



NWS Fort Worth 2015 Flood Operations Or

D4 Drought + 30" Rainfall = Record Flood + 3 Months
Hot/Dry = D4 Drought + 20" Rainfall = Mega Flood

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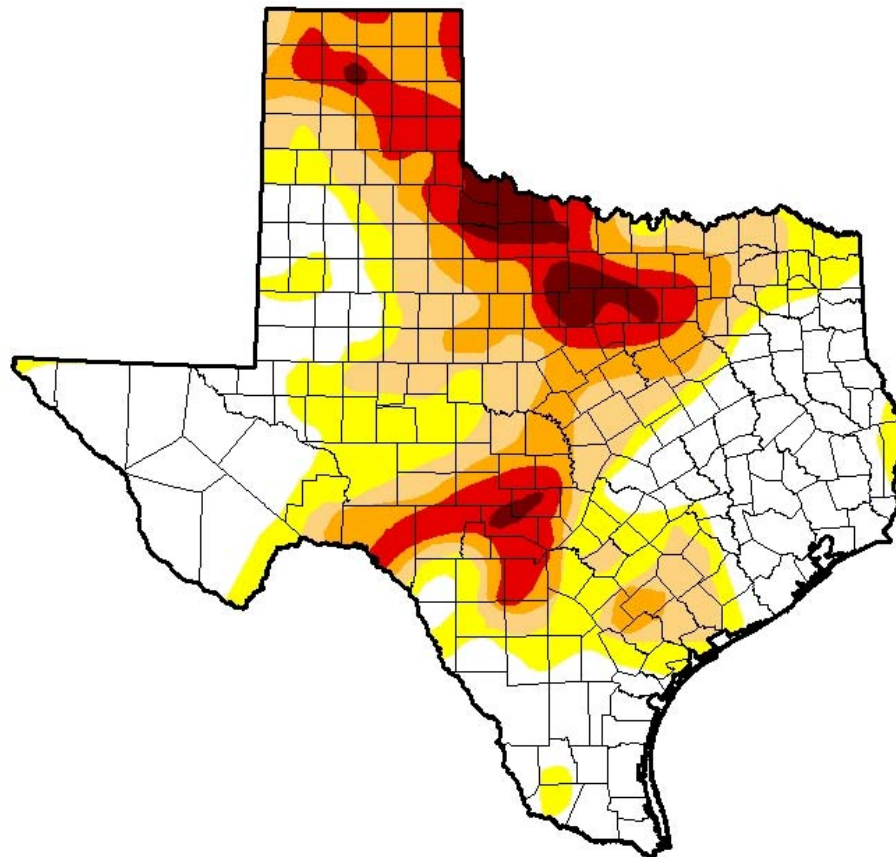
The Beginning

U.S. Drought Monitor Texas

March 3, 2015

(Released Thursday, Mar. 5, 2015)

Valid 7 a.m. EST



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

Lake Levels Early 2015

Jan 1 2015

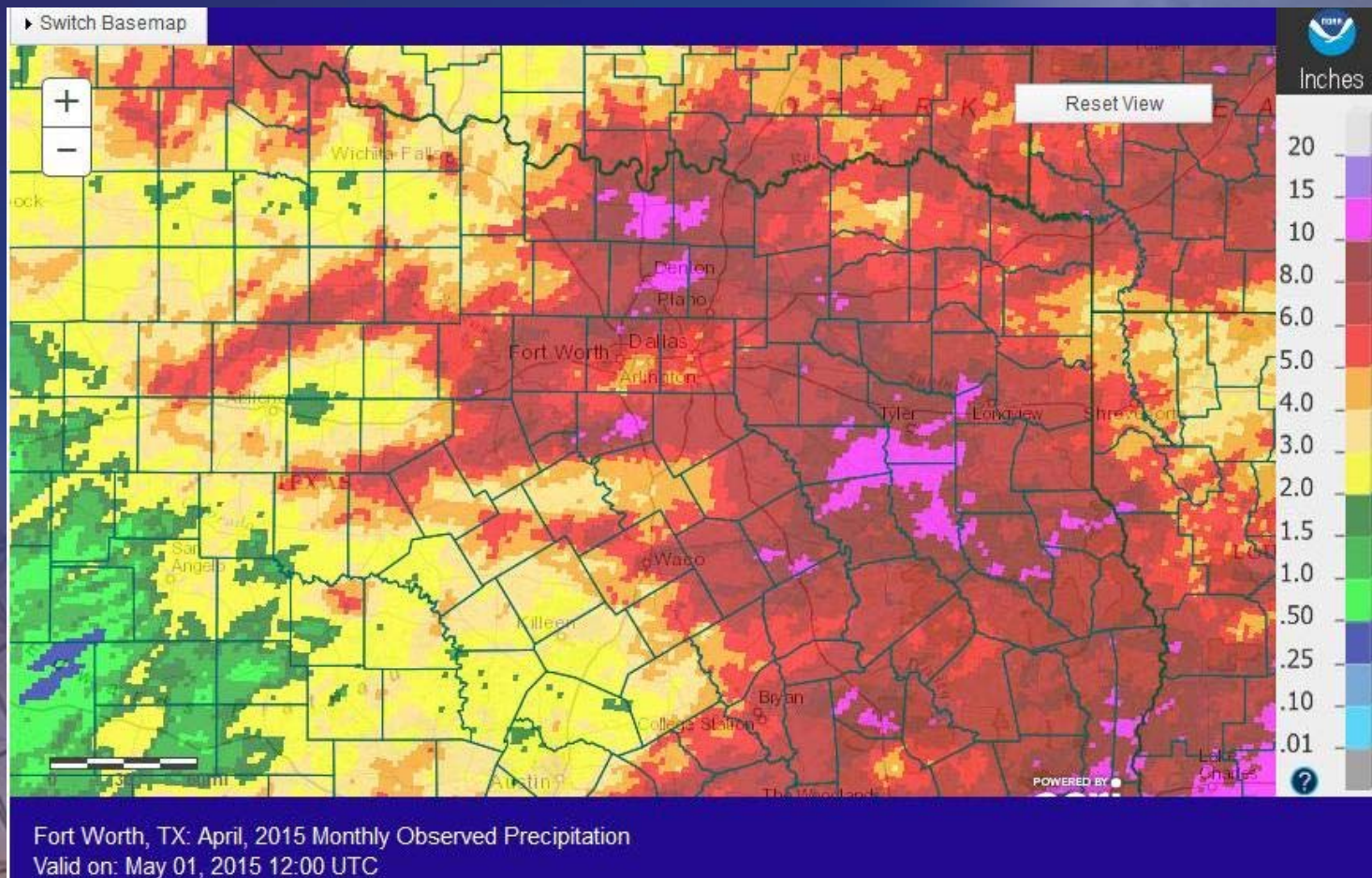
Possum Kingdom - 13.8 FT
Grapevine - 12.7 FT
Bridgeport - 24.2 FT
Eagle Mountain - 10.3 FT
Lavon - 12.9 FT
Richland Chambers - 10.8 FT
Hubbard Creek - 29.30 FT
Stillhouse Hollow - 14.4 FT

Apr 1 2015

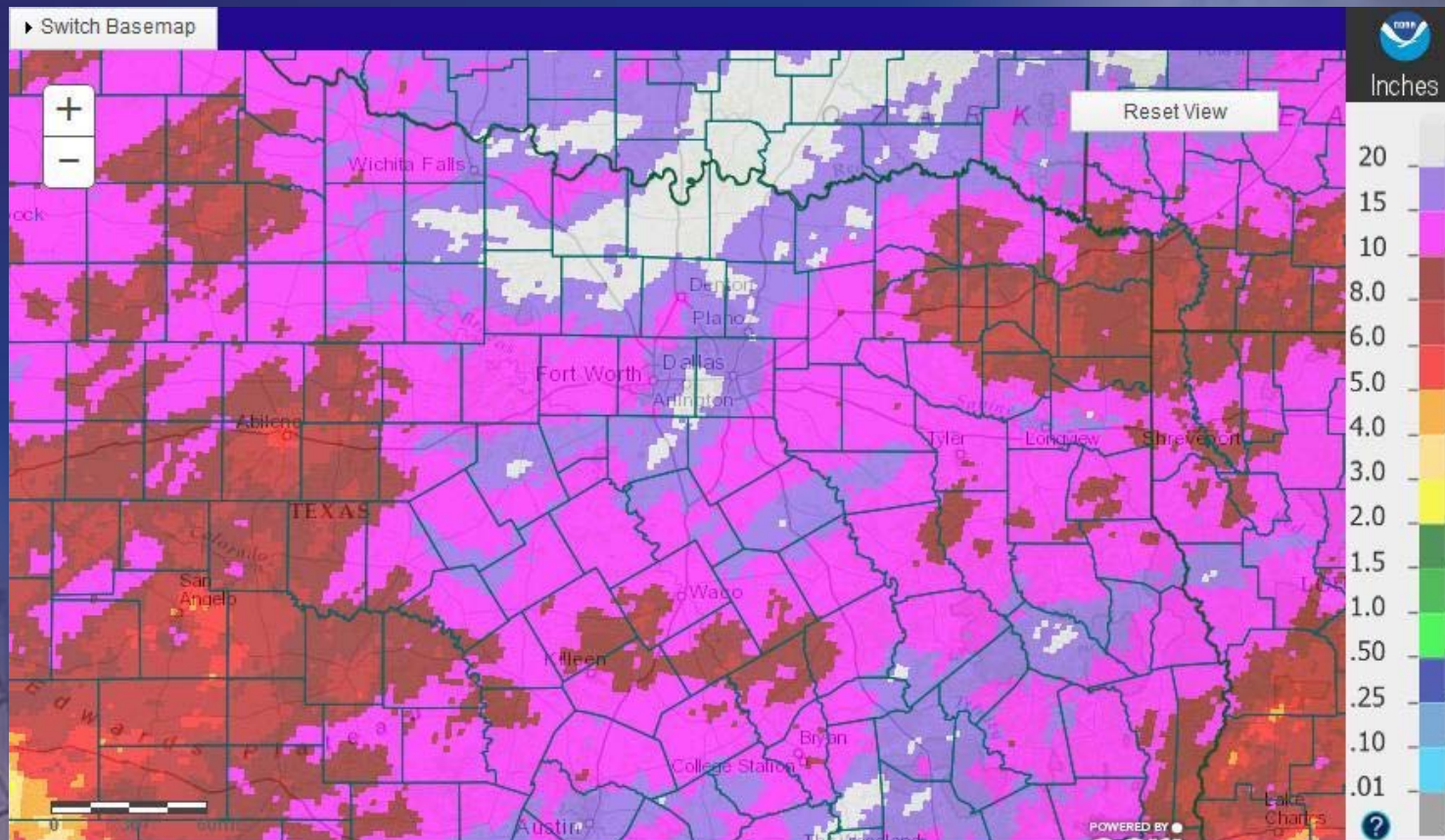
Possum Kingdom -14.5 FT
Grapevine - 9.3 FT
Bridgeport - 24 FT
Eagle Mountain - 9.7 FT
Lavon - 4.5 FT
Richland Chambers - 6.2 FT
Hubbard Creek – 30.5 FT
Stillhouse Hollow - 15 FT

Here Comes The Water

April 2015

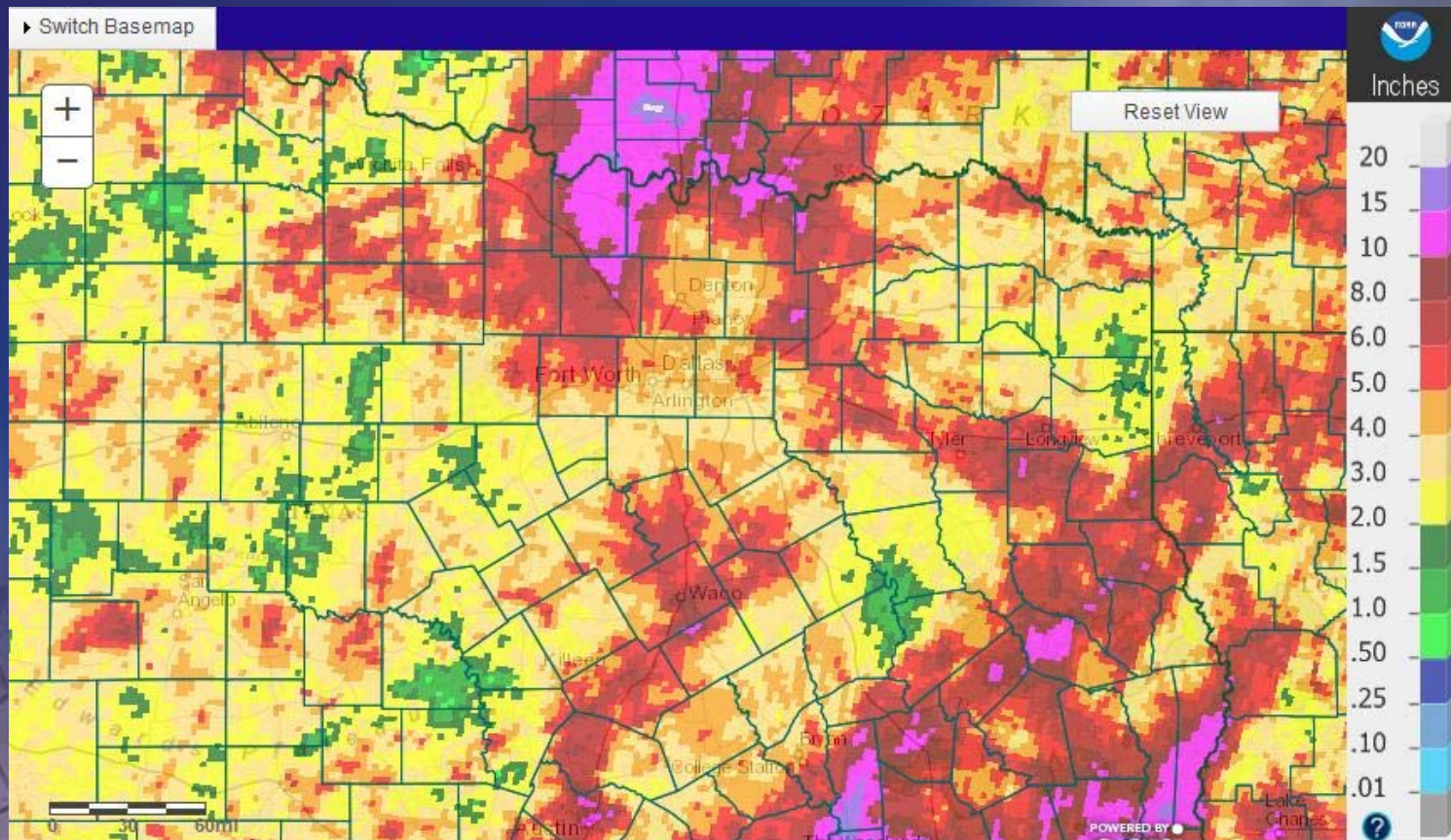


May 2015



Fort Worth, TX: May, 2015 Monthly Observed Precipitation
Valid on: June 01, 2015 12:00 UTC

June 2015



WFO Warning Operations

March Through June

- Tornado Warnings - 107
- Severe Thunderstorm - 318
- Flash Flood – 188
- Flood Advisories – 327
- Damage Surveys – 21
- Confirmed Tornadoes - 62



River Flood Numbers

- 186 Crest Values Entered Into WFO Hydro Database For March Through June
- Some River Forecast Points had 4-6 crests in May
- Several Record or Near Record Crests on North TX Lakes and River Forecast Points



COE Lake Crests

- Grapevine 563.06 (2), 1981 Record
- Joe Pool 538.11 (1), Beat 1990 by 4.9 FT
- Ray Roberts 644.41 (2), 1990 - 644.44
- Lewisville 536.94 (1), 1990 - 536.73
- Benbrook 840.36 (2), 1990 - 844.36
- Lavon 504.15 (2), 1990 - 504.93
- Bardwell 440.70 (1), Beat 2001 by 6 FT
- Navarro Mills 442.65 (1), Beat 1968 by 2.3 FT

River Crests

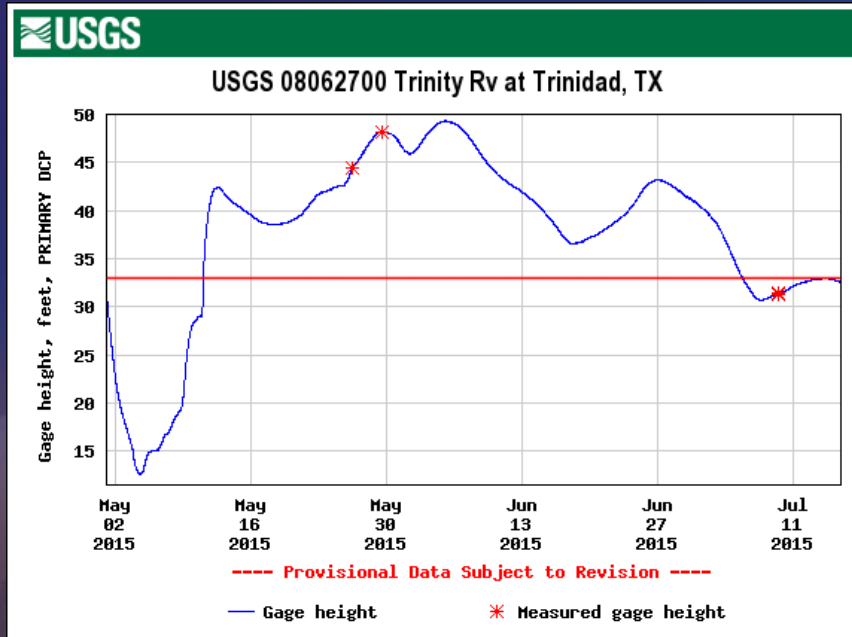
- Trinidad 49.33 (2), Record 49.80 1942
- Rosser 41.60 (2), Record 41.80 1938
- Crandall 23.94 (2), Record 27.17 1990
- Blue Ridge 28.54 (2), Record 32.50 1982



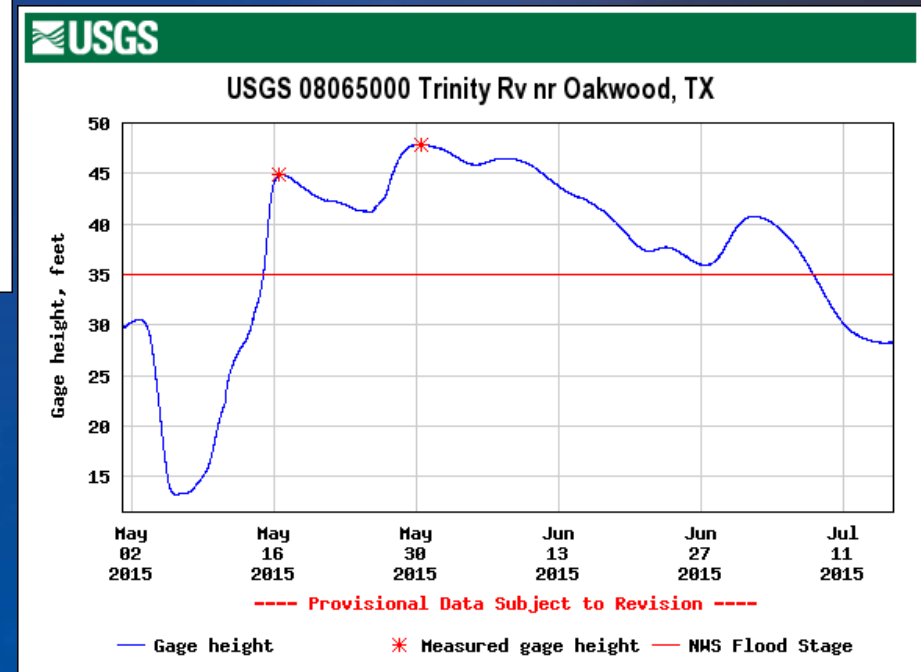
Cooperative Observer Rainfall Totals

- 4 Locations measured over 20 inches in May, with many more in the 15 to 20 inch range
- Gainesville 5ENE: 28.90 - May, 51.03 Mar - Jun
- The Gainesville 28.90 May Total is the highest May rainfall amount ever in Texas
- Bowie: 21.65 – May, 37.63 Mar - Jun
- Muenster: 23.92 – May, 44.69 Mar - Jun
- Stephenville: 20.49 – May, 34.60 Mar - Jun

Prolonged Flooding



Trinidad Crest - 49.33 June 5th, 70400 cfs



Oakwood Crest – 47.89 May 30th, 79400 cfs

Lake Grapevine

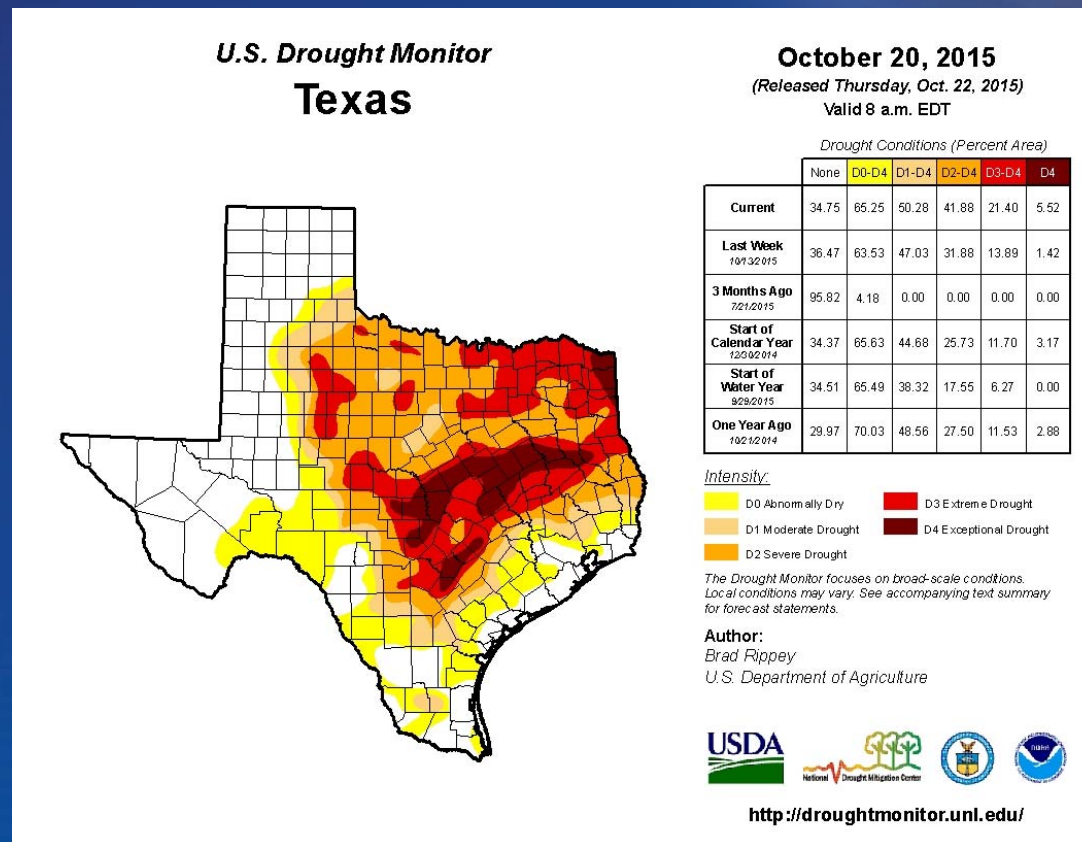


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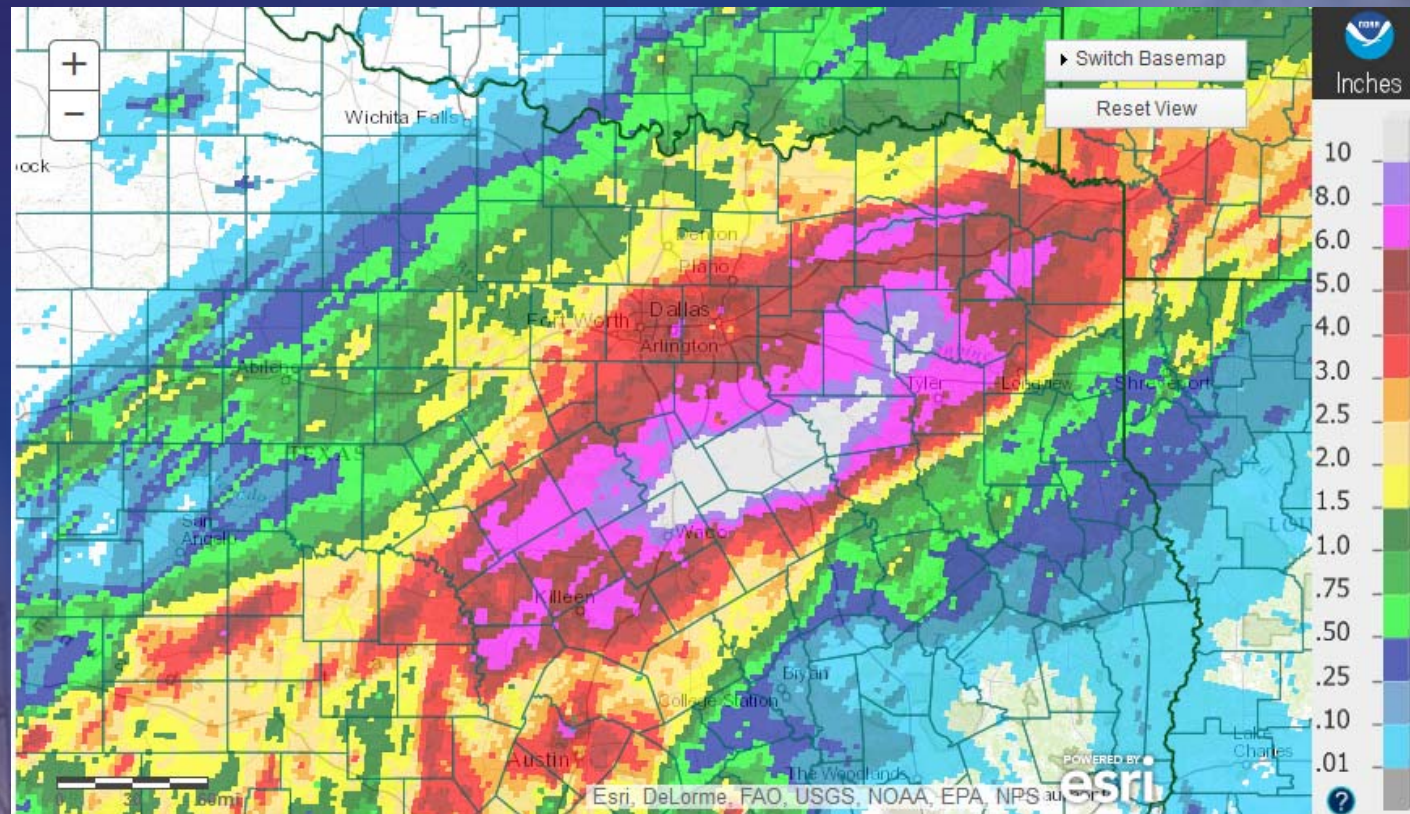


What Just Happened???

- 3 months of increasing drought eradicated by a weekend rain event



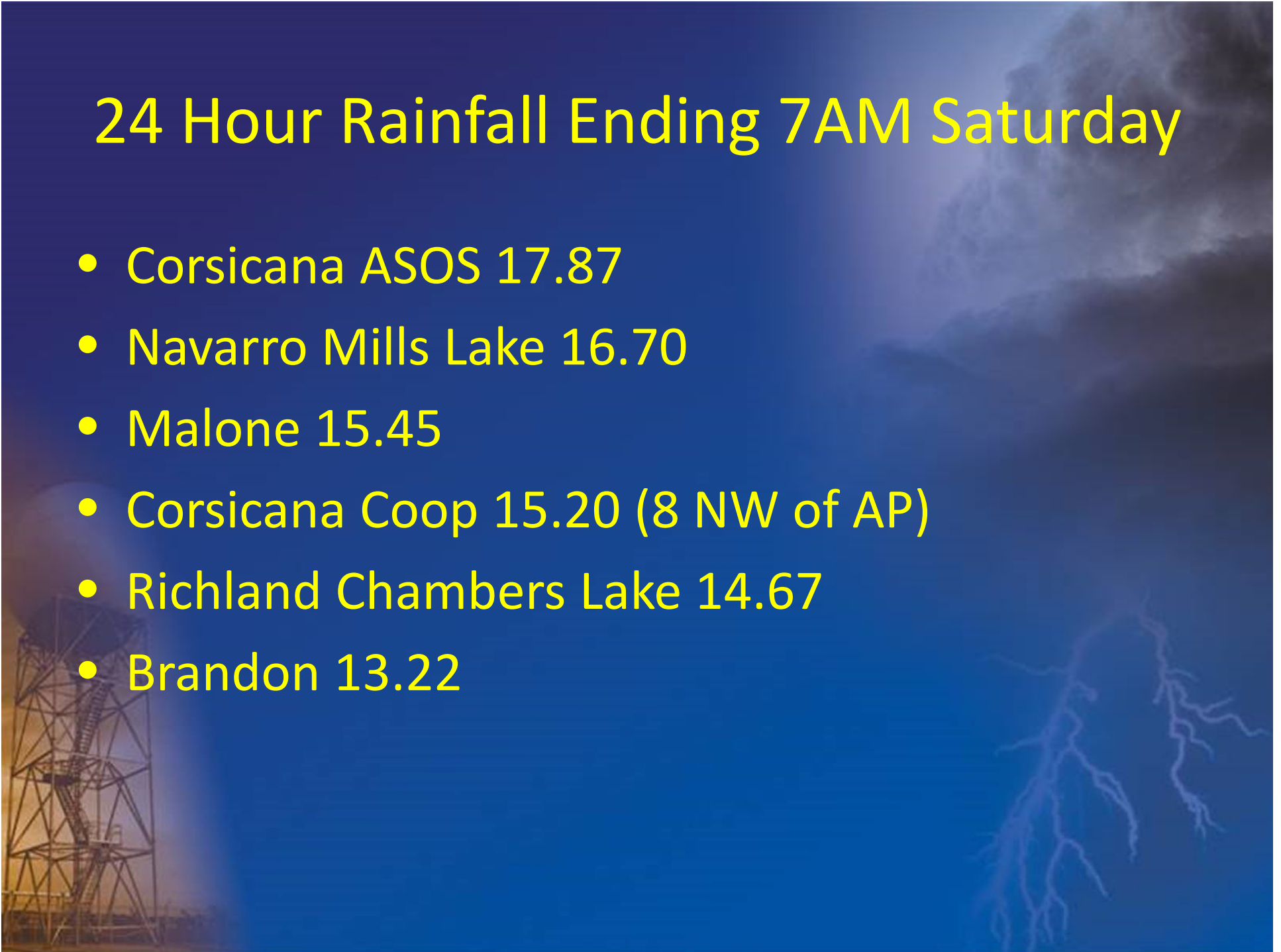
24 Hour Rainfall Ending 10/24 7AM



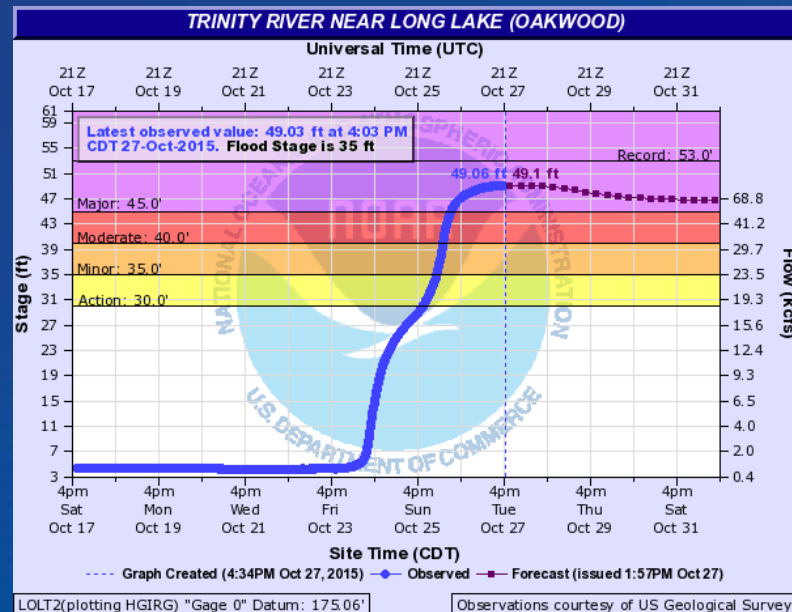
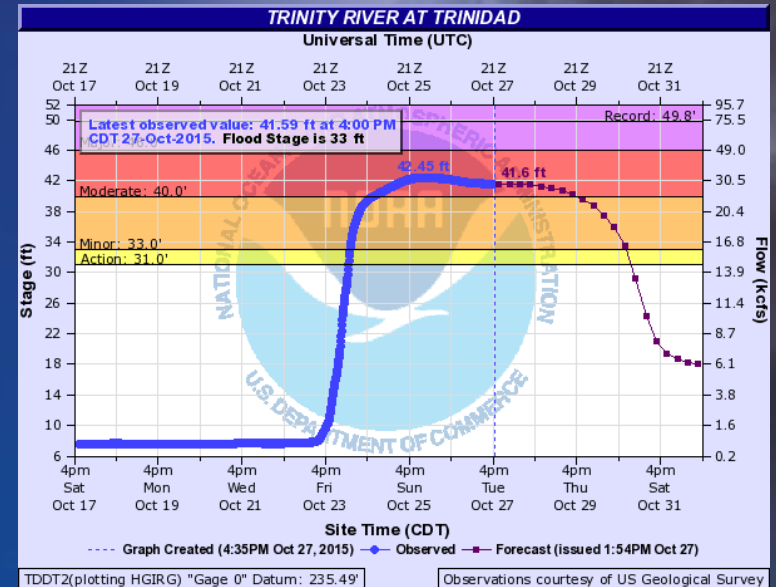
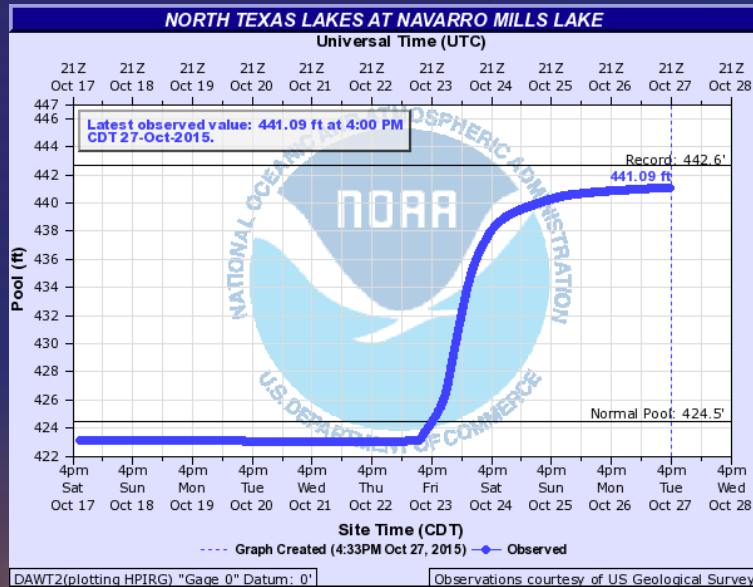
Fort Worth, TX: October 24, 2015 1-Day Observed Precipitation
Valid on: October 24, 2015 12:00 UTC
What is UTC time? Map Help

24 Hour Rainfall Ending 7AM Saturday

- Corsicana ASOS 17.87
- Navarro Mills Lake 16.70
- Malone 15.45
- Corsicana Coop 15.20 (8 NW of AP)
- Richland Chambers Lake 14.67
- Brandon 13.22



Rivers and Lakes



Richland Chambers Weekend Ops

- Incredible releases from Richland Chambers
- Went from 900 cfs to 140000 cfs in 19 hours
- Gate and discharge values were being called to our office every 30 to 60 minutes
- Peak discharge was 140233 CFS (144 gate feet) and was maintained for approximately 4.5 hrs
- Still releasing 28100 CFS as of Tuesday afternoon



Flash Flooding





Questions???

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