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Interannual Comparisons

October 6, 2012

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>5 Percent Change Normalized Difference Vegetation Index

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State NDVI Statistics

Texas Mean NDVI for Water Years 2002 - 2012



– Annual Mean — Departure from Mean



Agriculture Mask for NDVI

Mean NDVI Probability Distribution for Hale County Jan 2001 - Jul 2012



County NDVI Statistics

Vegetation Vigor in Travis County

-Water Year 2010











http://magic.csr.utexas.edu/ndvi/flexviewer/



Questions

- What emphasis should be placed on vegetation indices as a measure of local, regional and statewide drought conditions?
- What comparative data sets should be added to the Texas MODIS NDVI Viewer?



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