# **Texas Water Development Board**



# **RESERVOIR STORAGE** April 2011

At the end of April, total storage in 109 of the state's major reservoirs was at 24.23 million acre-feet\*, or 78% of the total conservation storage capacity. This is 0.43 million acre-feet less than a month ago.

Storage was at 100% in 5 reservoirs, five less than last month. Seven lakes were at or below 10% full: O. C. Fisher Lake Reservoir and Lake Meredith were effectively empty, Hords Creek Lake was at 1%, E.V. Spence Reservoir was at 2%, Lake J. B. Thomas and Lake Electra were at 4% full, and Twin Buttes was at 9%.

None of the regions had combined storage above 90%. The High Plains (4%) and Trans-Pecos regions (21%) remained very low. Over the month, storage declined in all regions except the East where the combined storage rose 3,169 acre-feet. Over the 12-month period, storage increased in 1 and decreased in 8 regions.

\* Only the Texas share of storage in border reservoirs is counted.



Figures are based on the end of the month data at 109 major reservoirs that represent 95 percent of the total conservation storage capacity of the 175 major water supply reservoirs in Texas. Reservoirs with a conservation storage capacity of 5,000 acre-feet or greater are included.

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# **STREAMFLOW**

Of 29 reporting index stations in April, computed 30-day mean flows were high (5% - 30%) at 1 station, low (70% - 95%) at 13 stations, very low (>95%) at 3 stations, and near normal (30% - 70%) at the remaining 12 stations. Compared to March, flows have increased at 5 index stations and decreased at 24 stations.

On a regional basis, flows in April were low in the Low Rolling Plains, East Texas, Edwards Plateau, Upper Coast and Southern regions, and near normal everywhere else. Streamflow in the Lower Valley region is not monitored.

# **APRIL STREAMFLOW CONDITIONS**

Reservoirs Shown on Map

53. Pat Cleburne, Lake

54. Waxahachie, Lake 55. Bardwell Lake



56. Proctor Lake Whitney Lake 57. Aquilla Lake 58 59 Navarro Mills Lake 60. Halbert, Lake Richland-Chambers Reservoir 61 62. Lake Brownwood 63 Waco Lake 64 Limestone Lake 65. Belton Lake Stillhouse Hollow Lake 66 67. Georgetown, Lake 68. Granger Lake 69. Tawakoni, Lake 70. Wright Patman Lake 71. Sulphur Springs, Lake 72. Cypress Springs, Lake 73. Bob Sandlin, Lake 74. Fork Reservoir, Lake 75. O' the Pines, Lake Cedar Creek Reservoir Trinity 76. 77. Athens, Lake 78. Palestine, Lake 79 Tyler, Lake 80. Murvaul, Lake Jacksonville, Lake 81. 82 Nacogdoches, Lake 83. Houston County Lake 84. Sam Rayburn Reservoir 85. Toledo Bend Reservoir 86. Livingston, Lake 87. B. A. Steinhagen Lake 88. Conroe, Lake Red Bluff Reservoir 89. 90. Oak Creek Reservoir 91. E. V. Spence Reservoir O. C. Fisher Lake 92. 93. O. H. Ivie Reservoir 94. Twin Buttes Reservoir 95. Brady Creek Reservoir 96. Buchanan, Lake 97. Lyndon B Johnson, Lake 98. Amistad Reservoir, Intl. 99. Travis, Lake 100. Austin, Lake Somerville Lake 101. 102. Canyon Lake 103 Medina Lake 104. Coleto Creek Reservoir 105. Lake Houston 106. Texana, Lake Choke Canyon Reservoir 107. 108 Lake Corpus Christi 109. Falcon Reservoir, Intl.

## CONSERVATION STORAGE DATA FOR SELECTED MAJOR TEXAS RESERVOIRS

Name of Lake	No	Conservation	Conservat	ion	Change sin	Ce	Change since		
or Reservoir	on	Storage	Storage		Late Marc	h	Late April		
	Мар	Capacity	Late Apr. 2011		2011		2010		
		(acre-feet)	(acre-feet)	(%)	(acre-feet)	(%)	(acre-feet)	(%)	
		HTGH PL	ATNS		,,				
Palo Duro Reservoir	1	60,897	9,121	15	-1,358	-2	8,861	15	
Meredith, Lake (Texas)	2	500,000	1,792	0	-1,688	0	-30,438	-6	
Meredith, Lake (Texas & Oklahoma)	(2)	779,556	1,792	0	-1,688	0	-30,438	-4	
MacKenzie Reservoir	3	46,429	5,637	12	-200	0	-1,402	-3	
White River Lake	4	29,880	8,995	30	-639	-2	4,613	15	
TOTAL		637,206	25,545	4	-3,885	-1	-18,366	-3	
		LOW ROLLING	G PLAINS						
Greenbelt Lake	5	59,500	15,535	26	-535	-1	-1,607	-3	
*Electra, Lake	6	5,626	241	4	-64	-1	-443	-8	
N. Fork Buffalo Crk Reservoir	7	15,400	5,039	33	-368	-2	-1,250	-8	
Kemp, Lake	8	245,308	200,369	82	-25,376	-10	-44,939	-18	
Millers Creek Reservoir	9	27,888	16,822	60	-1,020	-4	-2,190	-8	
Alan Henry Reservoir	10	94,808	85,967	91	-1,421	-1	-8,841	-9	
Stamford, Lake	11	51,570	44,610	87	-2,995	-6	-6,960	-13	
J B Thomas, Lake	12	199,931	8,039	4	-1,251	-1	-8,382	-4	
Fort Phantom Hill, Lake	13	70,030	54,041	77	-1,653	-2	1,297	2	
Sweetwater, Lake	14	10,006	5,131	51	-252	-3	-1,494	-15	
Colorado City, Lake	15	31,793	13,427	42	-644	-2	-4,385	-14	
Champion Creek Reservoir	16	41,618	6,273	15	-330	-1	-1,441	-3	
Abilene, Lake	17	6,099	4,125	68	-324	-5	-518	-8	
Coleman, Lake	18	38,076	19,653	52	-632	-2	-5,164	-14	
Hords Creek Lake	19	5,684	30	1	-128	-2	-1,270	-22	
TOTAL		903,337	479,302	53	-36,993	-4	-87,587	-10	
		NORTH CE	NTRAL						
Nocona, Lake (Farmers Crk)	20	21,445	17,356	81	-627	-3	-4,089	-19	
Hubert H Moss Lake	21	24,058	23,929	99	160	1	-107	0	
Texoma, Lake (Texas)	22	1,185,688	1,151,361	97	8,644	1	-34,327	-3	
Texoma, Lake (Texas & Oklahoma)	(22)	2,371,376	2,302,722	97	17,288	1	-68,654	-3	
*Pat Mayse Lake	23	117,844	108,121	92	6,310	5	-9,979	-8	
Kickapoo, Lake	24	85,825	63,549	74	-2,657	-3	-8,814	-10	
Arrowhead, Lake	25	235,997	177,252	75	-8,316	-4	-18,754	-8	
Bonham, Lake	26	11,026	10,429	95	599	5	-237	-2	
Crook, Lake	27	9,195	9,195	100	393	4	300	3	
Amon G Carter, Lake	28	19,903	16,462	83	-568	-3	-3,441	-17	
Ray Roberts, Lake	29	798,758	747,939	94	-5,539	-1	-48,197	-6	
Jim Chapman Lake (Cooper)	30	260,332	133,993	51	-3,053	-1	-121,476	-47	
Graham, Lake	31	45,260	40,102	89	-1,318	-3	-5,158	-11	
*Lost Creek Reservoir	32	11,950	10,674	89	-168	-1	-1,276	-11	
Bridgeport, Lake	33	366,236	309,482	85	-6,614	-2	-56,/54	-15	
Lewisville Lake	34	563,228	521,454	93	-6,512	-1	-21,3/3	-4	
Lavon Lake	35	443,844	338,037	76	-2,189	0	-105,807	-24	
Hubbard Creek Reservoir	36	318,067	181,120	57	-4,306	-1	-35,101	-11	
Possum Kingdom Lake	37	540,340	498,899	92	-8,287	-2	-29,584	-5	
*Mineral Wells, Lake	38	7,065	5,967	84	-237	-3	-1,098	-10	
Weatherford, Lake	39	17,789	13,370	/5	-4//	-3	-5,217	-29	
Eagle Mountain Lake	40	1/9,880	10,034	87	-1,878	-1	-26,466	-12	
worth, Lake	41	24,500	157 (596	/6	488	2	-5,804	-24	
Grapevine Lake	42	164,702	157,657	96	1,153	Ţ	-7,045	-4	
kay Hubbard, Lake	43	452,040	399,007	88	9,532	2	-47,247	-10	
New Terrell City Lake	44	8,583	7,397	86	16	0	-1,186	-14	
Daniel, Lake	45	9,435	3,758	40	-247	د- دد	-499	-5	
raio finto, Lake Berbreek Lake	46	26,827	20,827	100	6,074	23	-323	-1	
	47	85,648	82,248	96	-1,157	-1	-2,857	د-	
ALLINGLON, LAKE	48	40,156	34,101	85	-2,180	-5	-4,351	-11	

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Name of Lake	No.	Conservation	Conservation		Change sin	ce	Change since		
or Reservoir	on Storage		Storage	3	Late Marc	h	Late April		
	Map Capacity		Late Apr. 2011		2011		2010		
	(acre-feet) (a		(acre-feet)	(%)	(acre-feet) (%)		(acre-feet) (१		
	NORT	H CENTRAL (C	Continue)						
Joe Pool Lake	49	142,861	141,163	99	369	0	-1,698	-1	
*Cisco, Lake	50	26,000	13,357	51	-380	-1	-3,181	-12	
Leon, Lake	51	26,421	15,223	58	-367	-1	-4,617	-17	
Granbury, Lake	52	128,046	124,874	124,874 98		1	-982	-1	
Pat Cleburne, Lake	53	26,008	23,588	91	60	0	-2,142	-8	
Waxahachie, Lake	54	10,779	9,351	87	-12	0	-1,428	-13	
Bardwell Lake	55	46,122	45,162	98	-805	-2	-960	-2	
Proctor Lake	56	55,457	32,317	58	2,304	4	-21,004	-38	
Whitney, Lake	57	553,349	362,298	65	-11,828	-2	-191,051	-35	
Aquilla Lake	58	44,460	41,786	94	-1,578	-4	-3,306	-7	
Navarro Mills Lake	59	49,826	48,523	97	-1,303	-3	-7,294	-15	
*Halbert, Lake	60	6,033	3,521	3,521 58		-1	-1,750	-29	
Richland-Chambers Reservoir	61	1,087,839	980,869	90	-10,649	-1	-122,947	-11	
*Brownwood, Lake	62	131,429	72,302	55	-3,884	-3	-31,969	-24	
Waco, Lake	62	198,943	190,039	96	-8,153	-4	-8,904	-4	
Limestone, Lake	64	208,015	167,454	81	-6,922	-3	-40,561	-19	
Belton Lake	65	435,225	388,105	89	-8,472	-2	-26,418	-6	
Stillhouse Hollow Lake	66	227,771	219,760	96	-7,883	-3	-8,011	-4	
Georgetown, Lake	67	36,823	27,465	75	-3,323	-9	-9,358	-25	
Granger Lake	68	50,779	49,903	98	-876	-2	5,763	11	
Tawakoni, Lake	69	888,126	764,038	86	-7,978	-1	-124,088	-14	
TOTAL		10,455,933	8,985,574	86	-93,810	-1	-1,212,173	-12	
		EAST	6						
Wright Patman Lake	70	307,973	246,588	80	123,995	40	-50,220	-16	
*Sulphur Springs, Lake	71	17,838	11,132	62	0	0	-6,104	-34	
Cypress Springs, Lake	72	66,756	63,719	95	629	1	-3,970	-6	
Bob Sandlin, Lake	73	200,579	172,023	86	-3,458	-2	-28,556	-14	
Fork Reservoir, Lake	74	604,927	517,927	86	-3,169	-1	-87,000	-14	
O the Pines, Lake	75	238,933	238,933	100	0	0	0	0	
Cedar Creek Reservoir in Trinity	76	644,686	550,827	85	-9,376	-1	-91,287	-14	
Athens, Lake	77	29,435	27,695	94	-574	-2	-1,740	-6	
Palestine, Lake	78	370,907	334,089	90	-5,099	-1	-34,210	-9	
Tyler, Lake	79	73,256	65,138	89	-1,154	-2	-8,118	-11	
Murvaul, Lake	80	38,284	32,053	84	-161	0	-6,231	-16	
Jacksonville, Lake	81	25,670	24,089	94	-179	-1	-6,211	-24	
Nacogdoches, Lake	82	39,521	27,354	69	-1,394	-4	-11,013	-28	
Houston County Lake	83	17,113	16,846	98	203	1	-267	-2	
Sam Rayburn Reservoir	84	2,857,077	2,010,727	70	-61,472	-2	-818,285	-29	
Toledo Bend Reservoir (Texas)	85	2,236,450	1,584,864	71	-36,640	-2	-528,847	-24	
Toledo Bend Reservoir (TX & LA)	(85)	4,472,900	3,169,729	71	-73,280	-2	-1,057,694	-24	
*Livingston, Lake	86	1,741,867	1,741,867	100	1,867	0	0	0	
B A Steinhagen Lake	87	66,966	62,933	94	7,882	12	1,411	2	
Conroe, Lake	88	416,188	377,547	91	-8,731	-2	-36,302	-9	
TOTAL		9,994,426	8,106,351	81	3,169	0	-1,716,950	-17	
		TRANS-P	ECOS						
Red Bluff Reservoir	89	289,670	60,663	21	-11,179	-4	-9,972	-3	
TOTAL		289,670	60,663	21	-11,179	-4	-9,972	-3	

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Name of Lake	No.	Conservation	Conservation		Change since		Change since			
or Reservoir	on	Storage	Storage		Late March		Late April			
	Map Capacity		Late Apr.	2011	2011		2010			
		(acre-feet)	(acre-feet)	(%)	(acre-feet)	(%)	(acre-feet)	(%)		
EDWARDS PLATEAU										
Oak Creek Reservoir	ek Reservoir 90		21,160	54	-917	-2	-4,809	-12		
E V Spence Reservoir	91	517,272	9,128	2	-1,981	0	-15,509	-3		
O C Fisher Lake	92	79,483	0	0	0	0	0	0		
*O H Ivie Reservoir	93	554,335	157,797	28	-9,465	-2	-79,071	-14		
Twin Buttes Reservoir	94	177,850	16,586	9	-2,249	-1	-20,473	-12		
Brady Creek Reservoir	95	29,110	11,548	40	-670	-2	-5,785	-20		
Buchanan, Lake	96	824,519	654,463	654,463 79		-1	-18,326	-2		
Lyndon B Johnson, Lake	97	113,323	110,650	110,650 98		-1	-18	0		
*Amistad Reservoir (Texas)	98	1,840,849	1,835,000	100	-6,000	0	69,000	4		
*Amistad Reservoir (TX & Mexico)	(98)	3,275,532	3,267,000	100	-8,532	0	98,000	3		
TOTAL		4,176,001	2,816,332	67	-28,611	-1	-74,991	-2		
		SOUTH CE	NTRAL							
Travis, Lake	99	1,113,255	729,840	66	-89,168	-8	-384,062	-34		
*Austin, Lake	100	21,804	20,941	96	-257	-1	332	2		
Somerville Lake	101	147,104	113,718	77	-10,176	-7	-33,386	-23		
Canyon Lake	102	378,781	355,225	94	-5,087	-1	-23,556	-6		
Medina Lake	103	254,823	140,271	55	-11,812	-5	-6,584	-3		
*Coleto Creek Reservoir	104	31,040	28,906	93	-1,407	-5	-2,134	-7		
TOTAL		1,946,807	1,388,901	71	-117,907	-6	-449,390	-23		
		UPPER C	OAST							
Houston, Lake	105	128,863	125,000	97	-3,863	-3	-3,863	-3		
Texana, Lake	Lake 106		104,177	68	-8,467	-6	-39,192	-26		
TOTAL		282,109	229,177	81	-12,330	-4	-43,055	-15		
		SOUTHE	ERN							
Choke Canvon Reservoir	107	695.262	528.715	76	-15,132	-2	-73.310	-11		
Corpus Christi, Lake	108	256,961	196.624	77	-15.233	-6	-34.309	-13		
*Falcon Reservoir (Texas)	109	1 551 034	1 410 000	91	-95,000	-6	316,000	20		
*Falcon Reservoir (TX & Mexico)	(109)	2 646 817	2 286 000	86	-238 000	-9	331 000	13		
TOTAL	(100)	2 503 257	2 135 339	85	-125 365	-5	208 381			
		2,303,237	2,133,339	00	123,303	5	200,501	5		
STATE TOTAL		31 188 746	24 227 184	78	-426 911	-1	-3 404 103	-11		
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\* Conservation volume is used as conservation storage capacity because the dead storage is unknown.

#### Note:

Conservation storage capacity is the space available to store water above the lowest outlet and below the top of conservation pool, or normal maximum operating level. Conservation storage refers to the volume of water held within the conservation storage space. Not included is any water in flood control storage (above the top of conservation pool or normal maximum operating level), or any water in the dead storage. Conservation storage percentage is based on the conservation storage capacity of the reservoir and the conservation storage in the reservoir on date shown. Percent change is given by 100\*(current conservation storage - past conservation storage in all reservoirs.

## **GROUNDWATER LEVELS IN OBSERVATION WELLS**



#### April, 2011

Water level measurements were available for twelve of thirteen key monitoring wells. The Frio County well data is unavailable. Water levels rose in six of the monitoring wells since the beginning of April ranging from 0.18 feet in the Lamb County Ogallala Aquifer well to 1.21 feet in the El Paso County Hueco-Bolson Aquifer well. Water levels declined in the remaining six monitoring wells, ranging from 0.05 feet in the Tarrant County Trinity Aquifer well to 20.25 feet in the Pecos County Edwards-Trinity Aquifer well. The J-17 well in San Antonio recorded a water level of 77.16 feet below land surface. This water level is 6.16 feet below the Stage I critical management level in that segment of the Edwards Aquifer. Stage I restrictions were triggered on April 18, 2011 by the E.A.A.

	(1) Hansford 0354301	(2) Lamb 1053602	(3) Tarrant 3215504	(4) Coryell 4035404	(5) Smith 3430907	(6) Frio 7708803	(7) Harris 6514409	(8) Victoria 8017502	(9) El Paso 4913301	(10) Pecos 5216802	(11) Bexar 6837203	(12) Reeves 4644501	(13) Haskell 2135748
April 2011	152.74	138.57	448.34	482.76	430.36	N/A	195.06	31.19	291.03	214.42	77.16	146.36	45.7
March 2011	152.5	138.75	448.29	479.9	430.56	443.99	195.8	31.93	292.24	194.17	68.3	147.09	44.28
Month Change	-0.24	0.18	-0.05	-2.86	0.2	N/A	0.74	0.74	1.21	-20.25	-8.86	0.73	-1.42
Year Change	-0.89	-0.9	-6.88	-6.72	-0.64	N/A	6.92	1.02	-0.77	-16.32	-26.84	-4.34	-1.95
Historical Change	-82.62	-110.42	-70.34	-190.76	-64.36	-163.99	-59.56	2.81	-59.13	32.46	-30.52	-54.27	-4.37

\* ID is used in this publication to differentiate between the monitoring well number (1 - 13) as displayed on the aquifer map and the TWDB's six- or seven-digit state well "identification" number.

## **APRIL GROUNDWATER LEVELS IN OBSERVATION WELLS**









The late April water level measurement in this Edwards (BFZ) Aquifer well, elevation 731 feet above sea level, was 77.16 feet below land surface. This was -8.86 feet below last month's measurement, 26.84 feet below last year's measurement, and 30.52 feet below the initial measurement recorded in 1932.

\*\*\* Water levels below the red line indicate Edwards Aquifer Authority Stage 1 drought restrictions. \*\*\*

## HYDROGRAPH OF THE MONTH



The Hueco-Mesilla Bolsons Aquifer, located in Far West Texas, is composed of deposits of silt, sand, gravel, and clay deposited up to 9000ft thick in two basins, or bolsons.. The upper portion of the Hueco Bolson contains fresh to slightly saline water, ranging from less than 1,000 to 3,000 mg/L TDS. Salinity typically increases to the south and in the shallower parts of the aquifer. In both bolsons, water level declines have contributed to higher salinity. The Hueco Bolson is the principal aquifer for the El Paso area and Ciudad Juarez in Mexico-nearly 90 percent of the water pumped from the Mesilla and the Hueco bolsons in Texas is used for public supply.

Each month this space features a new hydrograph (marked with the • symbol on the map) depicting different aquifers and different conditions in Texas.

## **Hueco Bolson Aquifer**



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