



**DATE: June 30, 2022**

**TO: The Honorable Roger Miller**  
Coryell County  
800 East Main Street Suite A  
Gatesville, Texas 76528

**SUBJECT: Letter of Determination - Request for Extension under Texas Government Code, Chapter 418.108 (i) Regarding Fireworks**

Dear Judge Miller:

The Texas Division of Emergency Management is in receipt of your request for an extension under Chapter 418.108 (i) of the Texas Government Code.

After a review of the Texas A&M Forest Service Wildfire Danger Assessment, Coryell County meets the necessary thresholds to warrant a fireworks restriction that exceeds the restriction authorized by Local Government Code Sec. 352.051.

Your request for an extension has been approved by the Office of the Governor and is hereby granted.

Please contact me at 512-424-2443 or Marty Penney, Division Chief at 512-424-2208 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W. Nim Kidd".

**W. Nim Kidd, MPA, CEM**

Chief – Texas Division of Emergency Management  
Vice Chancellor for Disaster and Emergency Services  
The Texas A&M University System



**CORYELL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**  
**ORDER NO. 2022-11-A1**

**POST**  
**003320**

STATE OF TEXAS           §  
COUNTY OF CORYELL   §

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER – CRITTENBERGER FIRE AND  
CRITICAL WILDFIRE HAZARDS (AMENDMENT 1)**

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*WHEREAS*, the Commissioners Court of Coryell County, in accordance with provisions of the Texas Disaster Act of 1975(418.108 Texas Government Code); declared a state of local disaster on April 12, 2022, due to the Crittenberger Complex Fire and the existing severe drought conditions; and,

*WHEREAS*, the Crittenberger Complex Fire and other local wildfires have taken an extreme toll on the availability and readiness of our paid and volunteer fire departments, and

*WHEREAS*, the Keetch-Byram Drought Index ('KBDI'), maintained by Texas A&M Agrilife Research and Texas A&M Forest Service, is an index that is used to determine fire potential and the current KBDI indicates a maximum KBDI value of 656 for Coryell County as of June 28, 2022; and,

*WHEREAS*, the KBDI value for Coryell County is now within the highest range of the index, indicating a severe drought and increased wildfire occurrence; and

*WHEREAS*, the Coryell County is currently under a burn ban order for the entire County; and

*WHEREAS*, the above conditions pose a substantial, significant, and imminent threat to persons and property in Coryell County; and

*WHEREAS*, Coryell County, Texas, is taking extraordinary measures to prevent the spread of the devastating fires in our communities, and to protect the fire-fighting resources within the County; therefore

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** by the Commissioners Court of Coryell County that a state of emergency and disaster continues within Coryell County due to wildfires and extreme drought conditions; and

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** by the Court that Court Order 2022-11 be amended to add:

1. This order shall take effect immediately upon approval by the Commissioners Court.
2. That the use of any and all fireworks in Coryell County is prohibited.
3. That public fireworks displays, celebrating the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, may be conducted from July 2-4, 2022, provided:
  - a. The fireworks display is conducted within the city limits of an incorporated municipality of Coryell County, and



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- b. The fireworks display is sanctioned by the Governing body of the municipality, and
  - c. The fireworks display is conducted by a licensed and bonded fireworks/pyrotechnics vendor, and
  - d. Appropriate fire response assets, as determined by the municipality, are present at the location of the fireworks display.
4. That this Disaster Declaration, pursuant to the provisions of Section 418.108(i)(1), Texas Government Code, shall be transmitted to the Office of the Governor with a request that this Disaster Declaration remain in full force and effect beyond 60 hours from the date of its issuance and that it be extended until such time as the Coryell County Burn Ban Order is lifted.
  5. A person who knowingly or intentionally violates any directive legally authorized and issued by this Order commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to \$500.00.

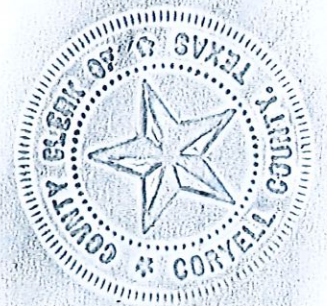
APPROVED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022, by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
ROGER A MILLER  
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
JENNIFER NEWTON  
COUNTY CLERK





In accordance with request from the Texas Division of Emergency Management, and the Office of General Counsel, Office of the Governor, the Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS) is asked to verify the following information in implementing procedures for consideration of a county's request for extension for local declaration of disaster.

1. County has an Average Keetch-Byram Drought Index of 575 or greater.
2. Fire occurrence for previous 14 days. Local Fire Department occurrences are dependent on fire departments reporting to Texas FireConnect (fireconnect.tfs.tamu.edu).
3. Current drought intensity. Drought implies an increased availability of dead and live fuels that will contribute to combustion. Increased fuel loading will increase fire intensity, increase the rate of spread and generally increase a wildfire's resistance to control.
4. Burn bans are enacted at the local level, and the burn ban map is updated daily as the TAMFS is notified by local jurisdictions.
5. If the above criteria is not met and special circumstances are cited, provide supporting documentation if possible, to assist with validation/support of special circumstances cited.

On \_\_\_\_\_, a request was received from the State Operations Center for verification of above criteria for \_\_\_\_\_ County. The Texas A&M Forest Service verifies criteria for the county as follows:

1. Meets KBDI average criteria: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ KBDI \_\_\_\_\_
2. Reported 14 day fire occurrence:  
TAMFS \_\_\_\_\_ fires for \_\_\_\_\_ acres  
Local Fire Departments \_\_\_\_\_ fires for \_\_\_\_\_ acres
3. U.S. Drought Monitor intensities present in county:  
DO (Abnormally Dry) \_\_\_\_\_ D1 (Moderate Drought) \_\_\_\_\_ D2 (Severe Drought) \_\_\_\_\_  
D3 (Extreme Drought) \_\_\_\_\_ D4 (Exceptional Drought) \_\_\_\_\_ None \_\_\_\_\_
4. Is county currently in a Burn Ban, that has been reported to TAMFS: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
5. Special considerations for increased fire potential: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Special Circumstance:

Submitted to the SOC on: \_\_\_\_\_

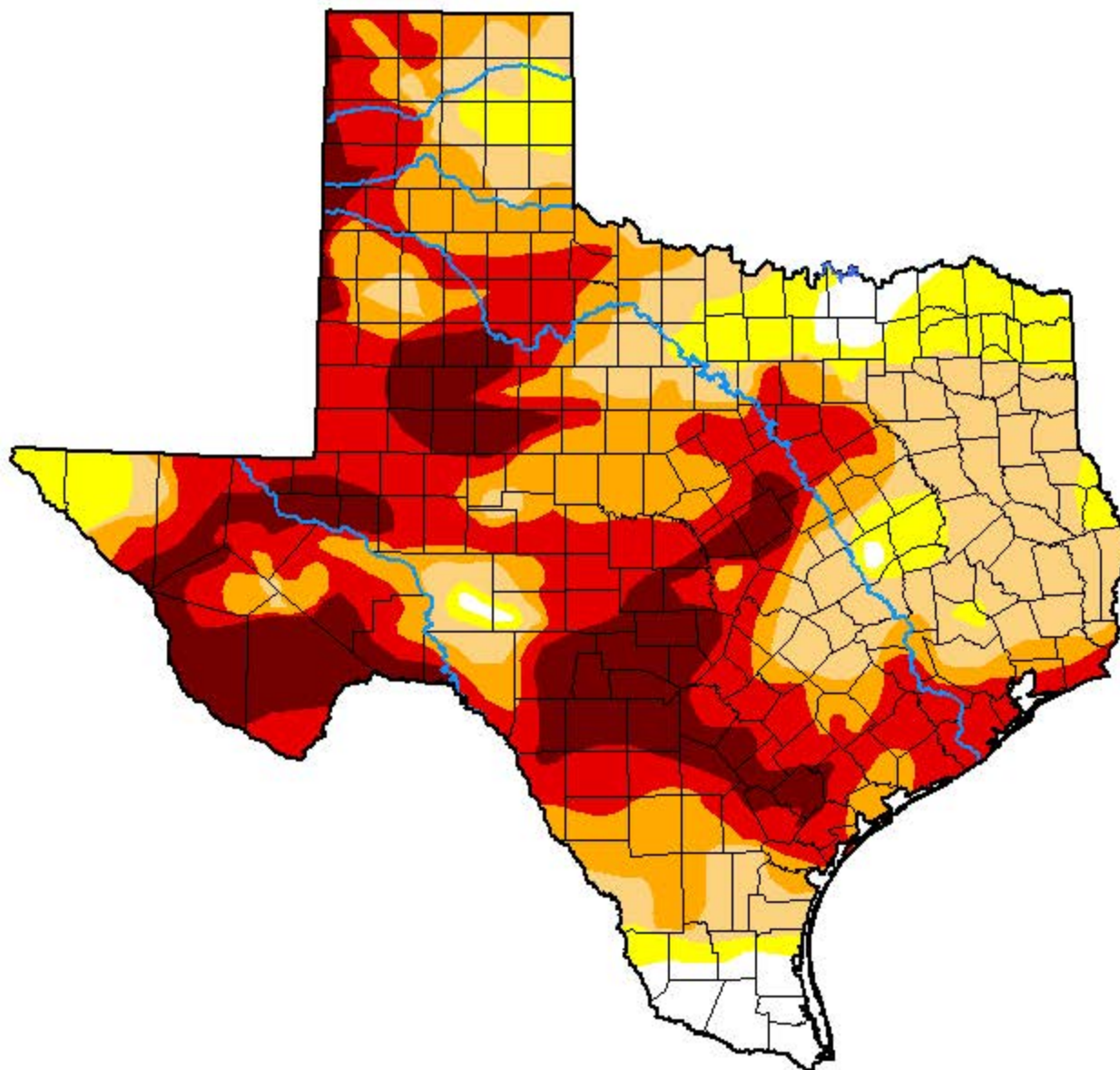
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Attachments:   1. KBDI  
                  2. U.S. Drought Monitor Intensity Map  
                  3. Reported Burn Ban Map

# U.S. Drought Monitor Texas

**June 28, 2022**  
(Released Thursday, Jun. 30, 2022)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



## Intensity:

-  None
-  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. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>*

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[droughtmonitor.unl.edu](https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu)

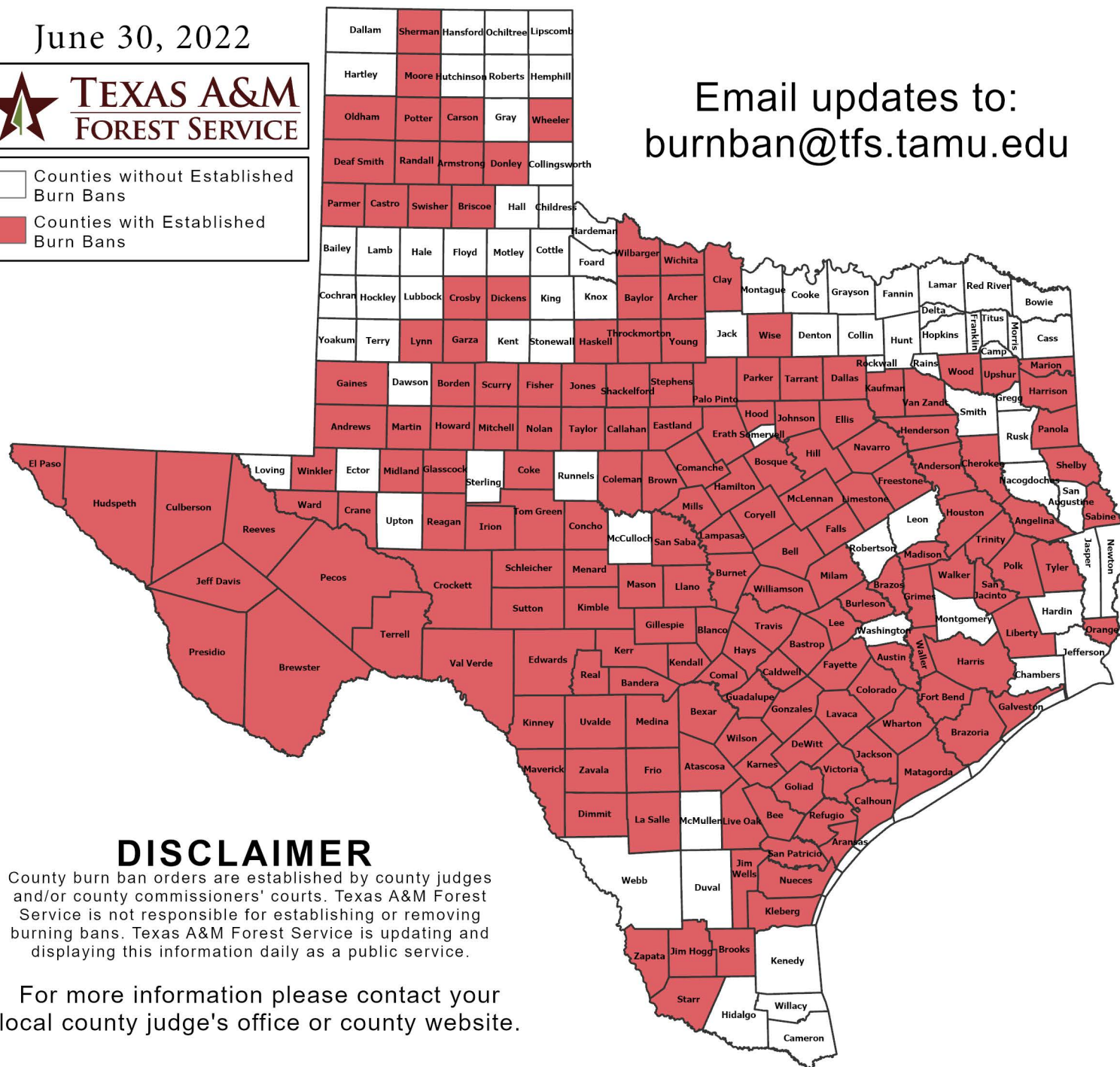
# OUTDOOR BURN BANS

June 30, 2022



□ Counties without Established Burn Bans  
■ Counties with Established Burn Bans

Email updates to:  
burnban@tfs.tamu.edu



## Counties with Burn Bans: 176

- |            |            |              |
|------------|------------|--------------|
| Anderson   | Frio       | Nolan        |
| Andrews    | Gaines     | Nueces       |
| Angelina   | Galveston  | Oldham       |
| Aranas     | Garza      | Orange       |
| Archer     | Gillespie  | Palo Pinto   |
| Armstrong  | Glasscock  | Panola       |
| Atascosa   | Goliad     | Parker       |
| Austin     | Gonzales   | Parmer       |
| Bandera    | Grimes     | Pecos        |
| Bastrop    | Guadalupe  | Polk         |
| Baylor     | Hamilton   | Potter       |
| Bee        | Harris     | Presidio     |
| Bell       | Harrison   | Randall      |
| Bexar      | Haskell    | Reagan       |
| Blanco     | Hays       | Real         |
| Borden     | Henderson  | Reeves       |
| Bosque     | Hill       | Refugio      |
| Brazoria   | Hood       | Sabine       |
| Brazos     | Houston    | San Jacinto  |
| Brewster   | Howard     | San Patricio |
| Briscoe    | Hudspeth   | San Saba     |
| Brooks     | Irion      | Schleicher   |
| Brown      | Jackson    | Scurry       |
| Burleson   | Jeff Davis | Shackelford  |
| Burnet     | Jim Hogg   | Shelby       |
| Caldwell   | Jim Wells  | Sherman      |
| Calhoun    | Johnson    | Starr        |
| Callahan   | Jones      | Stephens     |
| Carson     | Karnes     | Sutton       |
| Castro     | Kaufman    | Swisher      |
| Cherokee   | Kendall    | Tarrant      |
| Clay       | Kerr       | Taylor       |
| Coke       | Kimble     | Terrell      |
| Coleman    | Kinney     | Throckmorton |
| Colorado   | Kleberg    | Tom Green    |
| Comal      | Lampasas   | Travis       |
| Comanche   | La Salle   | Trinity      |
| Concho     | Lavaca     | Tyler        |
| Coryell    | Lee        | Upshur       |
| Crane      | Liberty    | Uvalde       |
| Crockett   | Limestone  | Val Verde    |
| Crosby     | Live Oak   | Van Zandt    |
| Culberson  | Llano      | Victoria     |
| Dallas     | Lynn       | Walker       |
| Deaf Smith | McLennan   | Waller       |
| DeWitt     | Madison    | Ward         |
| Dickens    | Marion     | Wharton      |
| Dimmit     | Martin     | Wheeler      |
| Donley     | Mason      | Wichita      |
| Eastland   | Matagorda  | Wilbarger    |
| Edwards    | Maverick   | Williamson   |
| Ellis      | Medina     | Wilson       |
| El Paso    | Menard     | Winkler      |
| Erath      | Midland    | Wise         |
| Falls      | Milam      | Wood         |
| Fayette    | Mills      | Young        |
| Fisher     | Mitchell   | Zapata       |
| Fort Bend  | Moore      | Zavala       |
| Freestone  | Navarro    |              |

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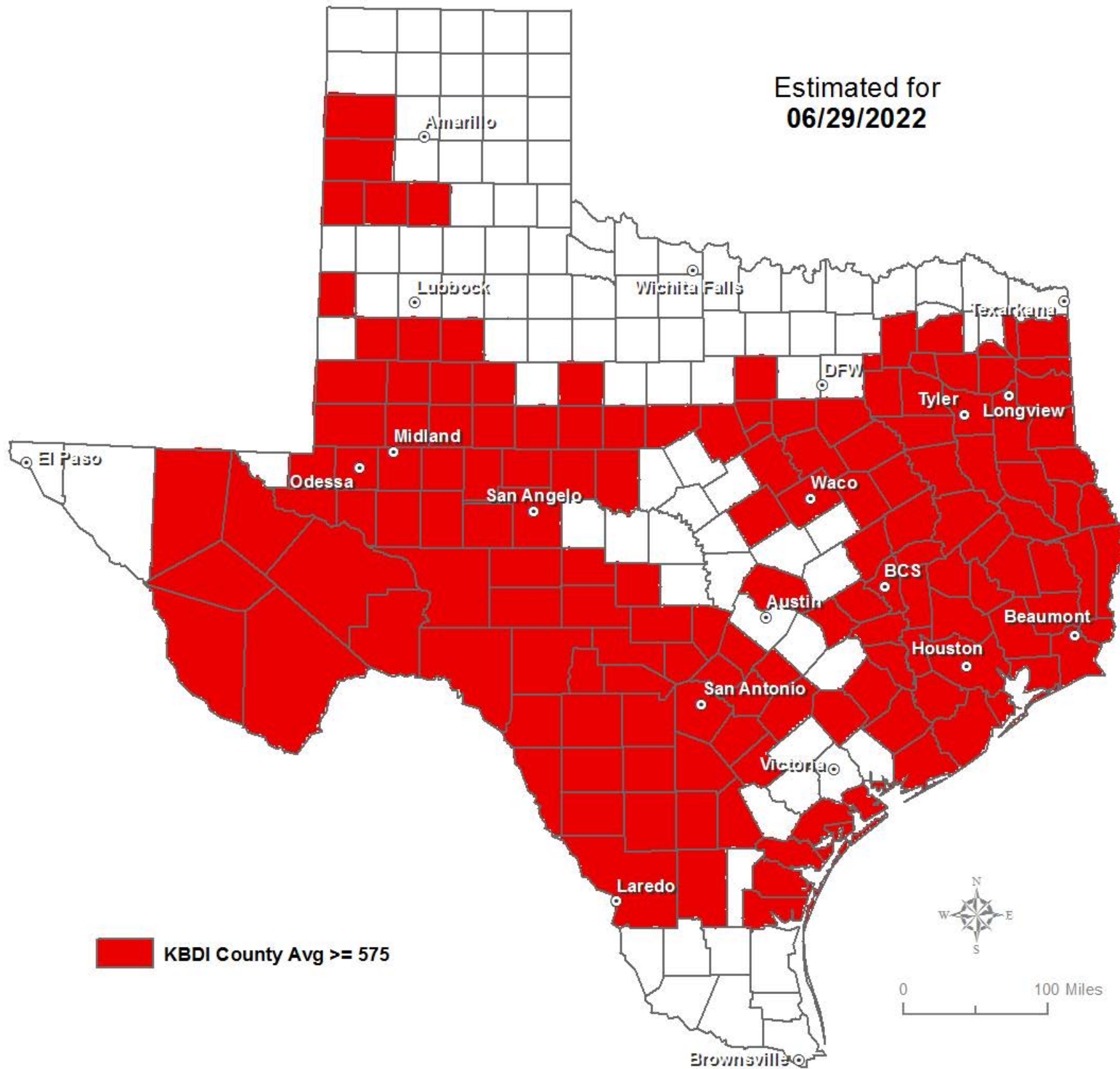
County burn ban orders are established by county judges and/or county commissioners' courts. Texas A&M Forest Service is not responsible for establishing or removing burning bans. Texas A&M Forest Service is updating and displaying this information daily as a public service.

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

# Keetch-Byram Drought Index

(County Average Value)

Estimated for  
**06/29/2022**



 KBDI County Avg  $\geq 575$

