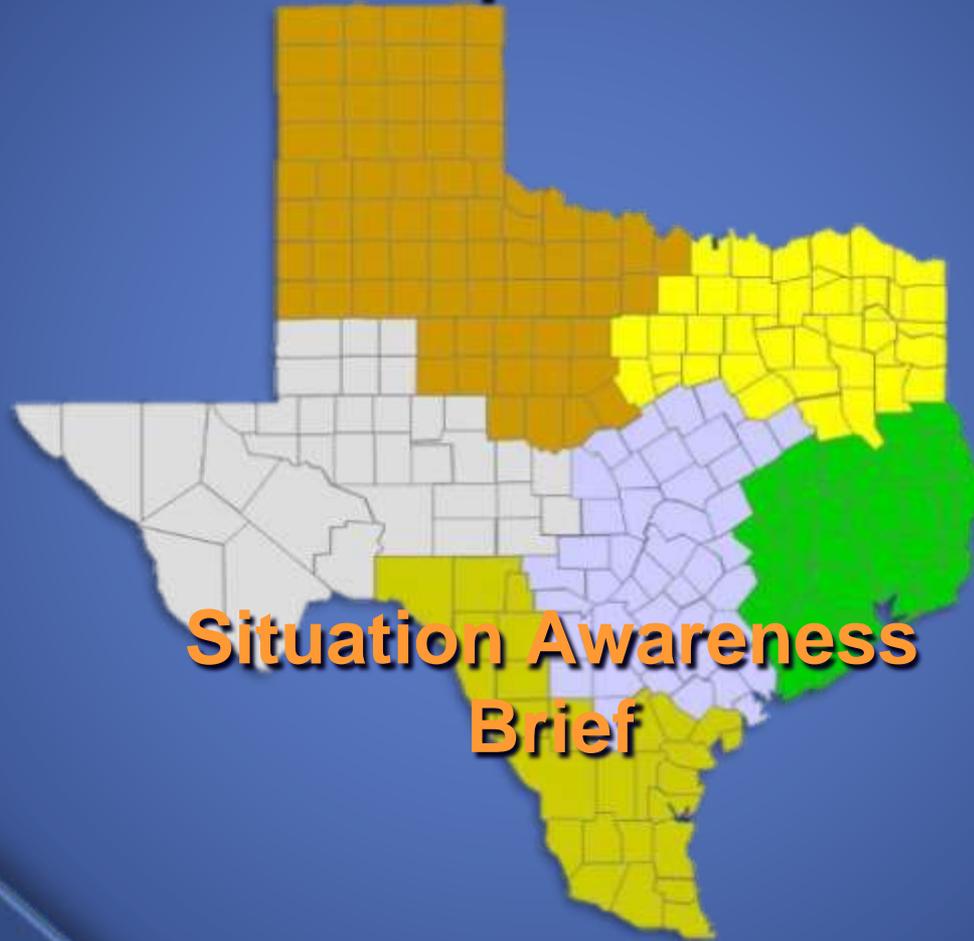


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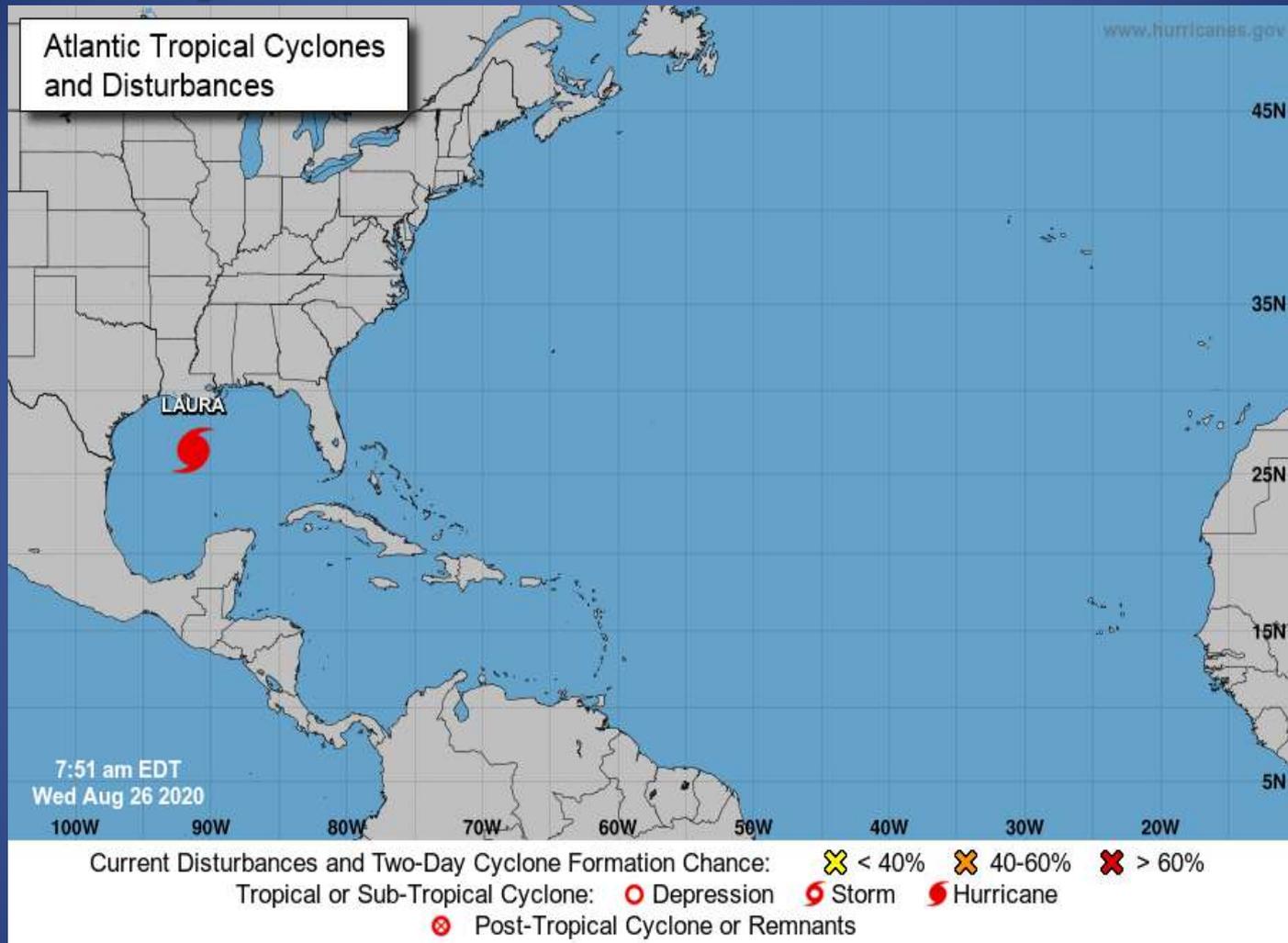


**Situation Awareness
Brief**



**Wednesday, August 26th 2020
As of 0900 CST**

Tropical Weather Awareness



Tropical Weather Awareness

A Storm Surge Warning is in effect for Freeport Texas to the Mouth of the Mississippi River. A Hurricane Warning is in effect for San Luis Pass Texas to Intracoastal City Louisiana. A Tropical Storm Warning is in effect for Sargent Texas to San Luis Pass, East of Intracoastal City Louisiana to the Mouth of the Mississippi River. A Storm Surge Watch is in effect for Mouth of the Mississippi River to Ocean Springs Mississippi, Lake Pontchartrain, Lake Maurepas, and Lake Borgne.

A Hurricane Watch is in effect for East of Intracoastal City to west of Morgan City Louisiana. A Storm Surge Warning means there is a danger of life-threatening inundation, from rising water moving inland from the coastline in the indicated locations. For a depiction of areas at risk, please see the National Weather Service Storm Surge Watch/Warning Graphic, available at hurricanes.gov. This is a life-threatening situation. Persons located within these areas should take all necessary actions to protect life and property from rising water and the potential for other dangerous conditions. Promptly follow evacuation and other instructions from local officials.

A Hurricane Warning means that hurricane conditions are expected somewhere within the warning area. Preparations to protect life and property should be rushed to completion.

A Storm Surge Watch means there is a possibility of life-threatening inundation from rising water moving inland from the coastline in the indicated locations.

A Hurricane Watch means that hurricane conditions are possible within the watch area. A Tropical Storm Warning means that tropical storm conditions are expected somewhere within the warning area.

Incidents Reported to the State Operations Center (last 24 hours)

DATE	SUBJECT	LOCATION	Final Report (Y/N)
08/25/20	Initial and Final Report of the North Coats Fire	Crockett County	Y
08/25/20	Initial Report of a Gas Line Breach and Road Closure	Gregg County	N
08/25/20	Preliminary Earthquake Report (M2.5)	Karnes County	Y
08/25/20	Initial Report for the Comanche Fire	Llano County	N
08/25/20	Initial Report for the Kohls Fire	Schleicher County	N
08/25/20	Initial Report of the Cole Fire	Wichita County	N
08/25/20	Final Report of the Cole Fire	Wichita County	Y
08/25/20	Final Report of a Gas Line Breach and Road Closure	Gregg County	Y
08/25/20	Update Report for the Comanche Fire	Blanco County	N
08/25/20	Initial Report for the 3101 Fire	Eastland County	N
08/25/20	Initial Report for the Hospital Road Fire	Taylor County	N
08/25/20	Update Report #2 for the Comanche Fire	Blanco County	N
08/25/20	Final Report of the Hospital Road Fire	Taylor County	Y
08/25/20	Final Report of the 3101 Fire	Eastland County	Y

Informational Products

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DATE	SUBJECT
08/25/20	NHC: Hurricane Laura Forecast/Advisory Number 23
08/25/20	20-0003 COVID-19 2020 SITREP 159
08/25/20	NHC: Hurricane Laura Intermediate Advisory Number 23A
08/25/20	NHC: Hurricane Laura Advisory Number 24
08/25/20	NWS Brownsville -- Hurricane Laura Slides - 3 pm 25 Aug 2020
08/25/20	NWS Lake Charles Tropical Update: 4 pm Tue 8.25.20
08/25/20	NWS Austin/San Antonio Update on Hurricane Laura - Tue Aug 25 - 4 PM CDT
08/25/20	Hurricane Laura Advisory Number 24 4:00 PM CDT
08/25/20	NWS Houston/Galveston Latest Forecast Update for Hurricane Laura
08/25/20	Tropical Weather Outlook 7:00 PM CDT
08/25/20	Hurricane Laura Intermediate Advisory Number 24A 7:00 CDT
08/25/20	NWS Lake Charles LA Public Information Statement - Extended NOAA All Hazards Radio Outage Possible for WXK-28
08/25/20	NWS Lake Charles Facebook Live/Periscope Briefing 10:30 PM
08/25/20	Hurricane Laura Advisory Number 25 10:00 PM CDT
08/25/20	NWS Lake Charles Tropical Update: 10 pm Tue

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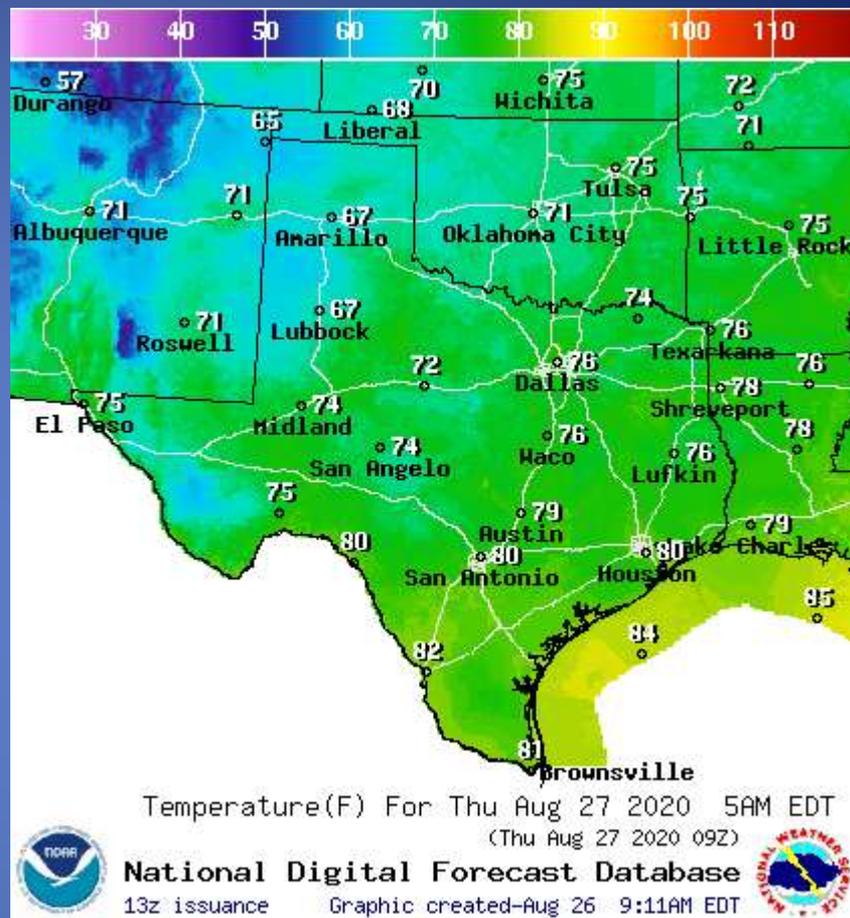
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08/25/20	NWS Houston/Galveston Hurricane Laura Local Statement Advisory Number 25 10:35 PM CDT affecting Southeast Texas
08/25/20	NWS Houston/Galveston Latest Forecast Update for Hurricane Laura
08/25/20	NWS San Angelo: Public Information Statement - NWS Damage Survey for 08/22/2020 San Angelo Thunderstorm Wind Event
08/26/20	NHC Hurricane Laura Intermediate Advisory Number 25A
08/26/20	NHC Hurricane Laura Advisory Number 26
08/26/20	NWS Austin/ San Antonio Update on Hurricane Laura - Wed Aug 26 - 4 AM CDT
08/26/20	NWS Houston/Galveston Update on Hurricane Laura (5am 8/26/2020)
08/26/20	NHC Hurricane Laura Intermediate Advisory Number 26A
08/26/20	Daily NWS Threat Brief for Wednesday, August 26, 2020 for FEMA Region 6

Weather Forecast

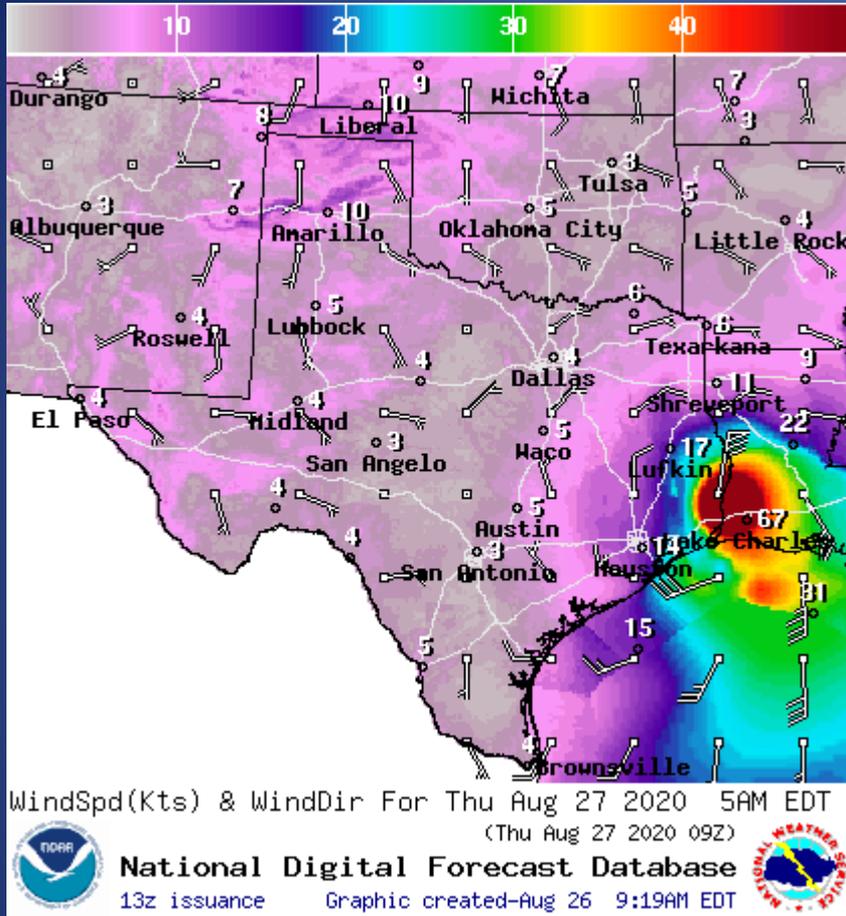


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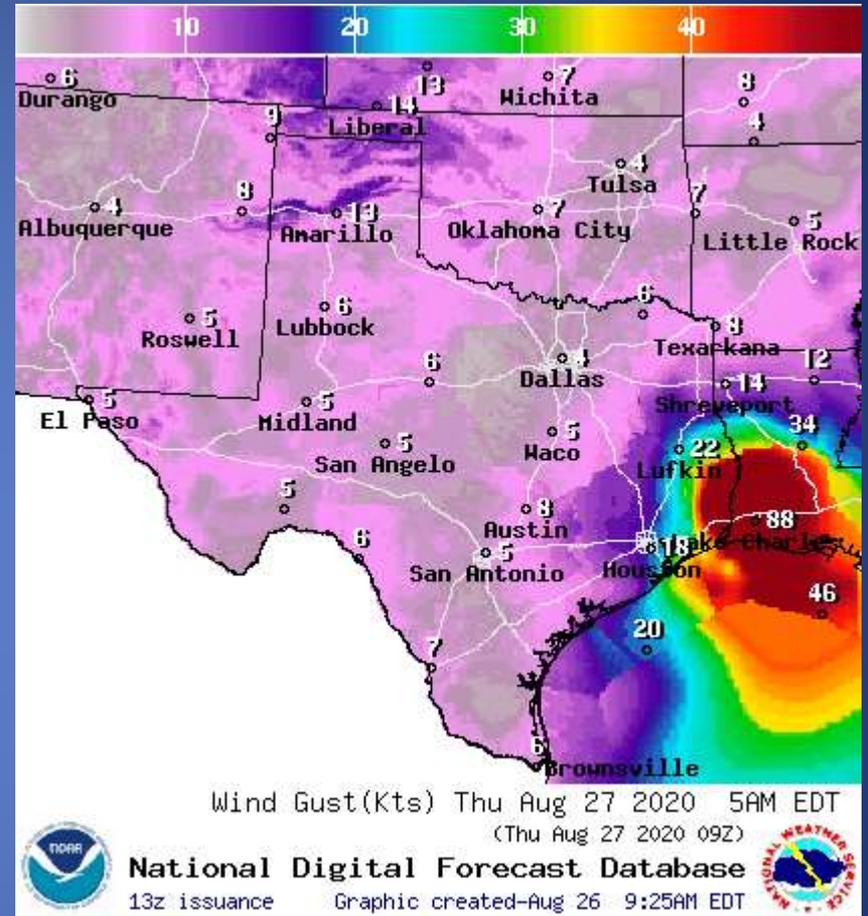


Lows

Weather Forecast



Wind Speeds



Gusts

Hazardous Weather

Precip Chances Friday Evening & Overnight

Weather Forecast Office
Amarillo, TX



Strong Storms Possible

Issued Aug 26, 2020 4:54 AM CDT



Friday may see the return of precip. Here's a look at the chances for storms Friday evening and overnight.

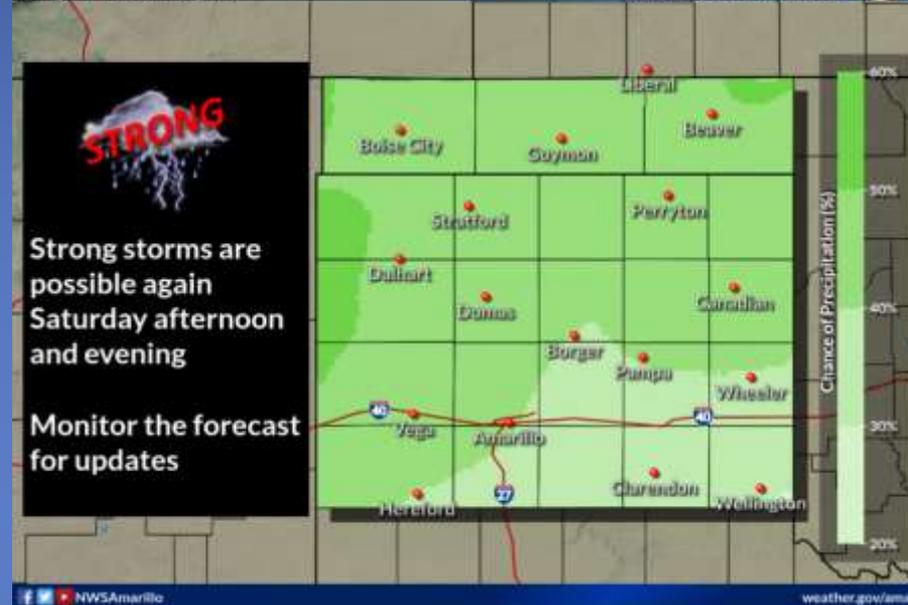
Precip Chances Saturday Afternoon & Evening

Weather Forecast Office
Amarillo, TX



Strong Storms Possible Again

Issued Aug 26, 2020 5:09 AM CDT



More storms are possible Saturday. For now not expecting severe weather but monitor the forecast for updates.

Hazardous Weather

Hazardous Beach Conditions

Minor Coastal Flooding Likely at High Tide

Weather Forecast Office
Brownsville/RGV, TX
Issued Aug 25, 2020 11:02 AM CDT



Coastal Flood Advisory

What: Minor to moderate coastal flooding is expected along the lower Texas coast

Where: Coastal Willacy, Coastal Cameron, and Coastal Kenedy counties

When: 7 am Wednesday through 7 pm Thursday

Impacts: Coastal flooding is expected with water pushing into the dunes on South Padre Island especially during high tide cycles. Vehicles will likely be unable to drive on the beach. This includes locations north of Public Beach Access #3. Minor to moderate beach erosion is expected.

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A coastal flood advisory is in effect from 7 am Wednesday through 7 pm Thursday as the swells from Hurricane Laura across the southeast Gulf of Mexico begin to reach the lower Texas coast Wednesday. This will produce minor coastal flooding along the lower Texas coast especially near times of high tide Wednesday through Thursday.

Hot with Shower/T'Storm Chance to the East

High Seas Building on the Coastal Gulf Waters | Light to Moderate Shifting Winds

Weather Forecast Office
Brownsville/RGV, TX
Issued Aug 26, 2020 4:40 AM CDT



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A slight chance for shower or thunderstorm activity will concentrate to the east today while better chances exist offshore. Partly cloudy skies are expected with near average temperatures and light to moderate winds. Dangerous seas will build across the coastal gulf waters with a Small Craft Advisory in effect.

Hazardous Weather

Hurricane Laura

Weather Forecast Office
Corpus Christi, TX
Wednesday, August 26, 2020

Latest Information as of: 7 AM CDT August 26, 2020

COORDINATES	
Latitude	26.4 °N
Longitude	91.4 °W
LOCATION	
362 miles from Port Aransas, TX	
MOVEMENT	
NW at 15 mph	
MAX SUSTAINED WINDS	
115 mph	
PRESSURE	
963 mb	28.44 inches

Visit hurricanes.gov and ready.gov for preparedness information



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weather.gov/crp

Hurricane Laura is now a MAJOR hurricane with max winds of 115 MPH. Laura is expected to become a major hurricane (Category 4) later today before making landfall near the TX/LA border tonight. The main impacts expected for South Texas are minor coastal flooding and an increased rip current risks.

Hazardous Beach Conditions

Beach Roads May Flood | Water May Reach the Dunes

Weather Forecast Office
Corpus Christi, TX
Issued Aug 26, 2020 4:24 AM CDT



A Coastal Flood Advisory and High Risk of Rip Currents are in effect through Thursday evening as impacts from Hurricane Laura begin to reach the Middle Texas coast. 1- 3ft of inundation can be expected with the higher amounts closer to Port O'Connor. Dangerous swimming conditions are expected due to a High Risk of Rip Currents, especially near piers and jetties.

Hazardous Weather

Isolated/Scattered Storms East Today

Heat Index Values of 105 to 109

Weather Forecast Office
Corpus Christi, TX

Issued Aug 26, 2020 4:38 AM CDT



Warm and Muggy Tonight

Isolated Showers/Storms East

Weather Forecast Office
Corpus Christi, TX

Issued Aug 26, 2020 5:02 AM CDT



Moisture from Hurricane Laura will lead to isolated to scattered showers and thunderstorms today across the Coastal Bend and Middle Texas Coastal Waters. Locally heavy rainfall will be possible. Otherwise, warm and humid conditions will continue, with highs in the 90s to near 100 degrees. Heat index values of 105 to 109 degrees will be possible today. Seas will build to hazardous levels today as Hurricane Laura moves toward the TX/LA border.

Mild and muggy conditions are expected tonight under partly to mostly cloudy skies. Lows will range in the upper 70s to near 80 degrees. Isolated showers and thunderstorms will be possible across the Gulf waters and Coastal Bend. Hazardous seas will continue across the Gulf waters.

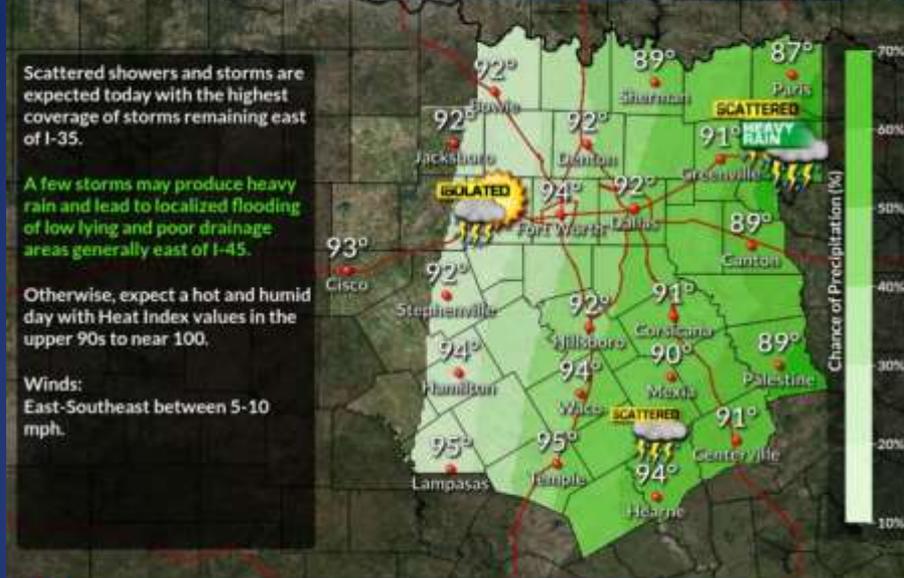
Hazardous Weather

Wednesday

Hot and Humid with Scattered Showers and Storms

Weather Forecast Office
Fort Worth, TX

Issued Aug 26, 2020 6:31 AM CDT



NWSFort Worth

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Today

Showers and T-storms. East winds increasing to 10 to 20 mph gusting to 30 mph.

Weather Forecast Office
Lake Charles, LA

Issued Aug 26, 2020 5:38 AM CDT



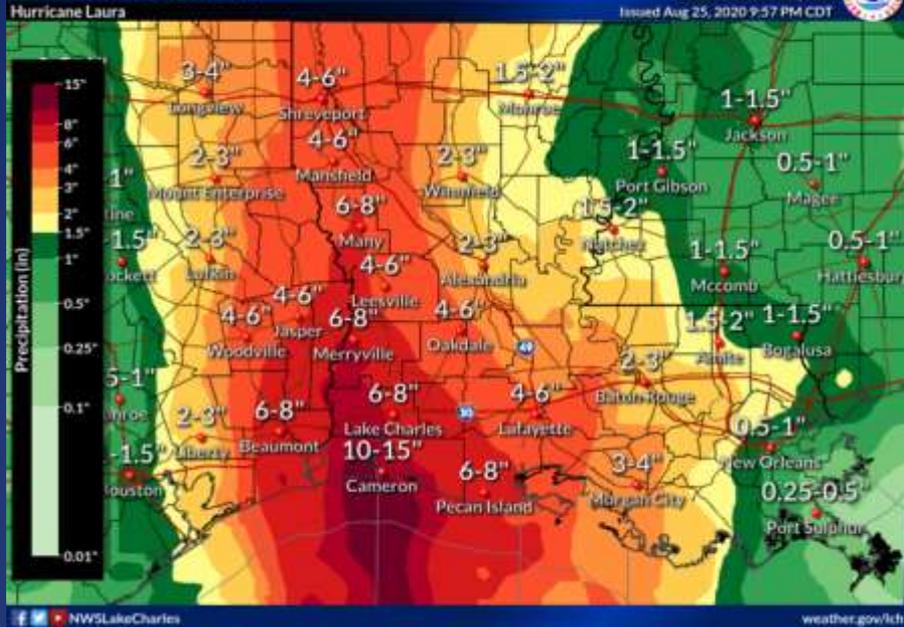
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Scattered showers and storms are expected today with the highest coverage of storms remaining east of I-35. A few storms may produce heavy rain and lead to localized flooding of low lying and poor drainage areas generally east of I-45. Otherwise, expect a hot and humid day with Heat Index values in the upper 90s to near 100. Winds: East-Southeast between 5-10 mph.

Hazardous Weather

Forecast Rainfall



Potential impacts include:

- Major rainfall flooding may prompt many evacuations and rescues.
- Rivers and tributaries may rapidly overflow their banks in multiple places. Small streams, creeks, canals, and ditches may become dangerous rivers. Flood control systems and barriers may become stressed.
- Flood waters can enter many structures within multiple communities, some structures becoming uninhabitable or washed away. Many places where flood waters may cover escape routes. Streets and parking lots become rivers of moving water with underpasses submerged. Driving conditions become dangerous. Many road and bridge closures with some weakened or washed out.

Flooding Rain Threat



Protect against life-threatening rainfall flooding having possible extensive impacts across Southeast Texas and Southwest Louisiana.

Hazardous Weather

Wind Threat



Prepare for life-threatening wind having possible devastating impacts across Southwest Louisiana and Southeast Texas. Potential impacts include:

- Structural damage to sturdy buildings, some with complete roof and wall failures. Complete destruction of mobile homes. Damage greatly accentuated by large airborne projectiles. Locations may be uninhabitable for weeks or months.
- Numerous large trees snapped or uprooted along with fences and roadway signs blown over.
- Many roads impassable from large debris, and more within urban or heavily wooded places. Many bridges and access routes impassable.
- Widespread power and communications outages.

Isolated to Scattered Storms along and east of I-35

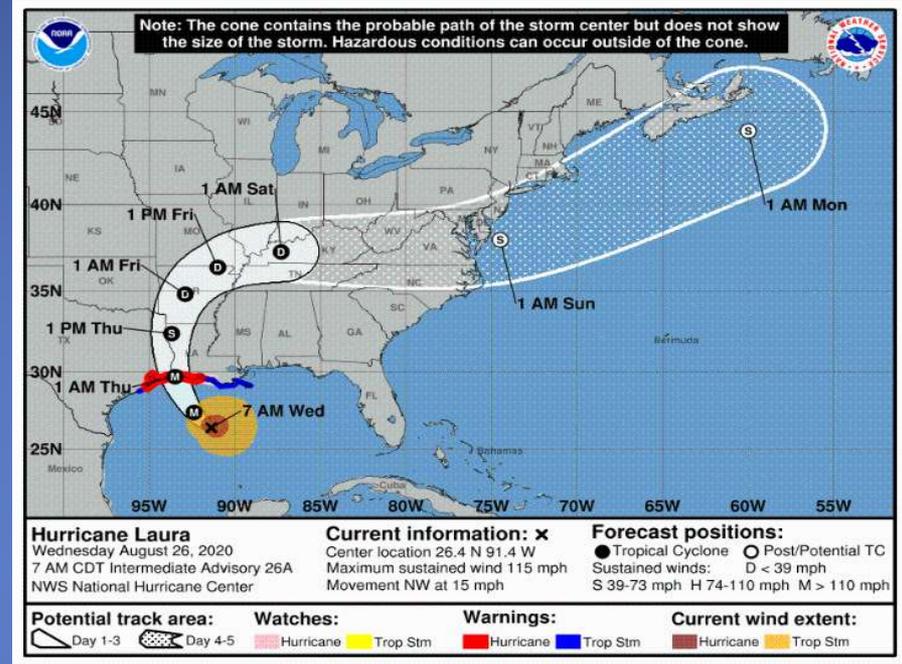


Partly cloudy and hot with highs around 100 to 102 degrees across the Rio Grande. Isolated to scattered thunderstorms are forecast for areas along and east of the I-35 corridor as rain-bands associated with Hurricane Laura affect the area and Laura approaches the upper Texas coast and Louisiana border late tonight. Due to cloud coverage and chances for rain over the east, cooler temperatures are expected with highs in the mid 90s.

Hazardous Weather



Hurricane and Tropical Storm Warnings have been issued for portions of the forecast area in anticipation of Hurricane Laura impacting the region.



Here is the latest forecast update on Hurricane Laura and its projected track through the Four-State Region on Thursday and Thursday night.

Hazardous Weather

Flash Flood Watch in Effect

Valid through 7:00 AM CDT Friday

Weather Forecast Office
Shreveport, LA

Issued Aug 26, 2020 5:44 AM CDT



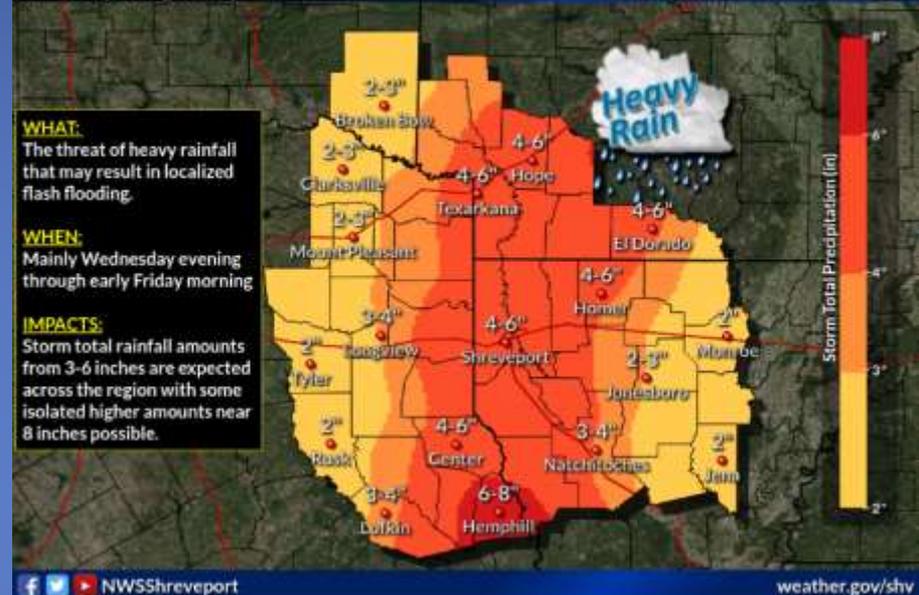
A Flash Flood Watch is in effect for the entire Four-State Area through 7 AM Friday morning as Hurricane Laura is expected to bring widespread rainfall amounts of 3-6 inches with isolated higher amounts near 8 inches possible. If you encounter flooded roads, "Turn Around, Don't Drown!"

Hurricane Laura Rainfall Forecast

Valid Today through Friday

Weather Forecast Office
Shreveport, LA

Issued Aug 26, 2020 6:06 AM CDT



Storm total rainfall amounts through Friday could range from 3 to 6 inches with isolated higher amounts near 8 inches possible. The highest amounts will be near and to the east of the center of Laura's circulation. At this time, that appears to be across portions of East Texas, Northern Louisiana, and Southern Arkansas.

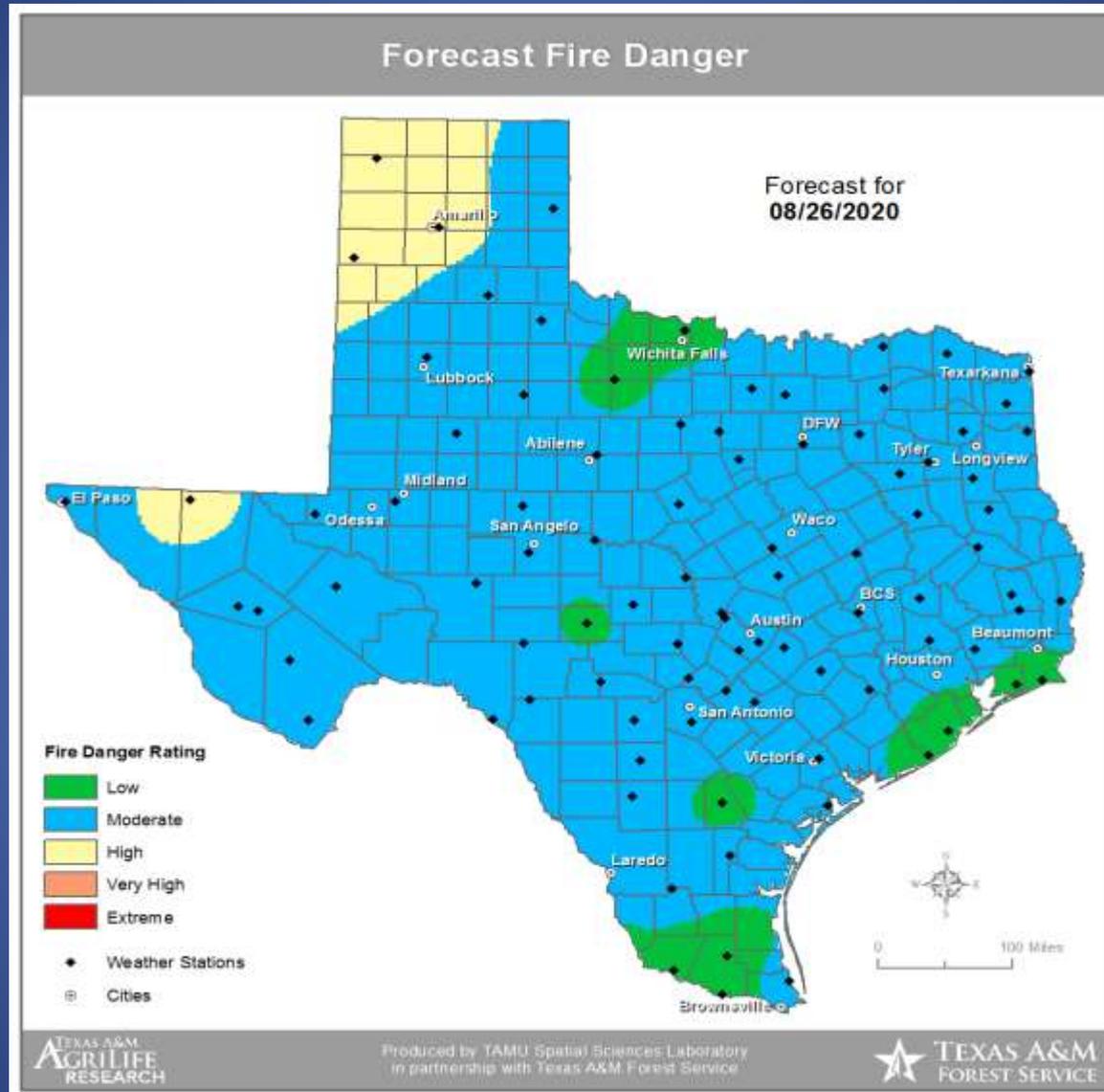
Weather Warning/Advisories Issued

DATE	WARNING TYPE	LOCATION
08/25/20	Flash Flood Watch	Angelina, Bowie, Camp, Cass, Gregg, Hardin, Harrison, Jasper, Jefferson, Marion, Morris, Nacogdoches, Newton, Orange, Panola, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, Shelby, Titus, Tyler and Upshur Counties
08/25/20	Flood Warning	Neches River Near Beaumont affecting Hardin, Jefferson and Orange Counties; Sabine River Near Orange affecting Orange County
08/25/20	Coastal Flood Advisory	Jackson and Matagorda Counties
08/26/20	Tropical Storm Warning	Bowie, Brazoria, Camp, Cass, Cherokee, Fort Bend, Gregg, Grimes, Harris, Harrison, Houston, Madison, Marion, Montgomery, Morris, Panola, Rusk, San Jacinto, Smith, Trinity, Upshur, Walker and Waller Counties
08/26/20	Hurricane Warning	Angelina, Chambers, Galveston, Hardin, Harris, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Nacogdoches, Newton, Orange, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, Shelby and Tyler Counties
08/26/20	Coastal Flood Advisory	Aransas, Calhoun, Cameron, Jackson, Kenedy, Kleberg, Matagorda, Nueces and Willacy Counties
08/26/20	Flood Warning	Neches River At Neches River Saltwater Barrier affecting Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson and Orange Counties
08/26/20	Flash Flood Watch	Cherokee, Franklin, Red River, Smith and Wood Counties

Weather Warning/Advisories Issued

DATE	WARNING TYPE	LOCATION
08/26/20	Storm Surge Warning	Brazoria, Chambers, Galveston, Jefferson, Liberty, Newton, Orange and Polk Counties

Fire Danger Forecast



Burn Ban

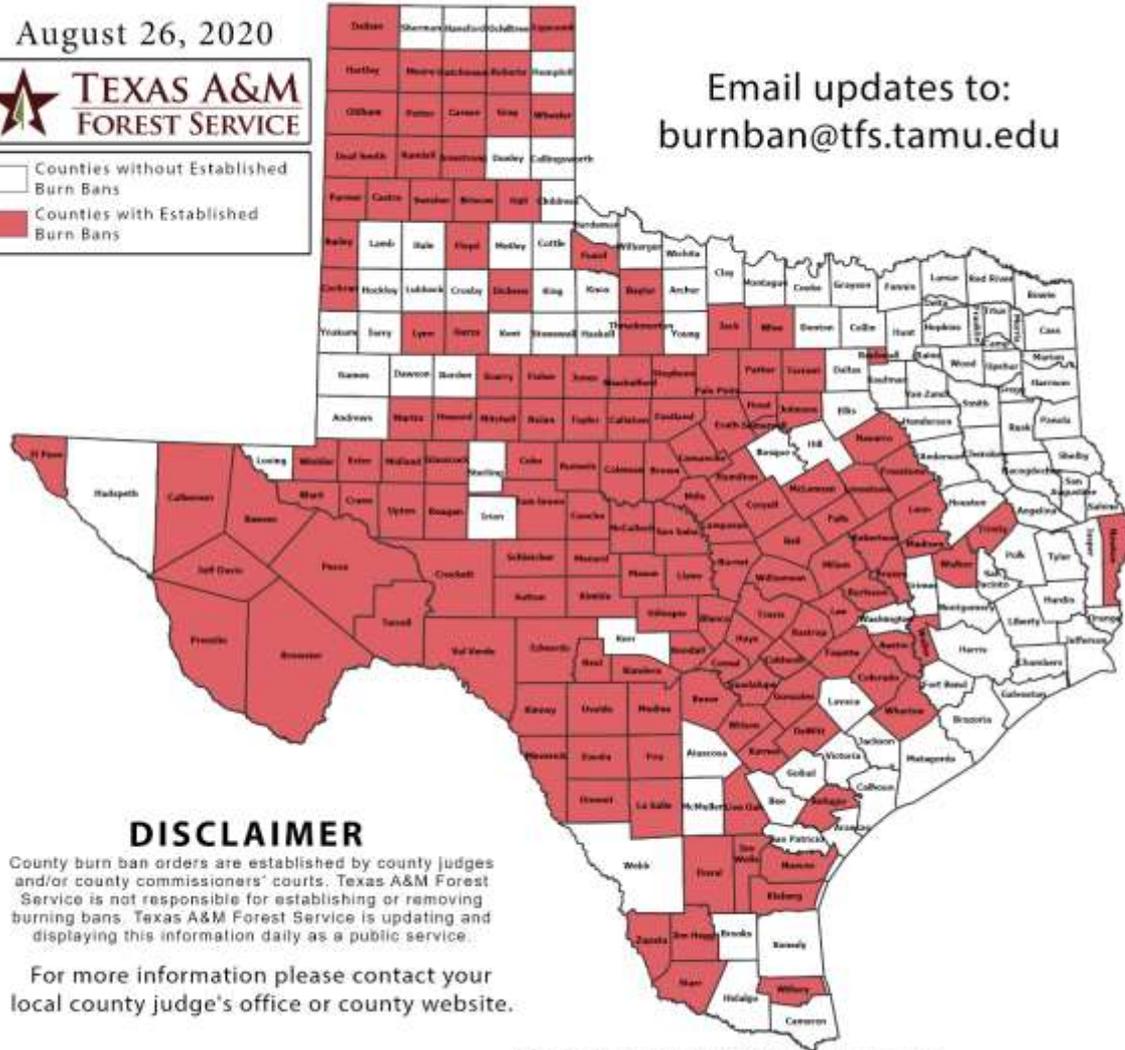
OUTDOOR BURN BANS

August 26, 2020



Counties without Established Burn Bans
 Counties with Established Burn Bans

Email updates to:
burnban@tfs.tamu.edu



Counties with Burn Bans: 145

- Armstrong
- Austin
- Bailey
- Bandera
- Bastrop
- Baylor
- Bell
- Bexar
- Blanco
- Brazos
- Brewster
- Briscoe
- Brown
- Burleson
- Burnet
- Caldwell
- Callahan
- Carson
- Castro
- Cochran
- Coke
- Coleman
- Colorado
- Comal
- Comanche
- Concho
- Coryell
- Crane
- Crockett
- Culberson
- Dallam
- Deaf Smith
- DeWitt
- Dickens
- Dimmit
- Duval
- Eastland
- Ector
- Edwards
- El Paso
- Erath
- Falls
- Fayette
- Fisher
- Floyd
- Foard
- Freestone
- Frio
- Garza
- Gillespie
- Glasscock
- Gonzales
- Gray
- Guadalupe
- Hall
- Hamilton
- Hartley
- Hays
- Hood
- Howard
- Hutchinson
- Jack
- Jeff Davis
- Jim Hogg
- Jim Wells
- Johnson
- Jones
- Karnes
- Kendall
- Kimble
- Kinney
- Kleberg
- Lampasas
- La Salle
- Lee
- Leon
- Limestone
- Lipscomb
- Live Oak
- Llano
- Lynn
- McCulloch
- McLennan
- Madison
- Martin
- Mason
- Maverick
- Medina
- Menard
- Midland
- Milam
- Mills
- Mitchell
- Moore
- Navarro
- Newton
- Nolan
- Nueces
- Oldham
- Palo Pinto
- Parker
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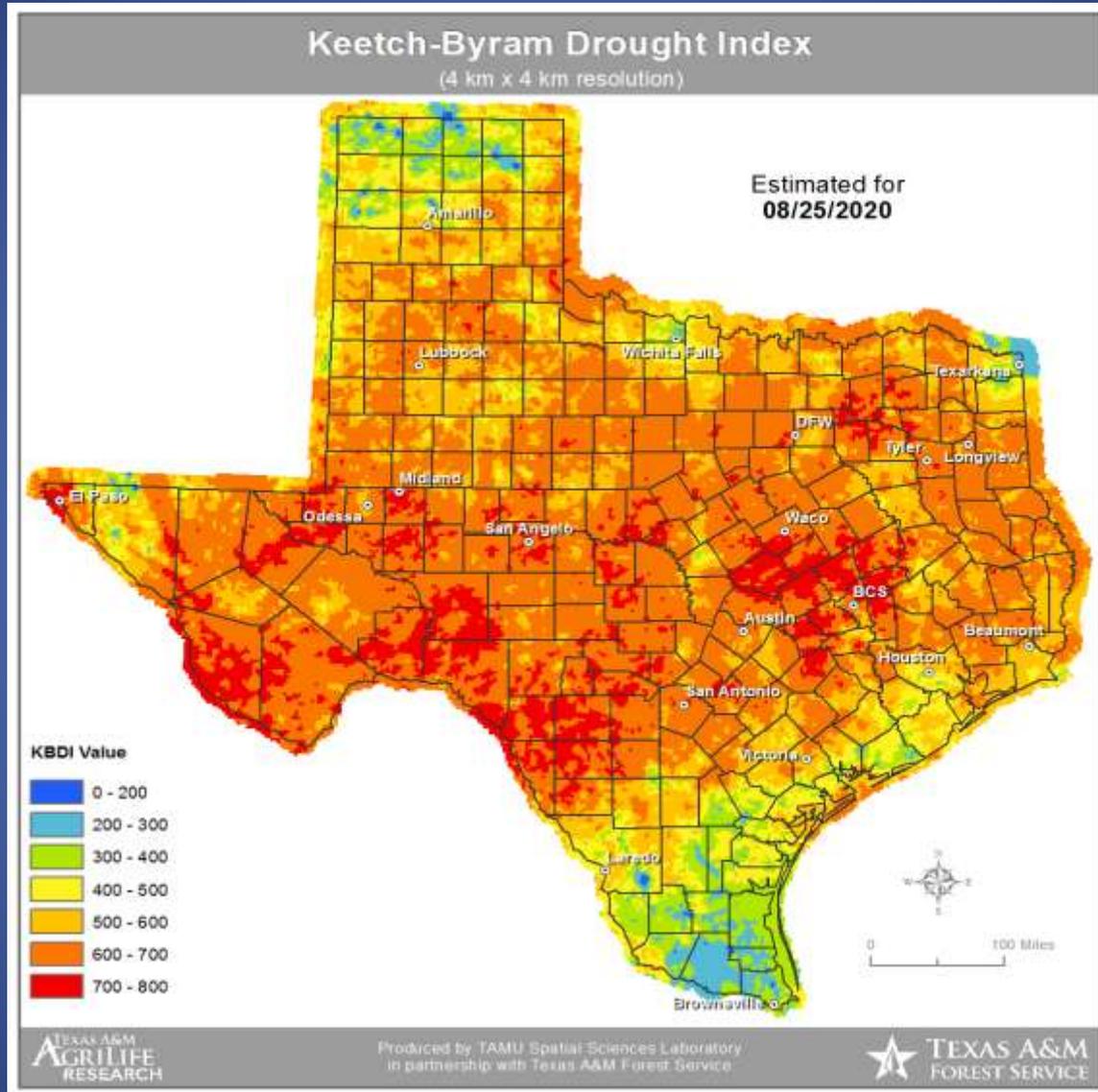
County burn ban orders are established by county judges and/or county commissioners' courts. Texas A&M Forest Service is not responsible for establishing or removing burning bans. Texas A&M Forest Service is updating and displaying this information daily as a public service.

For more information please contact your local county judge's office or county website.

RED FLAG WARNINGS: www.weather.gov

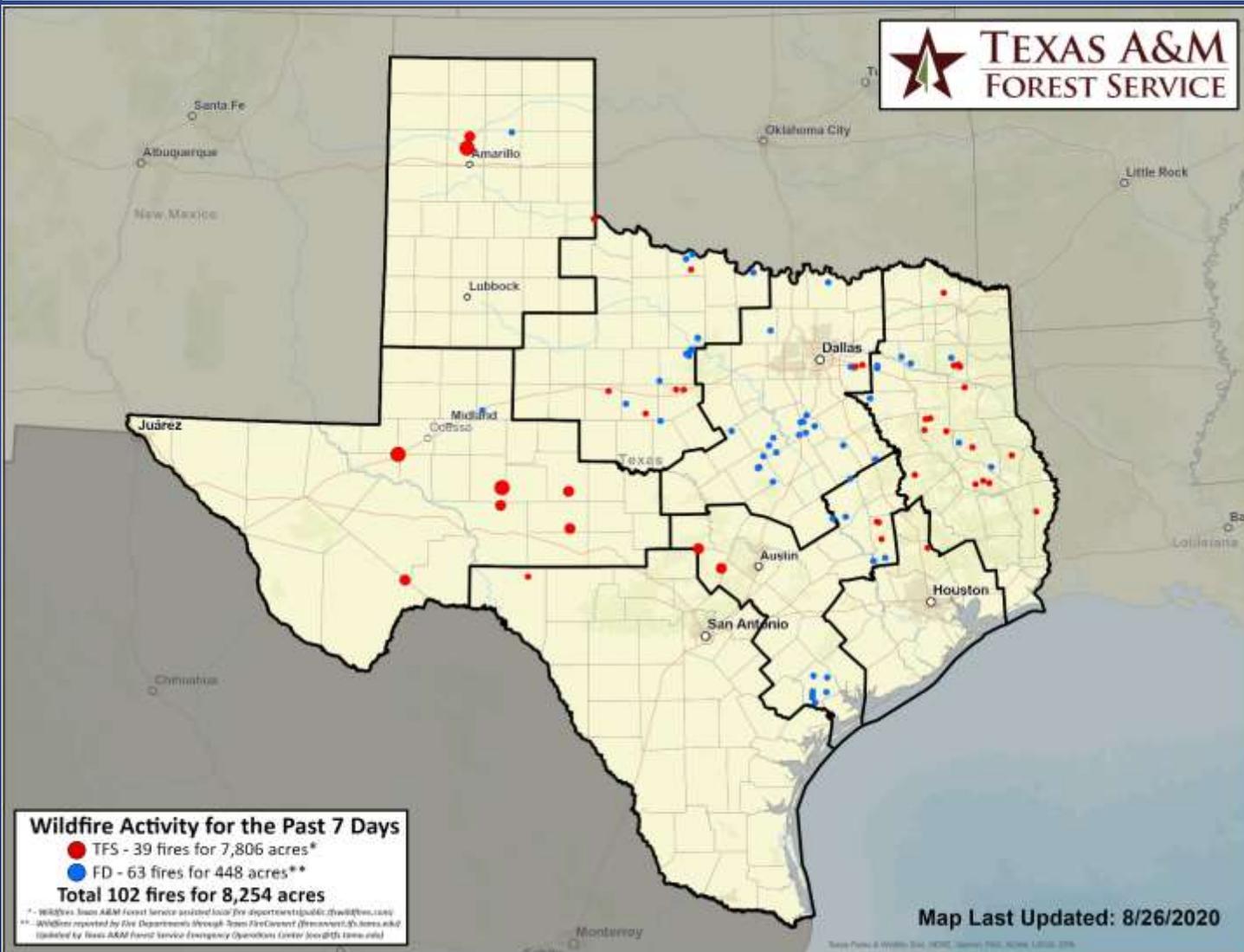
Additional map formats available at <https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/Burnbans/>

Keetch-Byram Drought Index



Fire Activity (*Last 24 Hours)

Reports 435 (+6) fires and 118,367 (+243) acres destroyed this year. There are 145 (+4) counties with burn bans. The Keetch–Byram Drought Index list 240 (+1) counties with an average over 400.



Training

DATES		TITLE	COURSE	LOCATION
08/24/20	08/28/20	NFPA 1006 2013 Edition Confined Space Rescue Level I and II Training (Pro-Board Certificates)	H-503	San Antonio
08/24/20	08/28/20	NFPA 1072 HazMat Technician (Pro-Board Certification)	H-501	Midland
08/24/20	08/28/20	NFPA 1072 Trench Rescue (Pro-Board Certification)	H-306	College Station