



Drought Information Statement for Central and Southwest Kansas

Valid September, 11, 2026

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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 parts of southwest Kansas.



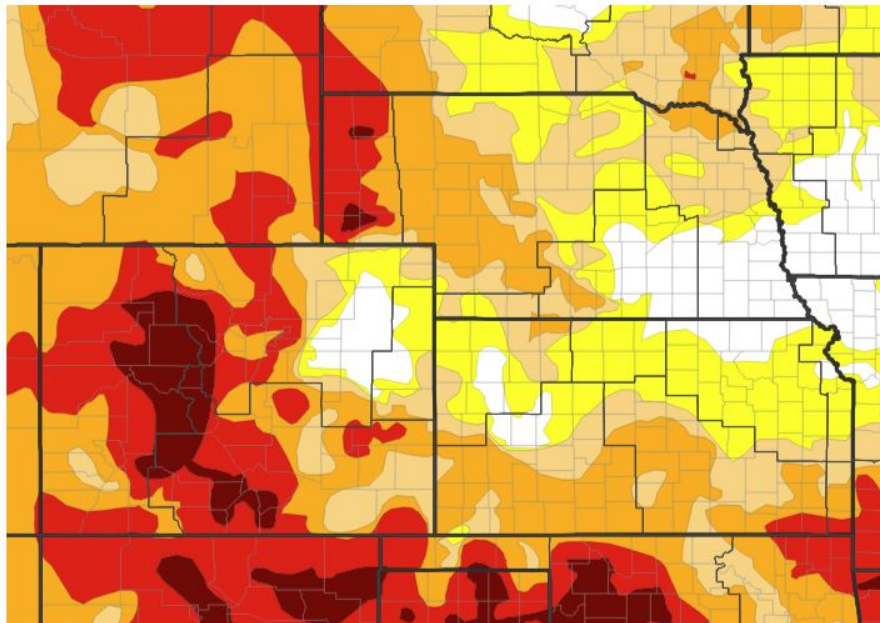


U.S. Drought Monitor (released 10 September 2026)

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

- A large area of D2 drought still exists across southwest Kansas.
- D1 drought is persisting around Hays and Wakeeney.

U.S. Drought Monitor



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

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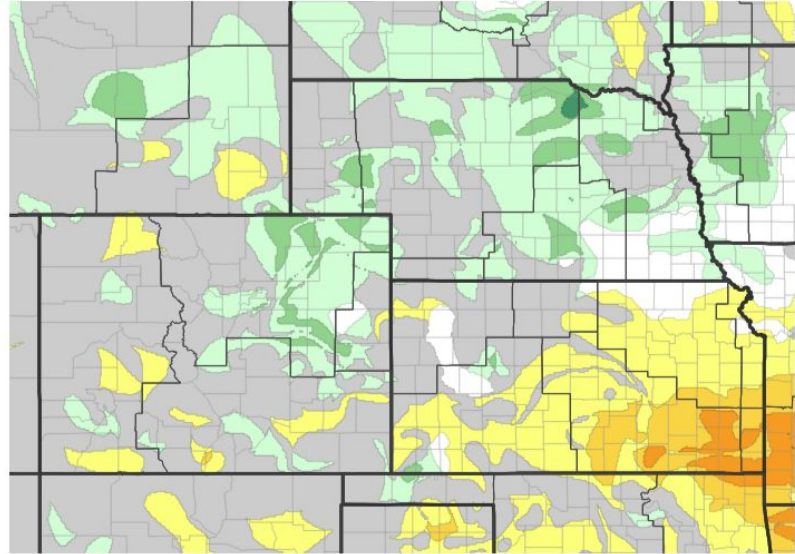


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

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

- 4-Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - Drought Worsened: Drought has worsened across much of southwest Kansas Kansas.
 - Drought Improvement: There have been small pockets where drought has remained the same or slightly improved.

U.S. Drought Monitor 4-Week Change Map



Drought Degradation



Drought Improvement



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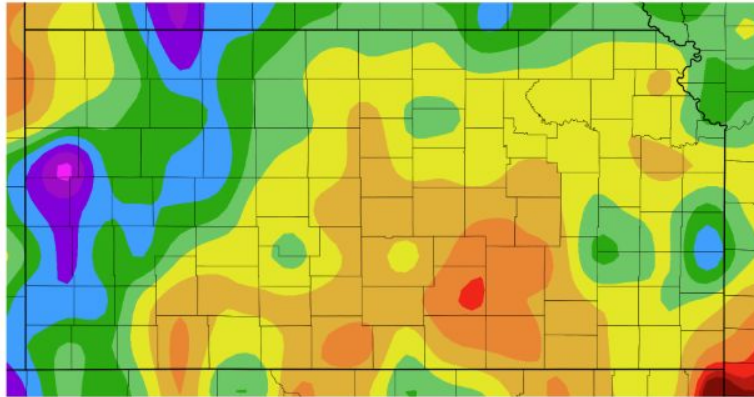
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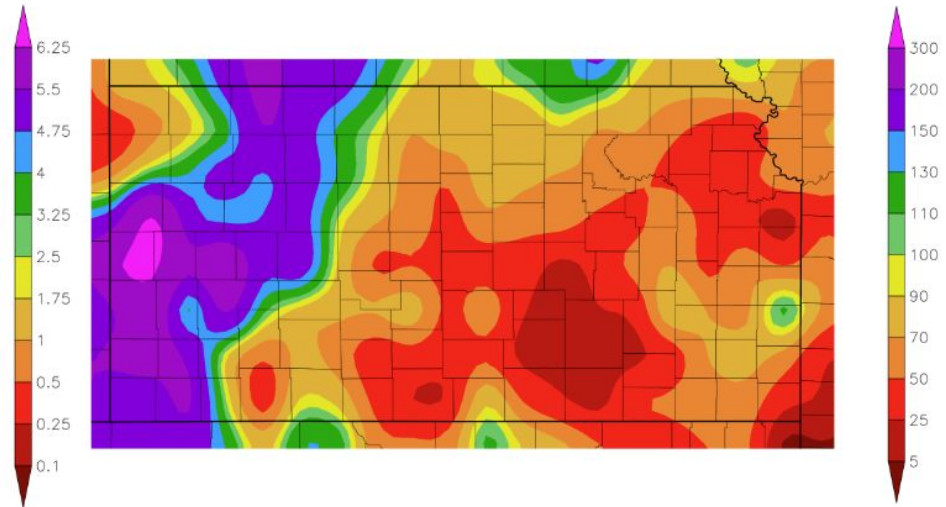
Precipitation

- Precipitation was above average over far western Kansas and below average from Dodge City eastward to Pratt, Hays and Medicine Lodge.

Precipitation (in)
8/12/2026 – 9/10/2026



Percent of Normal Precipitation (%)
8/12/2026 – 9/10/2026



Generated 9/11/2026 using provisional data.

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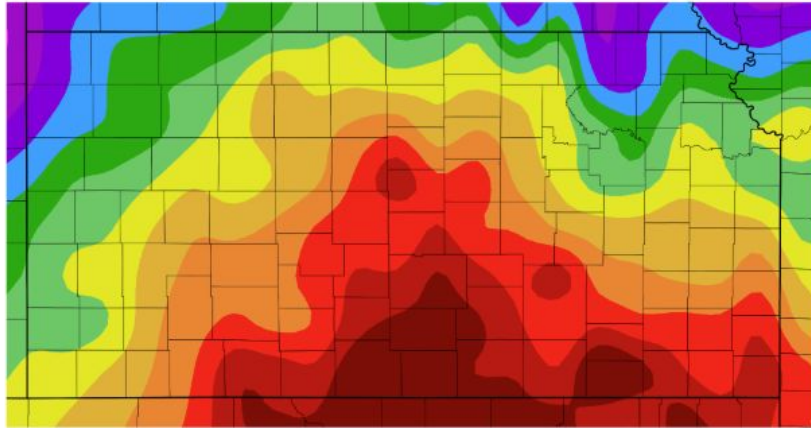




Temperature

- Temperatures were above average over the past month.

Temperature (F)
8/12/2026 - 9/10/2026



Departure from Normal Temperature (F)
8/12/2026 - 9/10/2026





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.

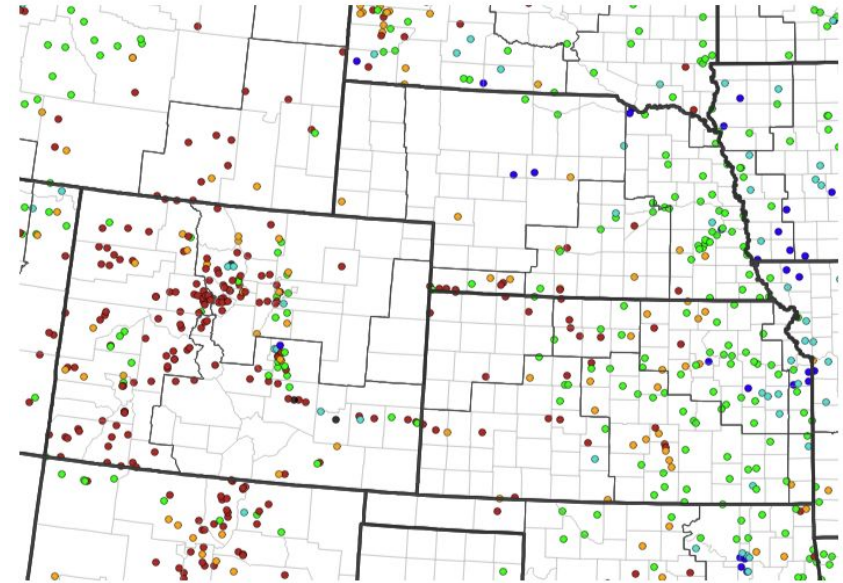




Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Streamflow is below average over much of southwest Kansas.
- Streamflow is near average over parts of central Kansas.

1-Day Average Streamflow Conditions



Streamflow Conditions



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

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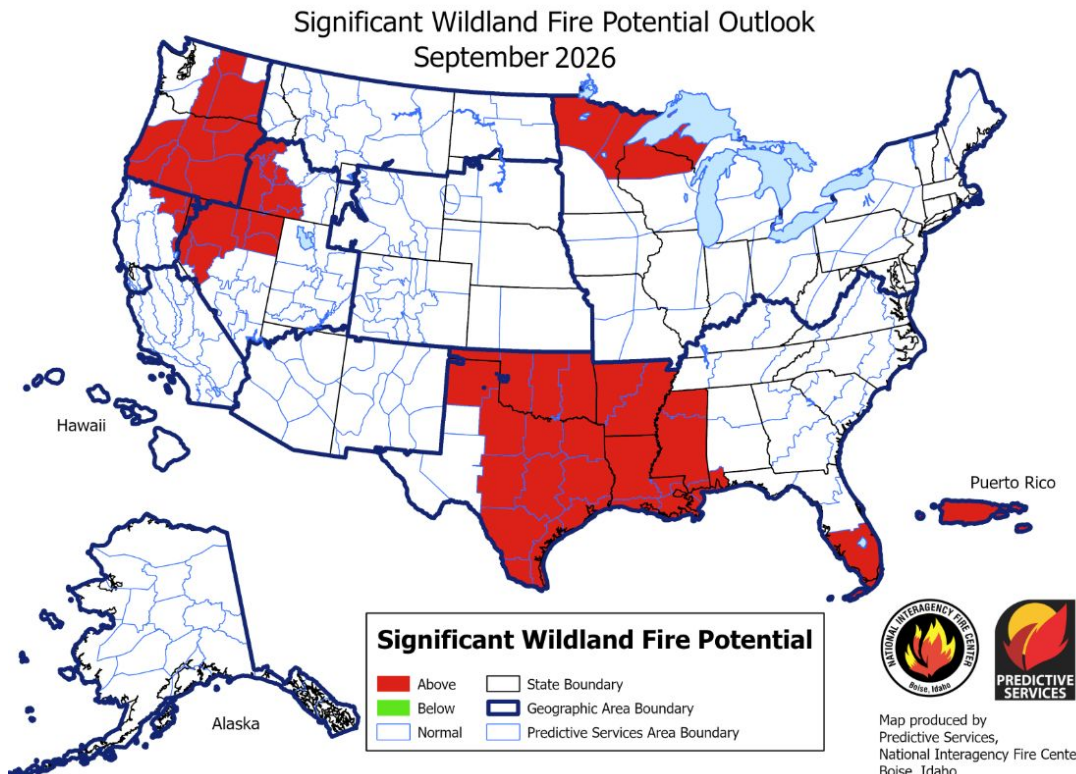
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Fire Hazard Impacts

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

- Wildland fire potential is a concern given the dry conditions in many places over the past month.
- For now the highest potential is south of Kansas.



Above normal significant wildland fire potential indicates a greater than usual likelihood that significant wildland fires will occur.
Significant wildland fires should be expected at typical times and intervals during normal significant wildland fire potential conditions.
Significant wildland fires are still possible but less likely than usual during forecasted below normal periods.



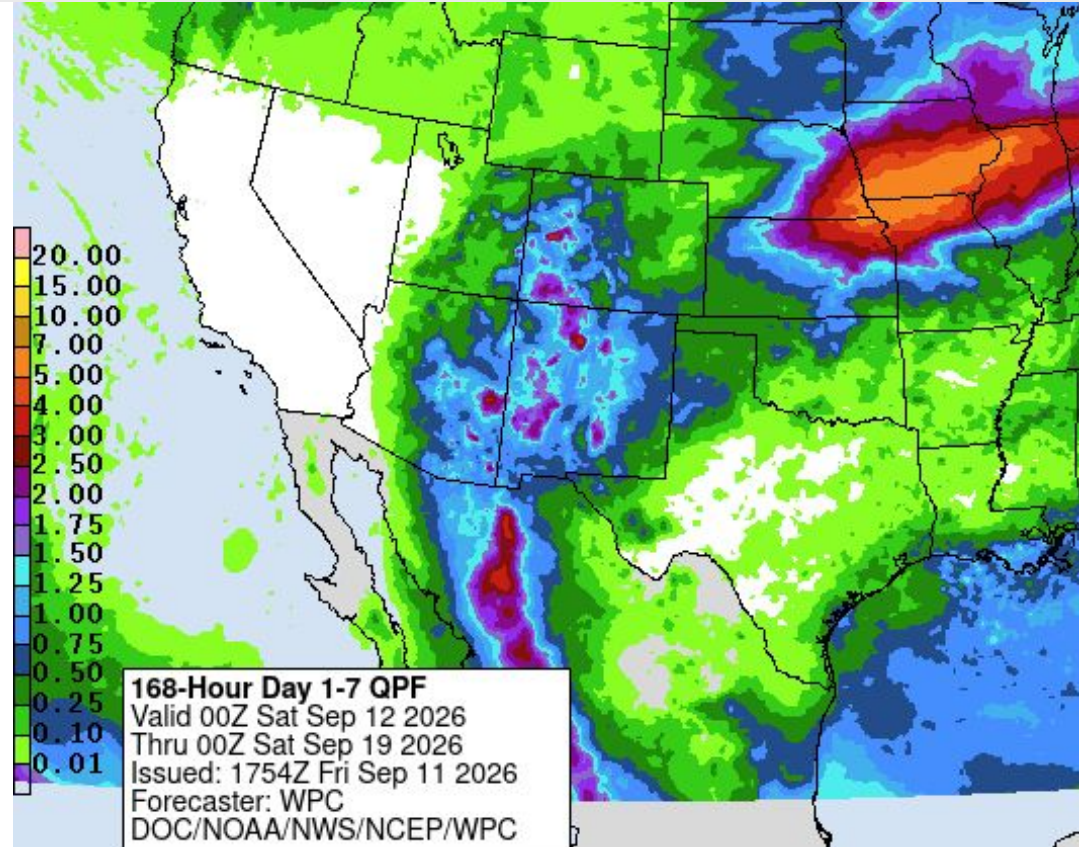
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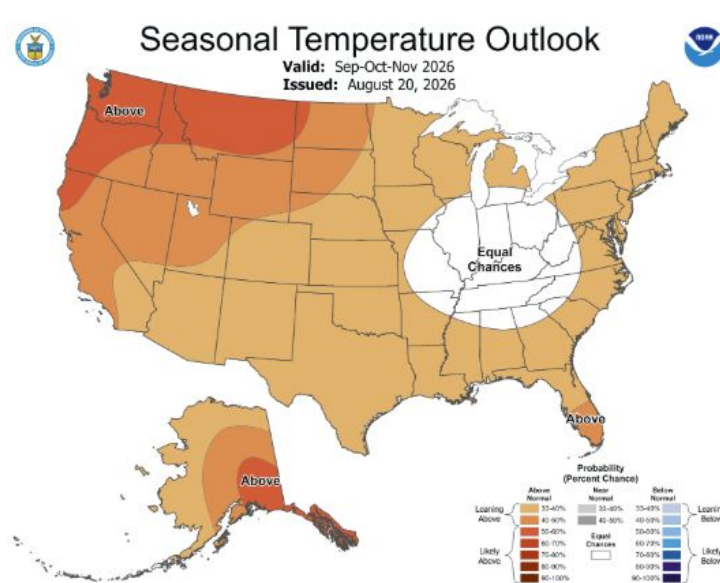
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- There are chances of t-storms over the next week.
- Significant rains are possible across parts of central Kansas, especially around Larned and Hays.
- The timing of a cold front will determine who gets rain and how much.





- There are higher than average chances for above normal precipitation.
- There are higher than average changes for above normal temperatures.
- Keep in mind that seasonal predictability of precipitation at any given location is very low, especially across the high plains where rains tend to be smaller in scale but intense.



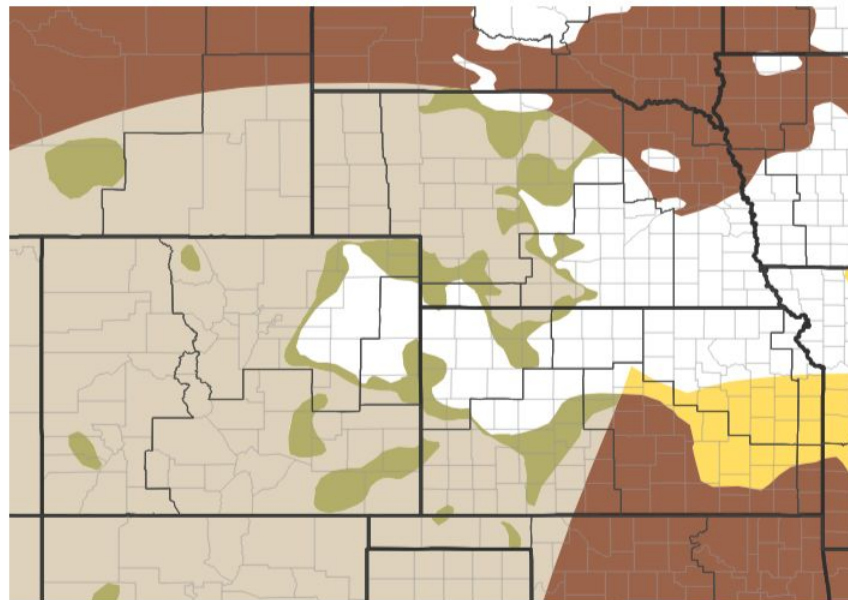


Drought Outlook

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

- At least some level of drought is expected to persist.
- However, if the above average precipitation materializes, then some improvement is likely.
- Keep in mind that seasonal predictability of precipitation is very low across the high plains.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for August 31, 2026–November 30, 2026



Drought Is Predicted To...



Source(s): Climate Prediction Center; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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