



Drought Information Statement for Western and North Central Nebraska

Valid September, 18, 2025

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Contact Information:

- This product will be updated October, 16, 2025 or sooner if drought conditions change significantly.
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 - Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/LBF/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
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- Drought conditions continue improved slightly over the past month in Southwestern Nebraska.



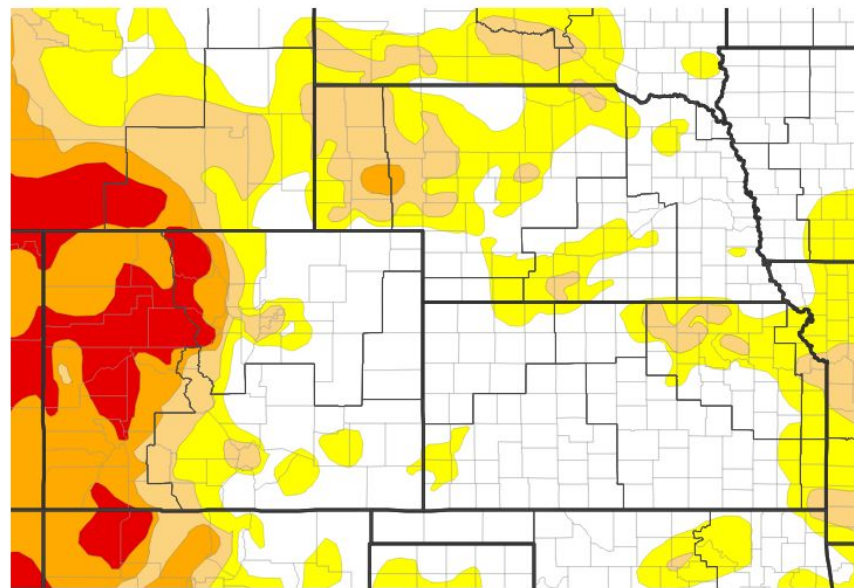


U.S. Drought Monitor

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 County.
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Sheridan, Cherry, Keya Paha, Boyd, Holt, Garden, Grant, Hooker, 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, Arthur, McPherson, Logan, Custer, Deuel, Keith, Lincoln, Hayes and Frontier Counties.

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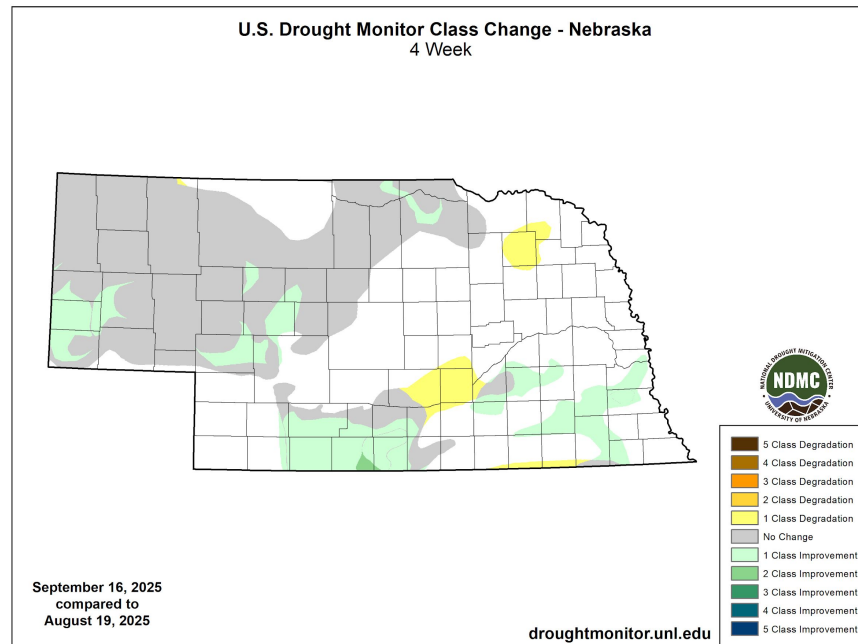
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Recent Change in Drought Intensity

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

- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - Drought Worsened: None.
 - No Change: Sheridan, Cherry, Brown, Rock, Keya Paha, Boyd, Holt, Garden, Grant, Hooker, Thomas, Blaine, Arthur, McPherson, Logan, Custer, Deuel, Keith, Lincoln, Hayes and Frontier Counties.
 - Drought Improved: Keya Paha, Boyd, Holt, Hooker, Thomas, McPherson, Logan, Keith, Lincoln, Hayes and Frontier Counties.

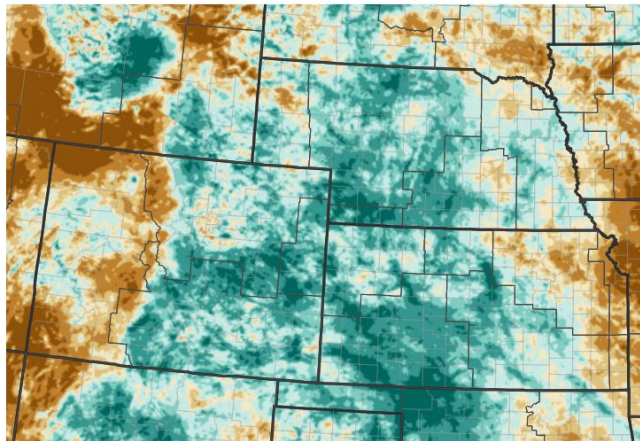




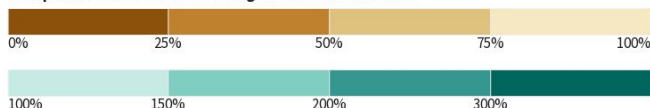
Precipitation

- Precipitation amounts for the past 30 days were in the 1 to 4 inch range across western and north central Nebraska. Some localized areas saw more than 4 inches. A small pocket of 0.50 to 1.00 inches of precipitation fell in portions of Boyd and southwestern Sheridan County.
- Precipitation was generally 100 to 300 percent of normal, except 50 to 100 percent of normal across Boyd and southwestern Sheridan County.

30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation

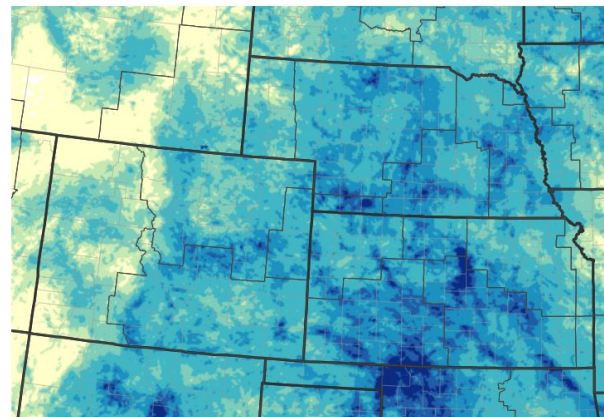


Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions

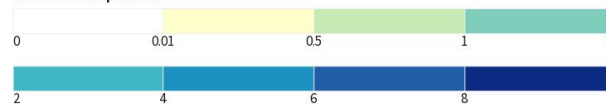


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30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



Inches of Precipitation



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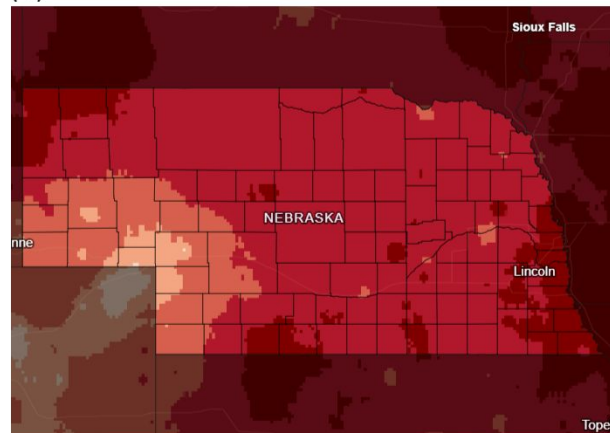




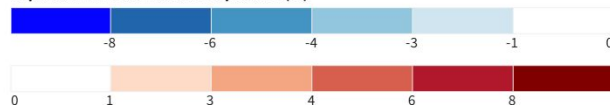
Temperature

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

7-Day Departure from Normal Maximum Temperature (°F)



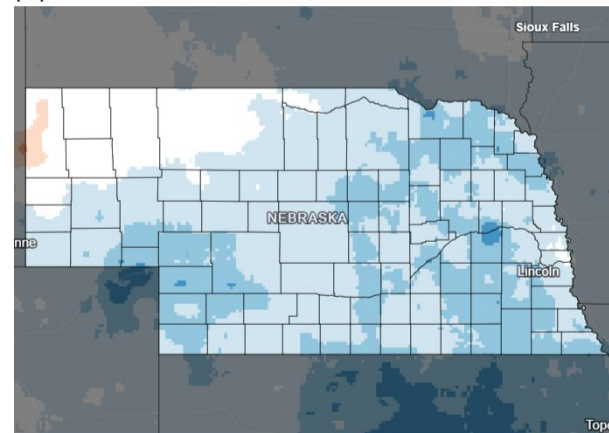
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Summary of Impacts

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 remain green and for the most part are not receptive to fire. However, over portions of the panhandle and northwestern Nebraska, temperatures fell into the upper 20s on September 6th. Some fire partners have indicated that fuels are beginning to cure after the sub freezing temperatures.

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.

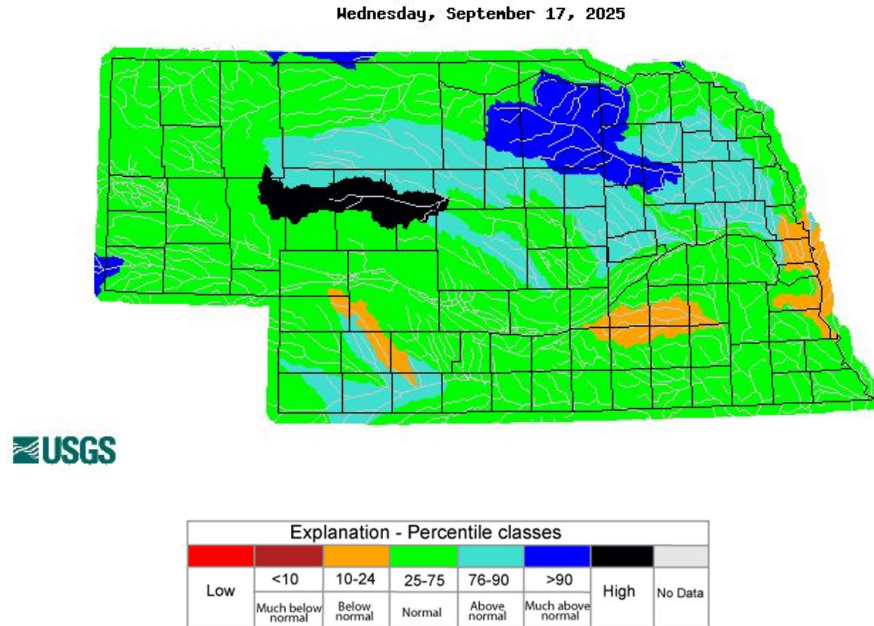


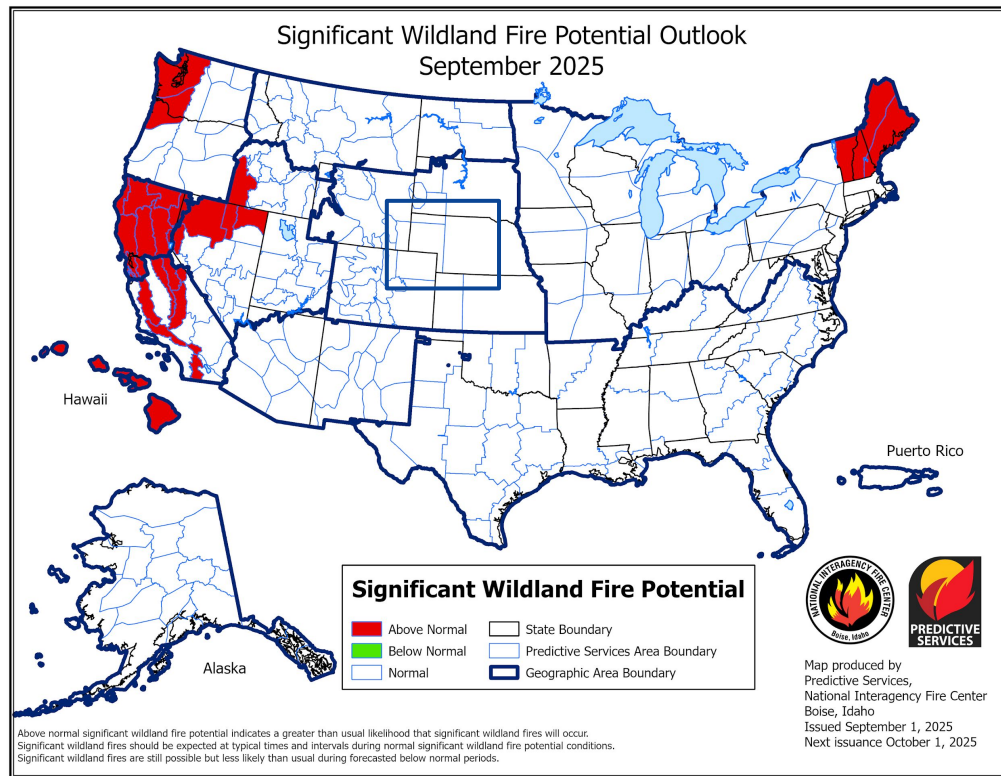
Image Caption: USGS 7 day average streamflow HUC map valid 9/17/2025



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.



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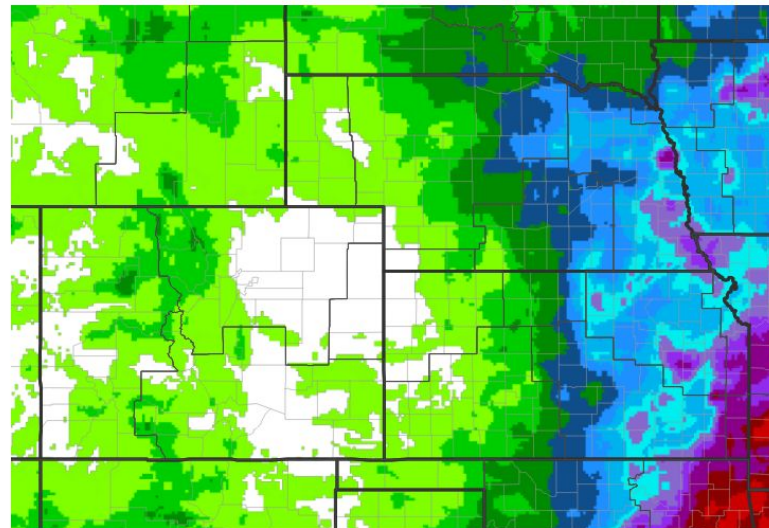
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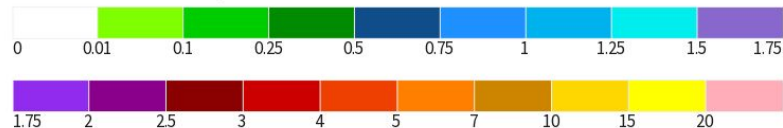
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- The precipitation forecast over the next 7 days calls for 0.50 to 1 inch of precipitation across the Sandhills into north central Nebraska.
- Across southwestern and portions of central Nebraska, 0.01 to 0.50 inches of precipitation is possible.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for September 18, 2025–September 25, 2025



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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Rapid Onset Drought Outlook

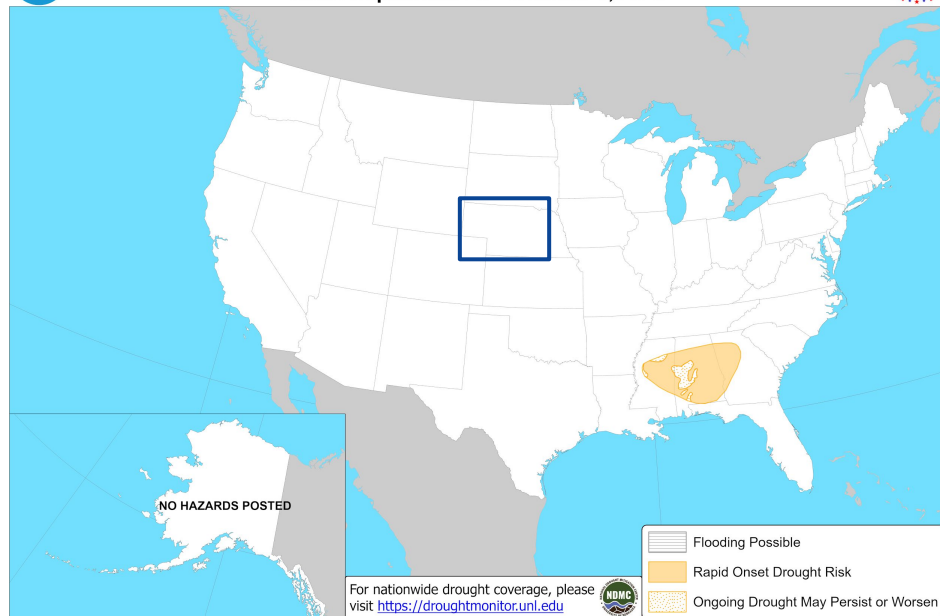
Links to the latest Climate Prediction Center 8 to 14 day [Temperature Outlook](#) and [Precipitation Outlook](#).

- 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: September 25 - October 1, 2025



Climate Prediction Center

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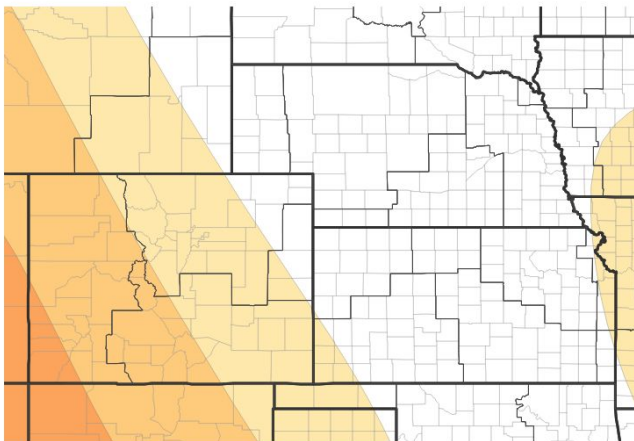


Long-Range Outlooks

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

- The precipitation and temperature outlook for October calls for equal chances for above, below or near normal temperatures and precipitation.

Monthly Temperature Outlook for October 1, 2025–October 31, 2025



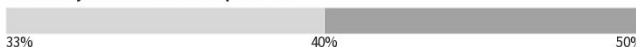
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Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



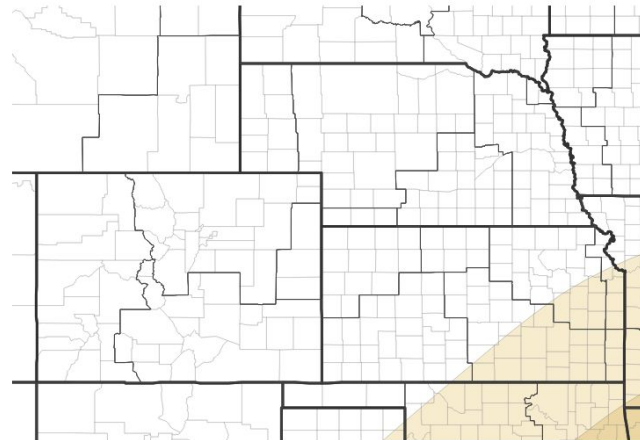
Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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Monthly Precipitation Outlook for October 1, 2025–October 31, 2025



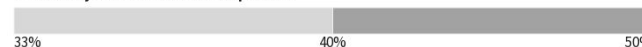
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