

**...Farmer Bureau annual meeting**

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On the national level, delegates registered support for expanding the definition of young and beginning farmers and ranchers, as well as extending the period of eligibility to 15 years on U.S. Department of Agriculture and Farm Service Agency programs.

State resolutions adopted at the TFB annual meeting become policies that guide the organization. National resolutions are sent to the American Farm Bureau Federation for consideration during the annual convention in January.

In other action, Pat McDowell of Wheeler County, Mark Daniel of Baylor County, Allen Kaminski of Austin County and Scott Frazier of Nueces County were re-elected to two-year terms on the state board of directors.

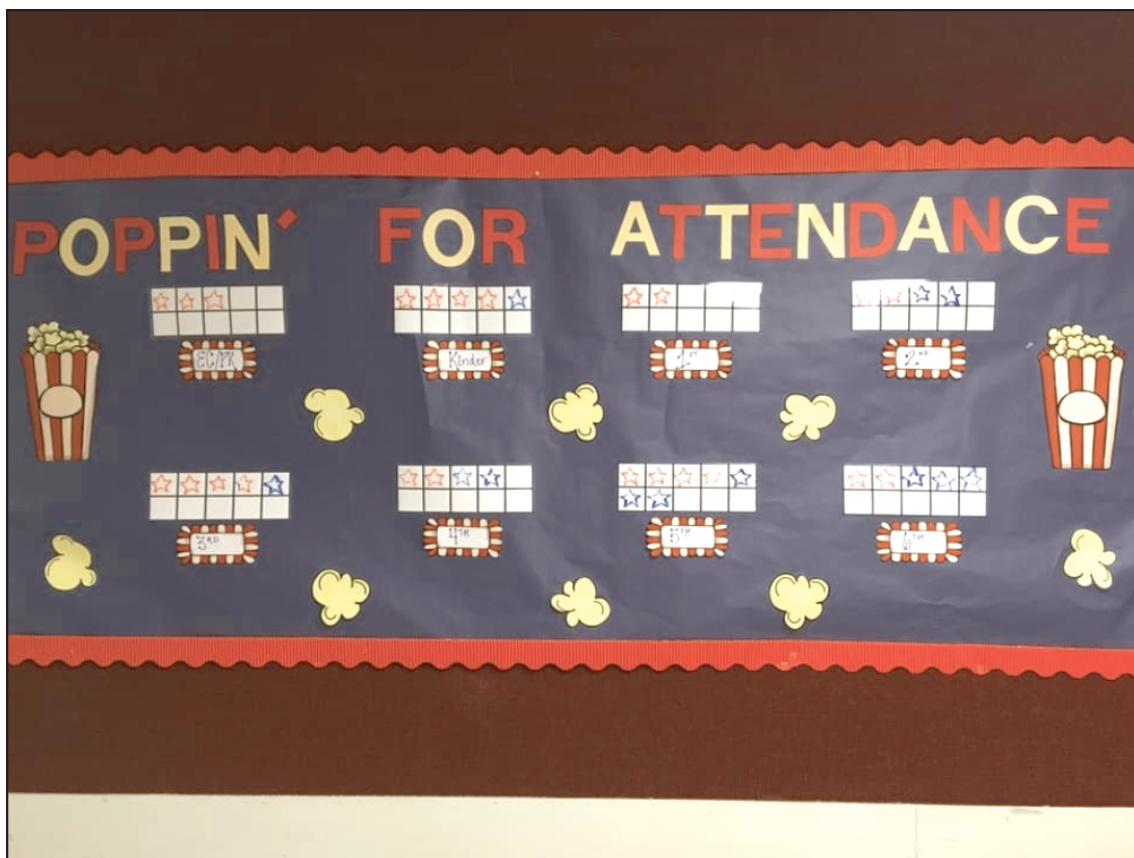
Zach Yanta of Karnes County was elected vice president, and Val Stephens of Dawson County was elected secretary-treasurer.

Three new directors were also elected.

Kevin Wilkerson of Canton is the new District 5 state director. He has a commercial cow-calf operation, stocker operation and a custom hay baling business in Van Zandt County. He also has a custom metal design and fabrication business. Wilkerson has participated in TFB's leadership program, FarmLead, and served on TFB's Small Farm & Ranch and Resolutions committees. He and his wife Pam have four children.

The new District 7 state director is Sam Snyder of Moran. He raises cattle and grows wheat in Callahan and Shackelford counties. He has

served several years in numerous roles—including president, vice president and secretary/treasurer—on the Callahan-Shackelford County Farm Bureau board of directors. He has participated in FarmLead and served on TFB's Natural Resources, Resolutions and Feral Hog committees. He and his wife Mary Anna have two children and four grandchildren. John Griffith of Alto is the new District 9 state director. He is an agricultural science teacher at Alto High School. He has a commercial cow-calf operation and grows hay in Cherokee County. Griffith has been an active member of Cherokee County Farm Bureau, serving as president, vice president and secretary/treasurer. He has also served on TFB's Resolutions Committee and traveled to Washington to advocate for agriculture with TFB's National Affairs Awards Trip. He and his wife Kimberly have two children.



**Attendance!** Bronte Elementary grades are competing to see which grade gets a popcorn party first. If the grade achieves perfect attendance for the day, they get another box filled in on their graph.

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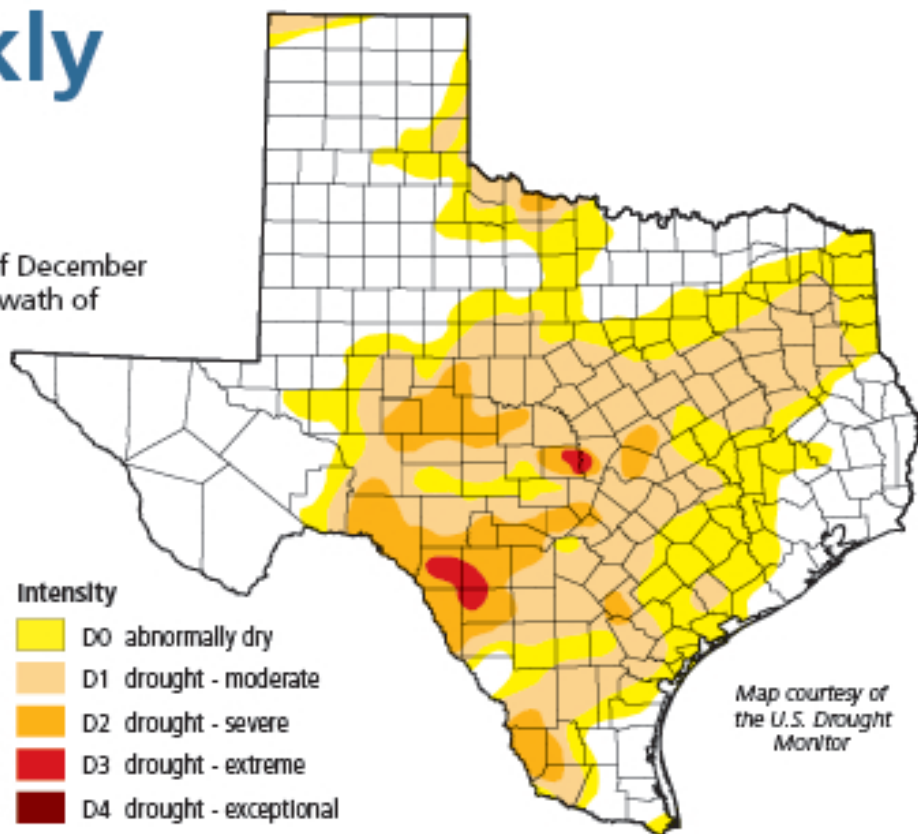
For the week of 12/09/19

## Water conditions

The latest drought map for conditions as of December 3 shows improved conditions for a broad swath of North Central Texas from Midland to west of Fort Worth. However, conditions degraded in parts of central and east Texas. Statewide, moderate or worse drought conditions ticked up 2 percentage points.

## Drought conditions

- ◆ 34% now
- ◆ 32% a week ago
- ◆ 43% three months ago
- ◆ 0.8% a year ago



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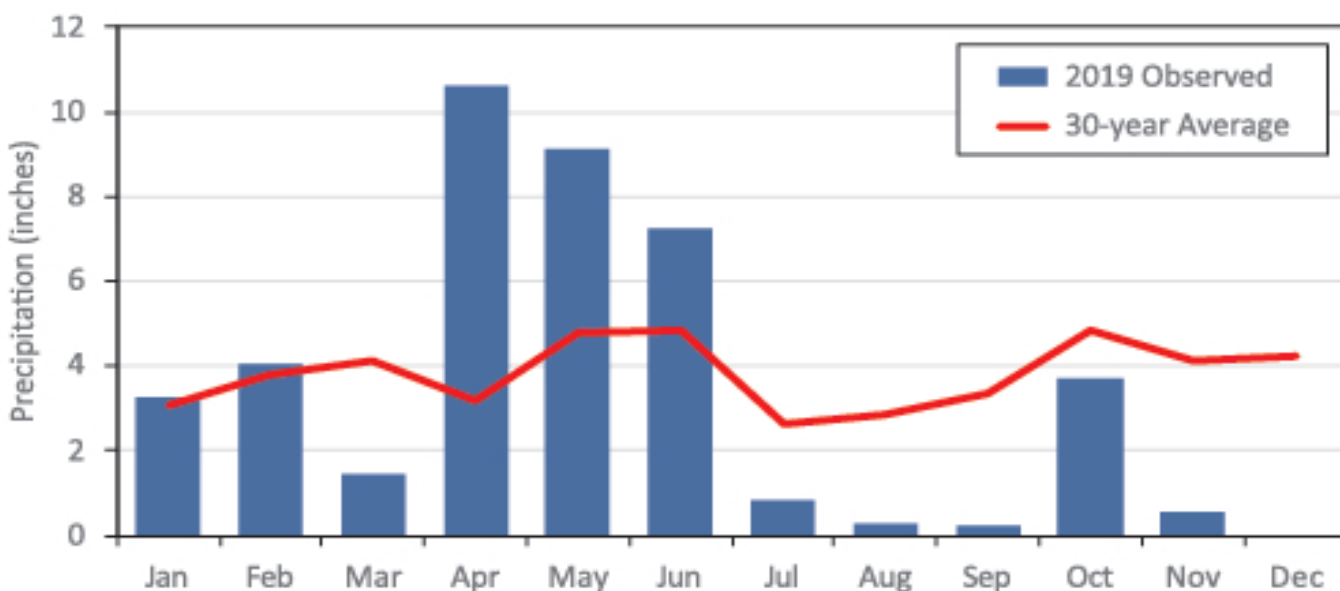
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## Tyler precipitation

Data courtesy of NOAA

In the first half of 2019, rainfall for Tyler was 150 percent of normal. Since then, rainfall has been only 32 percent of normal. Drought gripped the area in September, was pushed out in October, but returned in November.



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