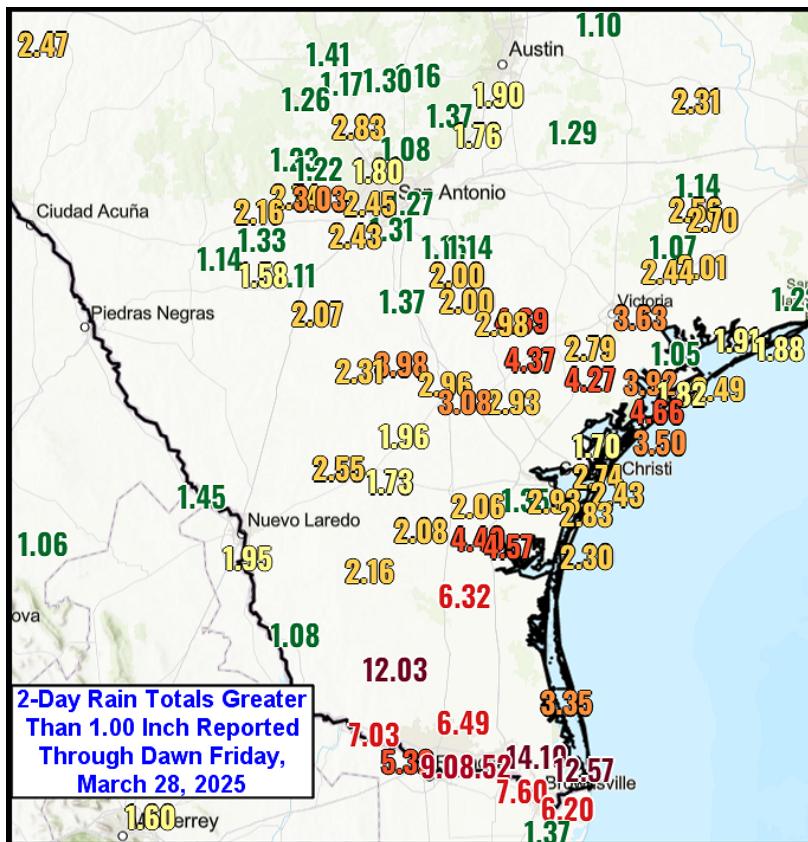


# Southern Texas Rain Ends Long Stretch of Dryness

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Kansas City, March 28 (World Weather Inc.) – Rain developed in portions of southern Texas Wednesday night and it continued all day Thursday. The precipitation was the single greatest event to impact the region since the last days of August and first days of September when widespread generalized rain was reported. The middle and upper Texas coast received significant rain in mid-January, but not South Texas and the dryness has impacted most dryland corn, sorghum and cotton in the region. The rain has changed the moisture profile for a while, though follow up rain will be needed later this spring. Today's forecast models have suggested no follow up rain for the next two weeks.

Rainfall was most significant from Austin through the San Antonio area southward across the lower Rio Grande between Laredo and Brownsville into northeastern Mexico



where 1.00 to 4.00 inches was common. Local rain totals in far southern Texas reached over 5.00 inches with some amounts near the mouth of the lower Rio Grande reporting more than 8.00 inches. Harlingen, Texas 14.10 inches of rain and another area north of the Rio Grande in far southern Texas reported 12.03 inches. Brownsville received 12.57 inches.

The moisture ended a prolonged period without rain and resulted in some flooding. The last time rain fell in the 1.00- to 4.00-inch range across this region was in the week ending September 4, 2024. Some flash

flooding resulted Thursday and there may have been some damage to crops and property in the worst impacted areas which should have been few in number.

Mostly dry weather will resume this weekend and there will not likely be additional rain of significance in the region for at least ten days and perhaps longer. However, a few stray showers will be possible periodically. The return of drier weather will allow farmers back into their fields after a few days of runoff and a few more of net drying. A much better outlook for crops should result from this week's rain, though follow up moisture will be very important.

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Some of the heavy rainfall has shifted up through the Coastal Bend overnight and into the middle and upper Texas Gulf of Mexico coastal region where some other heavy rain has occurred. The moisture in the middle and upper coast will likely benefit rice, corn, cotton and sorghum planting during April. Some lighter rain will also benefit crops in the Blacklands. Central Texas coastal areas will end up with 1.00 to 4.00 inches of rain while the Blacklands get 0.30 to 1.50 inches with a few greater amounts in the southeast.

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