



Drought Information Statement for SE SD, SW MN, NW IA, Far NE Neb

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- Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/fsd/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
- Please visit <https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates> for regional drought status updates.

- WIDESPREAD DROUGHT CONTINUES, FOCUSED IN SOUTH DAKOTA WITH SEVERE TO LOCALIZED EXTREME DROUGHT CONDITIONS
- LONG RANGE OUTLOOKS FAVOR DROUGHT CONDITIONS PERSISTING OR EXPANDING





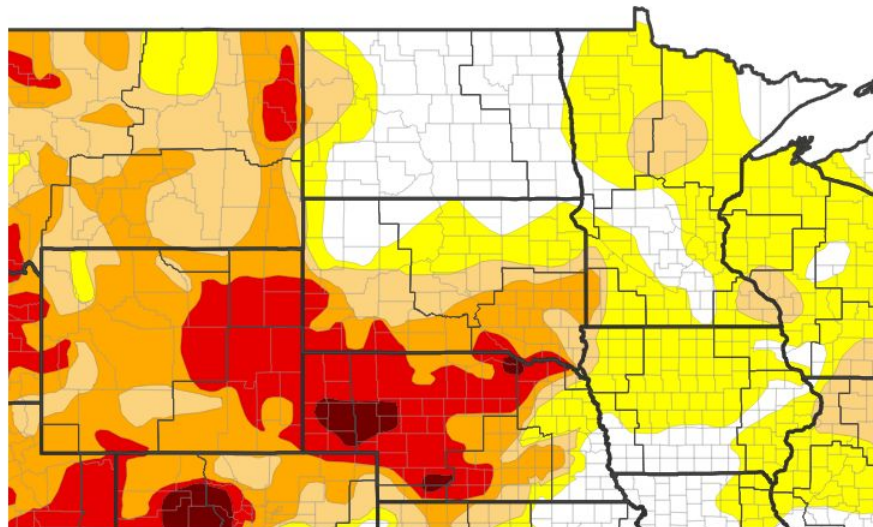
Latest U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for SE South Dakota, SW Minnesota, NW Iowa, far NE Nebraska

...Widespread Moderate to Severe Drought Conditions with Localized Extreme Drought...

- Drought Intensity and Extent
 - **D3 (Extreme Drought)**: Portions of southern South Dakota into northern Nebraska
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Much of southeast South Dakota into northeast Nebraska, and extreme southwest Minnesota.
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Near and west of I-29 not covered by more substantial drought categories.
 - **D0 (Abnormally Dry)**: Remaining areas not in more substantial drought coverage across northwest Iowa and southwest Minnesota.

U.S. Drought Monitor



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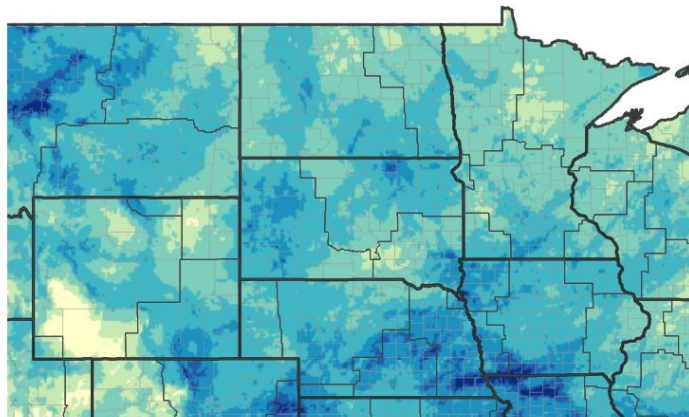




Precipitation Departure From Normal

- Beneficial rainfall has fallen in some areas, but other than far SE South Dakota, has generally still stayed short of climatology (below normal for the 14 day period).
- Many areas still are carrying a long term precipitation deficit for the Water Year (since Oct 1st); some as much as 4-9 inches below normal.
- NOTE: Data in this packet is as of the morning of June 2nd and does not factor in rainfall since then.*

NWPS 30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (inches)



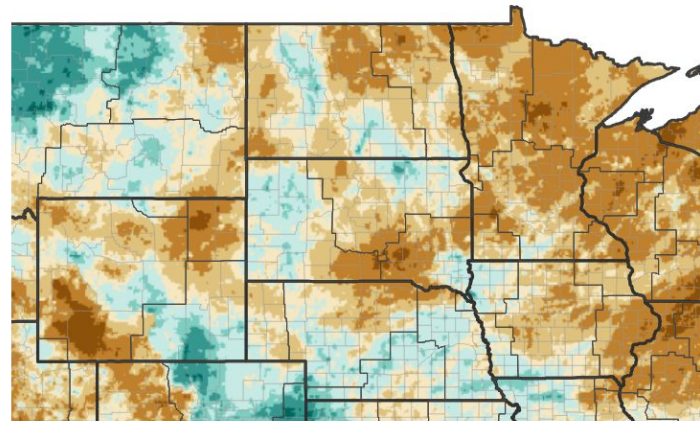
Inches of Precipitation



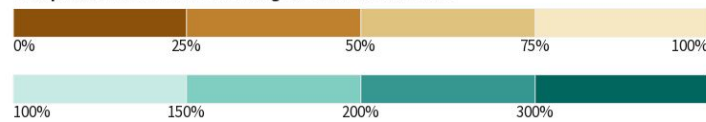
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30-Day Precipitation: Percent of PRISM Normal



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- River and stream levels are generally below, to well below normal, through portions of the Big Sioux, Rock, and Vermillion basins and within normal ranges elsewhere. A below normal runoff is forecast by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the Missouri River, with water conservation measures in place for the reservoir system.

Agricultural Impacts

- Reports of pasture land being well behind schedule and concern about livestock. Stock ponds dried up with poor water quality. Potential heavy degree of crop yield loss expected in portions of south central South Dakota.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- No recent reports

Other Impacts

- None reported

Mitigation Actions

- Monitoring notifications for water rights sent to some users.





Hydrologic Conditions

- Below to well below normal stream levels through portions of the Big Sioux, Rock, and Vermillion Basins.
- Groundwater well data from Renner, SD has been falling throughout May and early June.

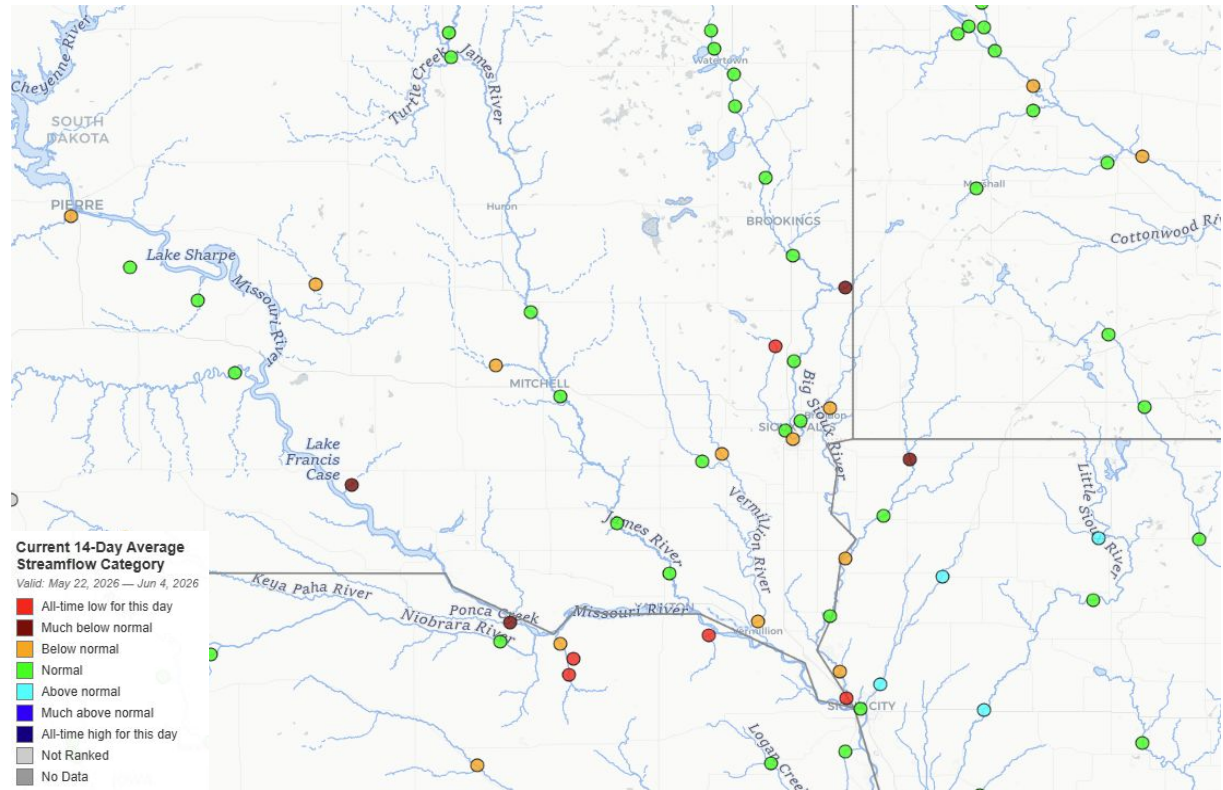
USGS Streamflow Data:

[National Water Dashboard](#)

Groundwater Wells Data:

[Renner, SD](#)

[Near Huron, SD](#)



USGS Streamflow Status Map - 14 Day Average (valid 06/4/2026)





Agricultural and Soil Moisture Impacts

SD

As of May 31st	Very Short Moisture	Short Moisture	Adequate Moisture	Moisture Surplus
Topsoil	21%	36%	41%	2%
Subsoil	26%	37%	36%	1%

IA

As of May 31st	Very Short Moisture	Short Moisture	Adequate Moisture	Moisture Surplus
Topsoil	3%	28%	64%	5%
Subsoil	3%	25%	66%	6%

MN

As of May 31st	Very Short Moisture	Short Moisture	Adequate Moisture	Moisture Surplus
Topsoil	4%	31%	63%	2%
Subsoil	4%	31%	63%	2%

USDA Crop Progress and Condition Reports

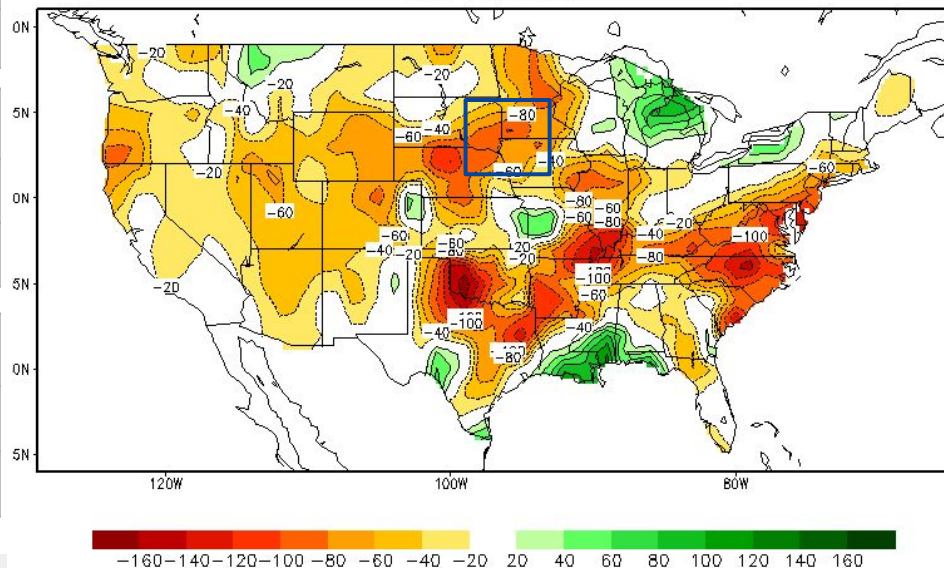
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Calculated Soil Moisture Anomaly (mm)
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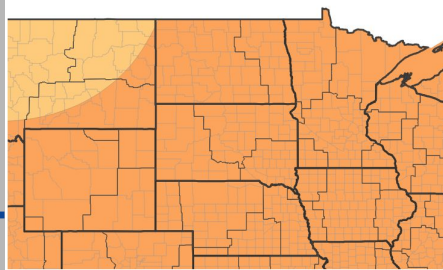
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Medium and Long-Range Outlooks

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

8-14 Day Temperature Outlook for June 10, 2026–June 16, 2026



Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures

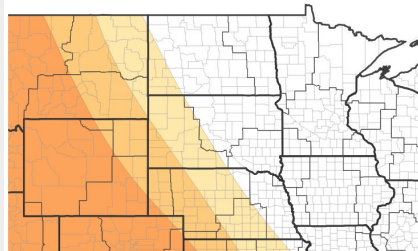


■ Near-Normal Conditions

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Seasonal (3-Month) Temperature Outlook for June 1, 2026–August 31, 2026



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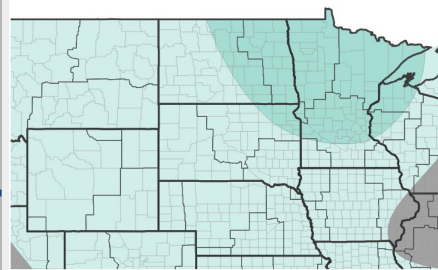
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8-14 Day Precipitation Outlook for June 10, 2026–June 16, 2026



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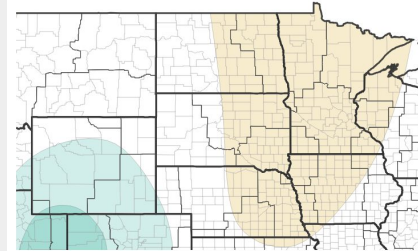


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Short Range Outlook

- Thunderstorm and locally heavy rain chances exist June 4-5th, but any benefits will likely be more localized rather than widespread.

Medium to Long Range Outlook

- Medium range outlooks favor above normal temperatures and near to above normal precipitation into Mid June. Outlooks for the remainder of summer lack a clear signal in temperature with a slight lean toward below normal precipitation.



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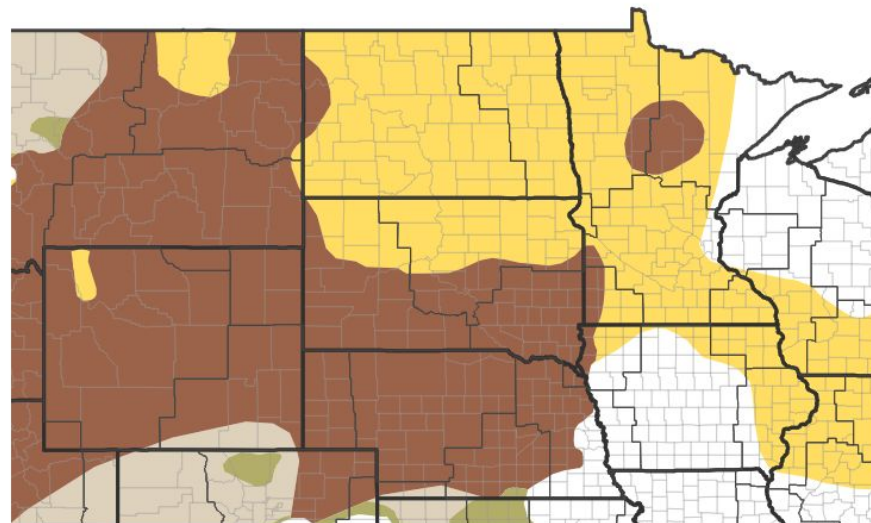
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- Despite recent rainfall, significant long term precipitation deficits exist over much of the region with the greatest deficits across southern South Dakota.
- While rain chances exists over the next 7 days, any widespread relief is uncertain as thunderstorm generated rainfall can be more localized.
- The latest drought-related information can be found at: weather.gov/fsd/drought. Additional Drought Statements will be issued as conditions warrant.

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



Drought Is Predicted To...



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