








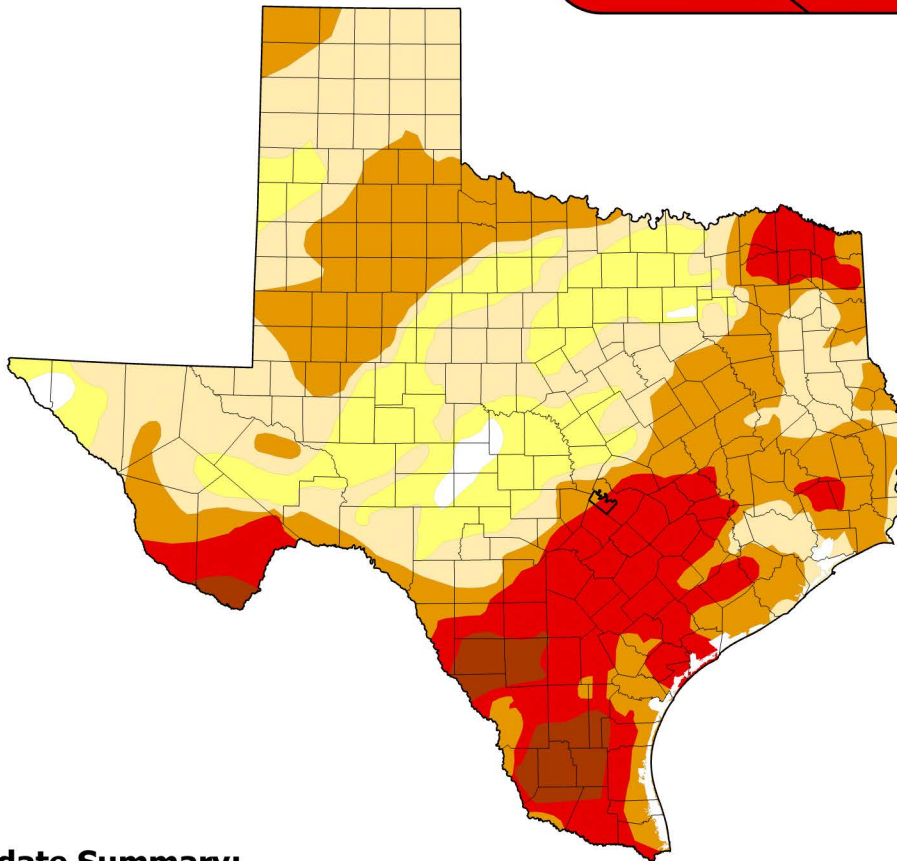
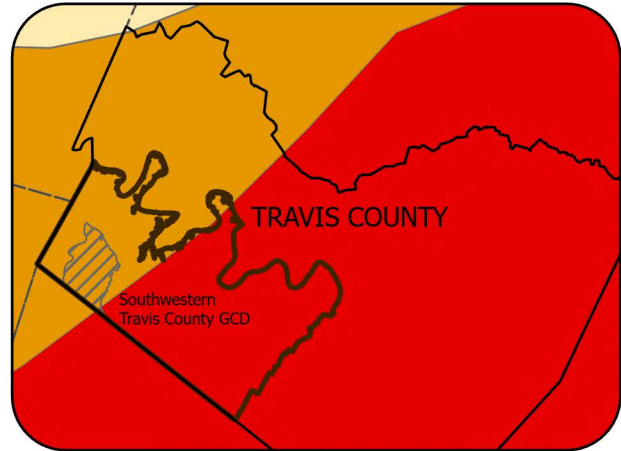


Drought Update – March 17, 2026

Current Declared Stage: D3 Extreme Drought

SWTCGCD % at or above each drought stage.

-  **Hamilton Pool Management Zone**
-  **D0+ Abnormally Dry: 100%**
-  **D1+ Moderate Drought: 100%**
-  **D2+ Severe Drought: 100%**
-  **D3+ Extreme Drought: 66%**
-  **D4 Exceptional Drought: 0%**
-  **None: 0%**



Drought Update Summary:

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor map released March 19, 2026 (map date: March 17, 2026), 66% of the District is classified as extreme drought (D3), with the remaining 34% classified as severe drought (D2). This is the tenth consecutive week that more than 50% of the District has been classified as D3. The District Board of Directors declared D3 Extreme Drought Stage on February 19, 2026, based on drought severity in the District and surrounding counties, aquifer conditions, and other relevant factors. <https://swtcgcd.com/district-map>

Drought Thresholds:

Under District Rule 5.2, at least 50% of the District must be at a higher drought intensity for two consecutive weeks to declare a higher stage. To lower the stage, the reduced intensity must cover at least 50% of the District for four consecutive weeks. The Board may also consider other relevant factors when declaring drought stages.