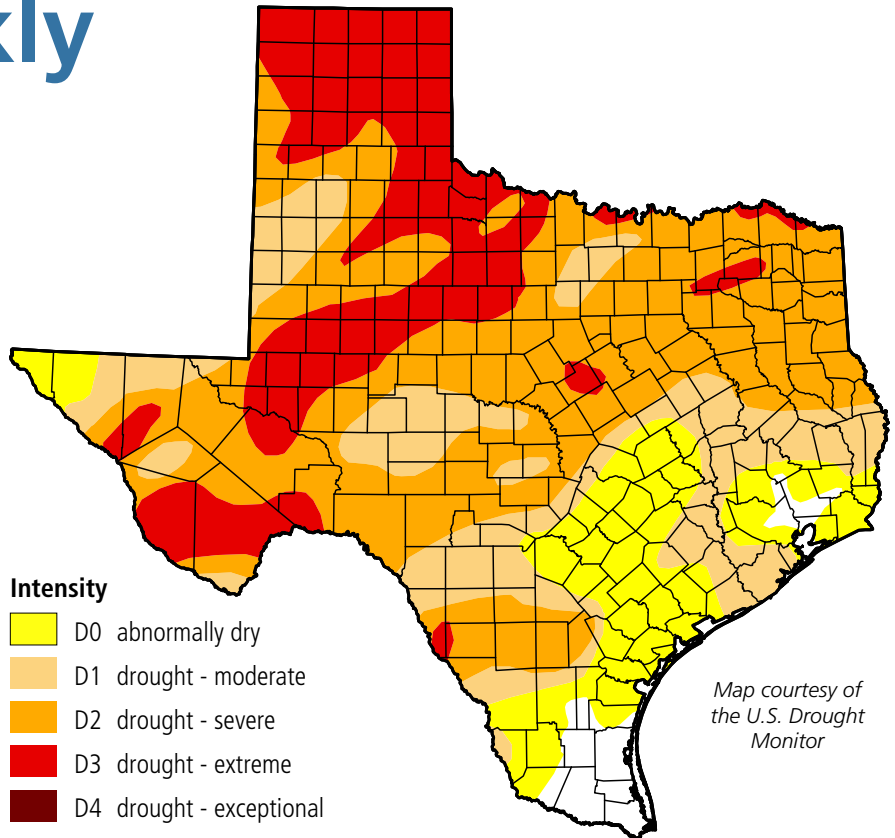
For the week of 01/17/22

Water conditions

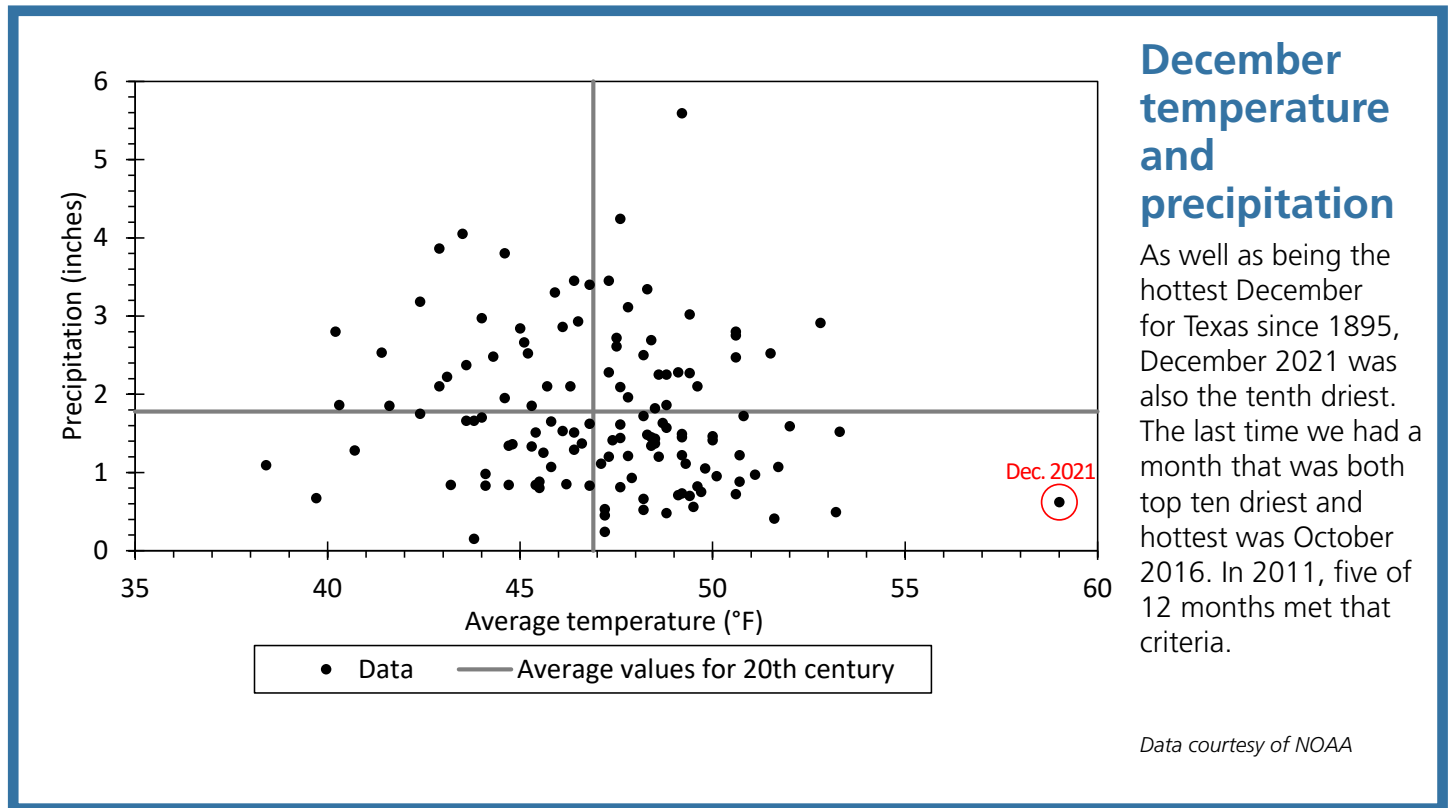
The latest drought map for conditions as of January 11 shows an increase in the area of the state impacted by drought, the ninth consecutive week that drought has increased. Moderate or worse drought now covers the largest area of the state since late November 2020.

Drought conditions

- ◆ 82% now
- ◆ 80% a week ago
- ◆ 15% three months ago
- ◆ 48% a year ago



Map courtesy of the U.S. Drought Monitor



December temperature and precipitation

As well as being the hottest December for Texas since 1895, December 2021 was also the tenth driest. The last time we had a month that was both top ten driest and hottest was October 2016. In 2011, five of 12 months met that criteria.

Data courtesy of NOAA

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