



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

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- RECENT RAIN BRINGS SOME IMPROVEMENT BUT WIDESPREAD DROUGHT REMAINS ACROSS THE REGION
- LONG RANGE OUTLOOKS FAVOR DROUGHT CONDITIONS PERSISTING OR EXPANDING





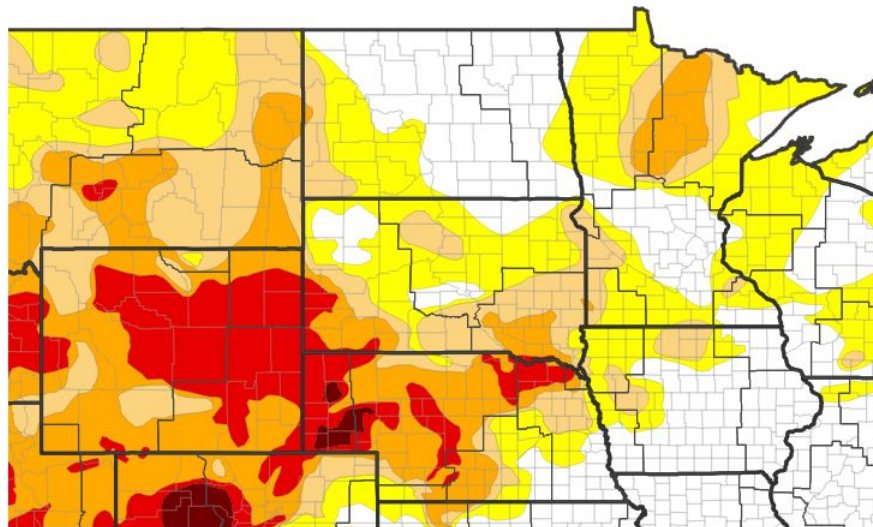
Latest U.S. Drought Monitor

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...

- Drought Intensity and Extent
 - **D3 (Extreme Drought)**: Portions of northern Nebraska
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Portions of southeast South Dakota into northeast Nebraska.
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Southwest Minnesota into remaining areas of southeast South Dakota
 - **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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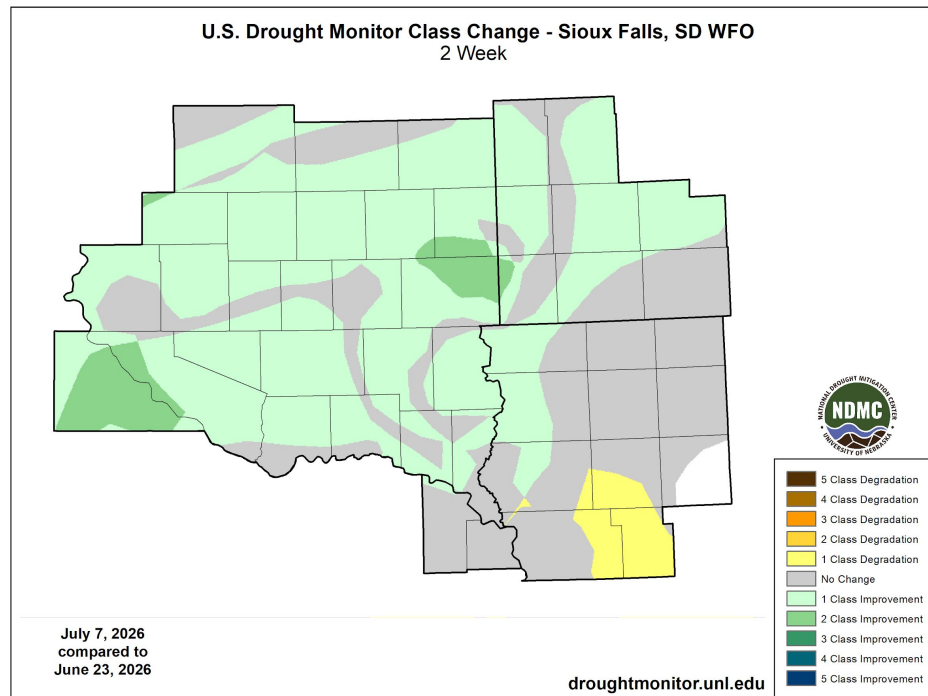




Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest [2-week change map](#) for SE South Dakota, SW Minnesota, NW Iowa, far NE Nebraska

- Two Week Drought Monitor Class Change:
 - Drought Worsened: [State each county or region within WFO region where a class degradation occurred. If nowhere is under a class degradation, remove subheading.]
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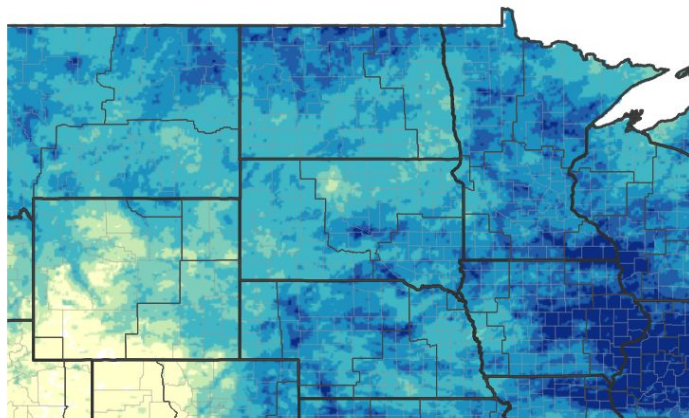




Precipitation Departure From Normal

- Most areas picked up beneficial rain over the past 14 days with the 30 day departure from normal generally showing near to above normal precipitation.
- 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.

NWPS 30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (inches)



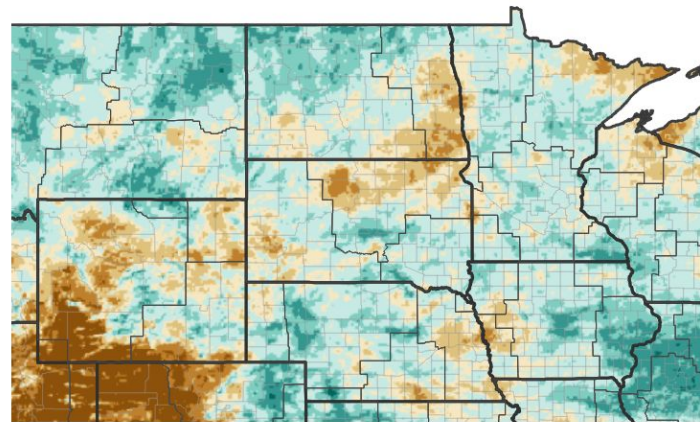
Inches of Precipitation



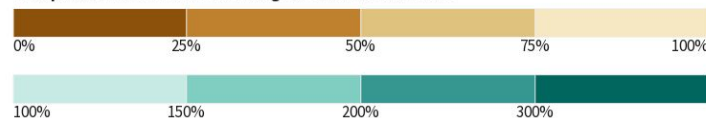
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30-Day Precipitation: Percent of PRISM Normal



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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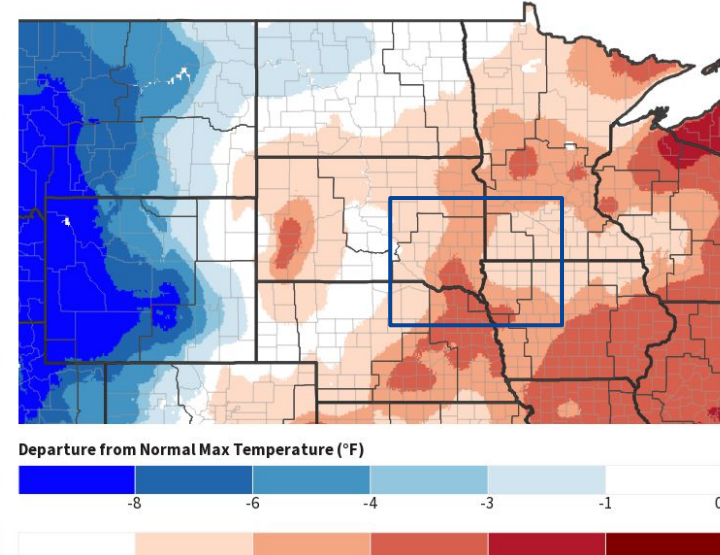
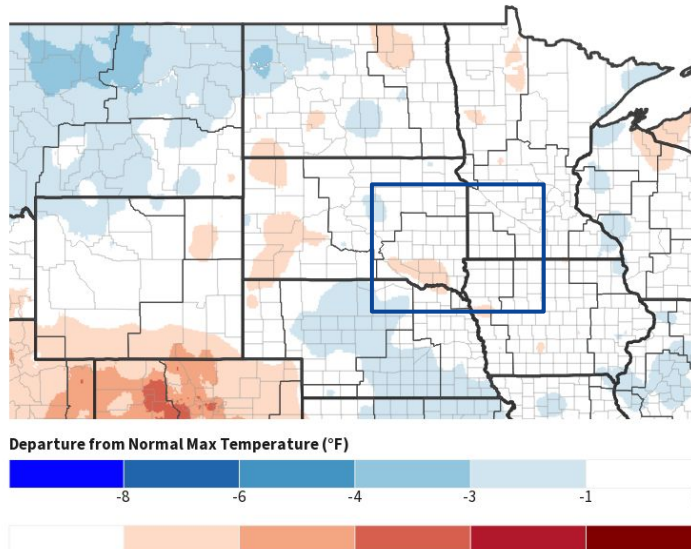
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Temperature - Past 30 Days

- Temperatures during this period were above normal for much of October driven by a very warm start to the month. Temperatures fell well below normal to close out the month.





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 near normal with a few streams and rivers showing below normal levels. 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

- Shut off or monitoring notifications for water rights sent to some users.





Hydrologic Conditions

- River and stream levels have improved with recent rain with most now into normal levels. Portions of the Vermillion, Big Sioux, and Rock Rivers continue to run below normal with above normal levels noted on the Floyd River.

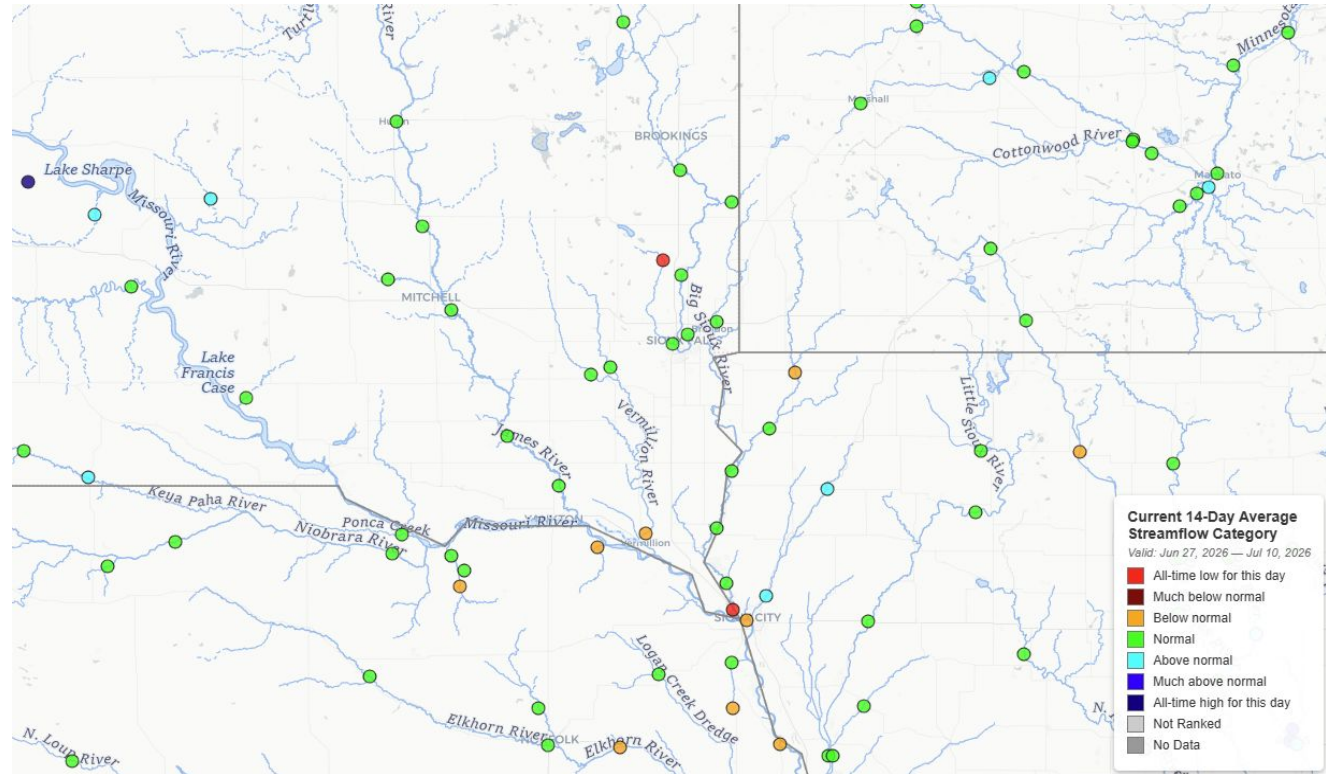
USGS Streamflow Data:

[National Water Dashboard](#)

Groundwater Wells Data:

[Renner, SD](#)

[Near Huron, SD](#)



USGS Streamflow Status Map - 14 Day Average (valid 07/10/2026)





Agricultural and Soil Moisture Impacts

SD

As of Jul 10th	Very Short Moisture	Short Moisture	Adequate Moisture	Moisture Surplus
Topsoil	11%	37%	48%	4%
Subsoil	19%	37%	42%	2%

IA

As of Jul 10th	Very Short Moisture	Short Moisture	Adequate Moisture	Moisture Surplus
Topsoil	1%	10%	71%	18%
Subsoil	3%	16%	65%	16%

MN

As of Jul 10th	Very Short Moisture	Short Moisture	Adequate Moisture	Moisture Surplus
Topsoil	2%	17%	73%	8%
Subsoil	4%	23%	69%	4%

USDA Crop Progress and Condition Reports

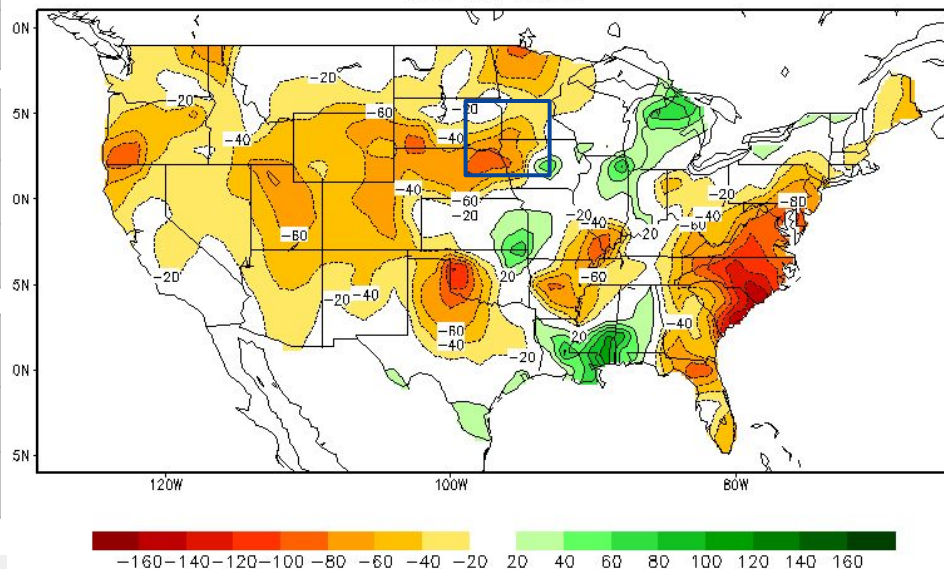
[South Dakota](#)

[Minnesota](#)

[Iowa](#)

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Calculated Soil Moisture Anomaly (mm)
JUL 08, 2026





Fire Hazard Impacts

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

- Summarize conditions/impacts here

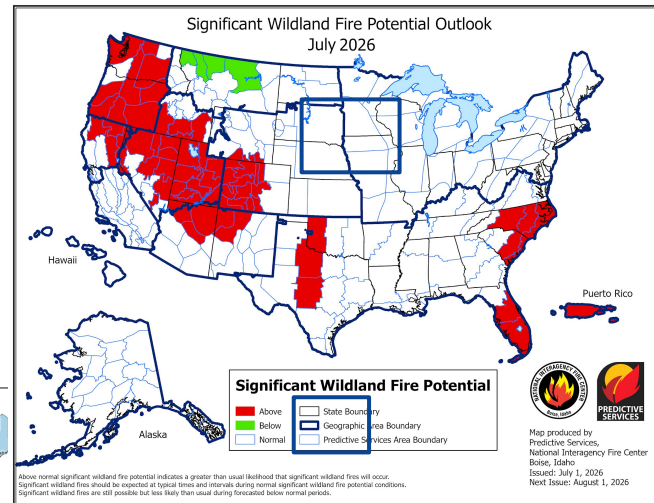
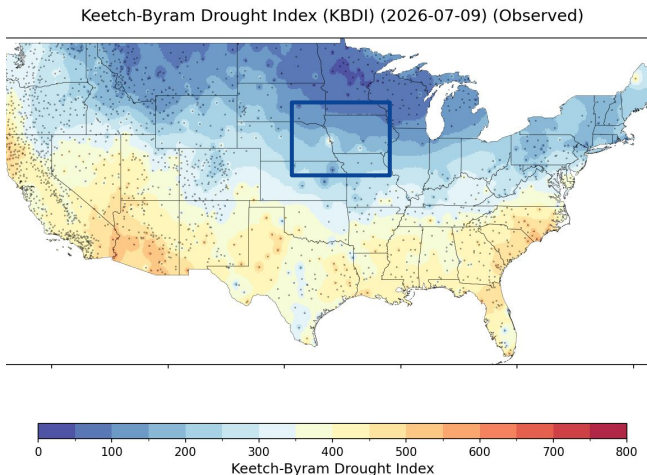


Image Caption: (above) [Significant Wildland Fire Potential Monthly Outlook](#) for August 2023

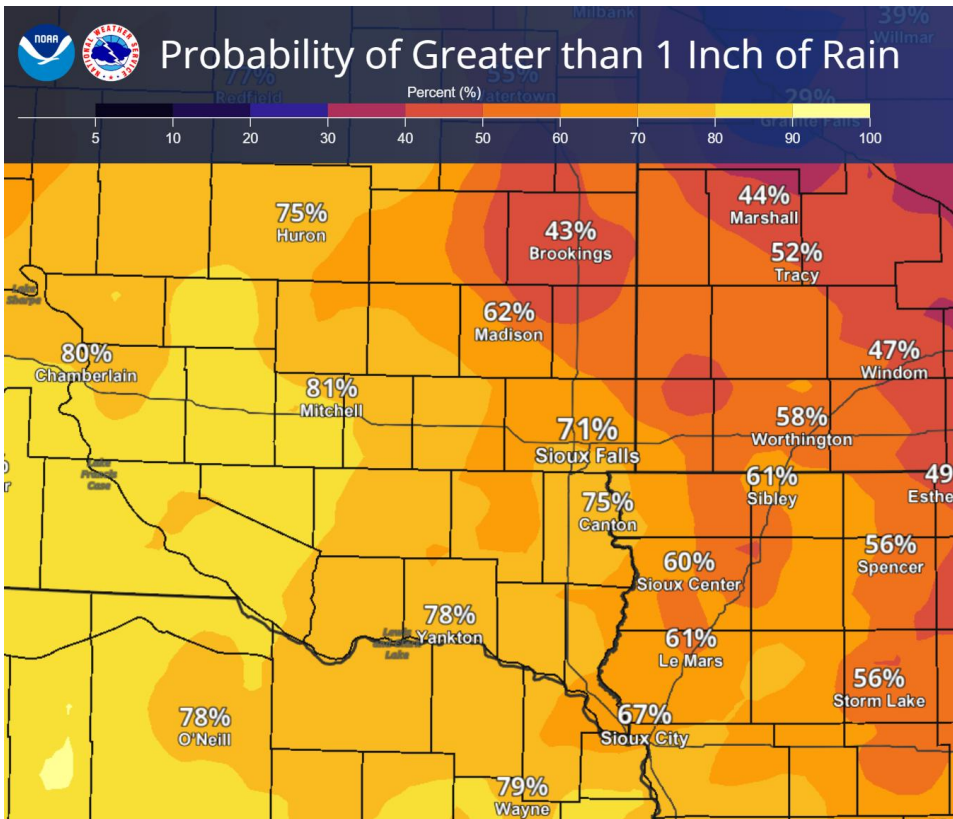
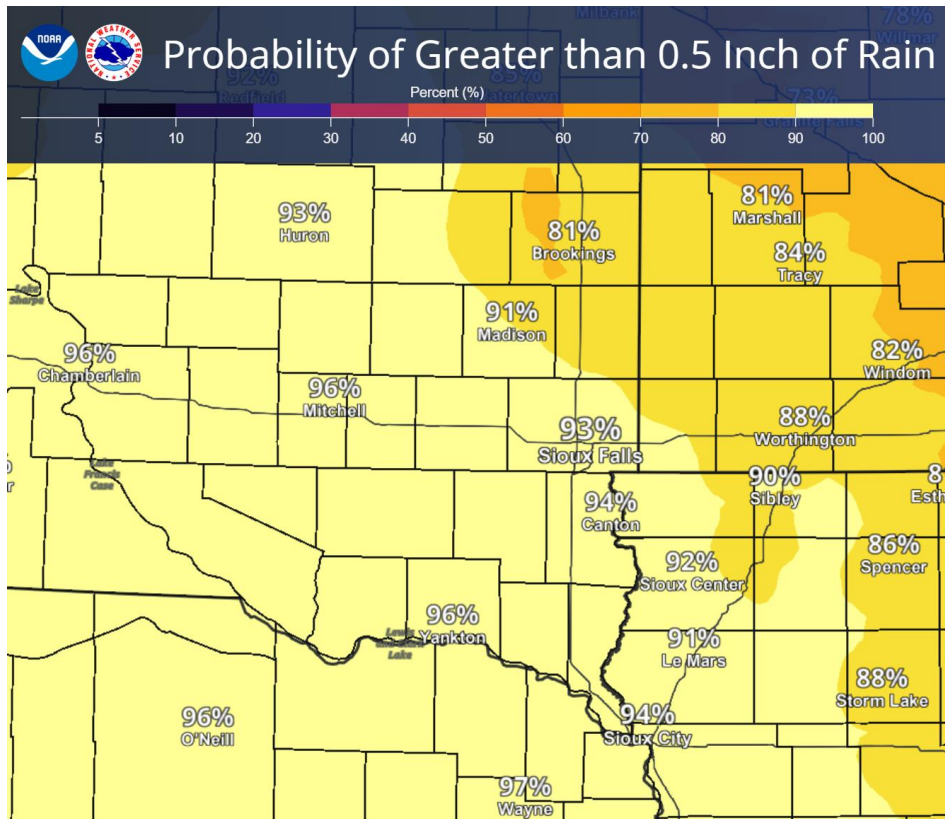
(left) [Keetch-Byram Drought Index](#) via the Wildland Fire Assessment System





Five Day Precipitation Outlook

Rainfall Exceedance Probabilities through April 29th. (Data as of Morning of April 24th)



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Rapid Onset Drought Outlook

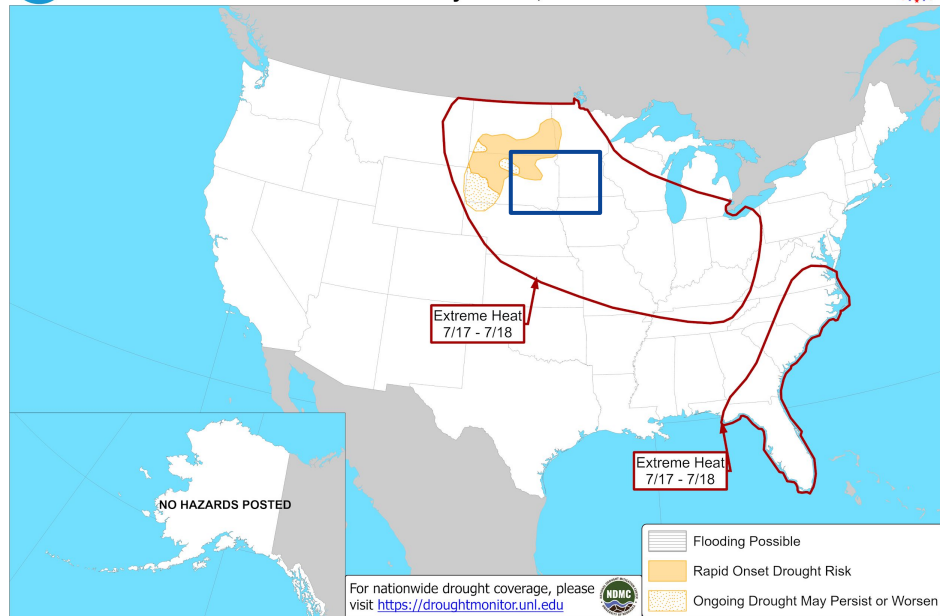
Links to the latest Climate Prediction Center 8 to 14 day [Temperature Outlook](#) and [Precipitation Outlook](#).

- Summarize conditions and impacts here



Days 8-14 U.S. Hazards Outlook

Valid: July 17 - 23, 2026



Climate Prediction Center

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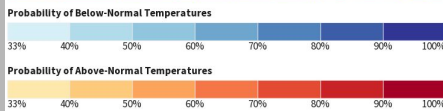
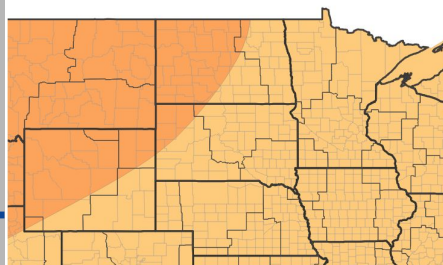
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Medium and Long-Range Outlooks

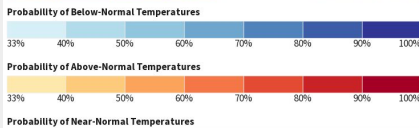
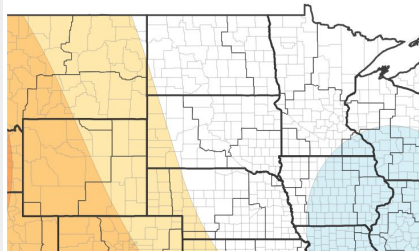
The latest medium range and seasonal outlooks can be found on the [CPC homepage](#)

8-14 Day Temperature Outlook for July 17, 2026–July 23, 2026



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

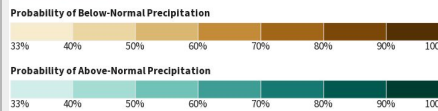
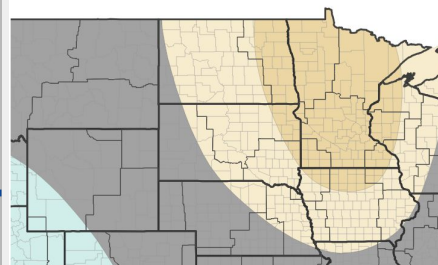


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Short Range Outlook

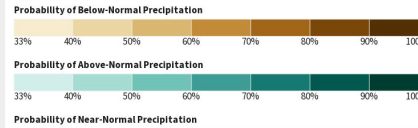
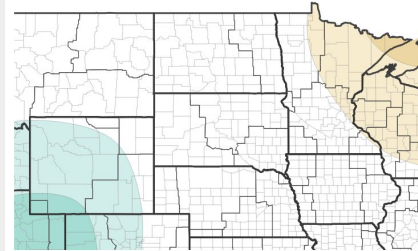
- Above normal temperatures and generally dry conditions are expected into the middle portions of July which may lead for drought re-expansion.

8-14 Day Precipitation Outlook for July 17, 2026–July 23, 2026



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



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Medium to Long Range Outlook

- Medium range outlooks favor above normal temperatures and near to below normal precipitation for late July. Outlooks for the remainder of summer into fall lack a clear signal in temperature or precipitation for our immediate region.



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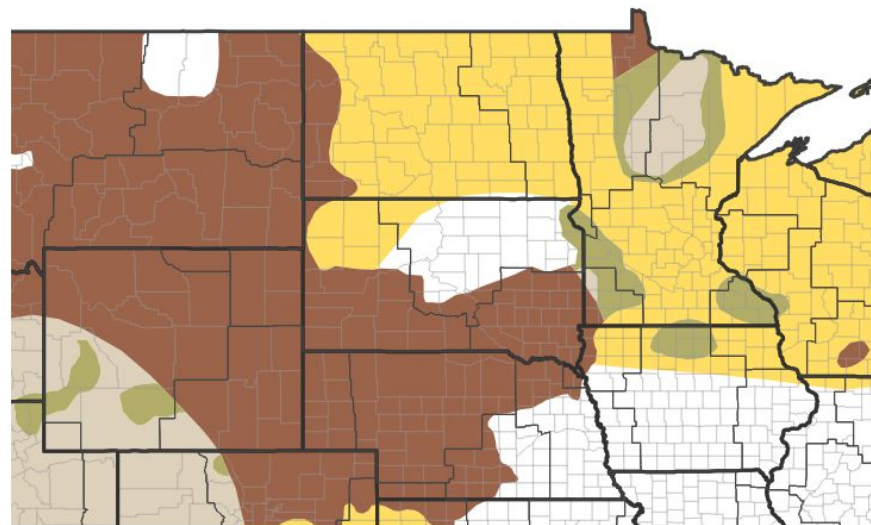
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- Recent rainfall has resulted in some improvement to drought conditions but long term precipitation deficits remain.
- Above normal temperatures and below normal precipitations may result in re-expansion or degradation of drought conditions through late summer.
- Drought persistence is likely over much of southeast South Dakota.
- The latest drought-related information can be found at: weather.gov/fsd/drought. Additional Drought Statements will be issued as conditions warrant.

Acknowledgements

The drought monitor is a multi-agency effort involving NOAA's National Weather Service and National Climatic Data Center, the USDA, state and regional center climatologists and the National Drought Mitigation Center. Information for this statement has been gathered from NWS and FAA observation sites, cooperative and volunteer observations, USDAFS, the USDA and USGS.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for June 30, 2026–September 30, 2026



Drought Is Predicted To...



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