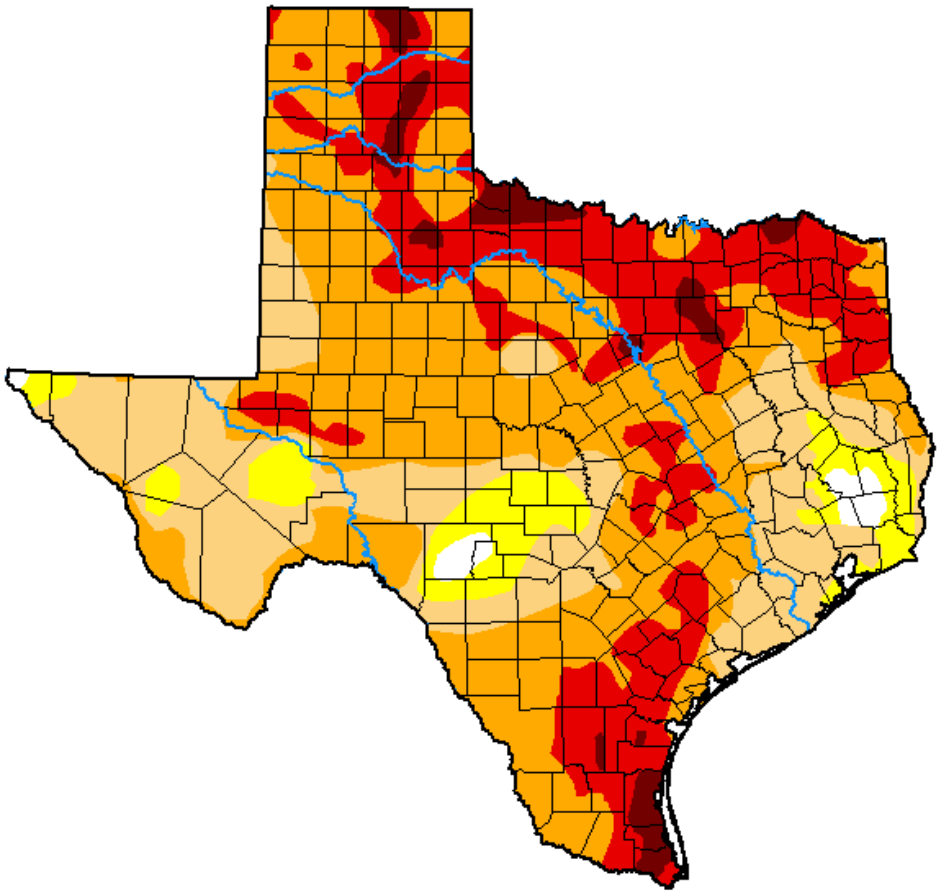
U.S. Drought Monitor

Texas



September 29, 2026

(Released Thursday, Oct. 1, 2026)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	1.27	98.73	91.86	67.76	26.43	3.63
Last Week *09-22-2026*	3.12	96.88	84.20	54.23	19.84	4.25
3 Months Ago *06-30-2026*	53.09	46.91	32.20	12.72	1.96	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 *09-30-2025*	37.15	62.85	23.67	13.00	3.33	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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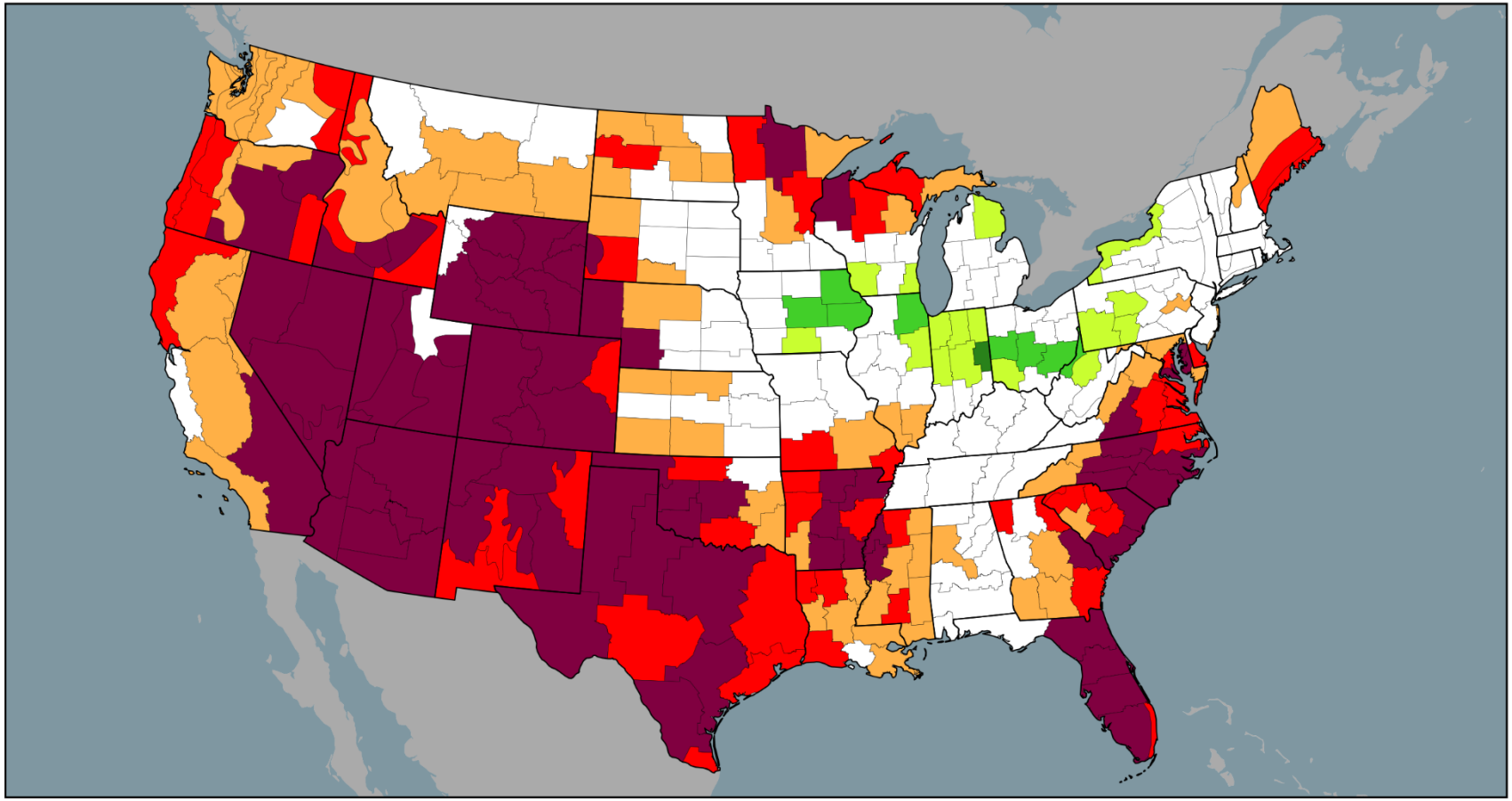
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Palmer Drought Index

Long-Term (Meteorological) Conditions

September 2026: through September 26 2026*

NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information



Extreme Drought | Severe Drought | Moderate Drought | Mid-Range | Moderately Moist | Very Moist | Extremely Moist

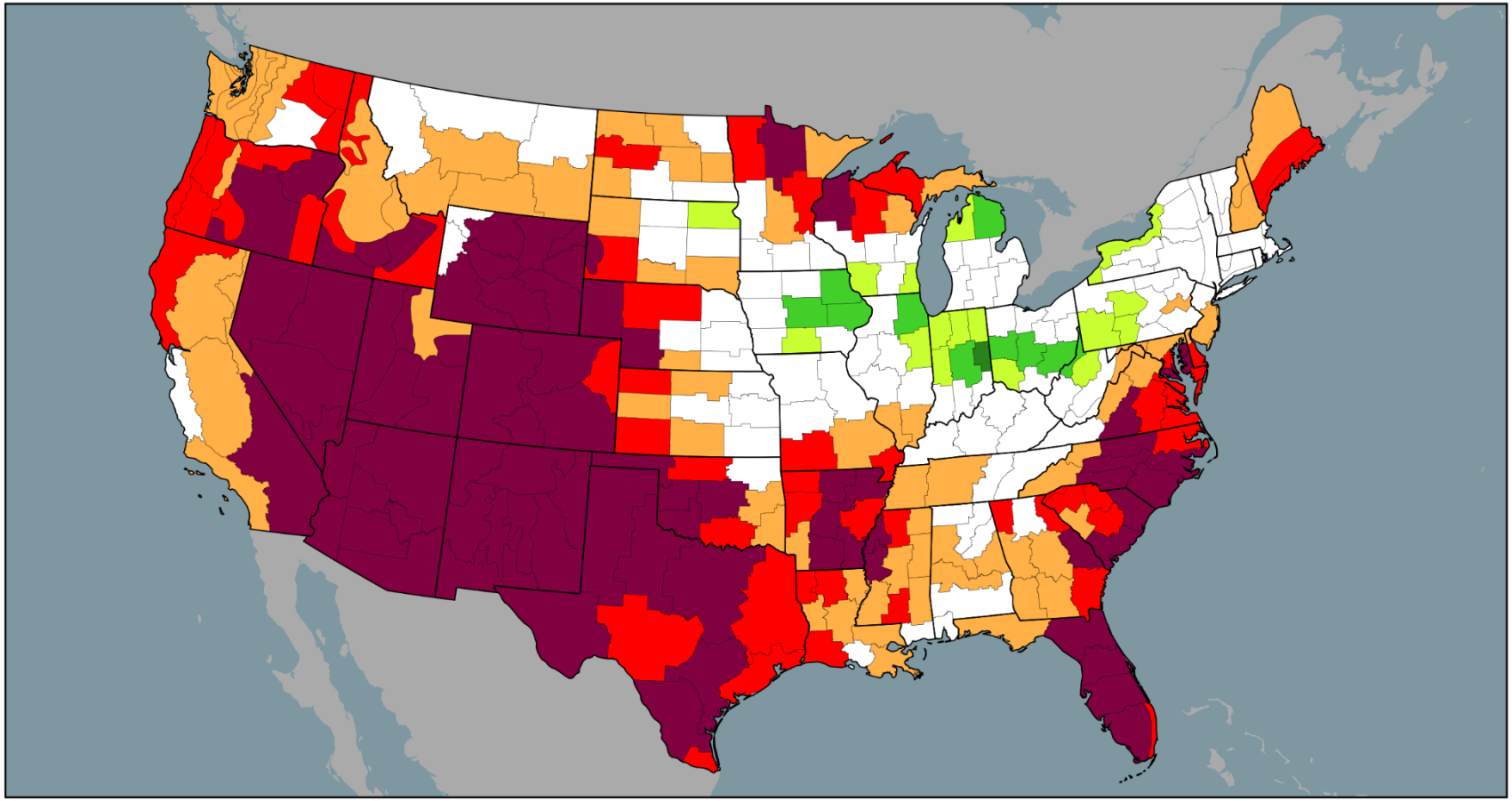
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Palmer Hydrological Drought Index

Long-Term (Hydrological) Conditions

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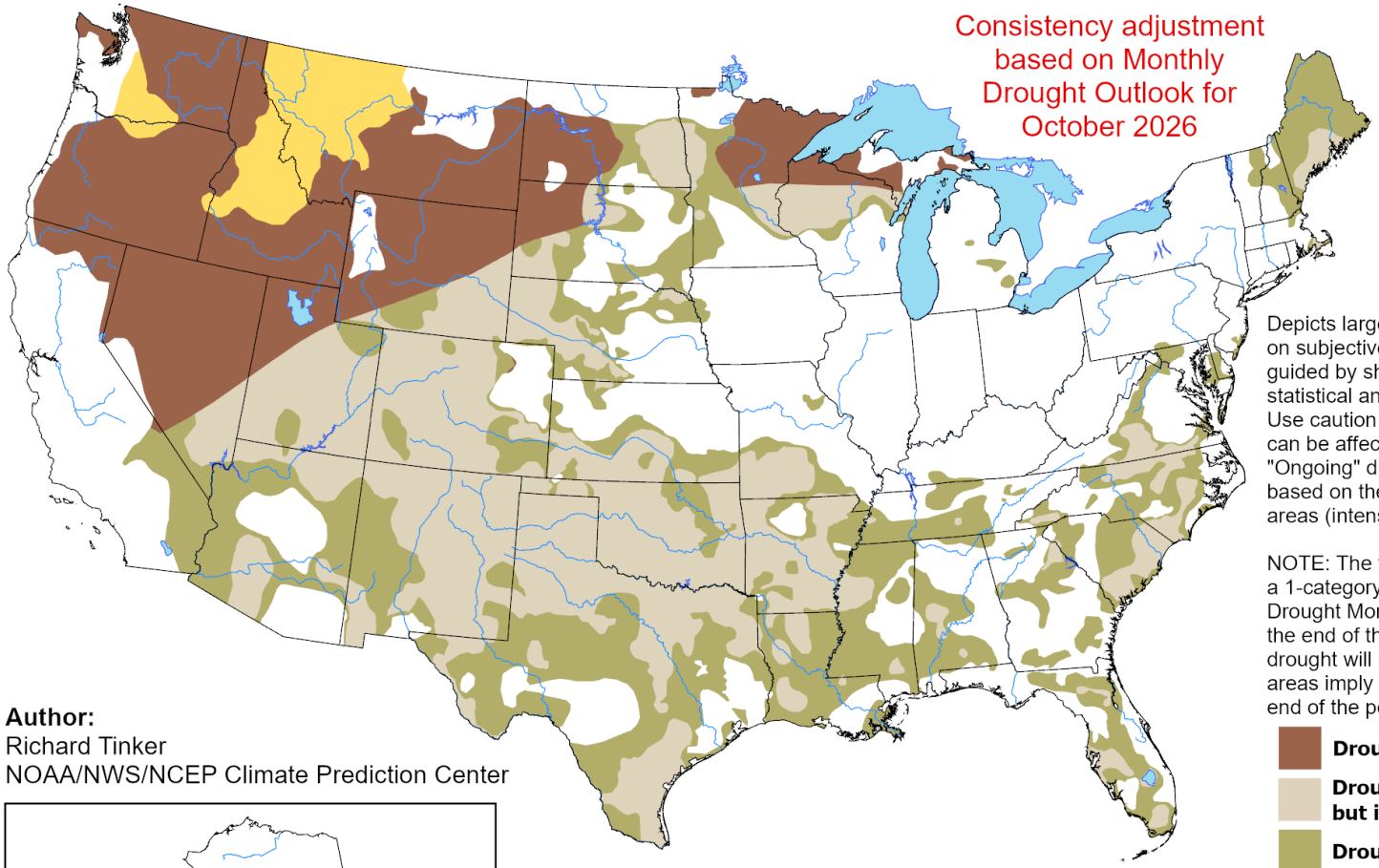
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U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook

Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

Valid for October 1 - December 31, 2026
Released September 30, 2026

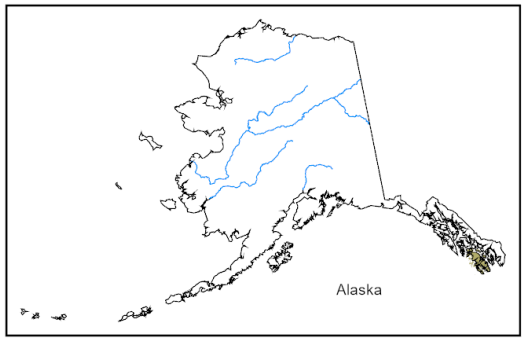


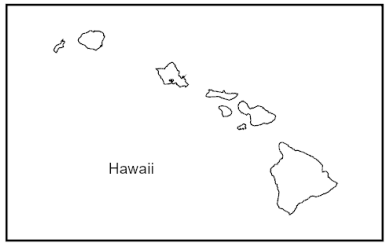
Depicts large-scale trends based on subjectively derived probabilities guided by short- and long-range statistical and dynamical forecasts. Use caution for applications that can be affected by short lived events. "Ongoing" drought areas are based on the U.S. Drought Monitor areas (intensities of D1 to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

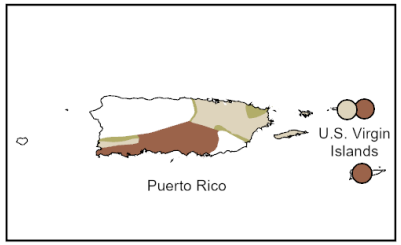
NOTE: The tan areas imply at least a 1-category improvement in the Drought Monitor intensity levels by the end of the period, although drought will remain. The green areas imply drought removal by the end of the period (D0 or none).

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

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