



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

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- RECENT WIDESPREAD RAINS SLOWLY IMPROVES DROUGHT CONDITIONS ACROSS THE REGION
- LONG TERM PRECIPITATION DEFICITS REMAIN BUT CONTINUES TO IMPROVE THROUGH THE FALL MONTHS





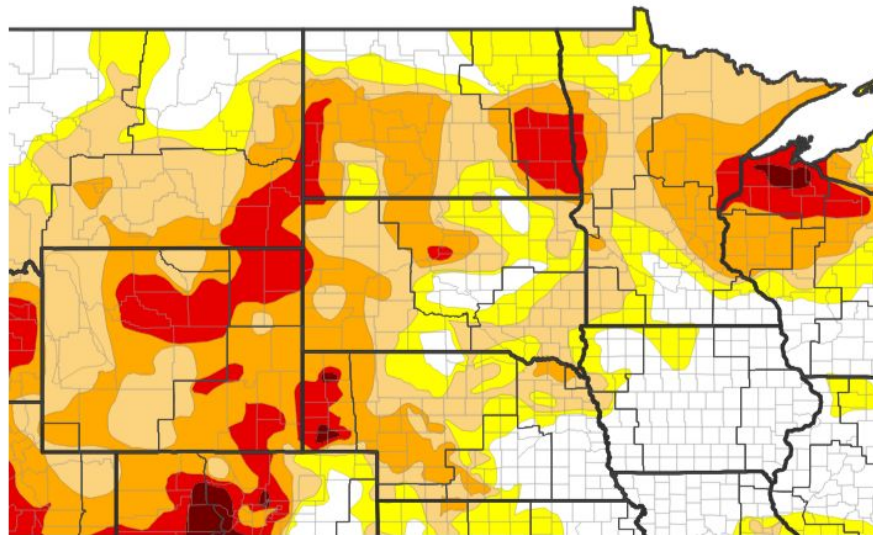
Latest U.S. Drought Monitor

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

...Widespread Abnormal Dry to Moderate Drought Remains Given Long Term Deficits But is Improving...

- Drought Intensity and Extent
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought):** Portions of southeast South Dakota, southwest Minnesota, and northeast Nebraska.
 - **D0 (Abnormally Dry):** Remaining areas not in D1 drought other than portions of northwest Iowa.

U.S. Drought Monitor



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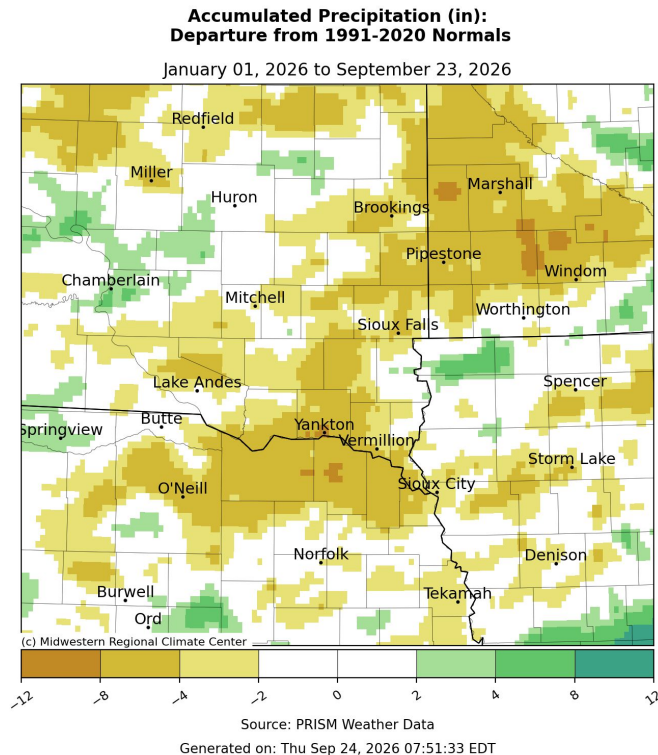
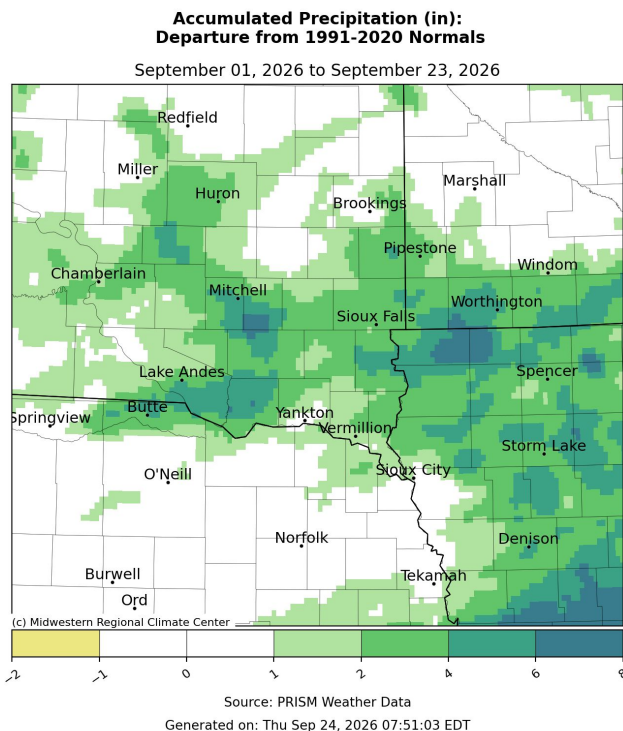
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Precipitation Departure From Normal

	September Precip Departure From Normal	Year-to-Date Departure From Normal
Huron	+2.49"	+0.36"
Mitchell	+4.72"	-2.10"
Vermillion	+1.15"	-4.95"
Sioux Falls	+1.94"	-5.66"
Gregory	+0.82"	-2.36"
Brookings	+0.17"	-3.96"
Sioux City	-0.19"	-5.21"
Sioux Center	+3.96"	-3.63"
Spencer	+2.81"	-3.02"
Marshall	+0.23"	-6.44"
Pipestone	+2.48"	-4.81"
Windom	+0.58"	-6.36"





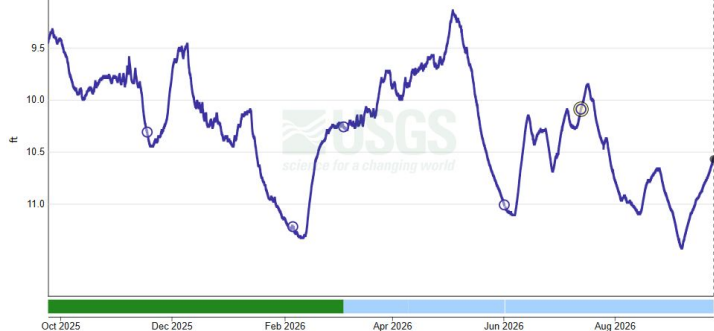
Hydrologic Conditions

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

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September 24, 2025 - September 24, 2026
Depth to water level, feet below land surface

10.57 ft - Sep 24, 2026 02:45:00 AM CDT
10.09 ft - Jul 13, 2026 12:09:00 PM CDT



Renner, SD Groundwater Well

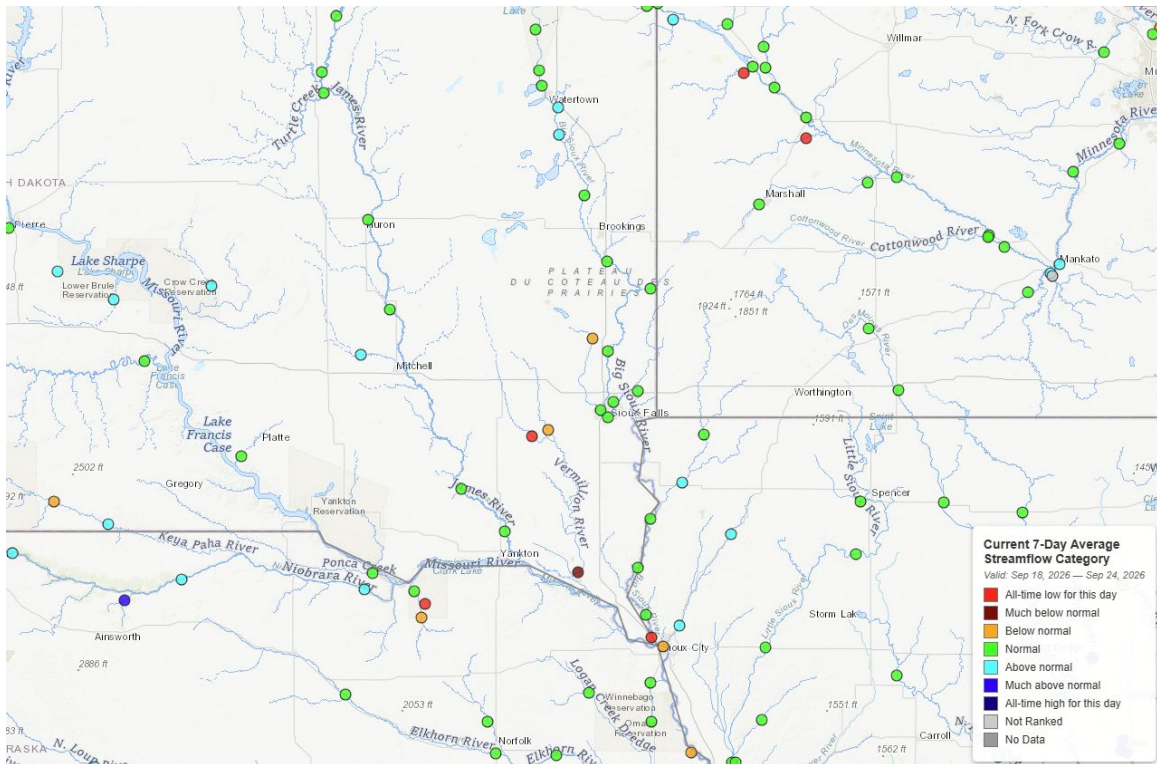
USGS Streamflow Data:

[National Water Dashboard](#)

Groundwater Wells Data:

[Renner, SD](#)

[Near Huron, SD](#)



USGS Streamflow Status Map - 7 Day Average (valid 09/24/2026)



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Agricultural and Soil Moisture Impacts

SD

As of Sep 21st	Very Short Moisture	Short Moisture	Adequate Moisture	Moisture Surplus
Topsoil	21%	43%	33%	3%
Subsoil	32%	43%	24%	1%

IA

As of Sep 21st	Very Short Moisture	Short Moisture	Adequate Moisture	Moisture Surplus
Topsoil	0%	4%	68%	28%
Subsoil	2%	11%	69%	18%

MN

As of Sep 21st	Very Short Moisture	Short Moisture	Adequate Moisture	Moisture Surplus
Topsoil	8%	26%	56%	10%
Subsoil	14%	32%	50%	4%

USDA Crop Progress and Condition Reports

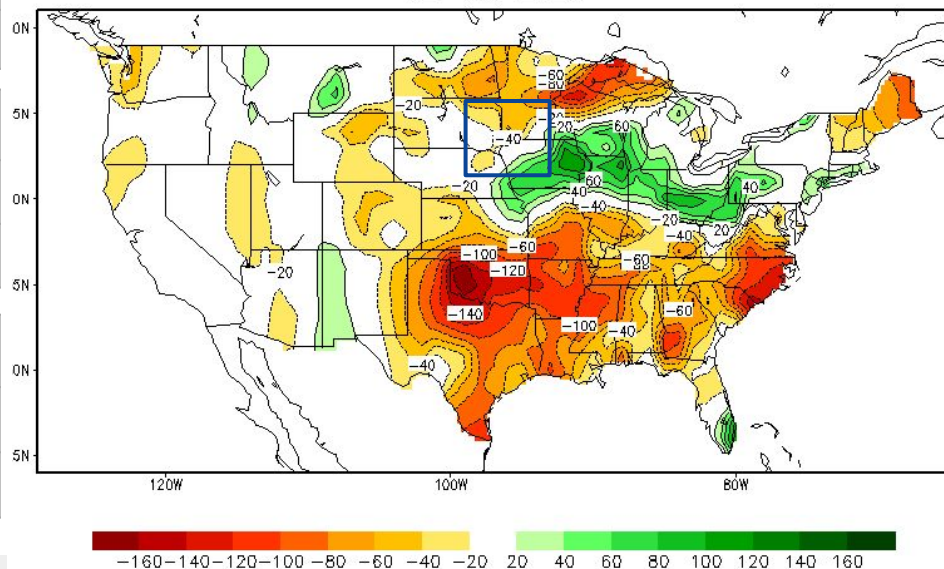
[South Dakota](#)

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Calculated Soil Moisture Anomaly (mm)
SEP 23, 2026

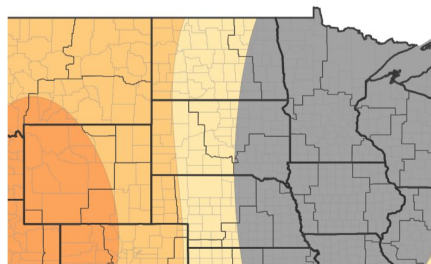




Medium and Long-Range Outlooks

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

8-14 Day Temperature Outlook for October 1,
2026-October 7, 2026



Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures

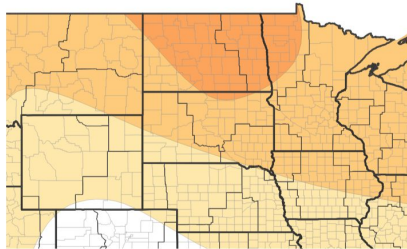


■ Near-Normal Conditions

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



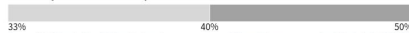
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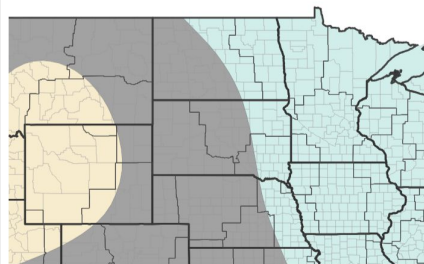
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8-14 Day Precipitation Outlook for October 1,
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Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation

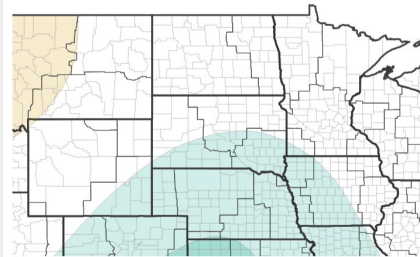


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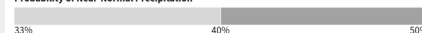
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Short Range Outlook

- Rain chances continue through the end of September and will continue to improve drought conditions across the region.

Medium to Long Range Outlook

- Medium to long range outlooks favor a continuation of above normal temperatures through the fall months. Precipitation outlooks favor near to above normal precipitation.



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Drought Outlook

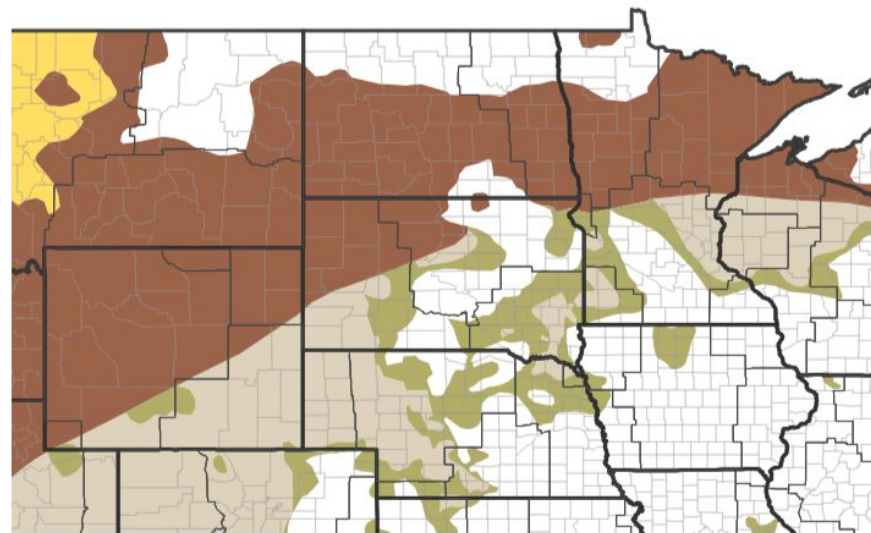
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- Recent widespread rainfall has resulted in improvement to drought conditions across the region.
- While long term precipitation deficits remain, continued above normal precipitation will continue to aid in drought improvement and/or removal.
- The latest drought-related information can be found at: weather.gov/fsd/drought. **This will be the final Drought Information Statement unless more severe drought conditions return.**

Acknowledgements

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Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for September 17, 2026–December 31, 2026



Drought Is Predicted To...



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