



Drought Information Statement for Central and Southwest Kansas

Valid June, 29, 2026

Issued By: WFO Dodge City

Contact Information:

- This product will be updated monthly during episodes of D3 drought and sometimes D2.
 - Please see all currently available products at <https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements>.
 - Please visit [https://www.weather.gov/\[WFO\]/DroughtInformationStatement](https://www.weather.gov/[WFO]/DroughtInformationStatement) for previous statements.
 - Please visit [https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates/\[link\]](https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates/[link]) for regional drought status updates.
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- Drought continues to improve in many sections due to recent rains.



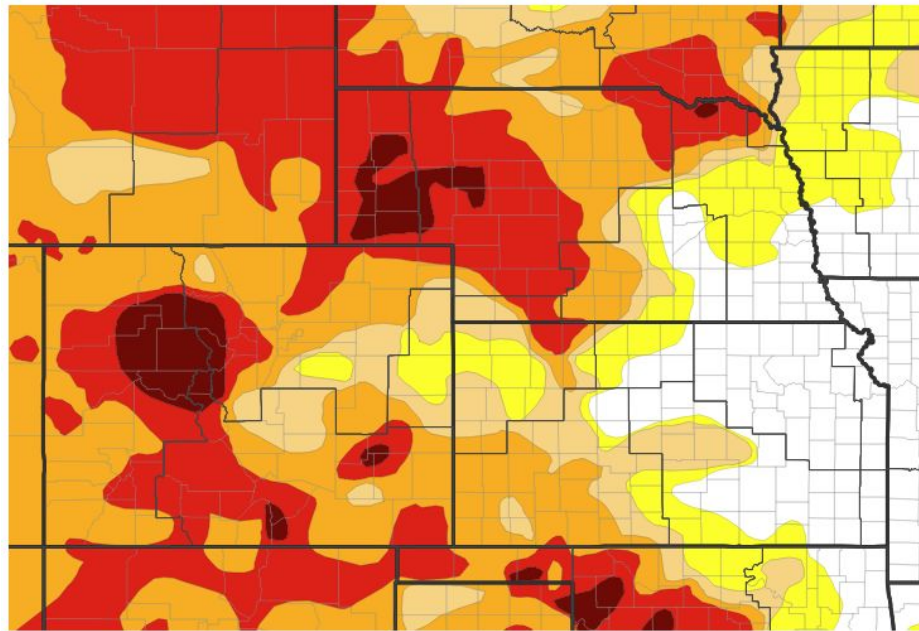


U.S. Drought Monitor (released 25 June 2026)

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

- A large area of D2 drought still exists across southwest Kansas despite recent heavy rains.
- Across central Kansas the drought has been mostly alleviated except for pockets of D0 and D1.

U.S. Drought Monitor



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Source(s): NDMC, NOAA, USDA, NASA; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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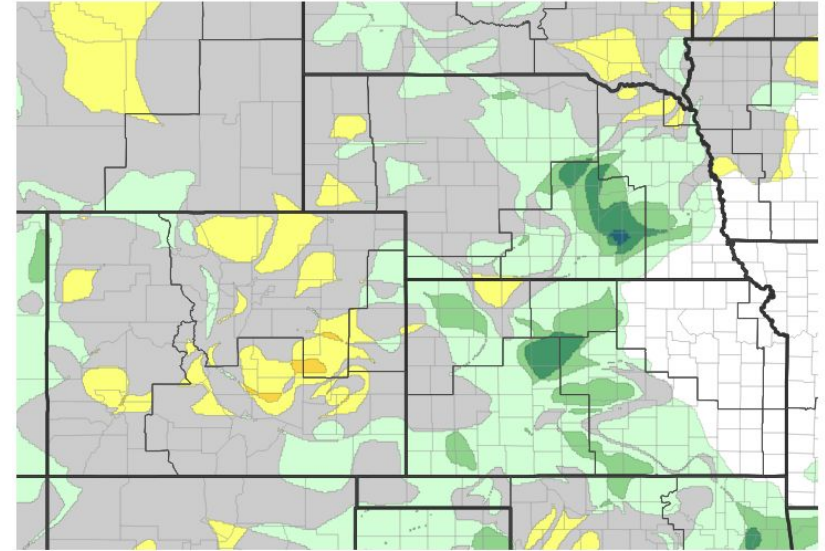


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for the United States

- 4-Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - Drought Worsened: None
 - Drought Improvement: Drought has improved across much of central and southwest Kansas.

U.S. Drought Monitor 4-Week Change Map



Drought Degradation



Drought Improvement



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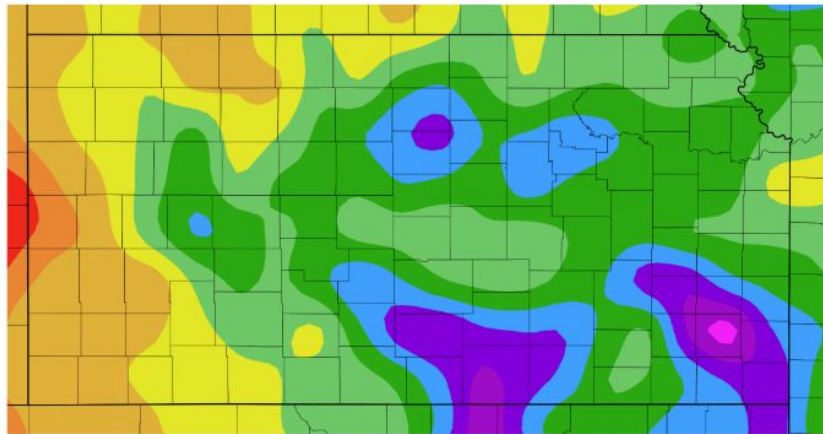




Precipitation

- It was wetter than average across most of central and southwest Kansas over the past month. Far southwest Kansas wasn't quite as wet.

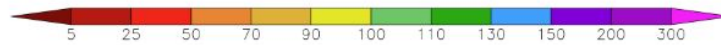
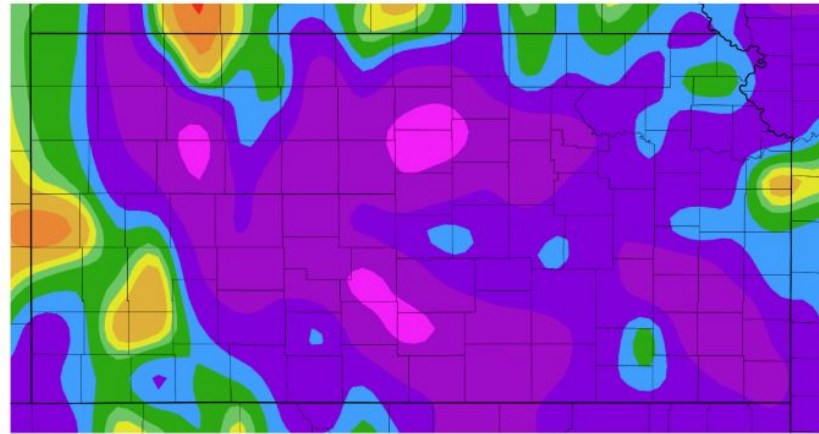
Precipitation (in)
5/29/2026 – 6/27/2026



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Percent of Normal Precipitation (%)
5/29/2026 – 6/27/2026



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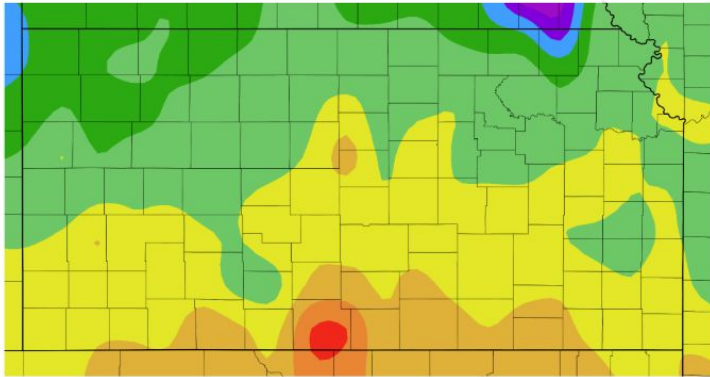




Temperature

- Temperatures were not far from average over the past month.

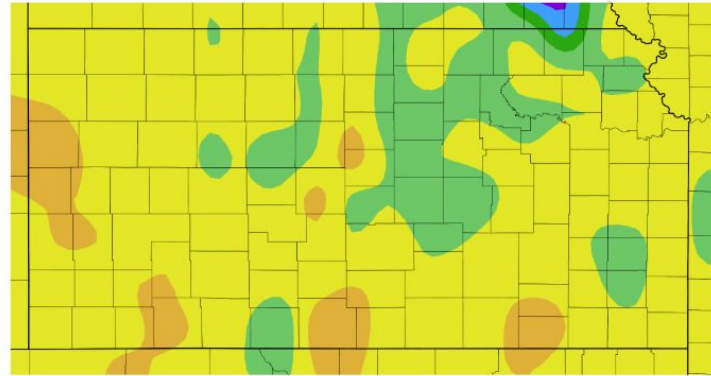
Temperature (F)
5/29/2026 – 6/27/2026



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Departure from Normal Temperature (F)
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Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time.

Agricultural Impacts

- None.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- None

Other Impacts

- None.

Mitigation Actions

- None reported.





Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Streamflow is average to much above average across southwest Kansas and is changing rapidly from day to day due to recent rains
- Streamflow is generally much above average in central Kansas.

Streamflow Conditions

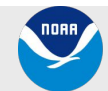
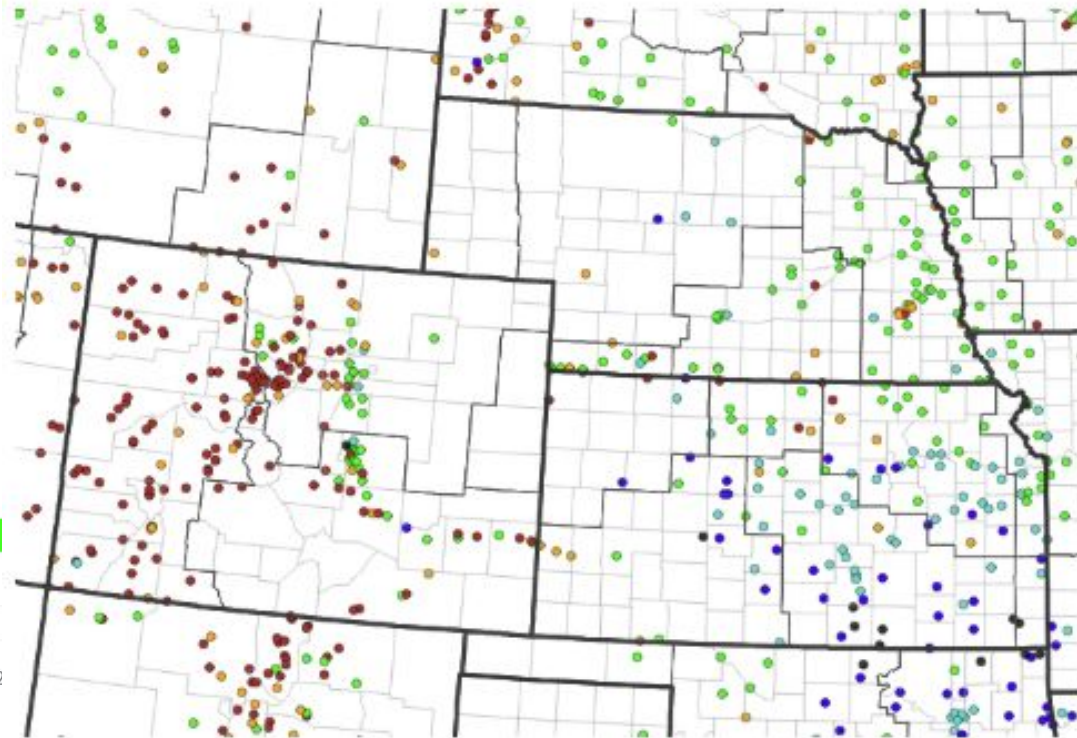


Source(s): U.S. Geological Survey; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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1-Day Average Streamflow Conditions

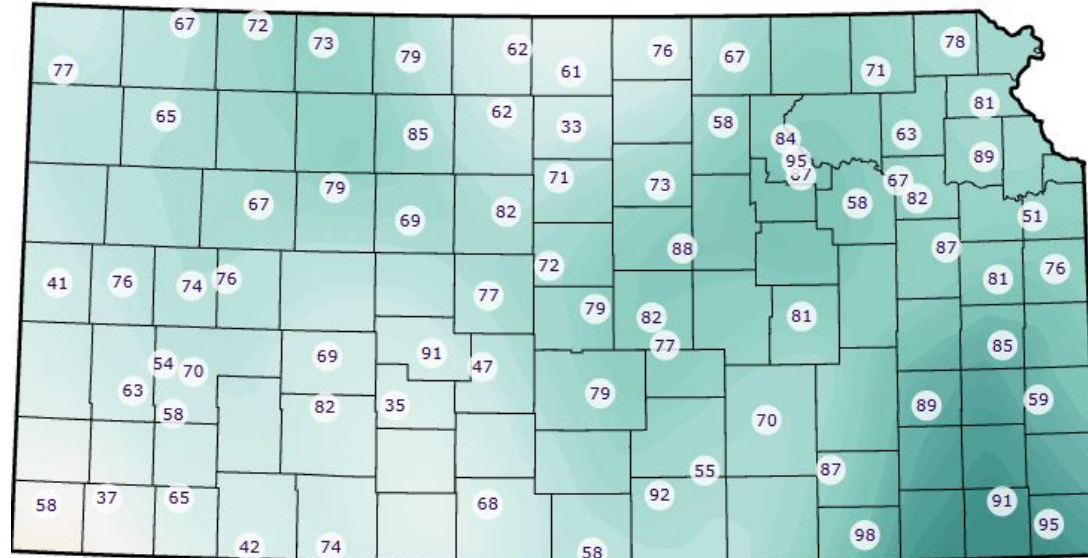




Soil Moisture

- Percent of saturation at 5 cm is 70-80% across most of central and southwest Kansas.
- There are a few pockets that are lower, especially across the southwest corner of Kansas.

Percent of Saturation at 5 cm



This map is representative of grassland vegetation

Mesonet Data - 5 cm % Saturation at Jun 28 2026 12:20 (CDT)





Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Rainfall over the next week is forecast to be scattered and unorganized.
- A few locations across southwest Kansas may see significant rain.

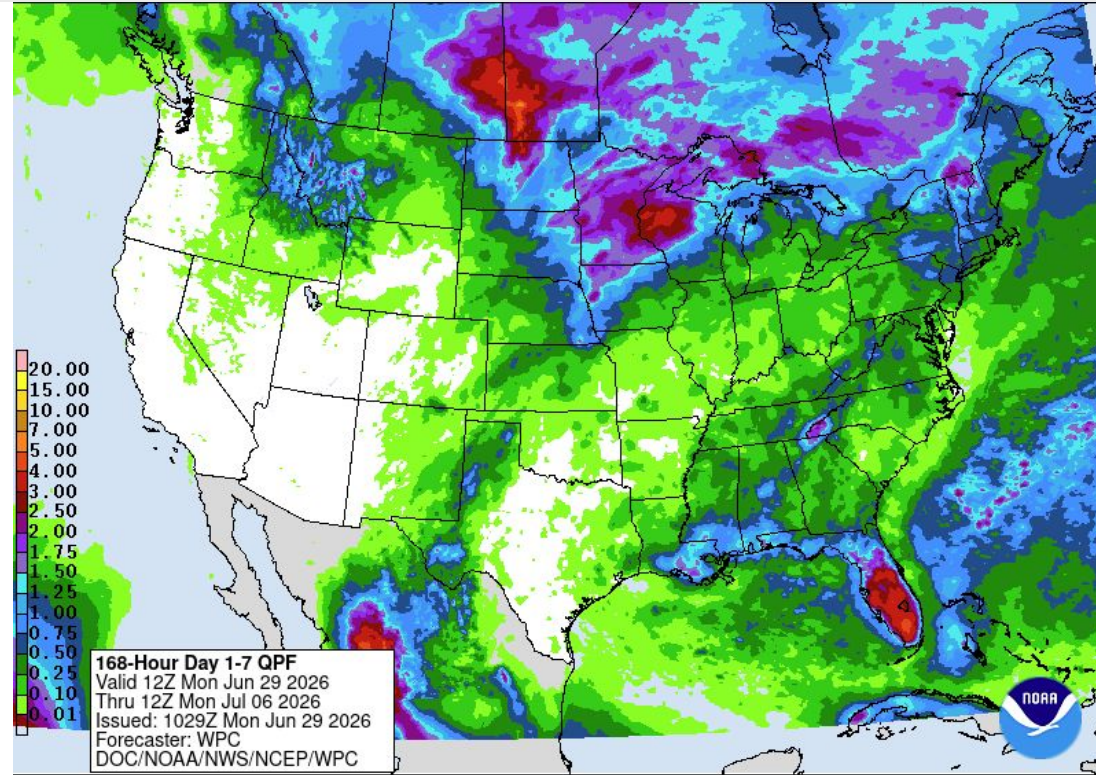


Image Caption: Weather Prediction Center [7-day precipitation forecast](#) valid 7 am June 29th to 7 am July 6th



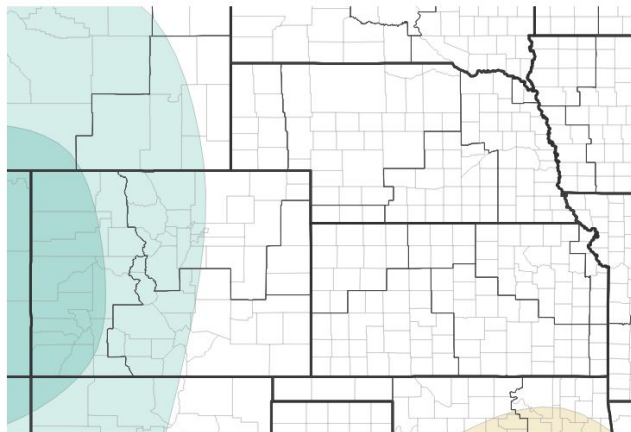


Long-Range Outlooks (July-September)

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

- There are modest probabilities of above average temperatures.
- There are equal chances for above and below average precipitation.
- Keep in mind that seasonal predictability of precipitation is low, especially across the high plains where rains tend to be smaller in scale but intense.

Seasonal (3-Month) Precipitation Outlook for July 1, 2026–September 30, 2026



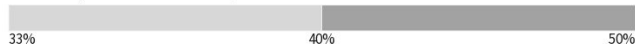
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Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



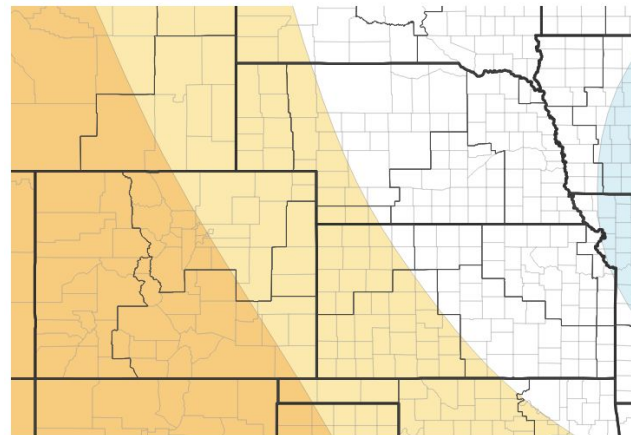
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Seasonal (3-Month) Temperature Outlook for July 1, 2026–September 30, 2026



Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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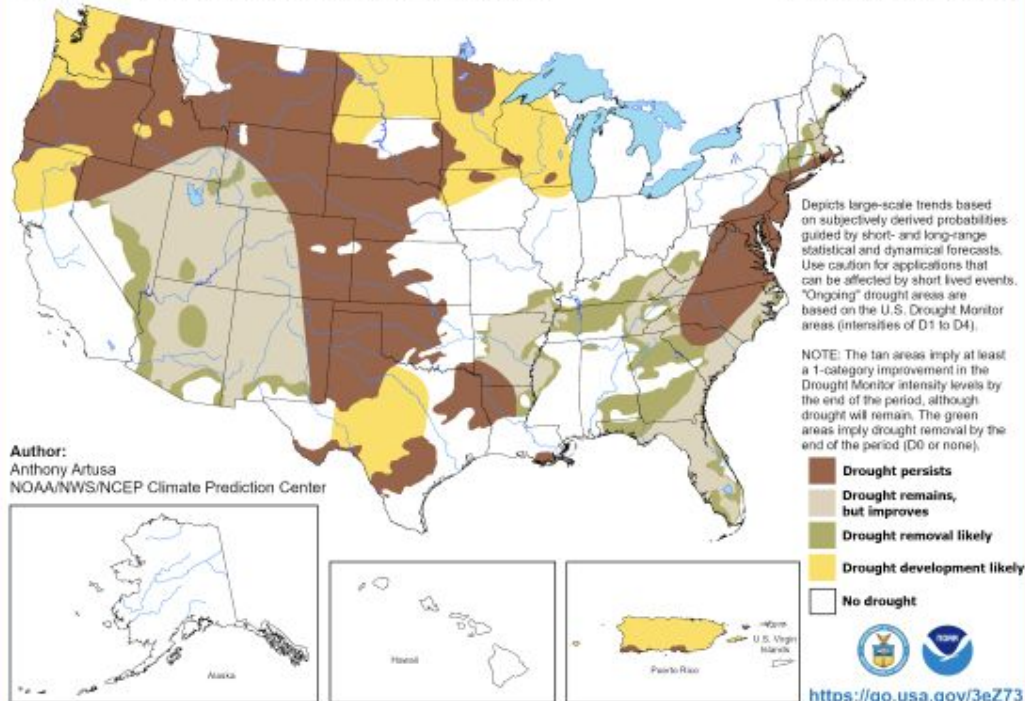
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- At least some level of drought is expected to persist through the summer, particularly across far southwest Kansas.
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U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

Valid for June 18 - September 30, 2026
Released June 18, 2026



Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)
[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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