



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

Valid August 13, 2026

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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.

- LACK OF WIDESPREAD CONSISTENT RAINFALL DRIVES DROUGHT EXPANSION INTO LATE SUMMER
- LONG RANGE OUTLOOKS FAVOR DROUGHT CONDITIONS PERSISTING OR EXPANDING THROUGH END OF GROWING SEASON





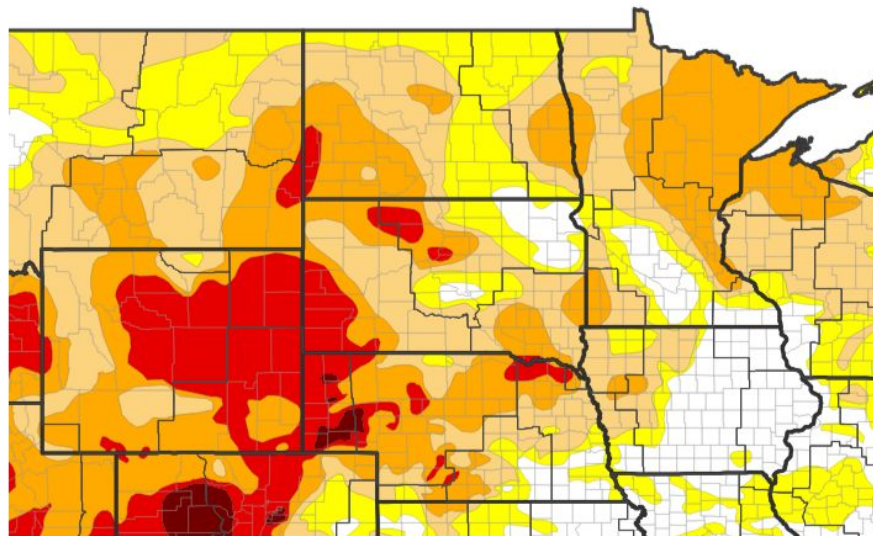
Latest U.S. Drought Monitor

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

U.S. Drought Monitor

...Widespread Moderate to Severe Drought Conditions Persist...

- Drought Intensity and Extent
 - **D3 (Extreme Drought)**: Portions of northern Nebraska
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Portions of southeast South Dakota, southwest Minnesota and northwest Iowa.
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Southwest Minnesota into remaining areas of southeast South Dakota and portions of northwest Iowa.
 - **D0 (Abnormally Dry)**: Remaining areas not in more substantial drought coverage across northwest Iowa and southwest Minnesota.



U.S. Drought Monitor



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

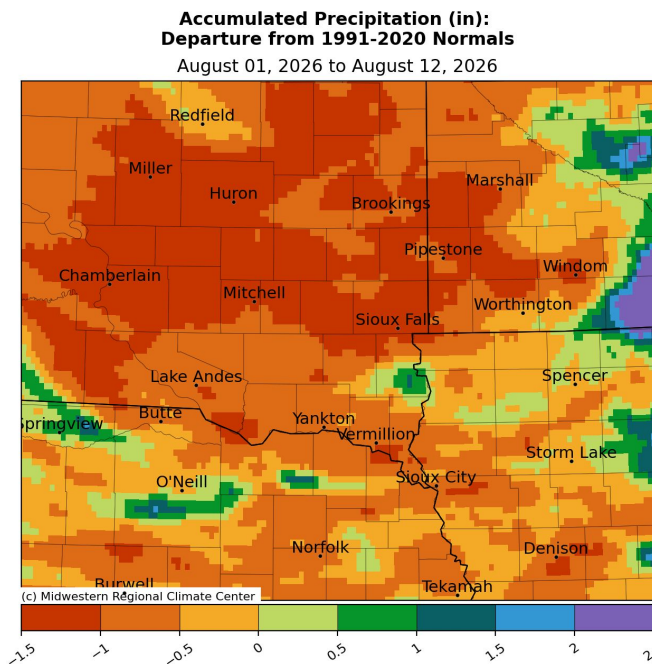
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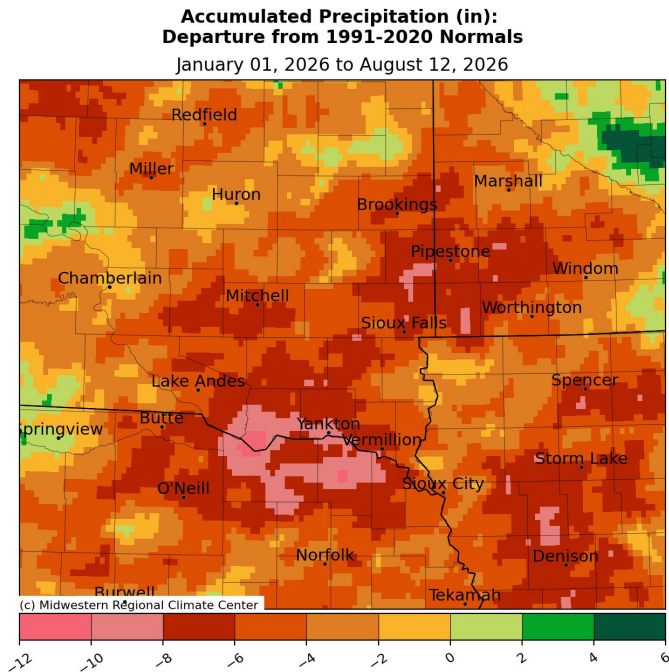


Precipitation Departure From Normal

	August Precip Departure From Normal	Year-to-Date Departure From Normal
Huron	-1.12"	-2.04
Mitchell	-1.20"	-6.31"
Vermillion	-1.03"	-6.43"
Sioux Falls	-1.33"	-6.80"
Gregory	-1.50"	-5.21"
Brookings	-1.15	-5.11"
Sioux City	-0.82"	-5.53"
Sioux Center	-0.29"	-7.14"
Spencer	-0.13"	-5.99
Marshall	-1.27"	-4.74"
Pipestone	-1.16	-7.71"
Windom	-1.47"	-5.44"



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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 near to below normal with groundwater depths falling. 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

- Pastures providing less feed than normal and some supplemental feed needed. Less water in stock ponds and water being hauled in for livestock. Crop yield possibly below normal but extent unknown at this time.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- No recent reports

Other Impacts

- Executive Order signed by South Dakota Governor for hauling hay waivers.

Mitigation Actions

- Shut off or monitoring notifications for water rights sent to some users. Some municipalities have enacted water restrictions.





Hydrologic Conditions

Renner GW Well NO.2 Near Renner, SD - USGS-433726096444501

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August 13, 2025 - August 13, 2026
Depth to water level, feet below land surface

11.08 ft - Aug 13, 2026 08:00:00 AM CDT
10.09 ft - Jul 13, 2026 12:09:00 PM CDT



Renner, SD Groundwater Well

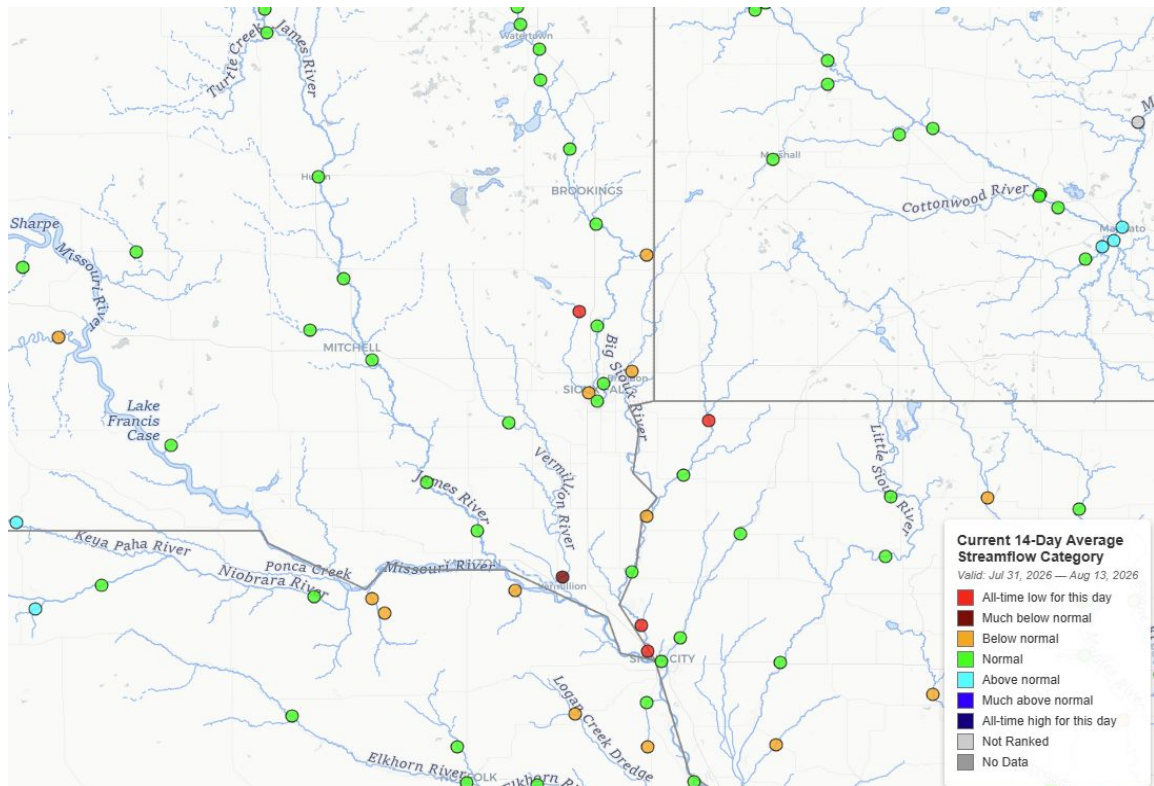
USGS Streamflow Data:

[National Water Dashboard](#)

Groundwater Wells Data:

[Renner, SD](#)

[Near Huron, SD](#)



USGS Streamflow Status Map - 14 Day Average (valid 08/13/2026)



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Agricultural and Soil Moisture Impacts

SD

As of Aug 9th	Very Short Moisture	Short Moisture	Adequate Moisture	Moisture Surplus
Topsoil	39%	34%	25%	2%
Subsoil	39%	34%	26%	1%

IA

As of Aug 9th	Very Short Moisture	Short Moisture	Adequate Moisture	Moisture Surplus
Topsoil	7%	21%	67%	5%
Subsoil	7%	27%	62%	4%

MN

As of Aug 9th	Very Short Moisture	Short Moisture	Adequate Moisture	Moisture Surplus
Topsoil	9%	31%	54%	6%
Subsoil	11%	34%	53%	2%

USDA Crop Progress and Condition Reports

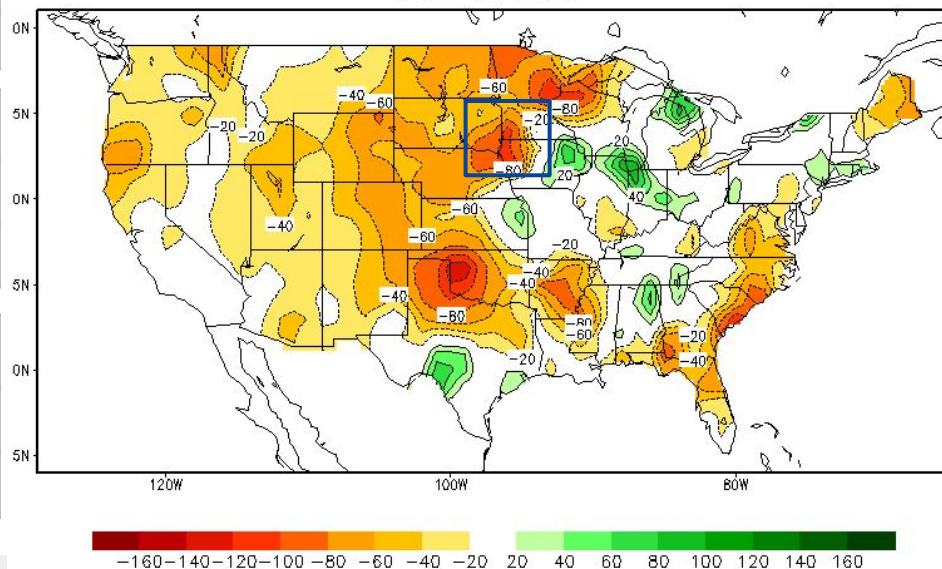
[South Dakota](#)

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Calculated Soil Moisture Anomaly (mm)
AUG 12, 2026



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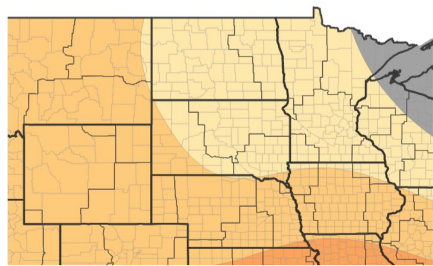
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Medium and Long-Range Outlooks

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

8–14 Day Temperature Outlook for August 20, 2026–August 26, 2026



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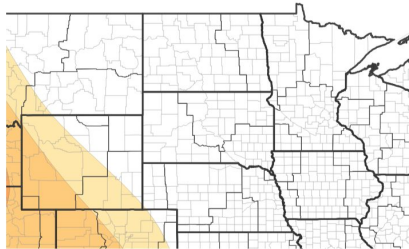
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■ Near-Normal Conditions

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

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



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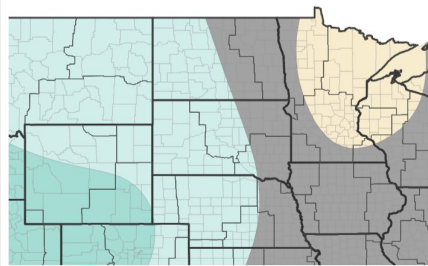
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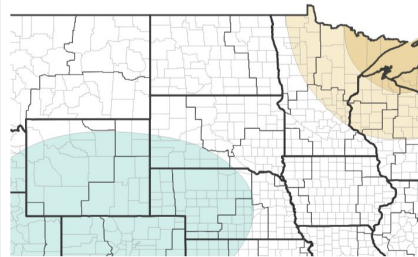
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Short Range Outlook

- Near to below normal temperatures are expected into early of the week of August 16th-22nd. While scattered rain chances exist, widespread impactful rainfall is unlikely.

Medium to Long Range Outlook

- Medium to long range outlooks favor near to above normal temperatures through late summer into middle fall with no clear signal in precipitation trends.



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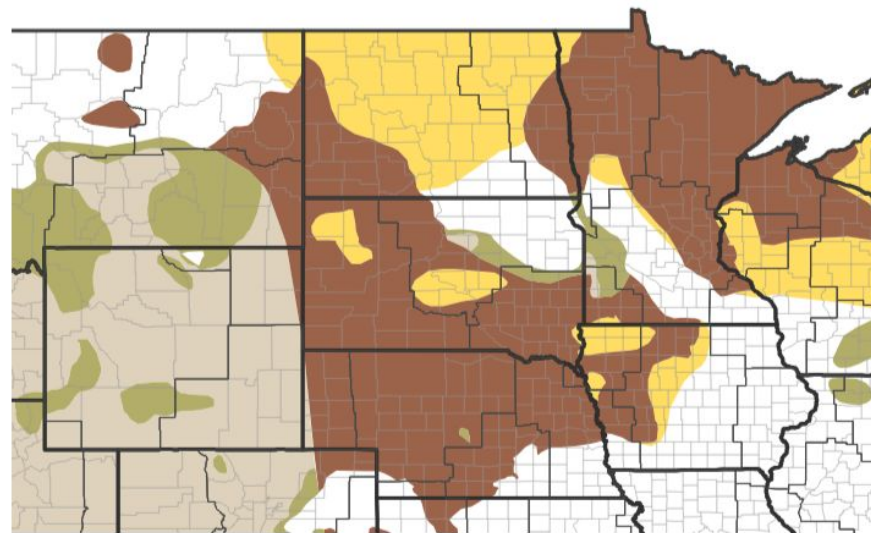
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- Rainfall over the past couple of weeks has generally been more hit or miss and inconsistent. This has allowed drought to expand in general across the broader region.
- Temperature and precipitation outlooks into the fall months don't favor significant improvement in drought conditions.
- Drought persistence or expansion is favored through the end of the growing season.
- The latest drought-related information can be found at: weather.gov/fsd/drought. Additional Drought Statements will be issued as conditions warrant.

Acknowledgements

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Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for July 31, 2026–October 31, 2026



Drought Is Predicted To...



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