



Drought Information Statement for Western and North Central Nebraska

Valid July, 23, 2025

Issued By: NWS-North Platte, NE

Contact Information:

- This product will be updated August, 21, 2025 or sooner if drought conditions change significantly.
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 - Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/LBF/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
 - Please visit <https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates/> for regional drought status updates.
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- Drought conditions have improved over most of western and north central Nebraska over the past month.



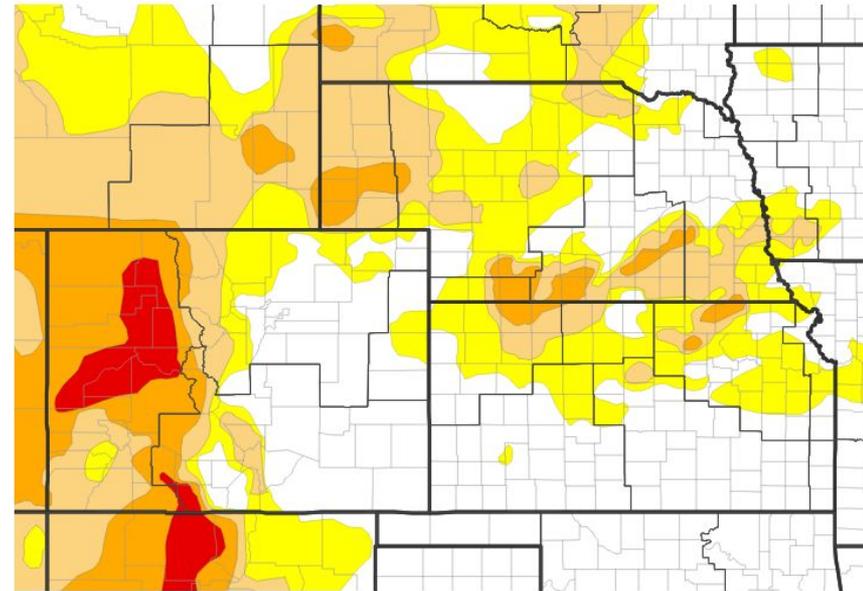


U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#)

- Drought intensity and Extent
 - **D4 (Exceptional Drought)**: No counties in western and north central Nebraska.
 - **D3 (Extreme Drought)**: No counties in western and north central Nebraska.
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Garden, Frontier and Hayes Counties.
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Sheridan, Cherry, Rock, Keya Paha, Boyd, Holt, Garden, Grant, Thomas, Blaine, Arthur, Logan, Custer, Keith, Lincoln, Hayes and Frontier Counties.
 - **D0 (Abnormally Dry)**: Sheridan, Cherry, Keya Paha, Brown, Rock, Boyd, Holt, Garden, Grant, Hooker, Thomas, Blaine, Loup, Arthur, McPherson, Logan, Custer, Deuel, Keith, Lincoln, Hayes and Frontier Counties.

U.S. Drought Monitor



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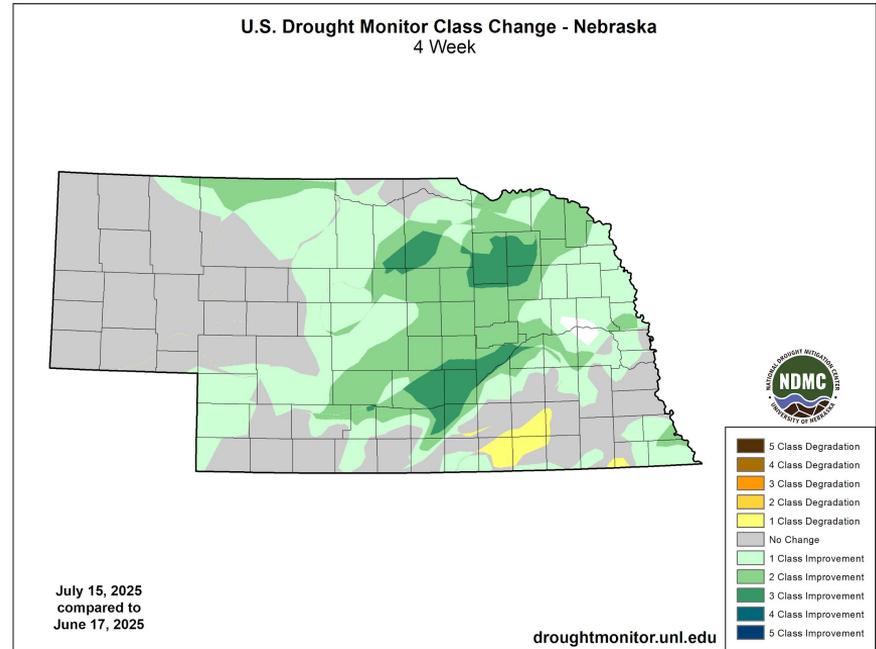




Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for The High Plains

- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - Drought Worsened: No counties.
 - No Change: Sheridan, Cherry, Brown, Rock, Keya Paha, Boyd, Holt, Garden, Grant, Hooker, Thomas, Arthur, McPherson, Logan, Deuel, Keith, Lincoln, Hayes and Frontier Counties.
 - Drought Improved: Sheridan, Cherry, Keya Paha, Brown, Rock, Boyd, Holt, Thomas, Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Wheeler, Logan, Custer, Keith, Lincoln, Perkins, Chase Hayes and Frontier Counties.

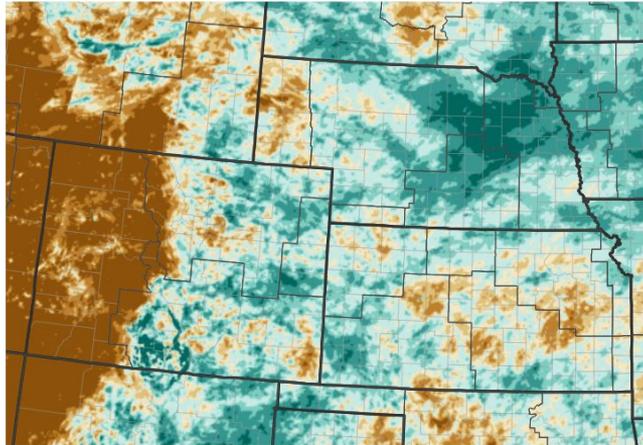




Precipitation

- Precipitation amounts for the past 30 days were in the 4 to 8 inch range generally east of a line from Ainsworth to Broken Bow. West of this line, precipitation amounts were generally 2 to 4 inches over the past month.
- Precipitation was generally 100 to 300 percent of normal, except 50 to 100 percent of normal from Sheridan into southwestern Cherry County.

30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation

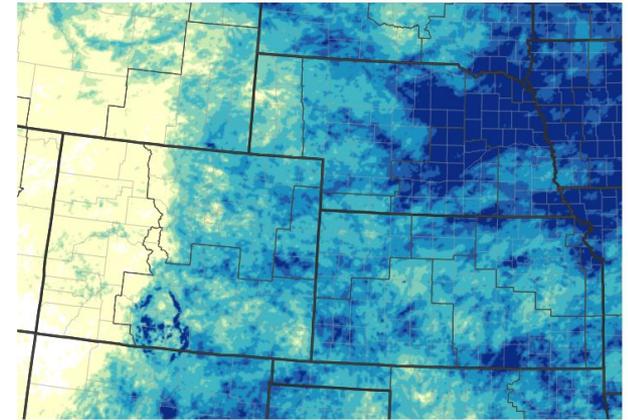


Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions

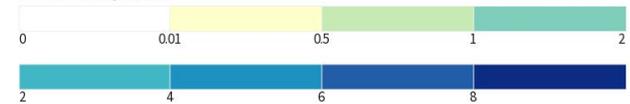


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30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



Inches of Precipitation



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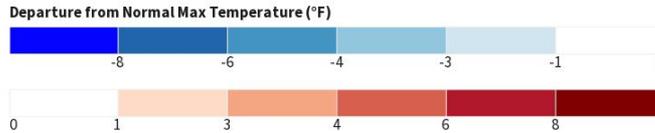
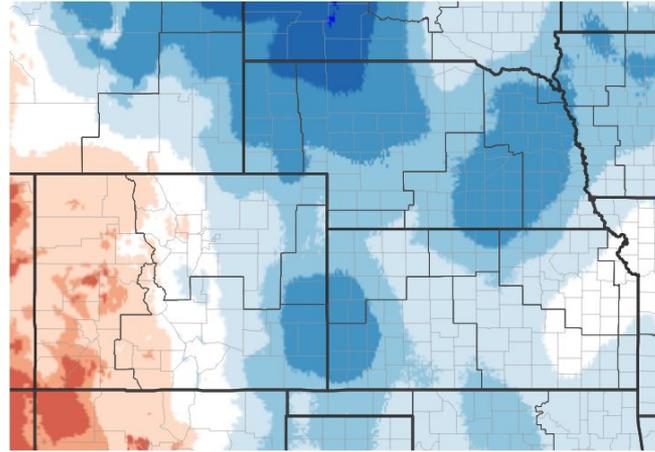




Temperature

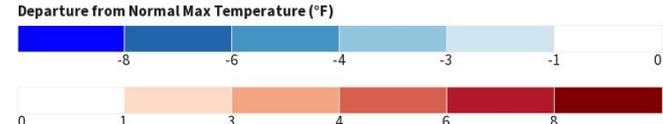
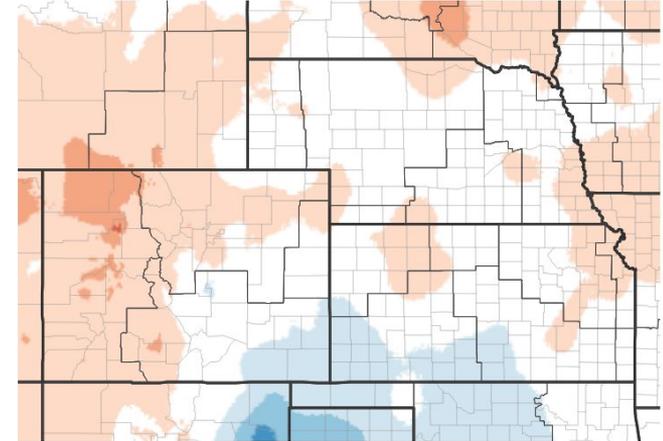
- Over the past week, temperatures have been below normal across all of western and north central Nebraska.
- Over the past 30 days, temperatures were near normal across all of western and north central Nebraska.

7-Day Temperature Anomaly



Source(s): NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information; image courtesy of Drought.gov Data Valid: 07/18/25

30-Day Temperature Anomaly



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Summary of Impacts

Links: See/submit [Condition Monitoring Observer Reports \(CMOR\)](#) and view the [Drought Impacts Reporter](#)

Hydrologic Impacts

- “There are no known impacts at this time”

Agricultural Impacts

- “There are no known impacts at this time”

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Local fire partners have indicated that fine fuels have undergone greenup and are not receptive to rapid fire spread.

Other Impacts

- “There are no known impacts at this time”

Mitigation Actions

- “None reported”

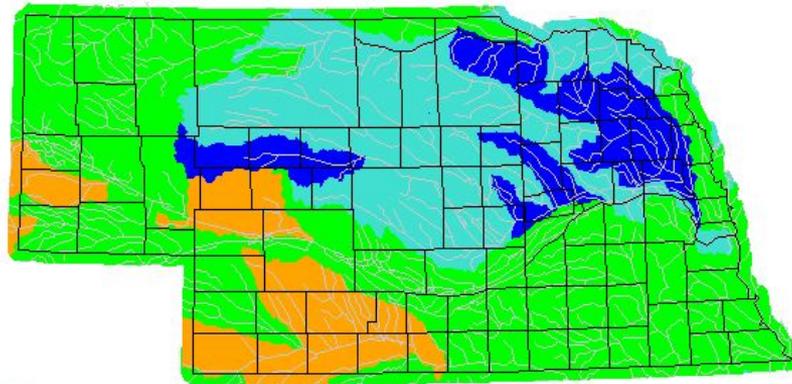




Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Streamflow across most of western and north central Nebraska was normal to above normal for this time of year.
- Flows in the Medicine Creek, Frenchman, and Stinking Water Creeks' are normal to below normal for this time of year.

Tuesday, July 22, 2025



Explanation - Percentile classes							
Low	<10	10-24	25-75	76-90	>90	High	No Data
	Much below normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal		

Image Caption: USGS 7 day average streamflow HUC map valid 7 22 2025

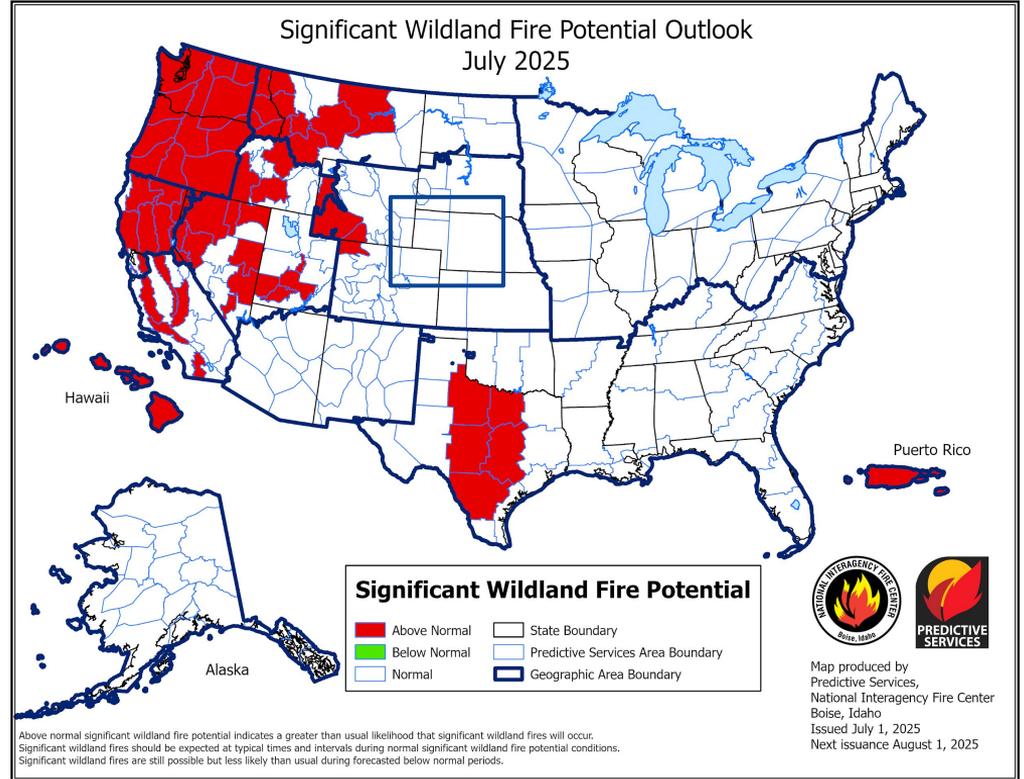




Fire Hazard Impacts

Link to [Wildfire Potential Outlooks from the National Interagency Coordination Center.](#)

- Significant wildland fire potential is near normal for this time of year.

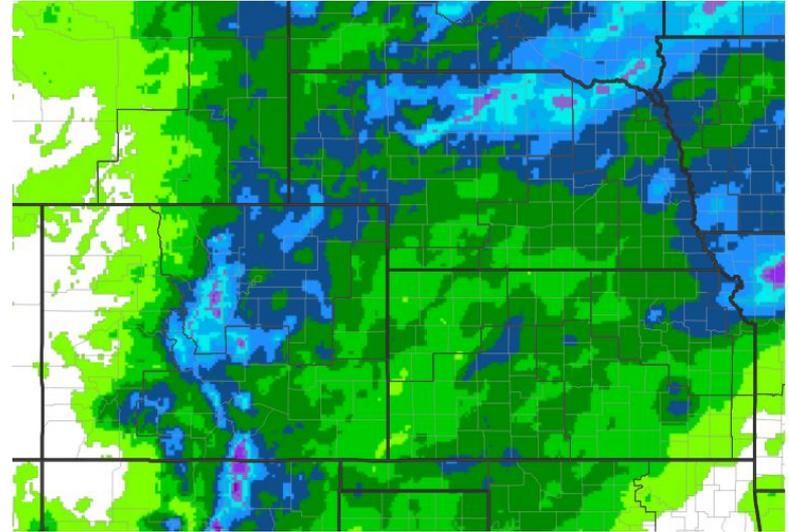




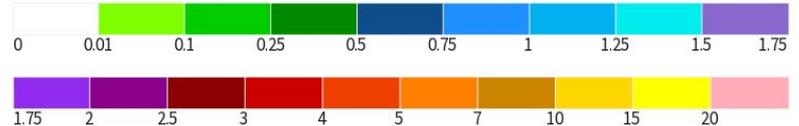
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- The precipitation forecast over the next 7 days calls for 1 to 2 inches of precipitation across north central Nebraska.
- Across portions of central into southwestern Nebraska, 0.10 to 1 inch of precipitation is forecast for the next 7 days.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for July 22, 2025–July 29, 2025



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



Source(s): National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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Rapid Onset Drought Outlook

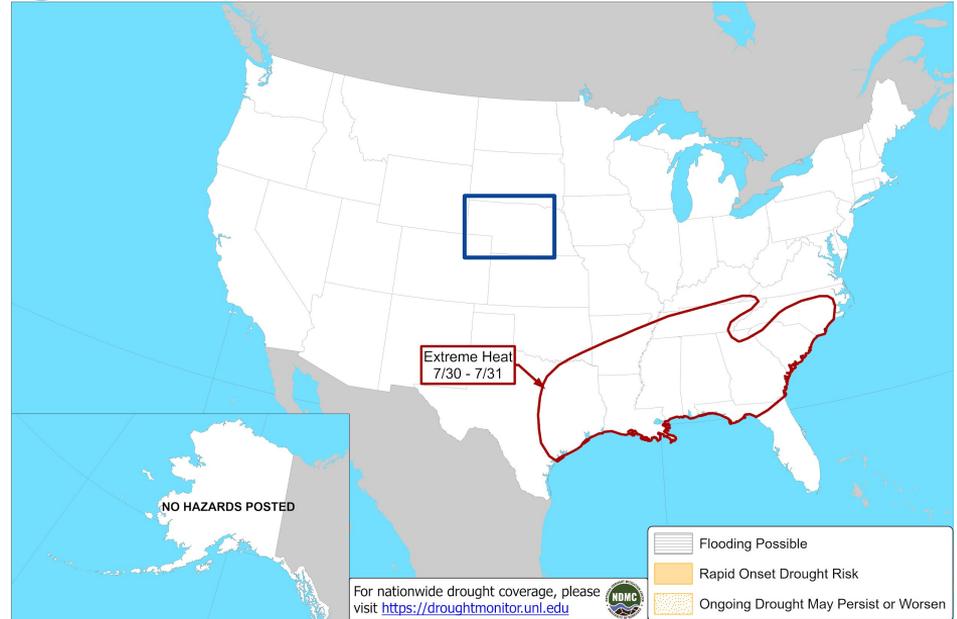
Links to the latest Climate Prediction Center 8 to 14 day [Temperature Outlook](#) and [Precipitation Outlook](#).

- Rapid onset of drought is not anticipated across western and north central Nebraska over the next couple of weeks.



Days 8-14 U.S. Hazards Outlook

Valid: July 30 - August 5, 2025



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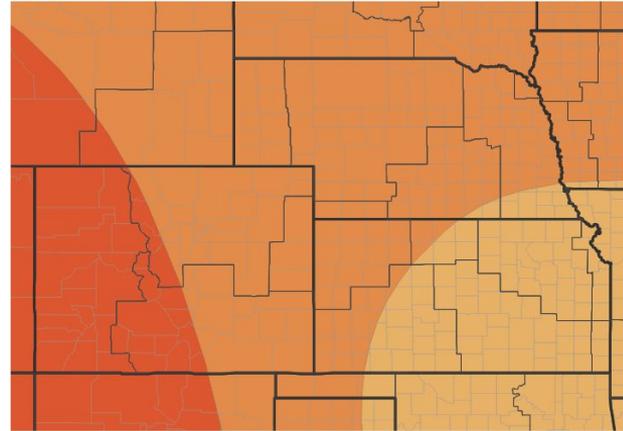


Long-Range Outlooks

The latest monthly and seasonal outlooks can be found on the [CPC homepage](#)

- The outlook for August, September and October calls for above normal temperatures.
- The precipitation outlook for August, September and October calls for below normal precipitation.

Seasonal (3-Month) Temperature Outlook for August 1, 2025–October 31, 2025



Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



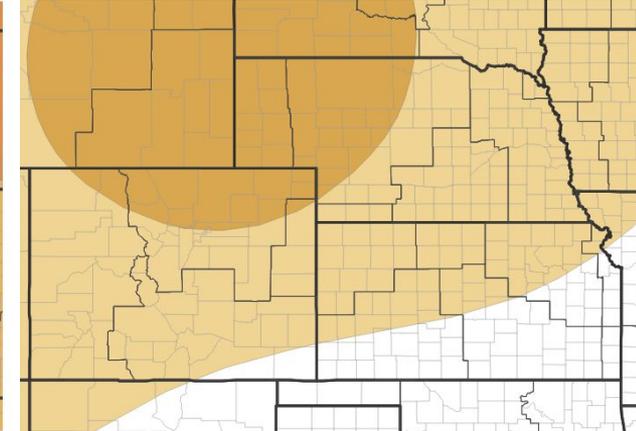
Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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Seasonal (3-Month) Precipitation Outlook for August 1, 2025–October 31, 2025



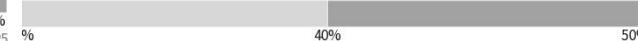
Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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40%

50%

