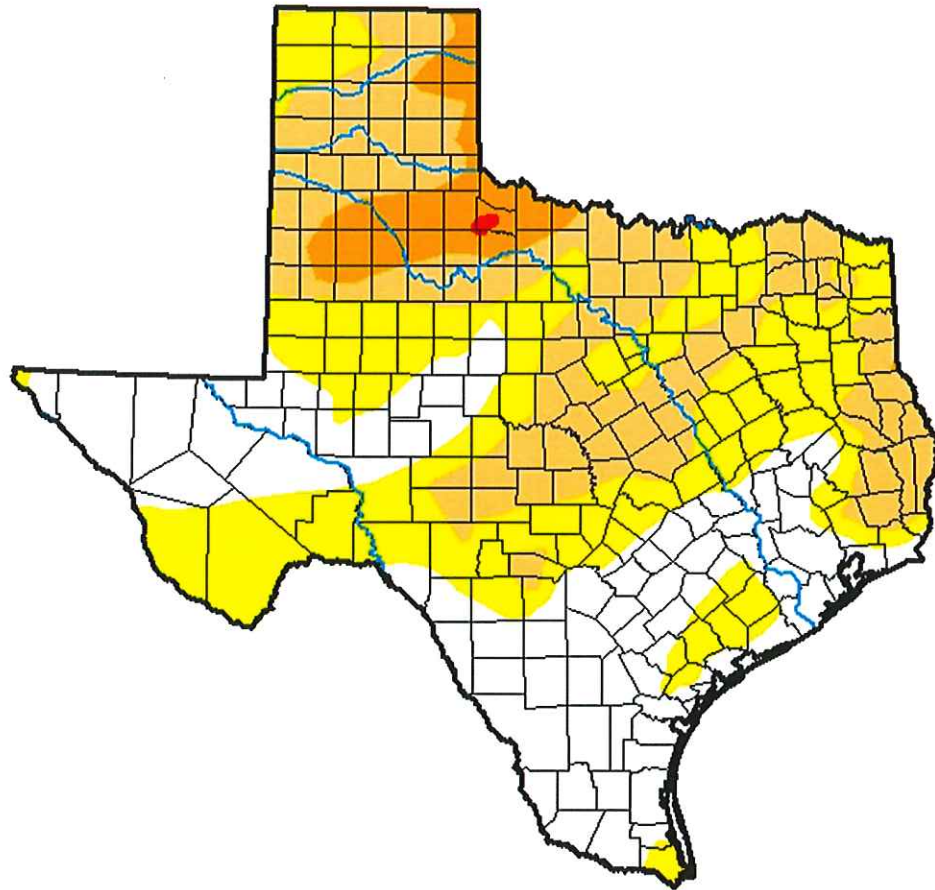


U.S. Drought Monitor Texas

January 2, 2018
(Released Thursday, Jan. 4, 2018)
Valid 7 a.m. EST



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	33.37	66.63	33.56	5.94	0.11	0.00
Last Week <i>12-26-2017</i>	37.16	62.84	32.93	2.90	0.11	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>10-03-2017</i>	86.76	13.24	2.20	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-02-2018</i>	33.37	66.63	33.56	5.94	0.11	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-26-2017</i>	70.54	29.46	4.17	0.04	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>01-03-2017</i>	81.50	18.50	6.29	1.97	0.04	0.00

Intensity:

- 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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

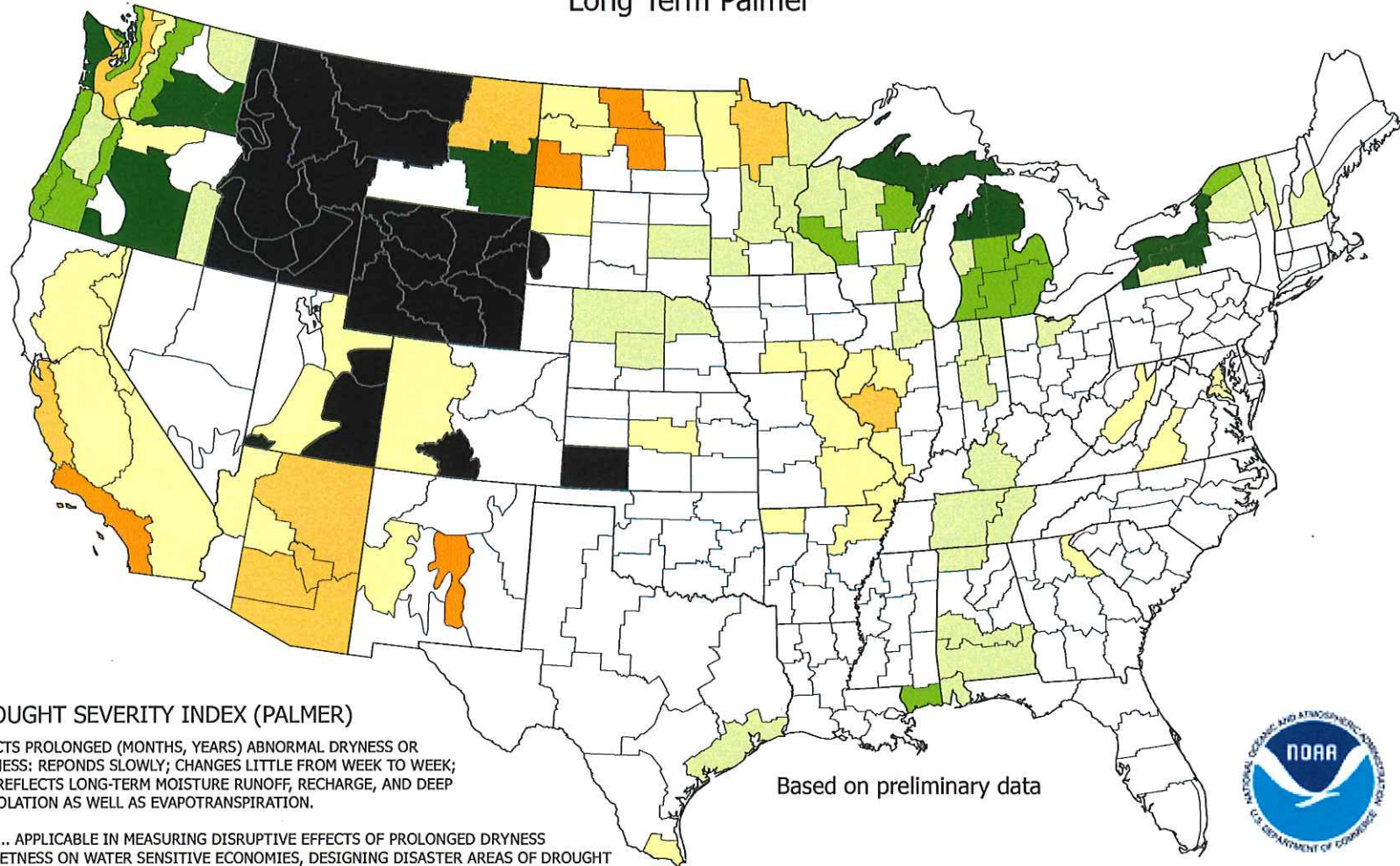
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Drought Severity Index by Division
Weekly Value for Period Ending Dec 30, 2017
Long Term Palmer



Based on preliminary data



DROUGHT SEVERITY INDEX (PALMER)

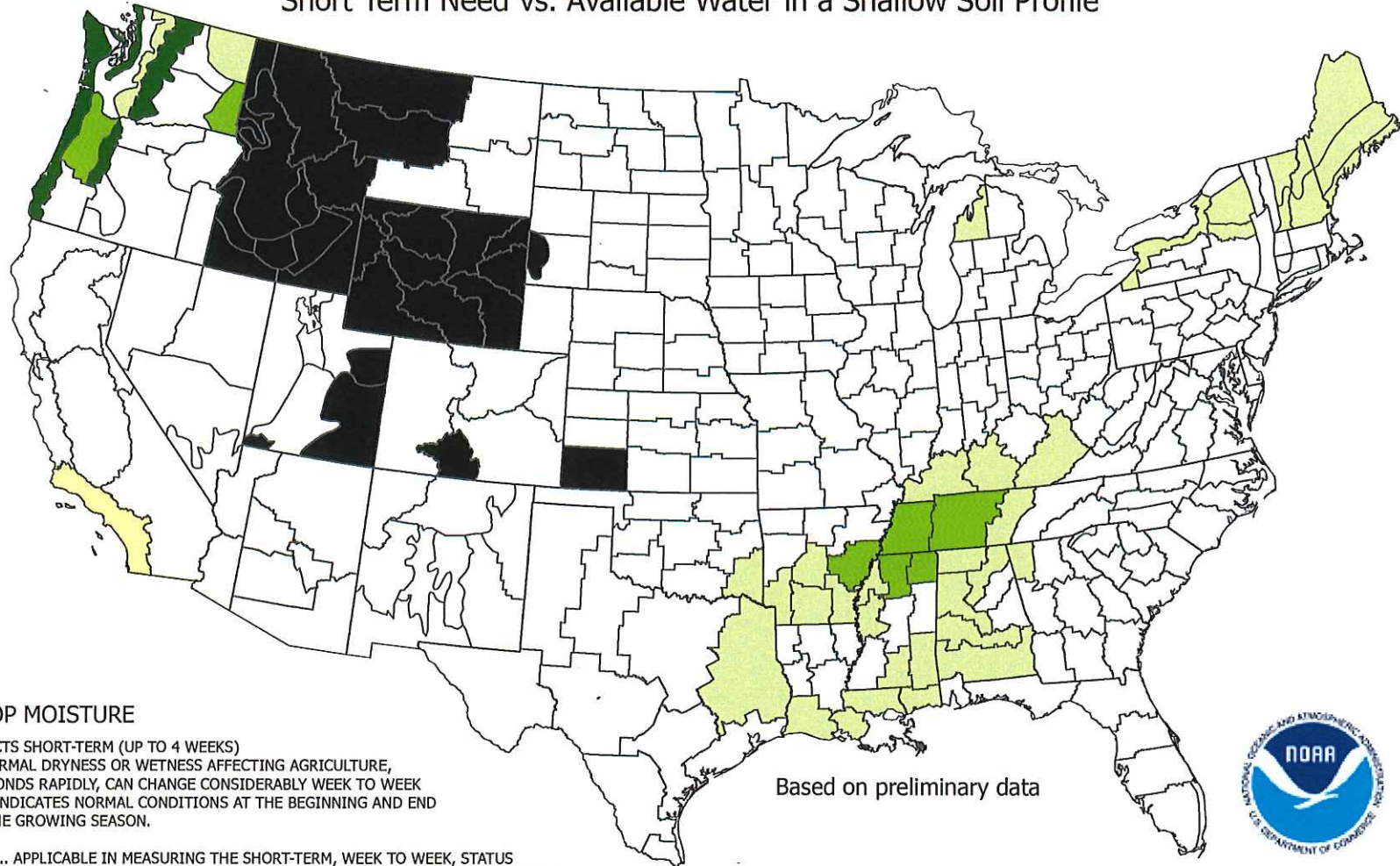
DEPICTS PROLONGED (MONTHS, YEARS) ABNORMAL DRYNESS OR WETNESS; REponds SLOWLY; CHANGES LITTLE FROM WEEK TO WEEK; AND REFLECTS LONG-TERM MOISTURE RUNOFF, RECHARGE, AND DEEP PERCOLATION AS WELL AS EVAPOTRANSPIRATION.

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 OFFSHORT-TERM (FEW WEEKS) STATUS OF DROUGHT OR WETNESS SUCH AS FREQUENTLY AFFECTS CROPS AND FIELD OPERATIONS (THIS IS INDICATED BY THE CROP MOISTURE INDEX).

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| ■ -4.0 or less (Extreme Drought) | ■ +2.0 to +2.9 (Unusual Moist Spell) |
| ■ -3.0 to -3.9 (Severe Drought) | ■ +3.0 to +3.9 (Very Moist Spell) |
| ■ -2.0 to -2.9 (Moderate Drought) | ■ +4.0 and above (Extremely Moist) |
| ■ -1.9 to +1.9 (Near Normal) | ■ Missing/Incomplete |

Crop Moisture Index by Division
 Weekly Value for Period Ending Dec 30, 2017
 Short Term Need vs. Available Water in a Shallow Soil Profile



Based on preliminary data



CROP MOISTURE

DEPICTS SHORT-TERM (UP TO 4 WEEKS) ABNORMAL DRYNESS OR WETNESS AFFECTING AGRICULTURE, RESPONDS RAPIDLY, CAN CHANGE CONSIDERABLY WEEK TO WEEK AND INDICATES NORMAL CONDITIONS AT THE BEGINNING AND END OF THE GROWING SEASON.

USES... APPLICABLE IN MEASURING THE SHORT-TERM, WEEK TO WEEK, STATUS OF DRYNESS OR WETNESS AFFECTING WARM SEASON CROPS AND FIELD OPERATIONS

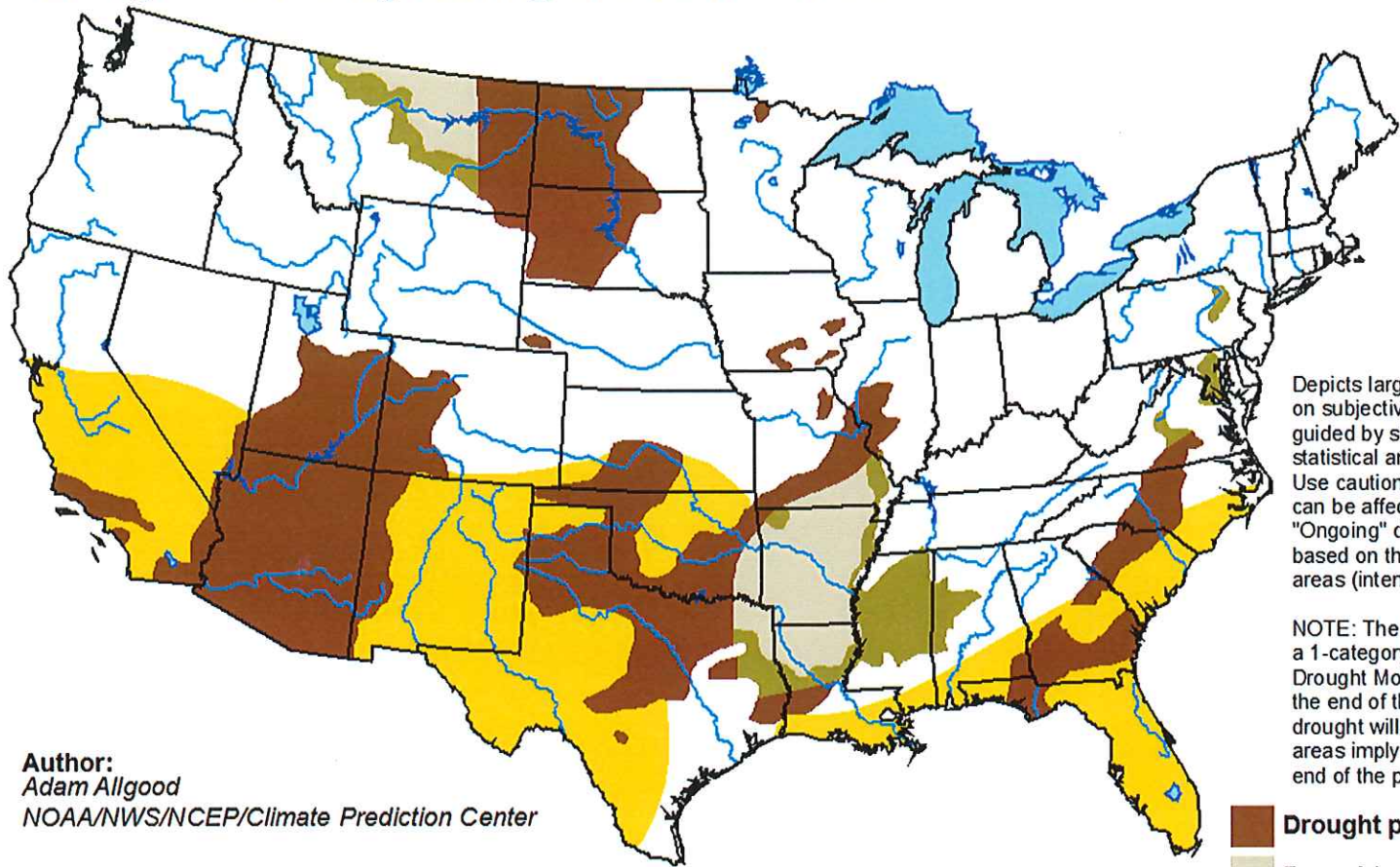
LIMITATIONS... MAY NOT BE APPLICABLE TO GERMINATING AND SHALLOW ROOTED CROPS WHICH ARE UNABLE TO EXTRACT THE DEEP OR SUBSOIL MOISTURE FROM A SHALLOW SOIL PROFILE, OR FOR COOL SEASON CROPS GROWING WHEN TEMPERATURES ARE AVERAGING BELOW ABOUT 55°F. IT IS NOT GENERALLY INDICATIVE OF THE LONG-TERM (MONTHS, YEARS) DROUGHT OR WET SPELLS WHICH ARE DEPICTED BY THE DROUGHT SEVERITY INDEX.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -3.0 or less (Severly Dry) -2.0 to -2.9 (Excessively Dry) -1.0 to -1.9 (Abnormally Dry) -0.9 to +0.9 (Slightly Dry/Favorably Moist) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> +1.0 to +1.9 (Abnormally Moist) +2.0 to +3.0 (Wet) 3.0 and above (Excessively Wet) Missing/Incomplete
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U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook

Drought Tendency During the Valid Period





Valid for December 21 - March 31, 2018
Released December 21, 2017

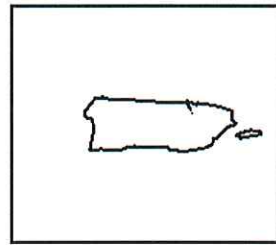
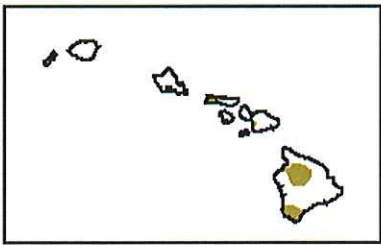
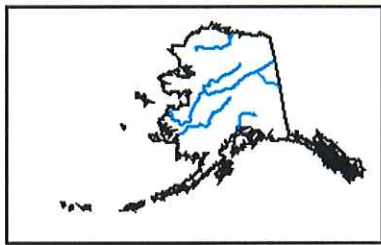


Depicts large-scale trends based on subjectively derived probabilities guided by short- and long-range statistical and dynamical forecasts. Use caution for applications that can be affected by short lived events. "Ongoing" drought areas are based on the U.S. Drought Monitor areas (intensities of D1 to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

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-  Drought persists
-  Drought remains but improves
-  Drought removal likely
-  Drought development likely



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