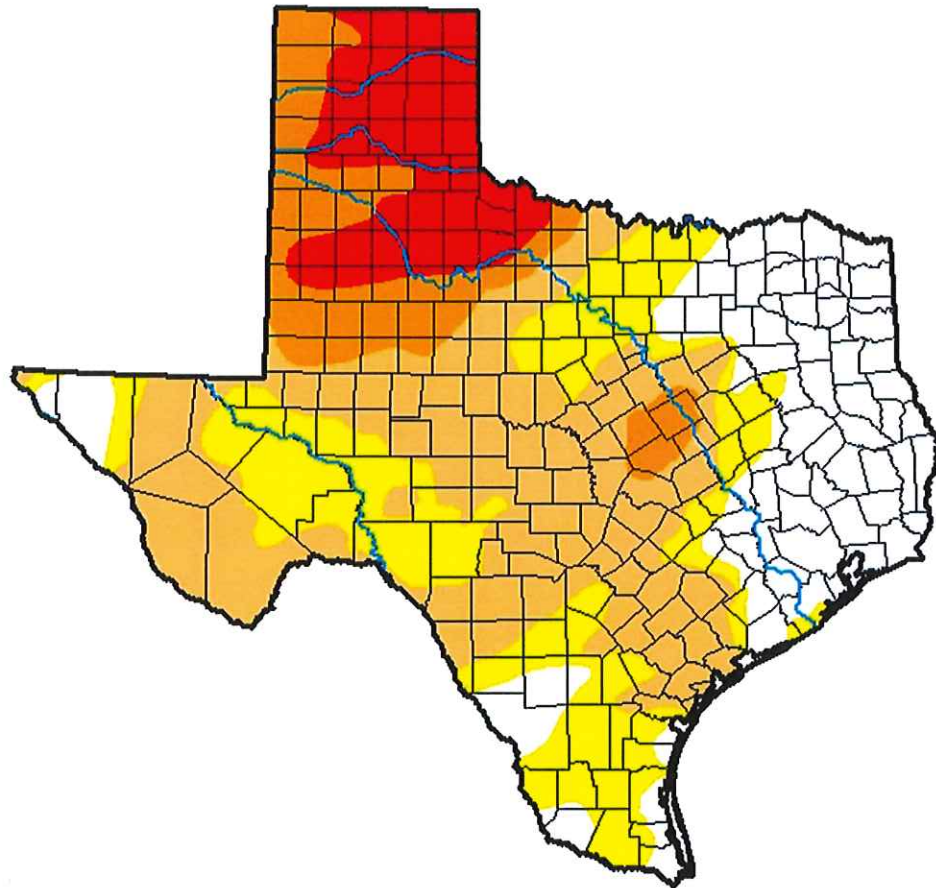


U.S. Drought Monitor Texas

February 27, 2018
(Released Thursday, Mar. 1, 2018)
Valid 7 a.m. EST



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	22.75	77.25	55.19	22.04	11.47	0.00
Last Week 02-20-2018	11.90	88.10	70.76	37.56	11.13	0.00
3 Months Ago 11-28-2017	28.73	71.27	35.11	5.50	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-02-2018	33.37	66.63	33.56	5.94	0.11	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-26-2017	70.54	29.46	4.17	0.04	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 02-28-2017	75.50	24.50	3.93	1.01	0.00	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.

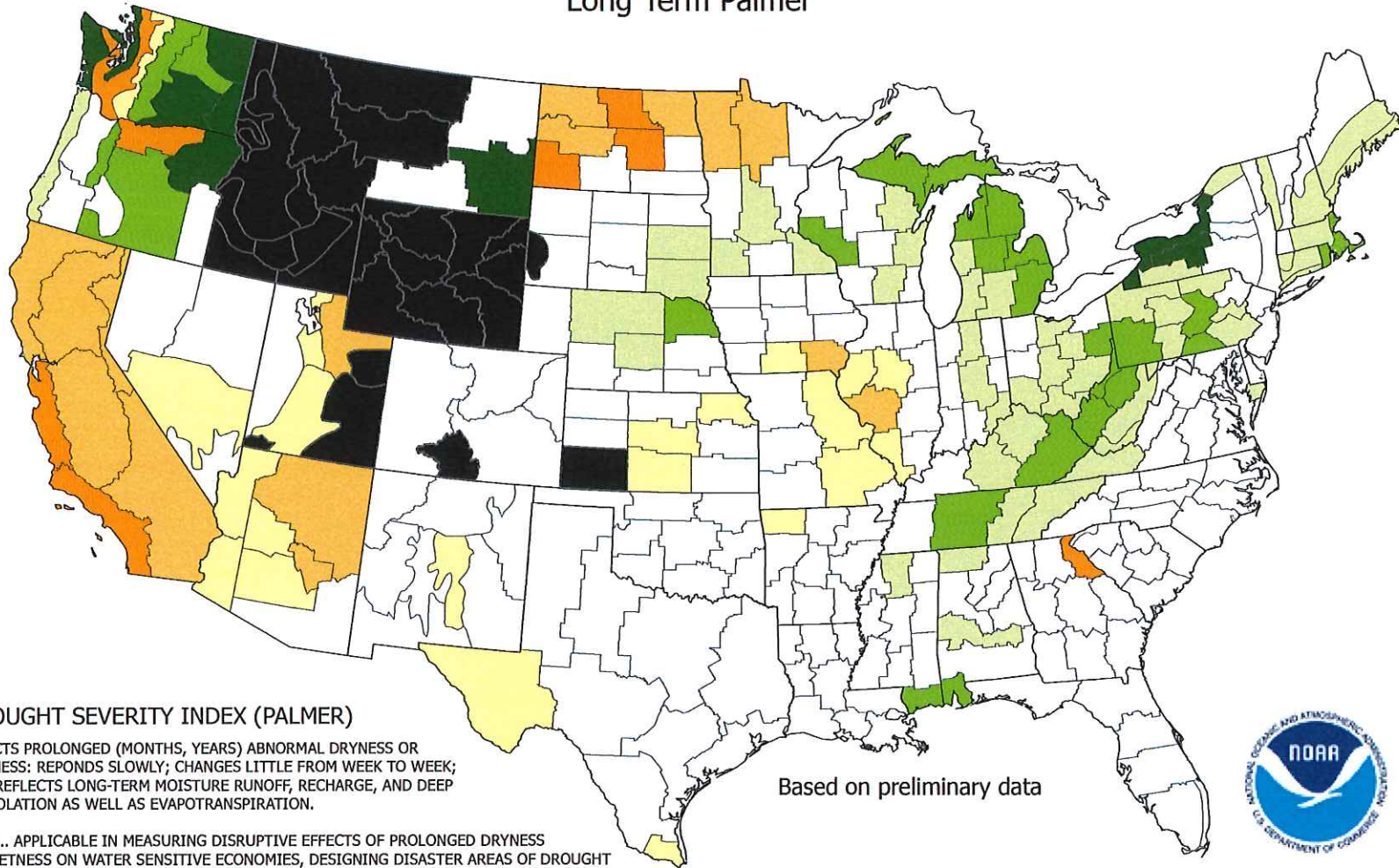
Author:

Deborah Bathke
National Drought Mitigation Center



<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>

Drought Severity Index by Division
 Weekly Value for Period Ending Feb 24, 2018
 Long Term Palmer



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.

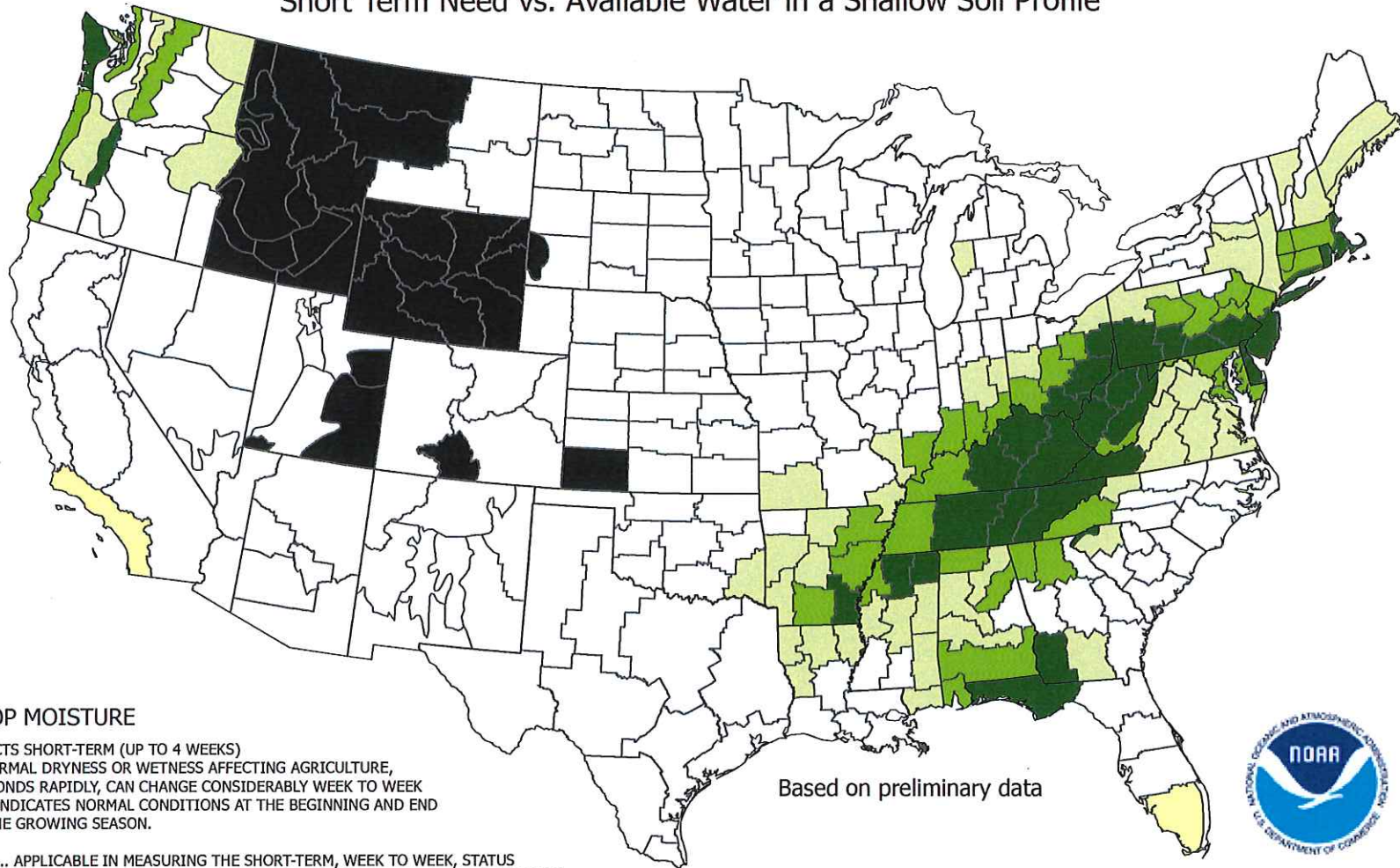
LIMITATIONS... IS NOT GENERALLY INDICATIVE OFFSHORT-TERM (FEW WEEKS) STATUS OF DROUGHT OR WETNESS SUCH AS FREQUENTLY AFFECTS CROPS AND FIELD OPERATIONS (THIS IS INDICATED BY THE CROP MOISTURE INDEX).

Based on preliminary data



- | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| -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 Feb 24, 2018
 Short Term Need vs. Available Water in a Shallow Soil Profile



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 55F. IT IS NOT GENERALLY INDICATIVE OF THE LONG-TERM (MONTHS, YEARS) DROUGHT OR WET SPELLS WHICH ARE DEPICTED BY THE DROUGHT SEVERITY INDEX.

Based on preliminary data

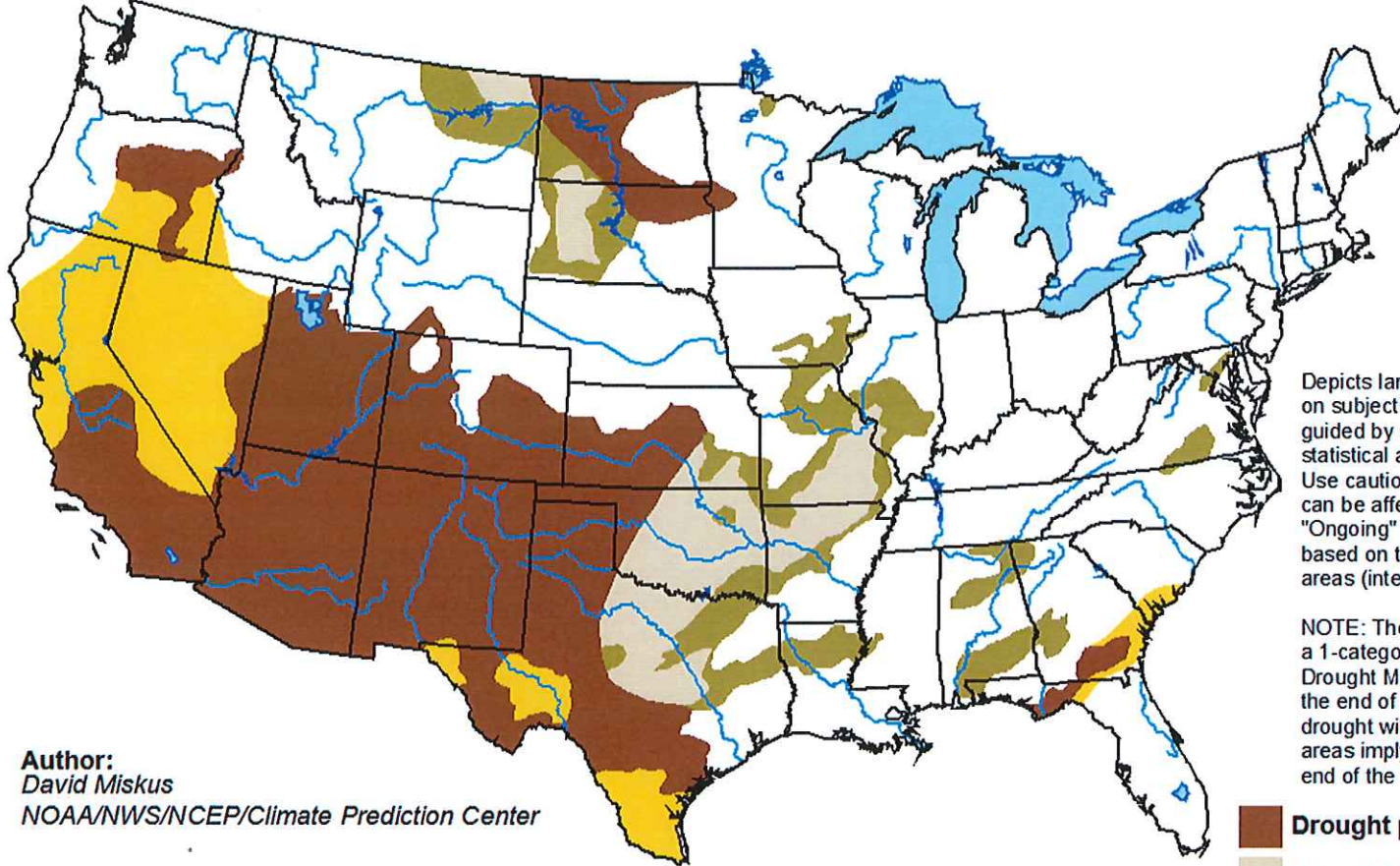


<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -3.0 or less (Severely Dry) -2.0 to -2.9 (Excessively Dry) -1.0 to -1.9 (Abnormally Dry) -0.9 to +0.9 (Slightly Dry/Favorably Moist) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> +1.0 to +1.9 (Abnormally Moist) +2.0 to +3.0 (Wet) 3.0 and above (Excessively Wet) Missing/Incomplete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

U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook

Drought Tendency During the Valid Period





Valid for February 15 - May 31, 2018
Released February 15, 2018

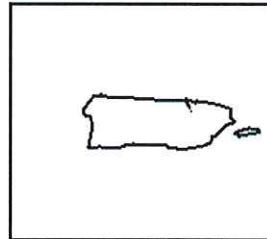
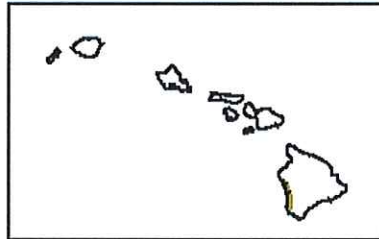
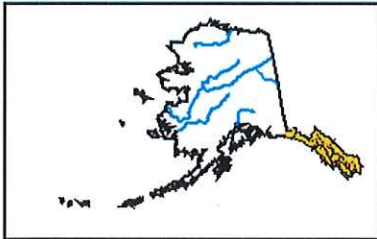


Depicts large-scale trends based on subjectively derived probabilities guided by short- and long-range statistical and dynamical forecasts. Use caution for applications that can be affected by short lived events. "Ongoing" drought areas are based on the U.S. Drought Monitor areas (intensities of D1 to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

Author:
David Miskus
NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Climate Prediction Center

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



<http://go.usa.gov/3eZ73>