



# Drought Information Statement for Tri-State Area

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- This product will be updated by the 5th of each month or sooner if drought conditions change significantly.
  - Please see all currently available products at <https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements>.
  - Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/GLD/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
  - Please visit <https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates> for regional drought status updates.
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- Moderate Drought develops in northern parts of the area.





# U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for High Plains

## Drought intensity and Extent by County

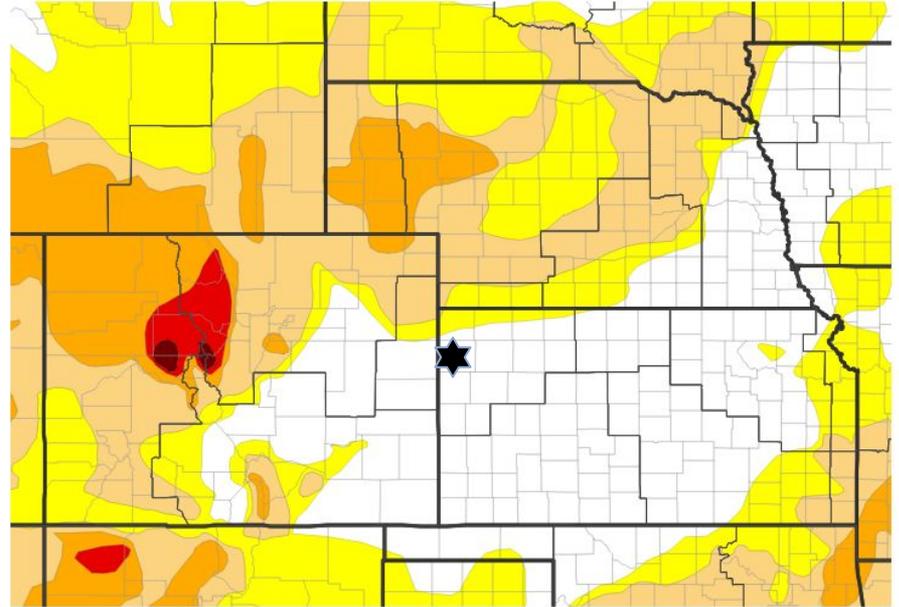
- Moderate Drought: Yuma County, Dundy County.
- Abnormally Dry: Southwest Nebraska and along the Kansas-Nebraska border.

### Comments

Below normal precipitation for the past several months has led to the development of drought in northern portions of the area.

★ Star is centered on Goodland in all following maps.

## U.S. Drought Monitor



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

Data Valid: 01/27/26





# Recent Change in Drought Intensity

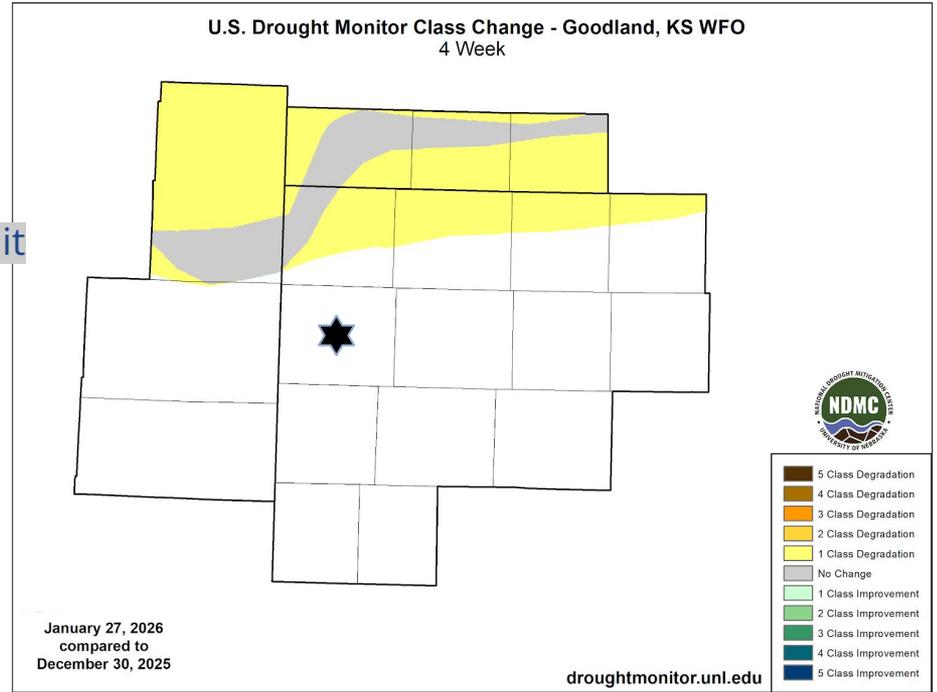
Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for CONUS

## 4 Week Drought Monitor Class Change.

- Drought Worsened: northern portion of the area.
- No Change: this area has been classified as moderate for the past few weeks, which is why it is shown as “no change”.
- Drought Improved: none.

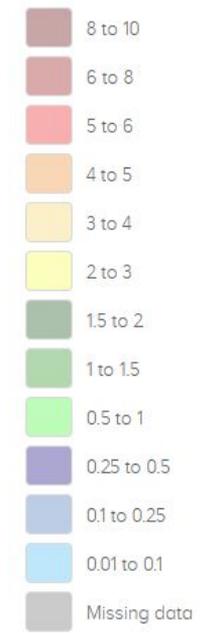
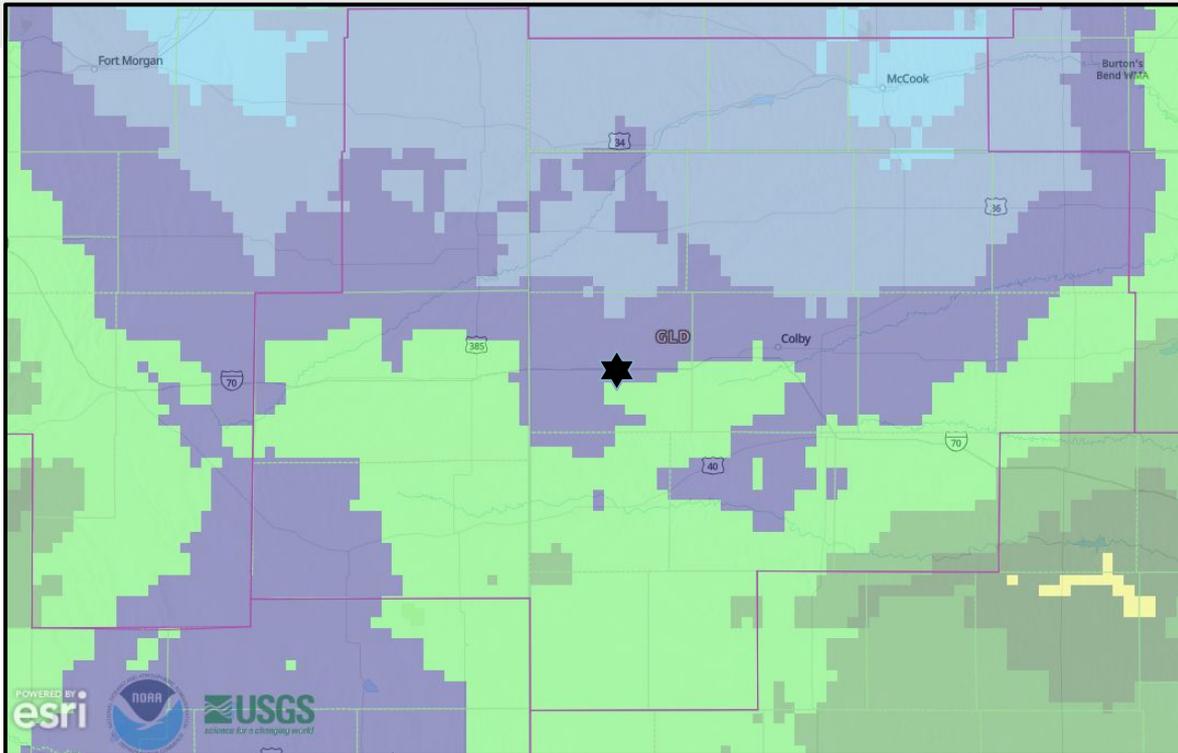
### Comments

- Slowly worsening drought in northern areas.
- No drought elsewhere (white area).





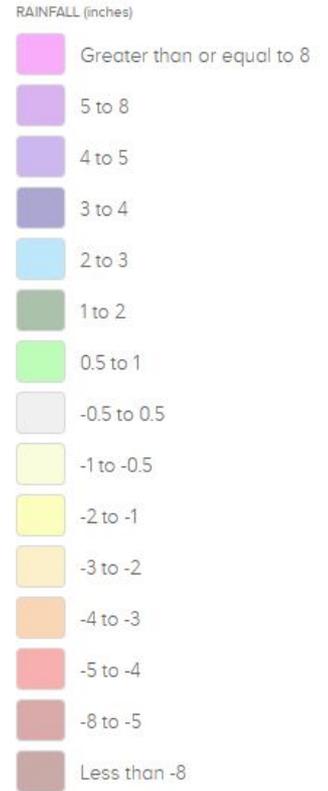
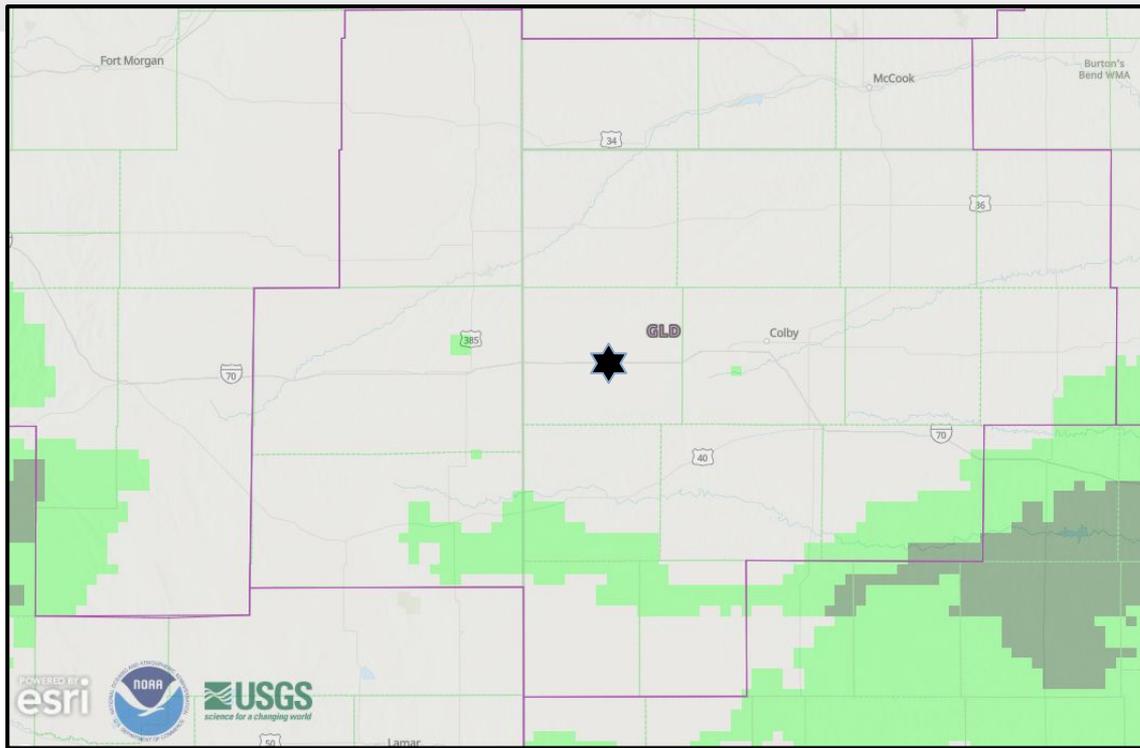
# January Precipitation - Observed



Actual precipitation amounts in January (liquid equivalent for snow) ranged from around a tenth of an inch in the north (light blue) to around 1" in the south (bright green). Some higher amounts were noted in the far southeast areas of Gove and Graham counties in Kansas (dark green shaded). The McCook area only saw trace amounts.



# January Precipitation - Departure from Normal

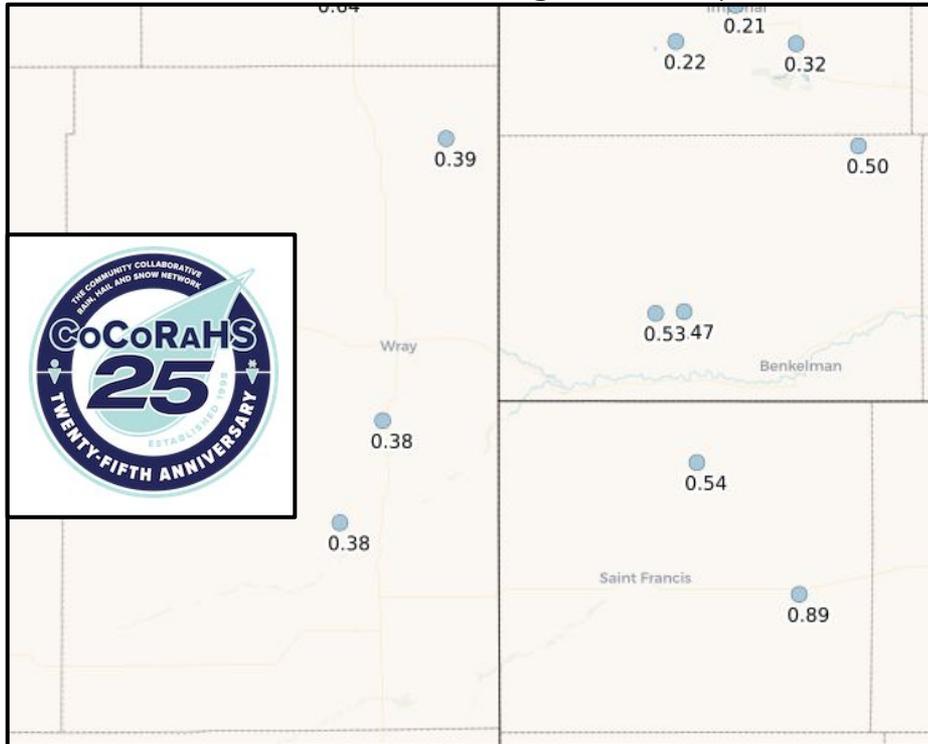


January precipitation amounts compared to normal were near to slightly below normal in most of the area, and slightly above normal in southern areas (green shades). January is normally one of the driest months of the year, so even a dry month shows little departure.



# Local Highlight : Moderate Drought Area

## Observed 3-Month Precipitation Amounts November 2025 through January 2026



### Comments

- The Tri-Border area of Yuma, Dundy and Cheyenne counties has generally seen less than a half inch of precipitation in the past 3 months.
- Normal amounts for that time period are between 1.25" and 1.5", so this area has a deficit of around 1" since November 2025.





# Monthly Precipitation Outlook: February 2026

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

## Comments:

- The entire Tri-State area is leaning towards below normal for the rest of February.

Equal  
Chances



Below  
Normal

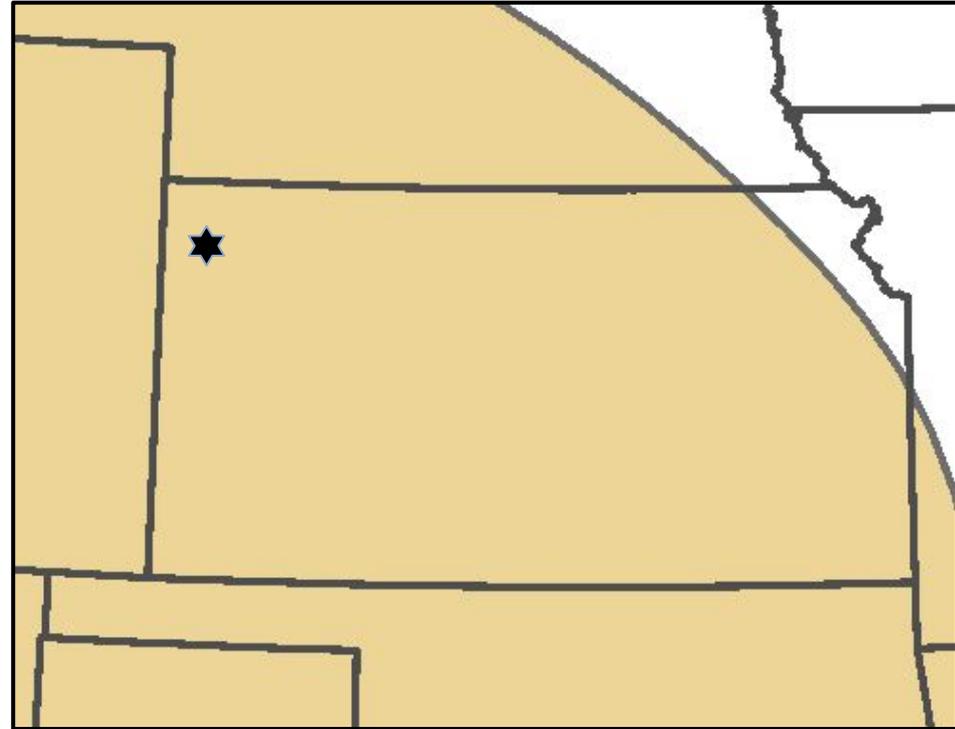
33-40%



40-50%



} Leaning  
Below





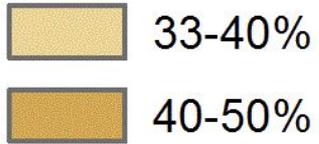
# Seasonal Precipitation Outlook: February-April 2026

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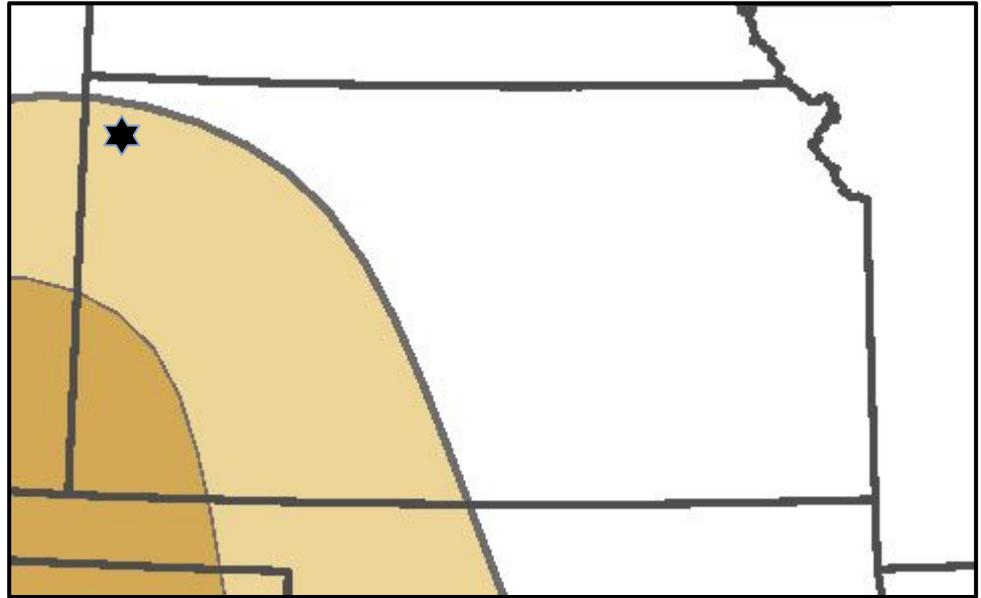
## Comments

- Below normal favored for most of the area through April, with equal chances for below, near or above normal in the white area.

## Below Normal



Leaning Below



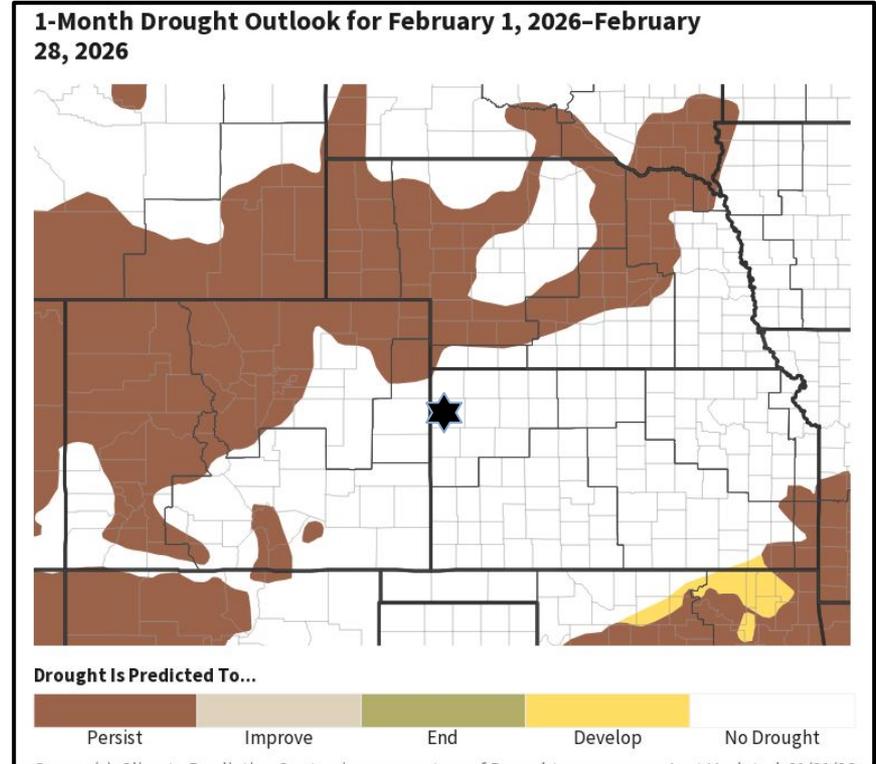


# Monthly Drought Outlook: February 2026

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## Comments

- Drought expected to persist through the month.



Links to the latest:

- [Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)
- [Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



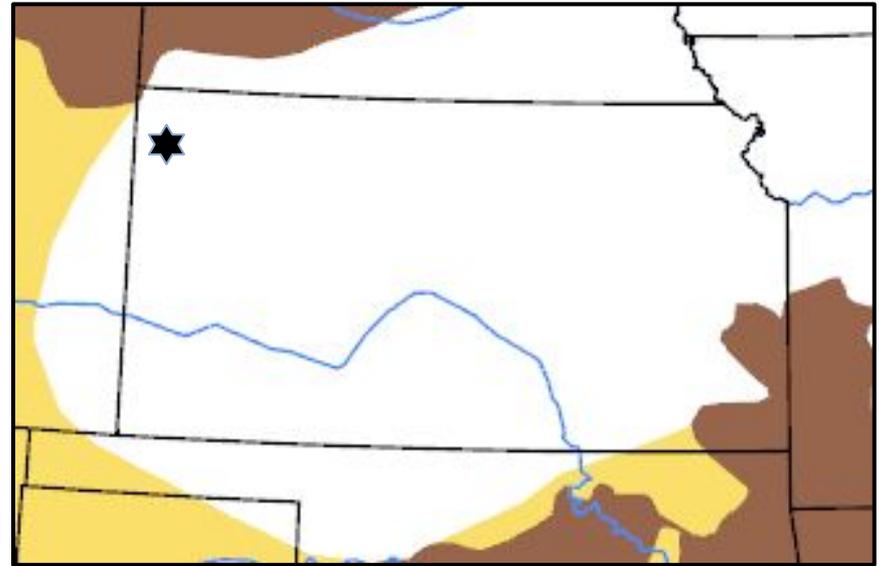


# Seasonal Drought Outlook: February-April 2026

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## Comments

- Drought may develop in western portions of the area (Colorado) by April.



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# Summary of Impacts

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

## Hydrologic Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time

## Agricultural Impacts

- USDA Nebraska Crop Progress and Condition Reports can be found [here](#)
- USDA Kansas Crop Progress and Condition Reports can be found [here](#)

## Fire Hazard Impacts

- Fuels are dry across the entire area. Windy days with low humidity will have a risk for wildfires.
- **Other Impacts** : There are no known impacts at this time

## Mitigation Actions

- Please refer to your municipality and/or water provider for mitigation information.





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