

Drought Information Statement for South Central Texas

Valid April 3, 2025

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- This product will be updated May 1, 2025 or sooner if drought conditions change significantly.
 - Please see all currently available products at <https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements>.
 - Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/ewx/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
 - Please visit <https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates/> for regional drought status updates.
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- Near to below normal March rains for most meant drought worsening or remaining the same
 - Wildfire potential to be above normal through April
 - Streamflow and reservoirs remain very low
 - Monthly and Seasonal outlooks advertise drought persistence



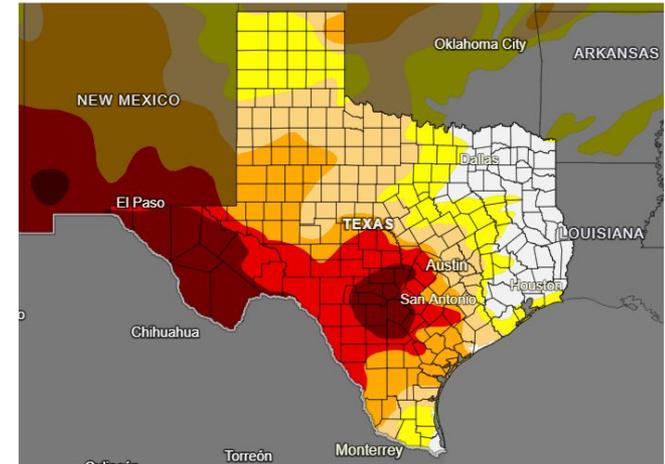


U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for south central Texas

- Drought intensity and Extent
 - **D4 (Exceptional Drought):** Covers portions of the I-35 Corridor, Hill Country, and Southern Edwards Plateau.
 - Percent of Area: 29.58%
 - **D3 (Extreme Drought):** Covers portions of the Southern Edwards Plateau, Rio Grande Plains, I-35 Corridor, Hill Country, and Coastal Plains.
 - Percent of Area: 85.44%
 - **D2 (Severe Drought):** Extends across most of the Coastal Plains and portions of the I-35 Corridor.
 - Percent of Area: 96.63%
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought):** Encompasses portions of the Coastal Plains.
 - Percent of Area: 100%

U.S. Drought Monitor: Texas



Drought & Dryness Categories

Drought & Dryness Categories	% of TX
D0 - Abnormally Dry	17.6%
D1 - Moderate Drought	21.7%
D2 - Severe Drought	17.1%
D3 - Extreme Drought	15.1%
D4 - Exceptional Drought	13.8%
Total Area in Drought (D1-D4)	67.7%

Source(s): NDMC, NOAA, USDA
Data Valid: 04/01/25

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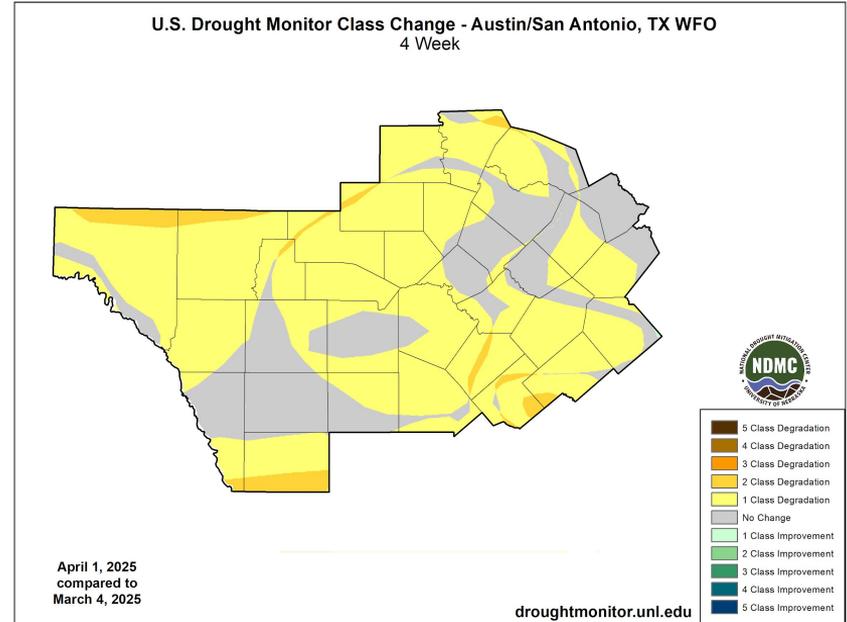




Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for south central Texas

- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - Drought Worsened: Portions of the Hill Country, southern Edwards Plateau, Rio Grande Plains and Coastal Plains.
 - No Change: I-35 Corridor and Rio Grande Plains.
 - Drought Improved: None



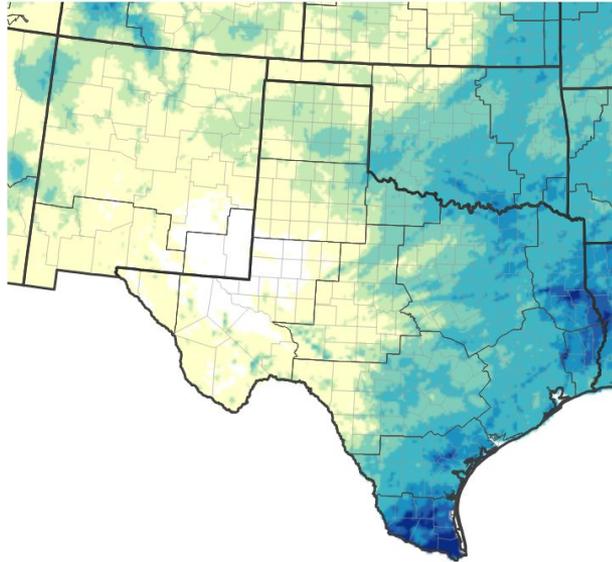


Precipitation

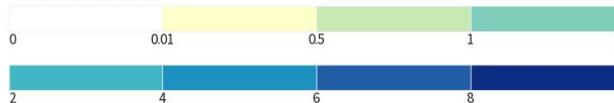
Links to the latest [Precipitation Accumulation](#) and [Percent of Normal](#) over the past 30 days

- Much of the service area saw below normal rainfall over the past 30 days. The main exception would be portions of the I-35 Corridor and Coastal Plains which saw between 100-150% of normal.
- A majority of this rainfall occurred March 26th-27th with widespread heavy rainfall, particularly over our Coastal Prairies.

NWPS 30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (inches)



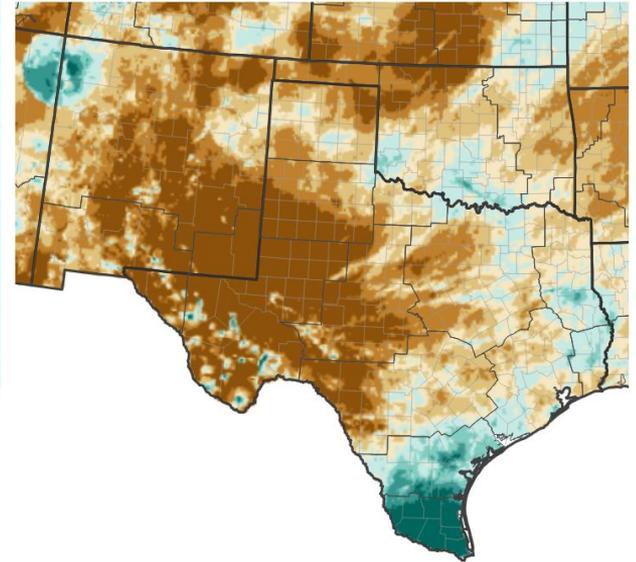
Inches of Precipitation



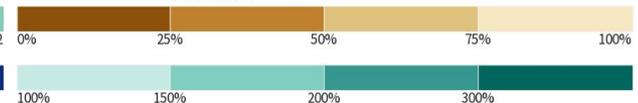
Source(s): National Weather Service National Water Prediction Service; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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30-Day Precipitation: Percent of PRISM Normal



Percent of Normal Precipitation (%)



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Summary of Impacts

Links: See/submit [Condition Monitoring Observer Reports \(CMOR\)](#) and view the [Drought Impacts Reporter](#)

Hydrologic Impacts

- Streamflows across much of the service area remain in the below to much below normal streamflow for early April. The exception to this would be streams that received rainfall from late March rainfall. ([USGS](#))
- Area reservoirs remain extremely low across the service area.
- See next page for more details

Agricultural Impacts

- Please see the latest [Crop & Weather Report](#) from Texas A&M Agrilife
- Soil moistures across the service area are shown in the below to well below normal range as of April 2. ([NWS Climate Prediction Center](#))

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Above normal wildland fire potential is expected for April. ([National Interagency Coordination Center](#))
- See Fire Hazard page for more details

Drought Mitigation Actions

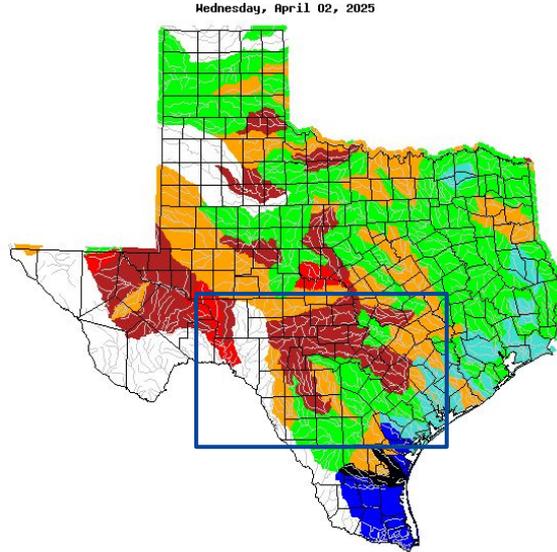
- Please refer to your municipality and/or water provider for mitigation information.
- Select [Municipality Restrictions](#) (as of 4/3/2025)
 - City of Uvalde: Stage 5
 - City of Fredericksburg: Stage 4
 - City of Kerrville: Stage 3
 - City of San Antonio: Stage 3
 - City of Universal City: Stage 3
 - City of Llano: Stage 2
 - City of Georgetown: Stage 2
 - City of New Braunfels: Stage 2
 - City of Austin: Stage 2
 - City of Del Rio: Stage 2





Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Streamflows across much of the service area remain in the below to much below normal streamflow for early April. The exception to this would be streams that received rainfall from late March rains, although, those benefits won't take long to drop off the map.



Explanation - Percentile classes							
Low	<10	10-24	25-75	76-90	>90	High	No Data
	Much below normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal		

Figure Caption: [USGS 7 day streamflows for Texas](#), valid March 5, 2025.

Reservoir	Pool Elevation	Current Elevation	Percent Full
Amistad	1117.00 feet	1050.77 feet	25.8%
Lake Austin	492.9 feet	492.25 feet	96.4%
Lake Buchanan	1020.00 feet	1000.40 feet	55.7%
Canyon Lake	909.00 feet	878.60 feet	47.3%
Georgetown Lake	791.00 feet	780.34 feet	67.3%
Granger Lake	504.00 feet	504.27 feet	100%
Lake LBJ	825.00 feet	824.69 feet	98.2%
Lake Marble Falls	738.00 feet	736.41 feet	95.3%
Medina Lake	1064.2 feet	970.26 feet	2.2%
Lake Travis	681.00 feet	636.28 feet	42.3%

Table caption: [TWDB Reservoir](#) conditions as of April 3, 2025

Additional data:

[Edwards Aquifer, Bexar Index Well J-17](#) as

[of April 3, 2025:](#)

10 day average: 629.6

Historical Monthly Average: 666.2

Departure from Average: -36.6



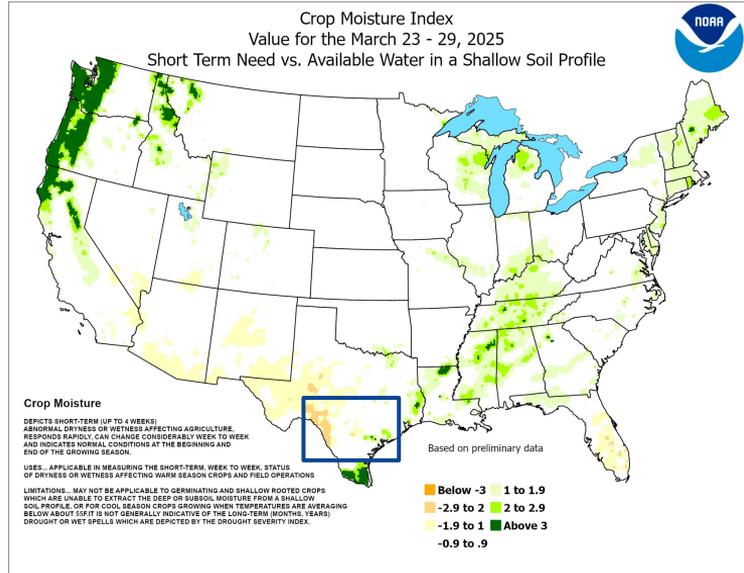
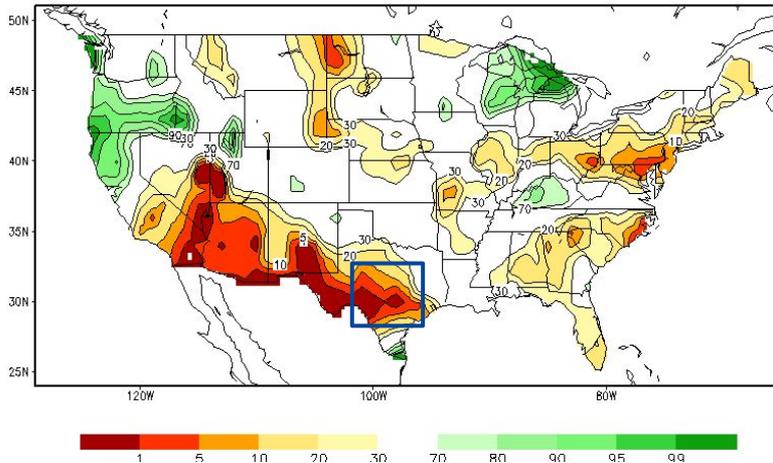


Agricultural Impacts

Links to the latest [Soil Moisture Ranking Percentile](#) and [Crop Moisture Index by Division](#).

- Soil moistures across the service area are shown in the below to well below normal range as of April 2nd.
- Crop moisture index values show normal conditions across most of our service area, but below normal for western areas.

Calculated Soil Moisture Ranking Percentile
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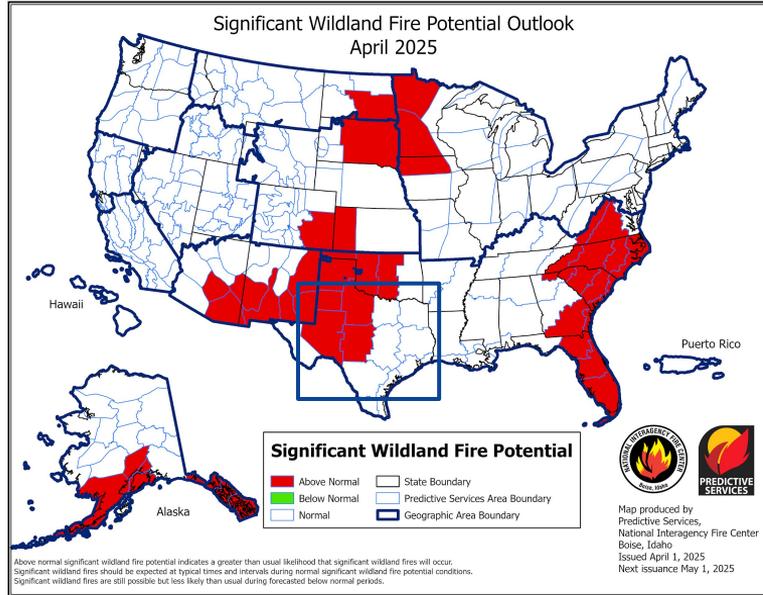




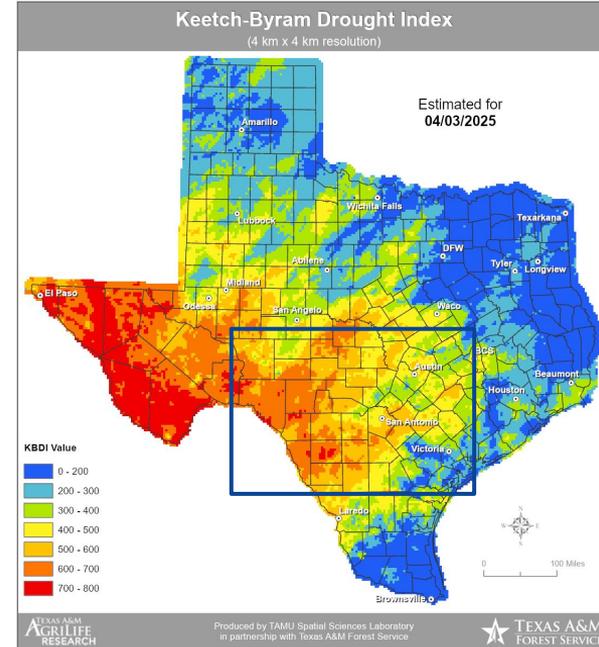
Fire Hazard Impacts

Link to [Wildfire Potential Outlooks from the National Interagency Coordination Center](#).

- [Keetch Byram Drought Index values](#) of less than 400 are primarily in portions of the I-35 Corridor and Coastal Plains that saw beneficial rains last week.
- Values range between 500 and 800 across a majority of the service area.
- Above normal wildland fire potential is expected for April, but should subside somewhat in May.



Burn bans remain for 26 of our 33 counties as of April 3, 2025. Latest County Burn Ban map available [here](#).



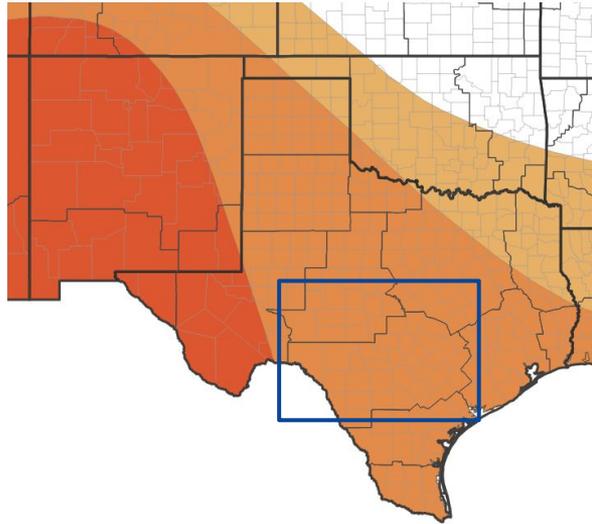


Long-Range Outlooks

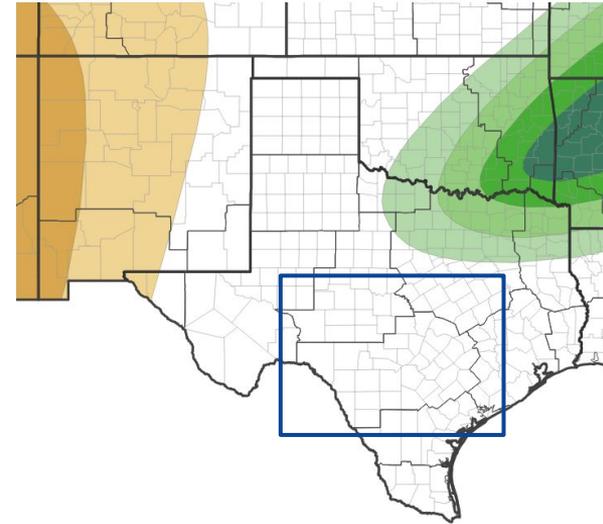
The latest monthly and seasonal outlooks can be found on the [CPC homepage](#)

- The temperature outlook for the month of April leans towards above normal for the entire service area.
- The precipitation outlook leans towards near normal rainfall for all of the service area.
- The seasonal outlook for temperature and precipitation advertises similar trends through the end of June.

Monthly Temperature Outlook for April 1, 2025–April 30, 2025



Monthly Precipitation Outlook for April 1, 2025–April 30, 2025



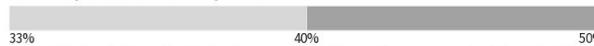
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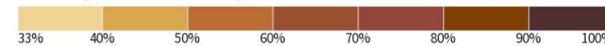
Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



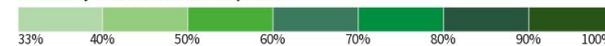
Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



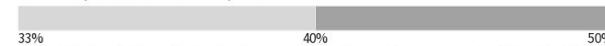
Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



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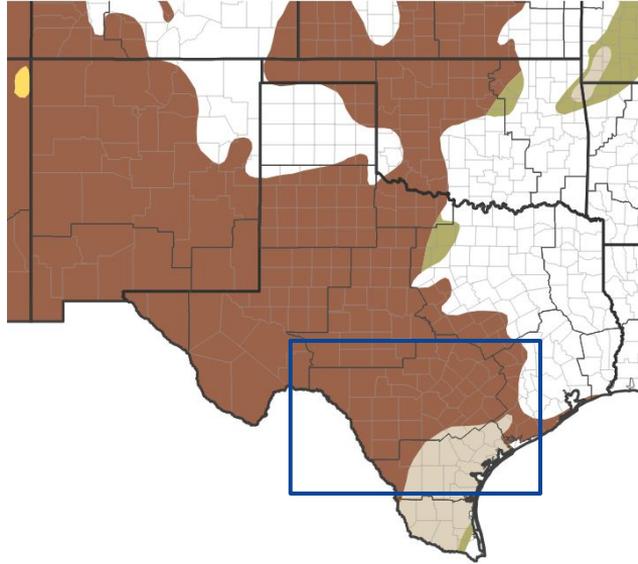


Drought Outlook

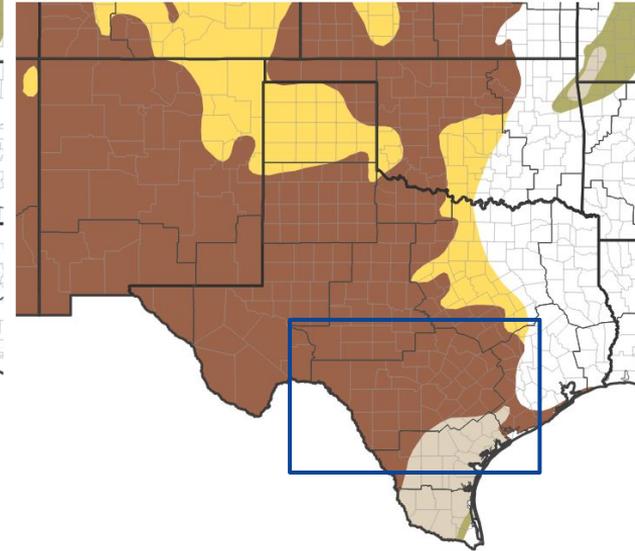
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- The monthly drought outlook for March shows drought persisting for the entire service area.
- The three month drought outlook shows drought persisting through June for the entire service area.

1-Month Drought Outlook for April 1, 2025–April 30, 2025



Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for March 31, 2025–June 30, 2025



Drought Is Predicted To...



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Links to the latest:

- [Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)
- [Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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