NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE SANDY LAND UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors for the Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District will meet in **REGULAR SESSION** on **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14 2026** at **9:00 A.M.** in the District office of the Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District, located at 1012 Avenue F, Plains, Texas. At such time, the Board of Directors will discuss and may take action on any items on this agenda it may determine would be appropriate, to-wit:

REGULAR MEETING

I. **CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM.**
II. **PUBLIC COMMENT.**
III. **CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2026 REGULAR MEETING.**
IV. **REVIEW AND APPROVE SEPTEMBER 2026 INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORTS.**
V. **REVIEW 3RD QUARTER BUDGET ANALYSIS.**
VI. **REVIEW AND ADOPT AI CODE OF ETHICS AS REQUIRED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE § 2054.702**
VII. **REVIEW AND ADOPT VARIOUS SLUWCD POLICIES.**
   a. **Administrative Policy**
   b. **Personnel Policy**
   c. **Public Funds Investment Policy**
   d. **AI Acceptable Use Policy**
   e. **Policy on Covered Applications**
   f. **Litigation Policy**
VIII. **ANNUAL REVIEW OF DISTRICT PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND AUTHORIZED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**
IX. **REVIEW AND APPROVE 2026 WATER QUALITY NETWORK SUMMARY REPORT**
X. **APPROVE WELL PERMITS.**
XI. **REVIEW RAINFALL/DROUGHT CONDITIONS.**
   a. **Update on Drought Monitor Data**
XII. **MANAGER'S REPORT.**
   i. **MONTHLY MEETINGS UPDATE**
   ii. **CHRISTMAS PARTY**
   iii. **DISCUSS ESTABLISHING A TELEMETRY GRANT PROGRAM**
   iv. **OTHER ITEMS PERTINENT TO DISTRICT BUSINESS**
   v. **NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 11, 2026**
XIII. **HYDROLOGISTS' REPORT.**
XIV. **EDUCATION COORDINATOR'S REPORT.**
XV. **PUBLIC COMMENT.**
XVI. **ADJOURN.**

This Public Meeting is available to all persons regardless of disability. If you require special assistance to attend this meeting, please contact the Sandy Land UWCD at 806/456-2155 at least 24 hours in advance of the hearing.

At any time during the meeting and in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated, the Sandy Land UWCD Board of Directors may meet in executive session on any of the above agenda items for consultation concerning attorney-client matters (551:071); deliberation regarding real property (551:072); deliberation regarding prospective gift (551:073); personnel matters (551:074); and deliberations regarding security devices (551:076). Any subject discussed in executive session may be subject to action during the open meeting.

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above NOTICE OF MEETING of the Board of Directors of the Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District, is a true and correct copy of said Notice; and that I posted a true and correct copy of said Notice on the front entrance of the Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District office, located at 1012 Avenue F, Plains, Texas and said Notice was posted on October 8, 2026, and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours immediately preceding the day of said Meeting; a true and correct copy of said Notice was furnished to the Yoakum County Clerk, in which the above named political subdivision is located.

Dated this the 8th day of October 2026
Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District.

By: Gale McDonnell

I, the undersigned County Clerk, do hereby certify that the Notice of Meeting of the Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District, is a true and correct copy of said Notice received by me on the 8th day of October 2026, and that I posted a true and correct copy of said Notice on the bulletin board in the Yoakum County Courthouse, on the 8th day of October 2026, and said Notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours immediately preceding the day of said Meeting.

Dated this the 8th day of October 2026
Summer Lovelace
Yoakum County Clerk

By Samantha Whitfield

FILED 10/8 20 26 AT 9 O'CLOCK A.M.
SUMMER LOVELACE, COUNTY CLERK, YOAKUM COUNTY, TX
BY Samantha Whitfield DEPUTY

COUNTY COURT OF YOAKUM COUNTY, TEXAS

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Well Permits

#26-51	**HEINRICH PETERS**	**SECTION 518, BLOCK D, JHG**
#26-52	**HEINRICH PETERS**	**SECTION 518, BLOCK D, JHG**
#26-56	**DAVID NEUFELD**	**SECTION 99, BLOCK D, JHG**
#26-57	**DAVID NEUFELD**	**SECTION 102, BLOCK D, JHG**
#26-58	**DAVID NEUFELD**	**SECTION 102, BLOCK D, JHG**
#26-60	**OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM**	**SECTION 824, BLOCK D, JHG**

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Dated this the 2ND day of October, 2026
Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District.

By: _____

I, the undersigned County Clerk, do hereby certify that the Notice of Meeting of the Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District, is a true and correct copy of said Notice received by me on the 2nd day of October 2026 and that I posted a true and correct copy of said Notice on the bulletin board in the Yoakum County Courthouse, on the 2nd day of October, 2026, and said Notice remained so posted continuously for at least **10 DAYS** immediately preceding the day of said Meeting.

Dated this the 2nd day of October 2026
Summer Lovelace
Yoakum County Clerk

By: Valerie Valles

FILED 10-2 20 26 AT 1:38 O'CLOCK P.M.
SUMMER LOVELACE, COUNTY CLERK, YOAKUM COUNTY, TX
BY Valerie Valles DEPUTY

OCTOBER 2026 DROUGHT & RAINFALL REPORT FOR BOARD

SEPTEMBER 2026 DATA

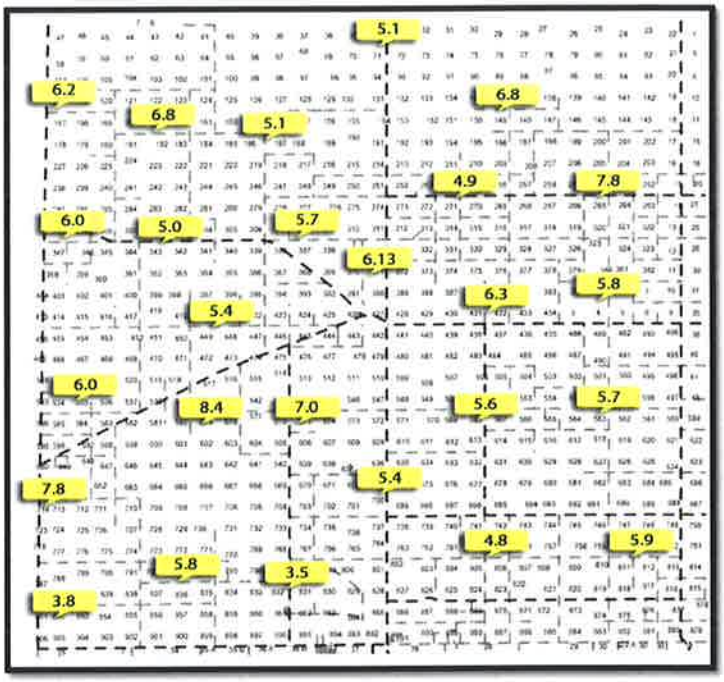
PLAINS MESONET READING : 6.13

DISTRICT AVERAGE: 5.87

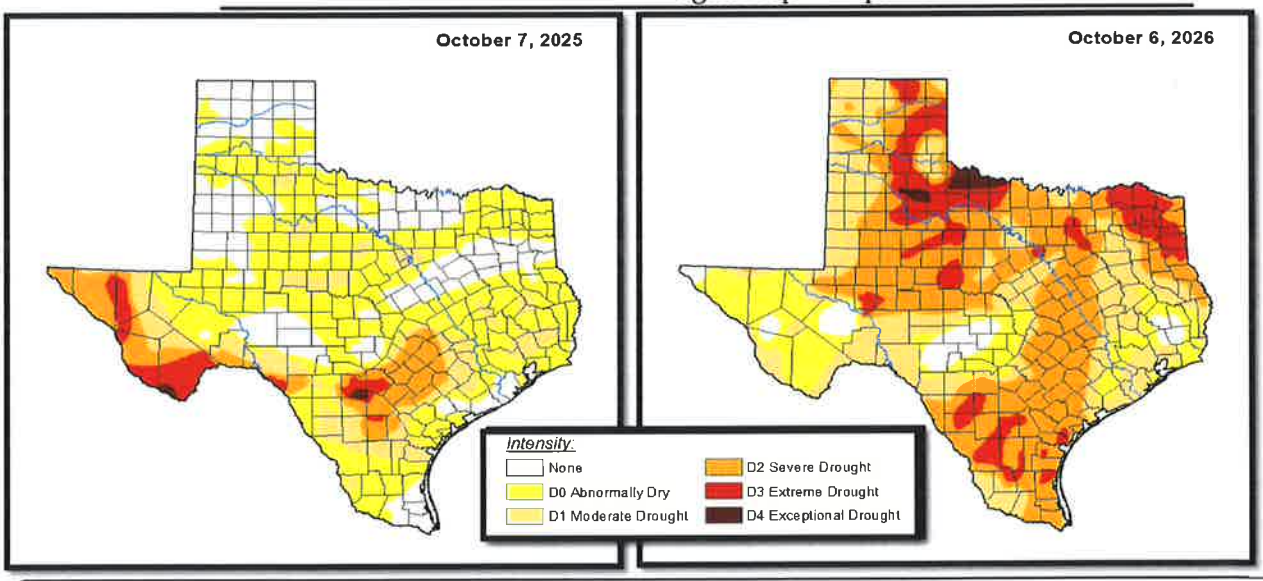
MONTHLY MESONET HISTORICAL AVG (02-26): 2.37

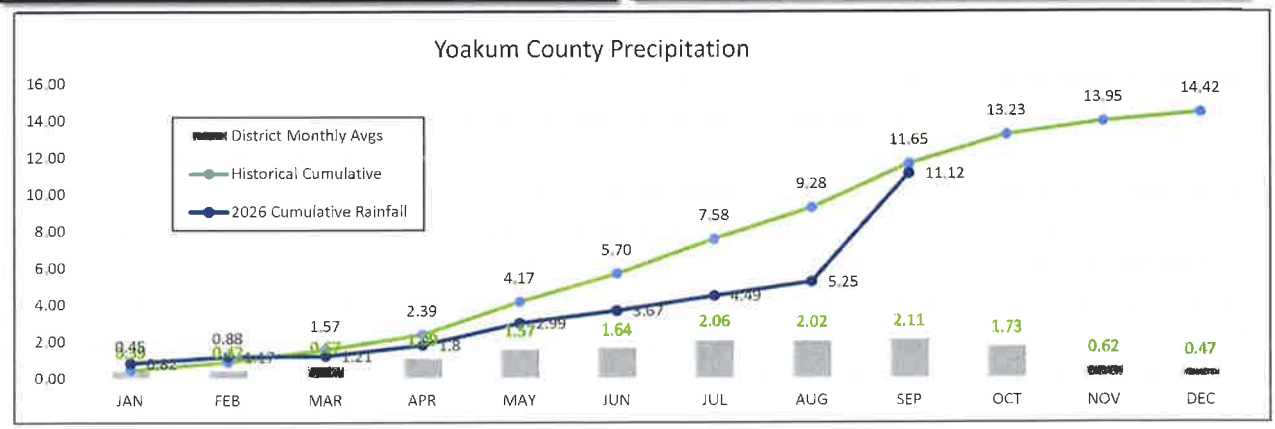
MONTHLY DISTRICT HISTORICAL AVG (02-26): 2.11

575	7	255	4.9
579	8.4	308	5.7
535	6	187	5.1
852	3.8	163	6.8
793	5.8	167	6.2
832	3.5	298	6
759	4.8	342	5
753	5.9	34	5.1
563	5.7	148	6.8
568	5.6	371	6.13
432	6.3	420	5.4
1	5.8	673	5.4
265	7.8	714	7.8



2025 vs 2026 Drought Map Comparison





October 2026 Weather Update

An El Niño Advisory remains in effect and the Climate Prediction Center (CPC) stated El Niño continues to strengthen, with a strong-to-very strong El Niño likely January-March 2027 (remaining greater than an 83% chance). The current Niño regions (Figure 2) weekly departure from normal are 0.1°C at Niño 4, 2.3° C at Niño 3.4. 3.3°C at Niño 3, and 4.5°C at Niño 1+2. The seasonal average Niño 3.4 SST anomaly is forecasted to peak in December at approximately 3.7°C. This would be the highest observation since recording began and surpass the previous record of 2.6°C in November 2015-January 2016. North America has already begun to see affects of El Niño with a decrease in Atlantic Basin hurricanes and an increase of Pacific Basin hurricanes. Our pattern has also shifted with the break down of the southwestern high pressure that plagued the majority of the summer keeping us warm and dry.

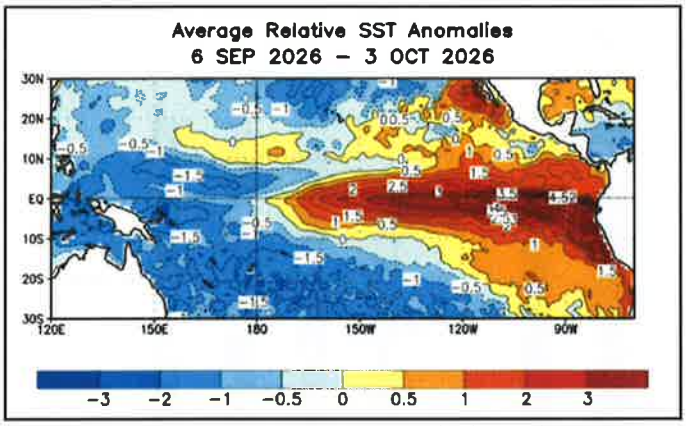


Figure 1: Average relative sea surface temperature (SST) anomalies across Pacific Ocean from 09/06/26—10/03/26.

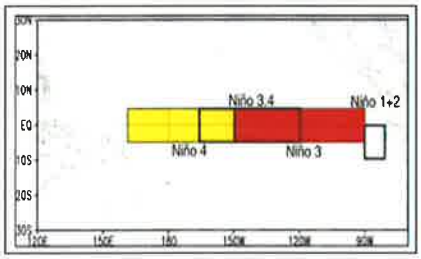


Figure 2: Niño regions.

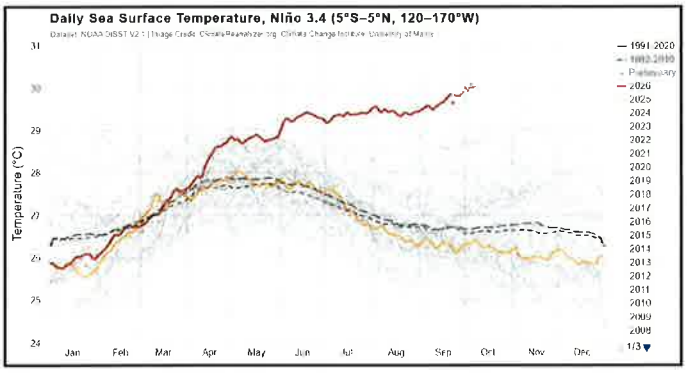


Figure 3: Daily SST at Niño 3.4 for years 1981-2026. Gray lines represent data from 1981-2024. Red represents 2026 and orange 2025.

September rains did bring some minor relief to west Texas and the Panhandle; however, the U.S. Drought Montior still has the majority of Texas in a severe to exceptional drought. Yoakum County saw a decrease from severe to moderate drought which is also true for the majority of the surrounding counties. (Full October 6, 2026 U.S. Drought Monitor map on the back.)

Temperatures in September continued to be significantly warmer than normal. All sites reported above the normal average which ranged from 6.9°F warmer at Denver City to 9.4°F warmer at Plains NWS. (Figure 4) A new high record temperature was set on September 12 at Midland, Lubbock and Amarillo. Lubbock had a high of 102°F which broke the old record of 100°F from 1930. The NOAA seasonal temperature outlook is beginning to show the trend of El Niño with warmer temperatures forecasted across the northern portion of the U.S. (Figure 5)

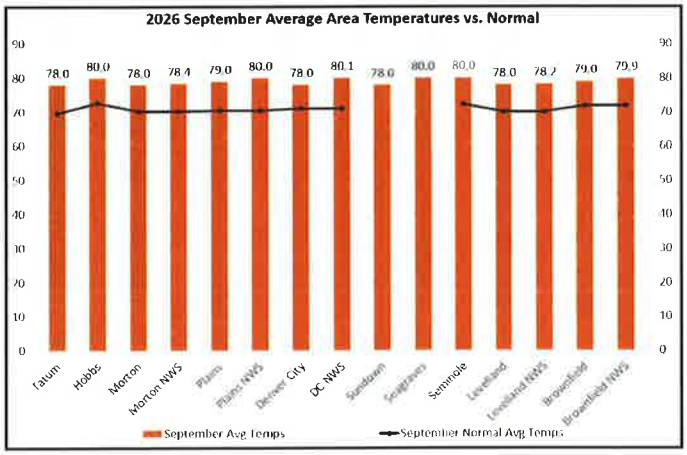


Figure 4: 2026 September average area temperatures compared to the normal.

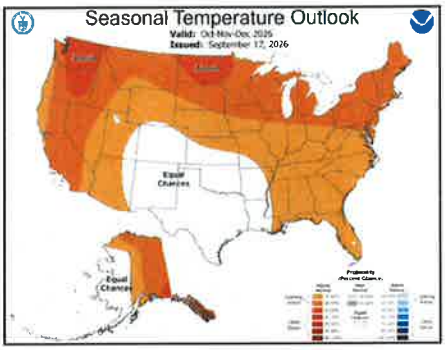


Figure 5: NOAA seasonal temperature outlook.

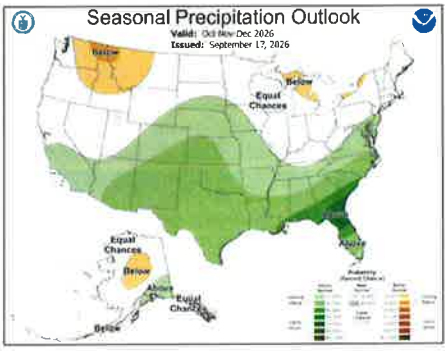
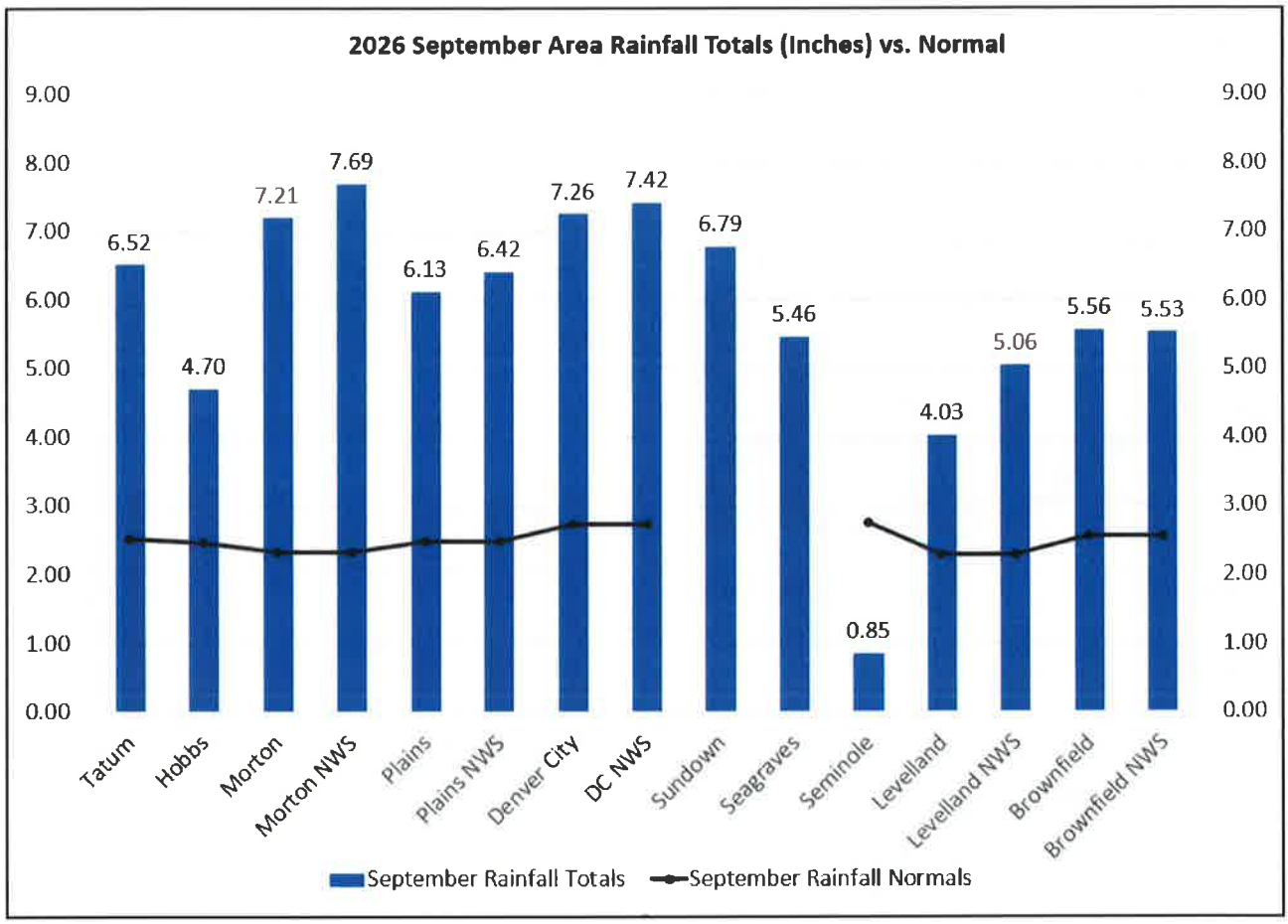


Figure 6: NOAA seasonal precipitation outlook.

Precipitation was above normal at all the sites in September with the exception of Seminole. Rainfall received ranged from 7.69 inches at Morton NWS to 0.85 inches at Seminole. (Full chart is on the back.) Similar to the seasonal temperature outlook the seasonal precipitation outlook is showing the trend of El Niño with above average precipitation forecasted across the southern tier of the U.S. (Figure 6)


2026 September Area Rainfall Totals (Inches) vs. Normal
9.00
8.00
7.00
6.00
5.00
4.00
3.00
2.00
1.00
0.00
6.52
4.70
7.21
7.69
6.13
6.42
7.26
7.42
6.79
5.46
0.85
4.03
5.06
5.56
5.53
Tatum
Hobbs
Morton
Morton NWS
Plains
Plains NWS
Denver City
DC NWS
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Brownfield
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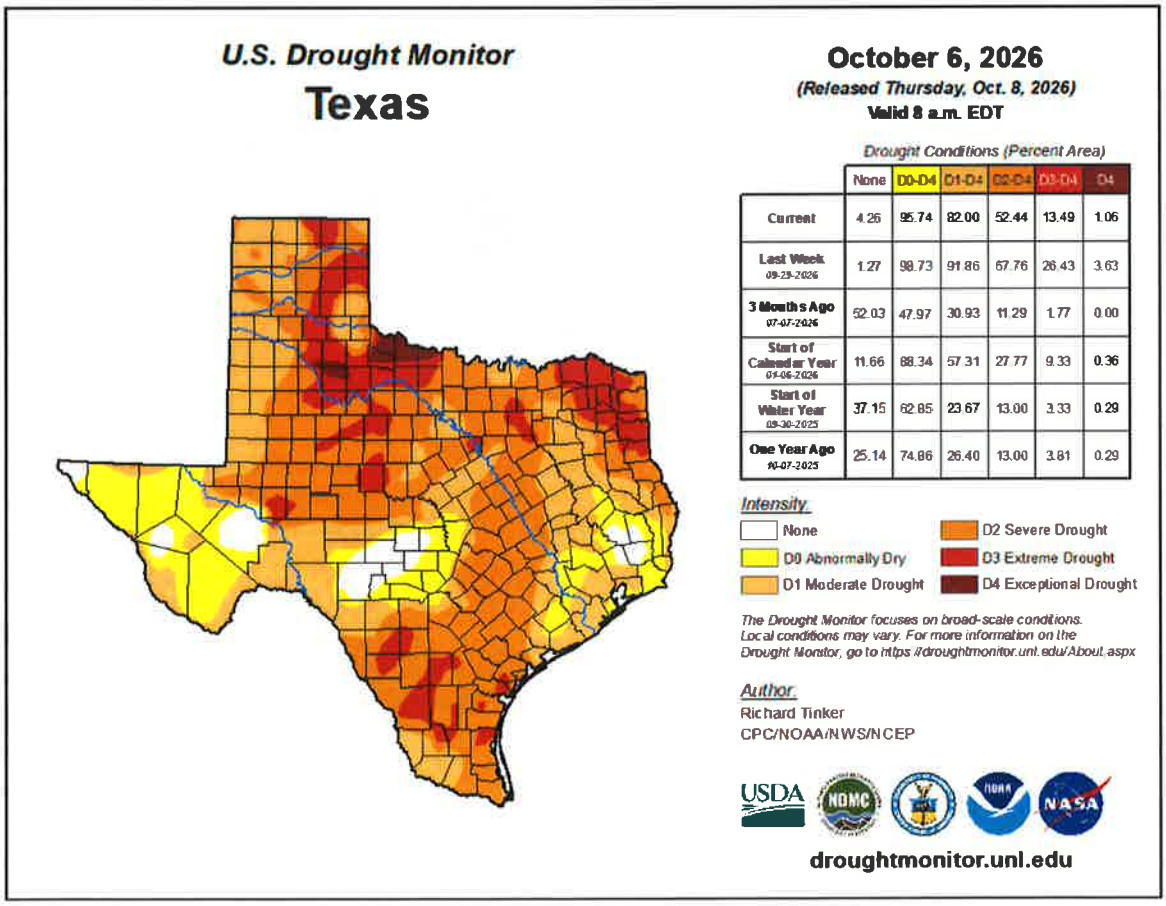
September Rainfall Totals
September Rainfall Normals


U.S. Drought Monitor
Texas
October 6, 2026
(Released Thursday, Oct. 8, 2026)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT
Drought Conditions (Percent Area)
None
D0-D4
D1-D4
D2-D4
D3-D4
D4
Current 4.26 95.74 82.00 52.44 13.49 1.06
Last Week 09-29-2026 1.27 98.73 91.86 57.76 26.43 3.63
3 Months Ago 07-07-2026 52.03 47.97 30.93 11.29 1.77 0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-06-2026 11.66 88.34 57.31 27.77 9.33 0.36
Start of Water Year 09-30-2025 37.15 62.85 23.67 13.00 3.33 0.29
One Year Ago 10-07-2025 25.14 74.86 26.40 13.00 3.81 0.29
Intensity
None
D0 Abnormally Dry
D1 Moderate Drought
D2 Severe Drought
D3 Extreme Drought
D4 Exceptional Drought
The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx
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