



Drought Information Statement for Central and Southwest Kansas

Valid August, 3, 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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- Moderate to severe drought persists across southwest Kansas.



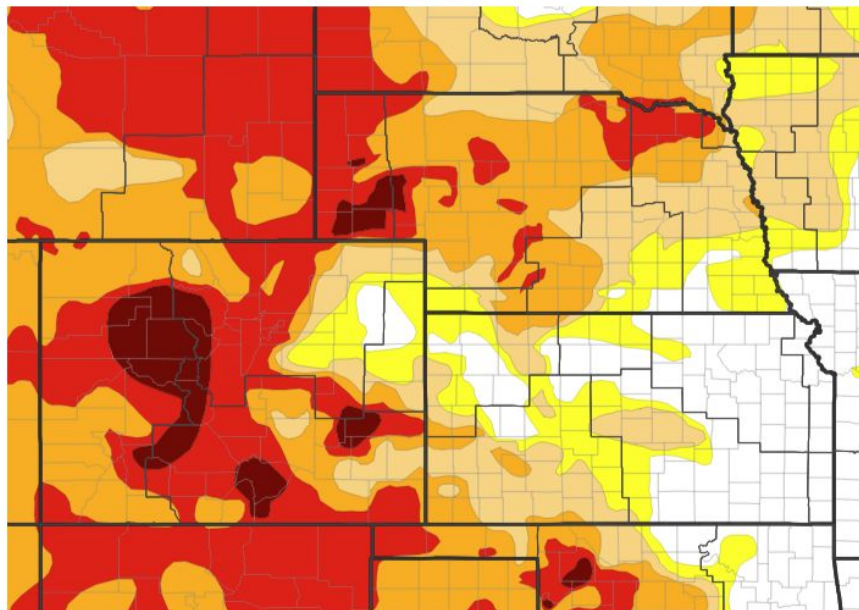


U.S. Drought Monitor (released 28 July 2026)

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

- A large area of D1-D2 drought still exists across southwest Kansas.
- Across central Kansas there are pockets of D0/D1 drought.

U.S. Drought Monitor



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

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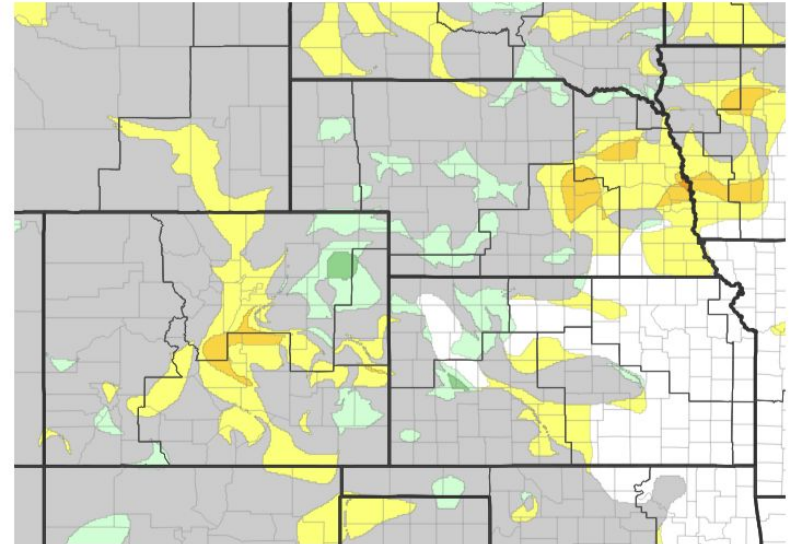


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

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

- 4-Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - Drought Worsened: Drought has worsened across parts of central Kansas.
 - Drought Improvement: There have been small pockets of improvement in southwest Kansas.

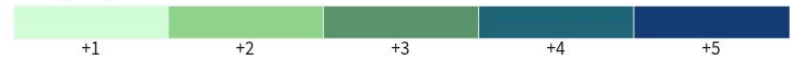
U.S. Drought Monitor 4-Week Change Map



Drought Degradation



Drought Improvement



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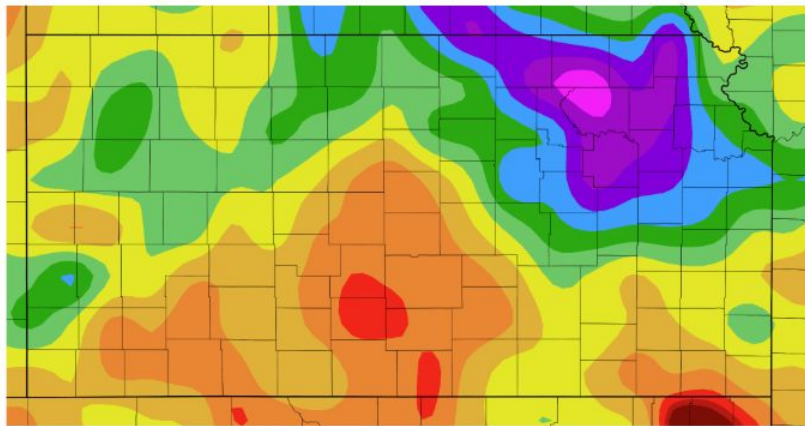




Precipitation

- It was drier than average across most of central and southwest Kansas over the past month. Parts of west-central Kansas were slightly wetter than average.

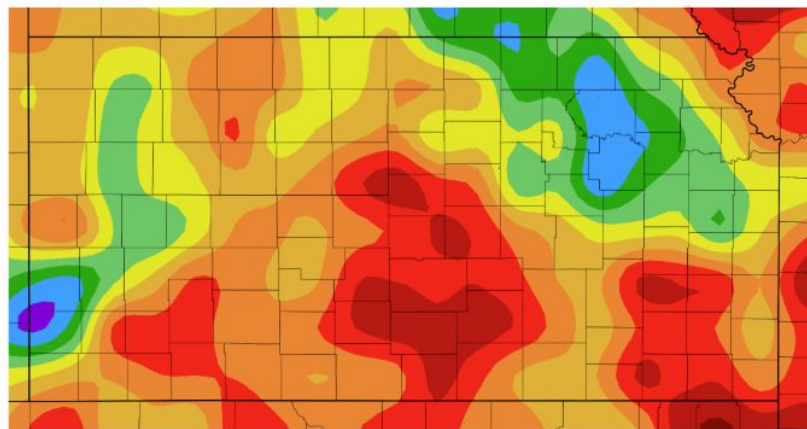
Precipitation (in)
7/1/2026 – 7/30/2026



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Departure from Normal Precipitation (in)
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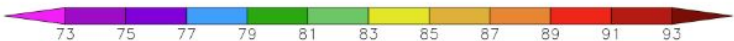
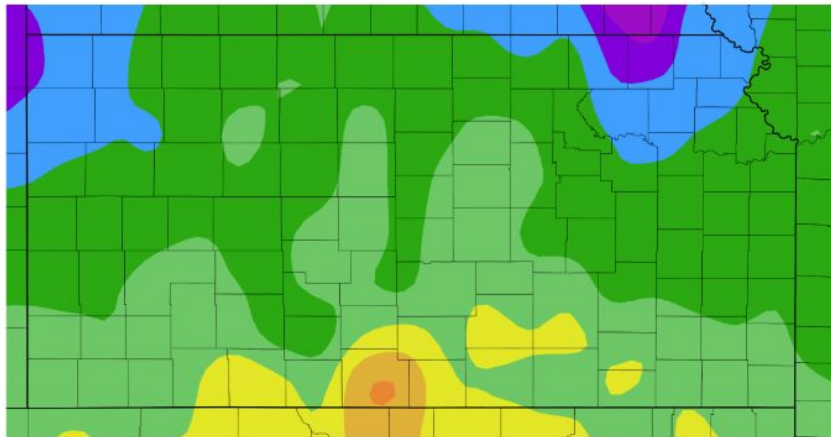
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Temperature

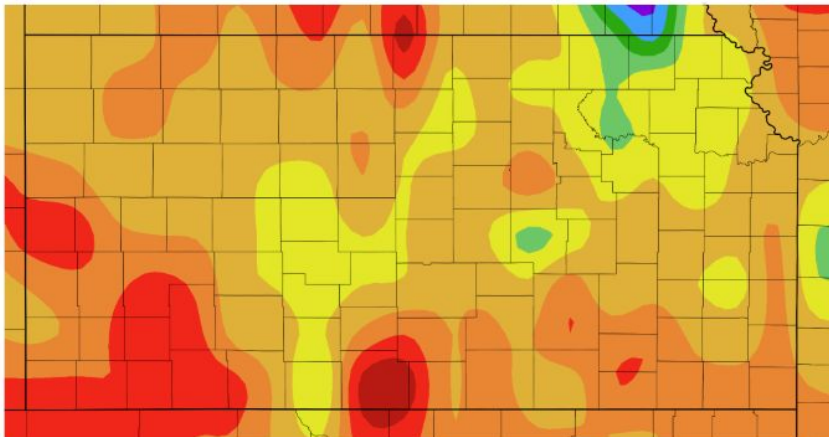
- Temperatures were above average over the past month.

Temperature (F)
7/1/2026 – 7/30/2026



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Departure from Normal 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

- Continued drought will negatively affect crops.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Fire weather may become a concern on windy days.

Other Impacts

- None.

Mitigation Actions

- None reported.





Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Streamflow is below average across western Kansas.
- Streamflow is generally above average in central Kansas.

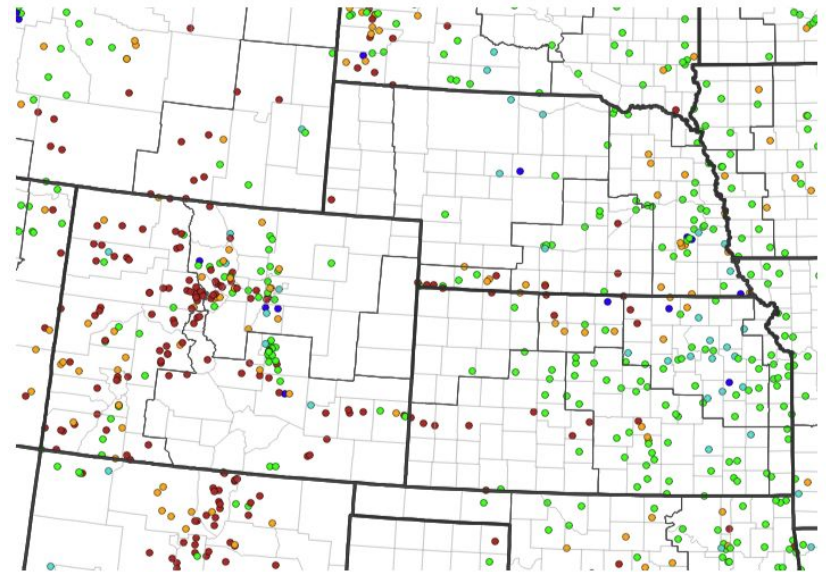
Streamflow Conditions



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1-Day Average Streamflow Conditions



Streamflow Conditions



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Data Valid: 07/30/26





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- Percent of Saturation at 5 cm
- | County | Percent of Saturation at 5 cm |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Becker | 31 |
| Beltrami | 36 |
| Benton | 17 |
| Burne | 23 |
| Cass | 32 |
| Chippewa | 87 |
| Clearwater | 33 |
| Crow Wing | 86 |
| Dakota | 86 |
| Dodge | 71 |
| Duluth | 67 |
| Ely | 47 |
| Hubbard | 32 |
| Itasca | 26 |
| Jackson | 37 |
| Kandiyohi | 14 |
| Lake | 57 |
| Lake of the Clouds | 14 |
| Lake Superior | 32 |
| Lake Umbagog | 26 |
| Lake Vermilion | 41 |
| Lake Vermilion | 32 |
| Lake Vermilion | 43 |
| Lake Vermilion | 15 |
| Lake Vermilion | 21 |
| Lake Vermilion | 41 |
| Lake Vermilion | 8 |
| Lake Vermilion | 30 |
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Mesonet Data - 5 cm % Saturation at Aug 02 2026 04:00 (CDT)

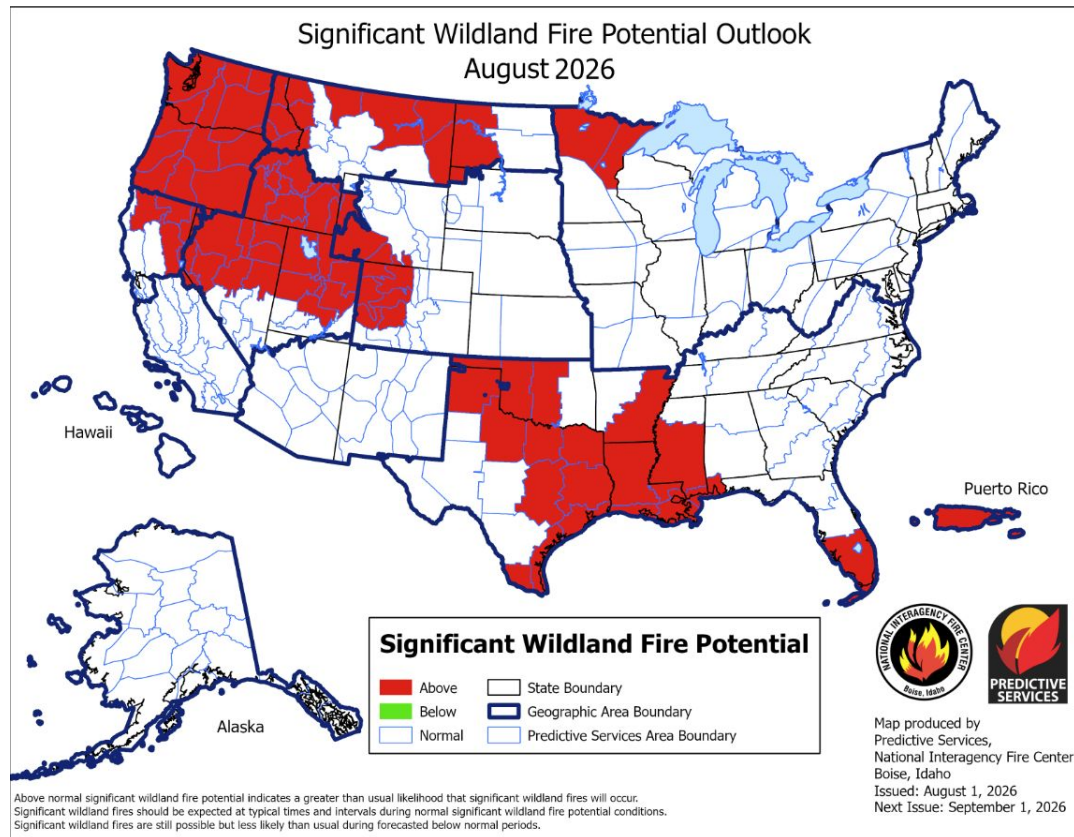




Fire Hazard Impacts

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

- Wildland fire potential is currently low but could become an issue with continued dry weather.



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Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- There are chances of t-storms this week.
- A few locations across southwest Kansas may see significant rain.
- The timing of a cold front will determine who gets rain and how much.

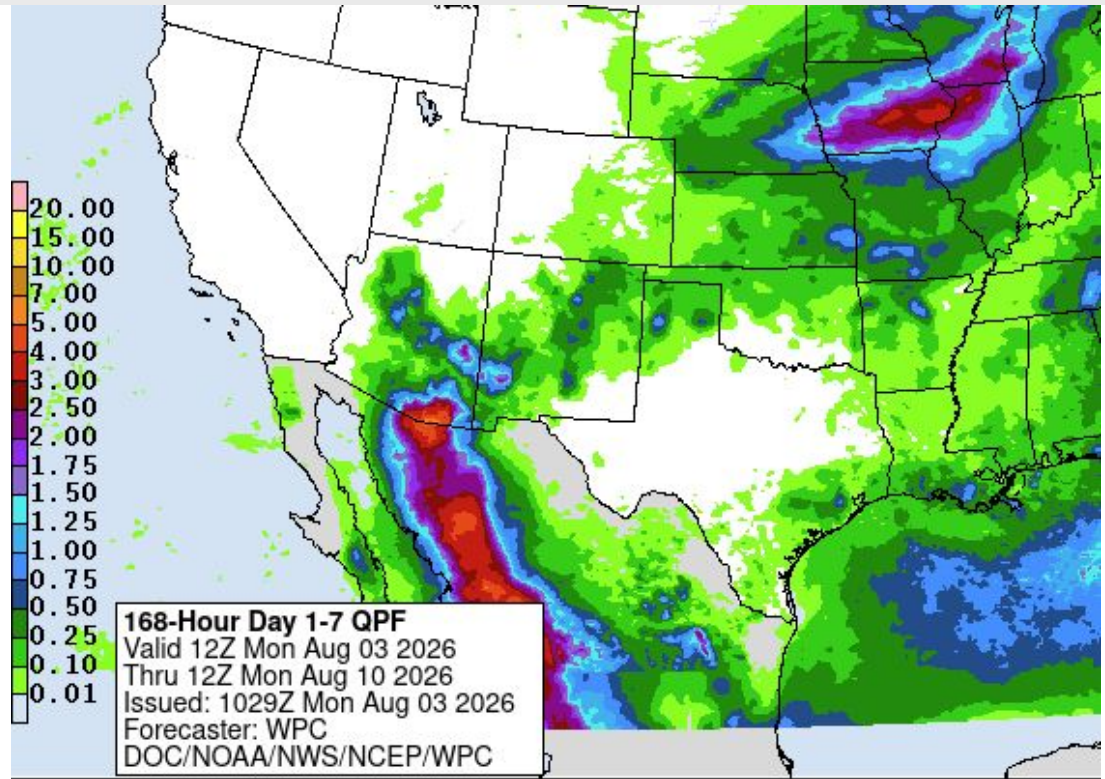


Image Caption: Weather Prediction Center [7-day precipitation forecast](#) valid 7 am August 3rd to 7 am August 10th

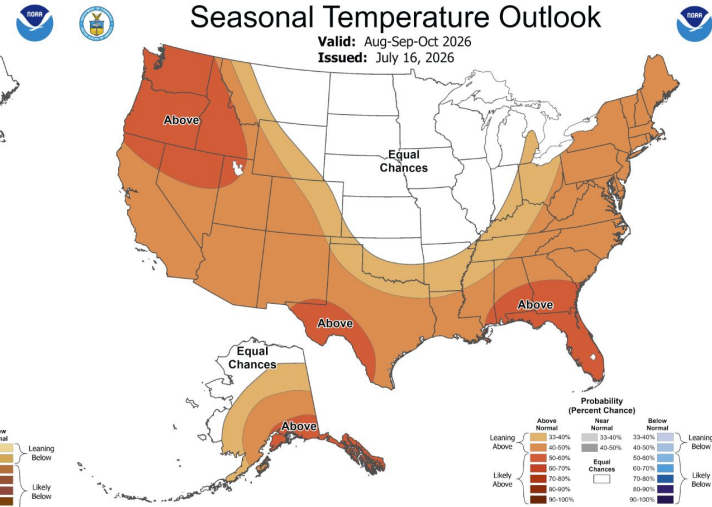
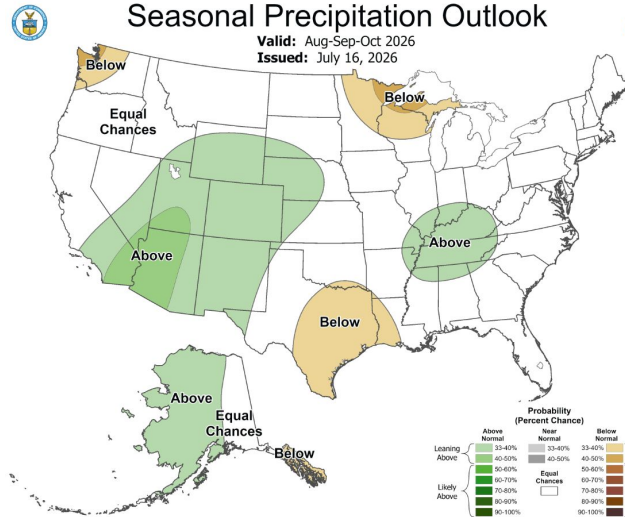




Long-Range Outlooks (August-October)

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

- There are equal chances for above and below average precipitation.
- There are equal chances for above and below average temperatures.
- 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.





Drought Outlook

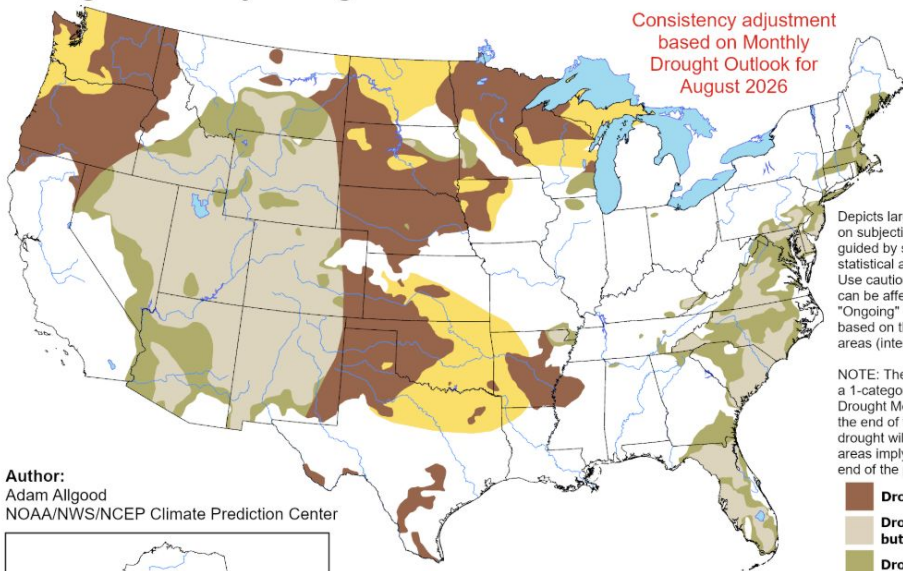
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- At least some level of drought is expected to persist.
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U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

Valid for August 1 - October 31, 2026
Released July 31, 2026

Consistency adjustment
based on Monthly
Drought Outlook for
August 2026

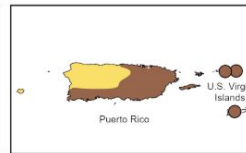
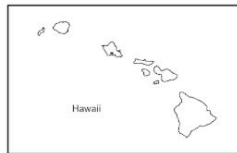


Depicts large-scale trends based on subjectively derived probabilities guided by short- and long-range statistical and dynamical forecasts. Use caution for applications that can be affected by short lived events. "Ongoing" drought areas are based on the U.S. Drought Monitor areas (intensities of D1 to D4).

NOTE: The tan areas imply at least a 1-category improvement in the Drought Monitor intensity levels by the end of the period, although drought will remain. The green areas imply drought removal by the end of the period (D0 or none).

- Drought persists
- Drought remains, but improves
- Drought removal likely
- Drought development likely
- No drought

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<https://go.usa.gov/3eZ73>

Links to the latest:

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



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