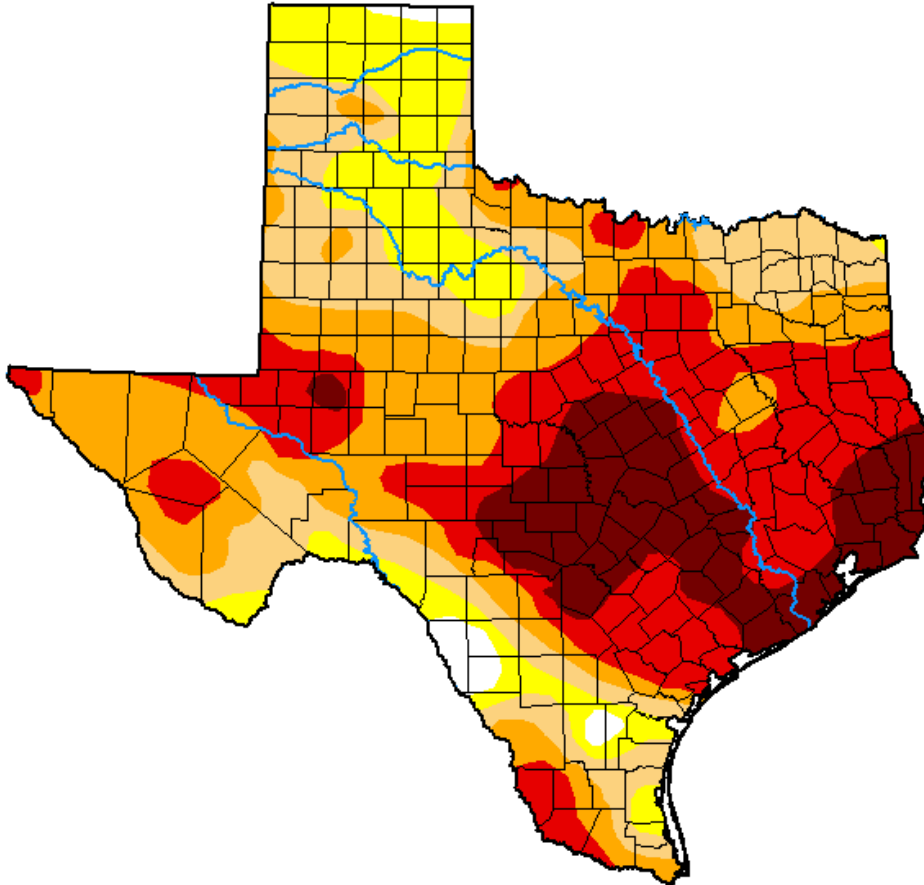


# U.S. Drought Monitor Texas

**September 5, 2023**  
(Released Thursday, Sep. 7, 2023)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	1.61	98.39	85.68	66.45	40.53	14.76
<b>Last Week</b> 08-29-2023	1.55	98.45	75.83	61.41	32.33	12.64
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 06-06-2023	41.15	58.85	27.63	10.45	1.79	0.29
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-03-2023	28.84	71.16	49.90	26.60	7.41	1.60
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-27-2022	14.96	85.04	61.36	31.61	8.82	1.06
<b>One Year Ago</b> 09-06-2022	20.57	79.43	62.32	33.57	9.26	0.90

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>

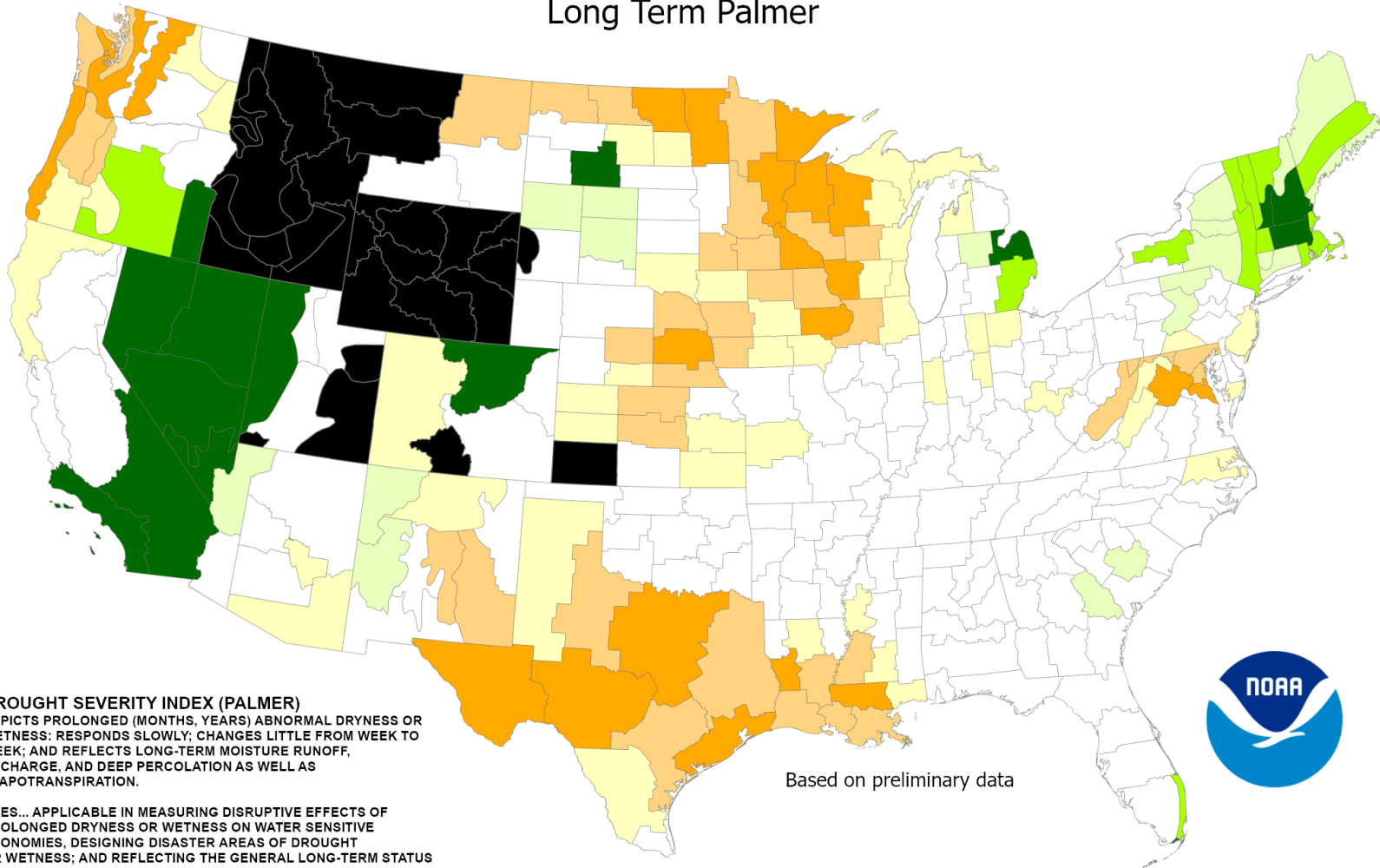
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## Drought Severity Index by Division Weekly Value for Period Ending Sep 02, 2023 Long Term Palmer



**DROUGHT SEVERITY INDEX (PALMER)**  
 DEPICTS PROLONGED (MONTHS, YEARS) ABNORMAL DRYNESS OR WETNESS; RESPONDS SLOWLY; CHANGES LITTLE FROM WEEK TO WEEK; AND REFLECTS LONG-TERM MOISTURE RUNOFF, RECHARGE, AND DEEP PERCOLATION AS WELL AS EVAPOTRANSPIRATION.

USES... APPLICABLE IN MEASURING DISRUPTIVE EFFECTS OF PROLONGED DRYNESS OR WETNESS ON WATER SENSITIVE ECONOMIES, DESIGNING DISASTER AREAS OF DROUGHT OR WETNESS; AND REFLECTING THE GENERAL LONG-TERM STATUS OF WATER SUPPLIES IN AQUIFERS, RESERVOIRS AND STREAMS.

LIMITATIONS... IS NOT GENERALLY INDICATIVE OF SHORT-TERM (FEW WEEKS) STATUS OF DROUGHT OR WETNESS SUCH AS FREQUENTLY AFFECTS CROPS AND FIELD OPERATIONS (THIS IS INDICATED BY THE CROP MOISTURE INDEX).

Based on preliminary data



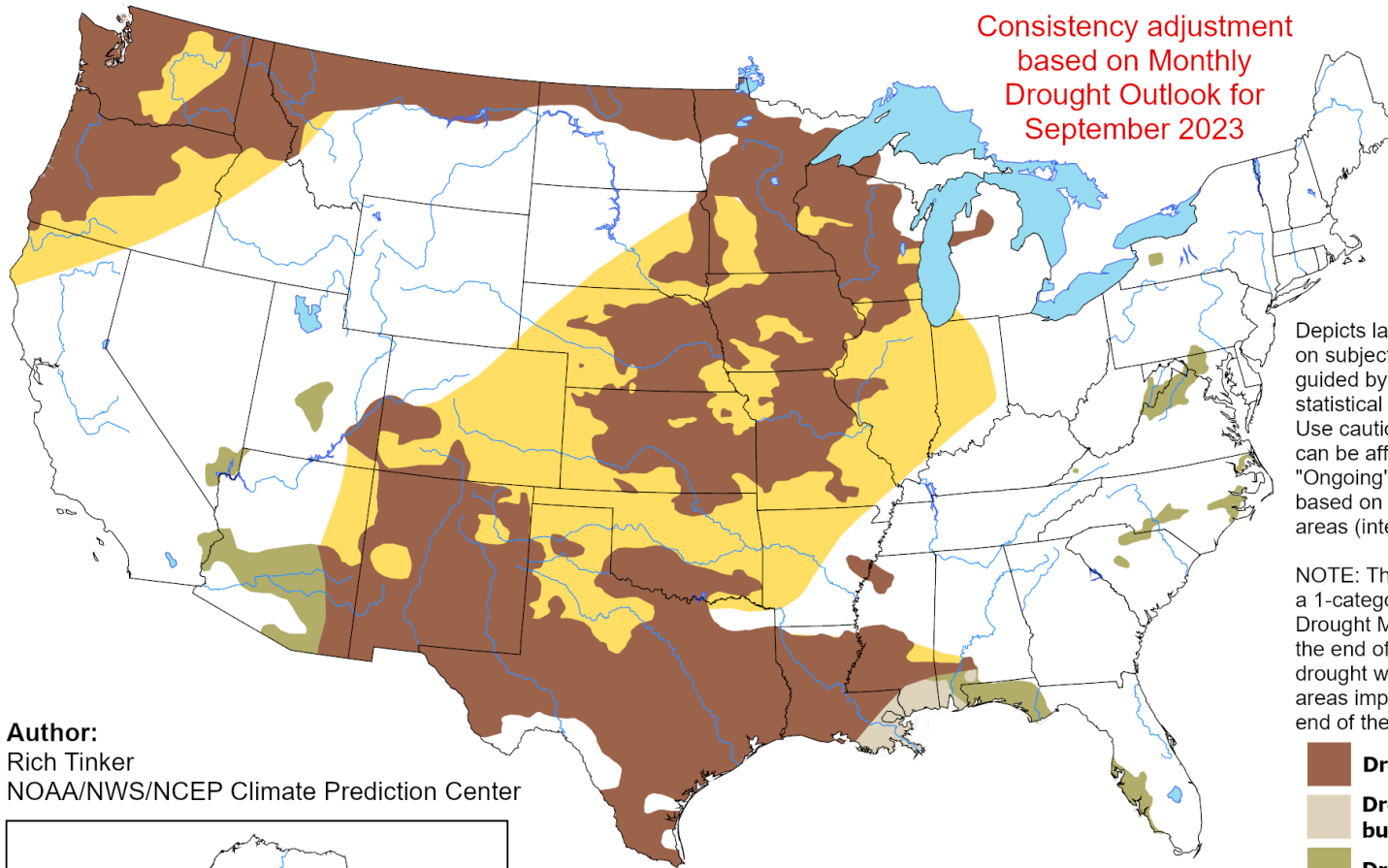
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| <span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 15px; background-color: #800000; border: 1px solid black; margin-right: 5px;"></span> -4.0 or less (Extreme Drought)  | <span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 15px; background-color: #90EE90; border: 1px solid black; margin-right: 5px;"></span> +2.0 to +2.9 (Unusual Moist Spell) |
| <span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 15px; background-color: #FF8C00; border: 1px solid black; margin-right: 5px;"></span> -3.0 to -3.9 (Severe Drought)   | <span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 15px; background-color: #32CD32; border: 1px solid black; margin-right: 5px;"></span> +3.0 to +3.9 (Very Moist Spell)    |
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# U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook

## Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

Valid for September 1 - November 30, 2023  
Released August 31, 2023

Consistency adjustment  
based on Monthly  
Drought Outlook for  
September 2023

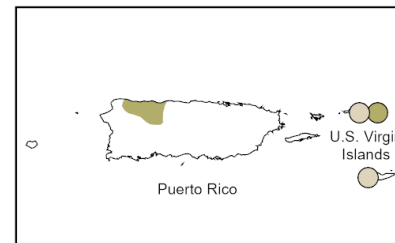
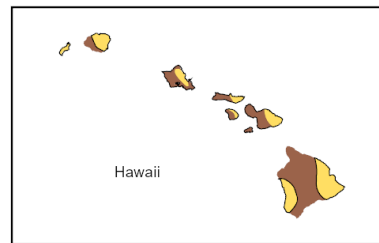


Depicts large-scale trends based on subjectively derived probabilities guided by short- and long-range statistical and dynamical forecasts. Use caution for applications that can be affected by short lived events. "Ongoing" drought areas are based on the U.S. Drought Monitor areas (intensities of D1 to D4).

NOTE: The tan areas imply at least a 1-category improvement in the Drought Monitor intensity levels by the end of the period, although drought will remain. The green areas imply drought removal by the end of the period (D0 or none).

- Drought persists
- Drought remains, but improves
- Drought removal likely
- Drought development likely
- No drought

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