Both D0 and D1 categories expanded somewhat in our coverage area since last week, thanks to continued dry conditions. However, the D2 “bullseye” centered over Kearney/Adams (and surrounding) counties remained unchanged.

Unfortunately for drought concerns, the next 1-2 weeks as a whole look to remain quite dry and average warmer-than-normal.
Drought Information Statement
Regional Drought Conditions & Local Precipitation Info

Drought Continues To Gradually Expand Within Our Area

U.S. Drought Monitor
High Plains

September 29, 2020
(Released Thursday, Oct. 1, 2020)
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A Few Local Rain Totals (June-September):

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data from NWS coop observers and automated airport stations
Recent changes/trends in Nebraska/Kansas drought:

- Slight degradations in drought categories were again noted across various portions of Nebraska/Kansas since last week.
- There were ZERO improvements made anywhere in Nebraska/Kansas.
There was only one very MINOR “rain event” during the past week.
Drought Information Statement
Past 7 & 30-Day Departure From Normal Temperature

Departure from Normal Temperature (F)
9/24/2020 – 9/30/2020

Past Week

Past Month

Maps courtesy of:
HIGH PLAINS REGIONAL CLIMATE CENTER

Click HERE for additional climate information
Unfortunately for drought concerns, rain looks to remain quite sparse within south central NE/north central KS through at least Oct. 8

Click [HERE](https://www.nws.noaa.gov) for additional precipitation forecast information
Drought Information Statement
USGS Streamflow Levels for Nebraska/Kansas

Explanation - Percentile classes

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Climate Prediction Center 6-10 Day Outlook: Oct. 6-10

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Climate Prediction Center 8-14 Day Outlook: Oct. 8-14

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U.S. Drought Portal - [https://www.drought.gov/](https://www.drought.gov/)

High Plains Regional Climate Center - [https://hprcc.unl.edu/](https://hprcc.unl.edu/)


NWS River Stage/Forecast Info - [https://water.weather.gov/ahps/](https://water.weather.gov/ahps/)

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