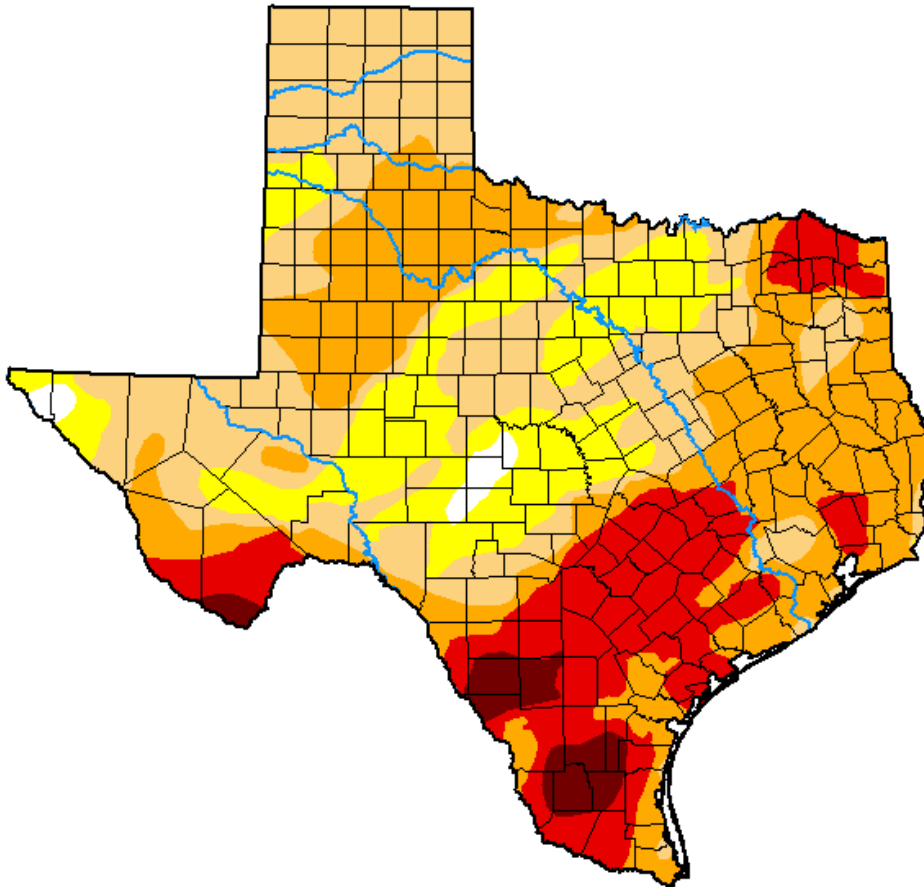


U.S. Drought Monitor Texas

March 3, 2026
(Released Thursday, Mar. 5, 2026)
Valid 7 a.m. EST



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	1.11	98.89	82.19	50.29	19.70	3.08
Last Week 02-24-2026	1.11	98.89	80.20	43.24	18.86	1.45
3 Months Ago 12-02-2025	24.36	75.64	44.73	21.20	4.39	0.36
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 03-04-2025	20.06	79.94	53.92	28.85	17.34	7.69

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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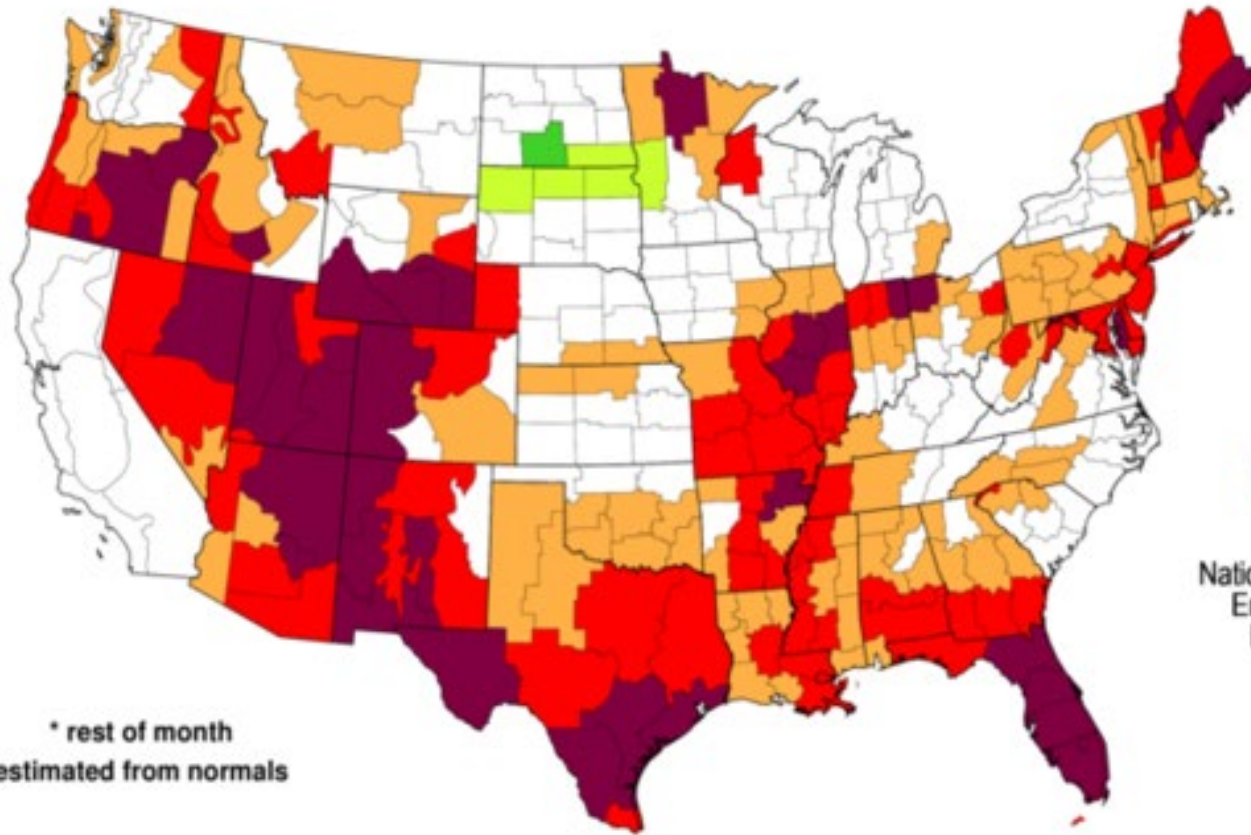
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Palmer Drought Index Long-Term (Meteorological) Conditions

February 2026: through February 28 2026*



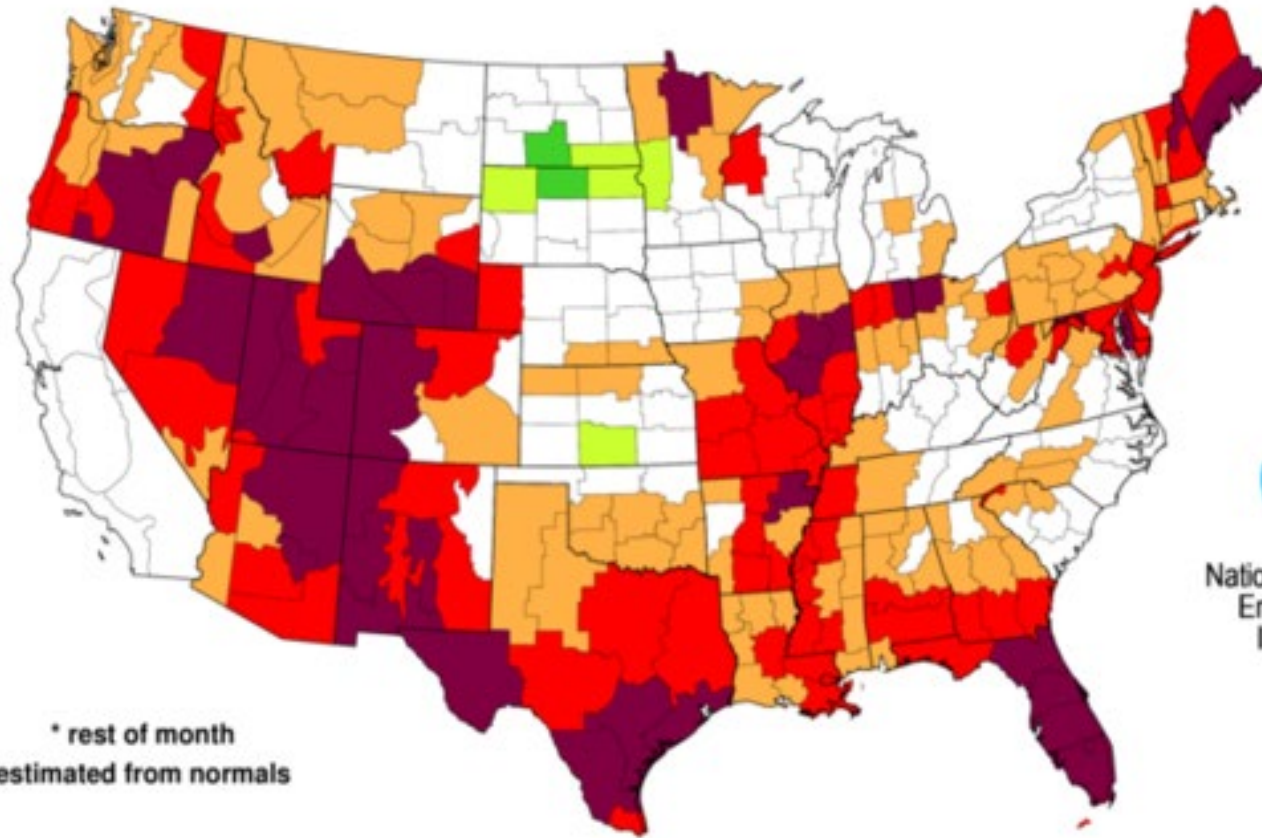
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Palmer Hydrological Drought Index Long-Term (Hydrological) Conditions

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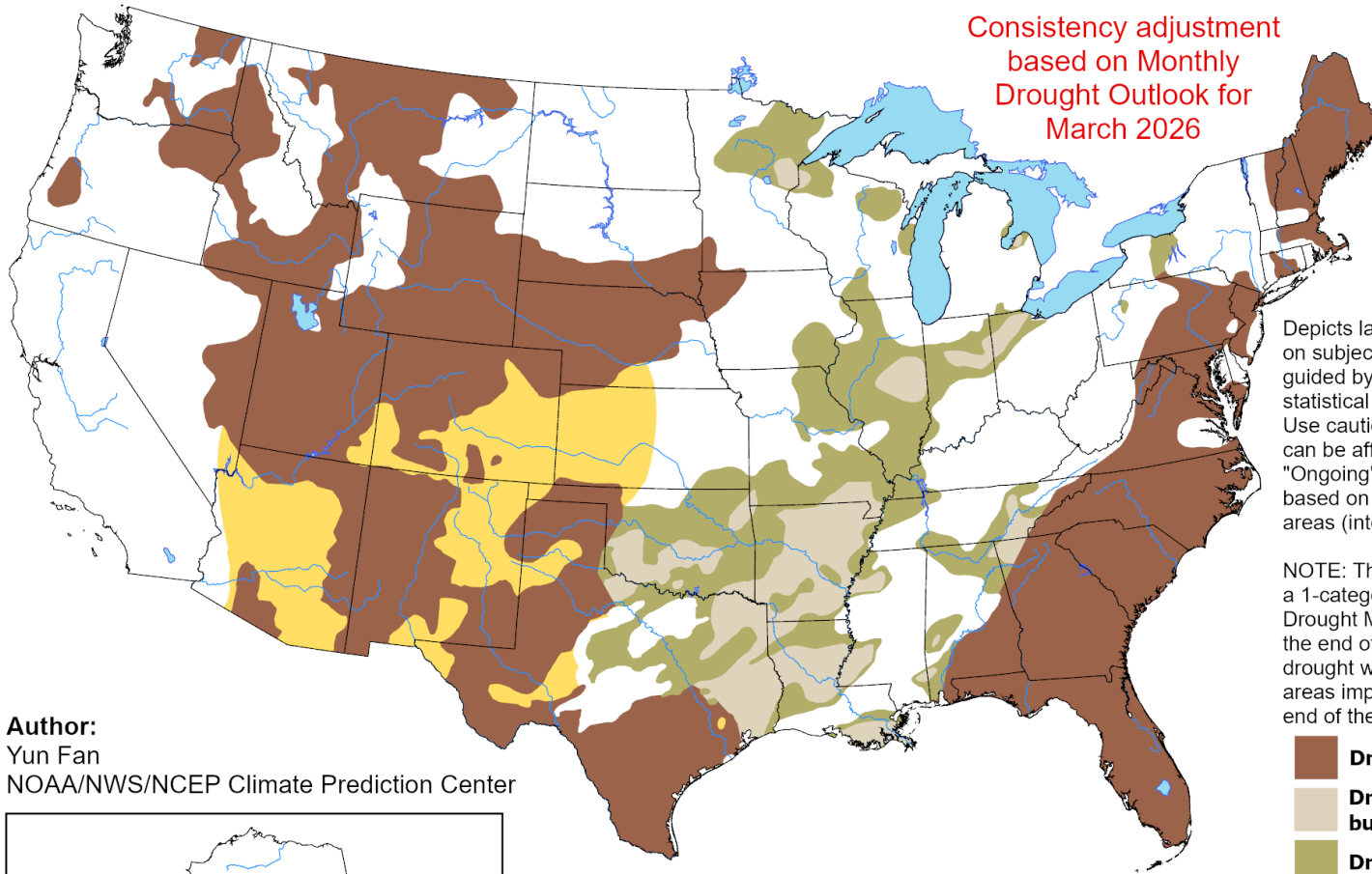
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U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook

Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

Valid for March 1 - May 31, 2026
Released February 28, 2026

Consistency adjustment
based on Monthly
Drought Outlook for
March 2026

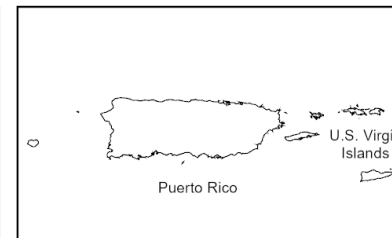
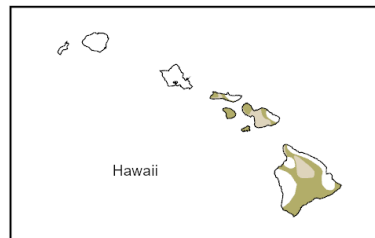


Depicts large-scale trends based on subjectively derived probabilities guided by short- and long-range statistical and dynamical forecasts. Use caution for applications that can be affected by short lived events. "Ongoing" drought areas are based on the U.S. Drought Monitor areas (intensities of D1 to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