



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.
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 - 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 expands across northern areas.
 - Drought may develop through the spring into the remainder of the Tri State area.





U.S. Drought Monitor

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

Drought intensity and Extent by County

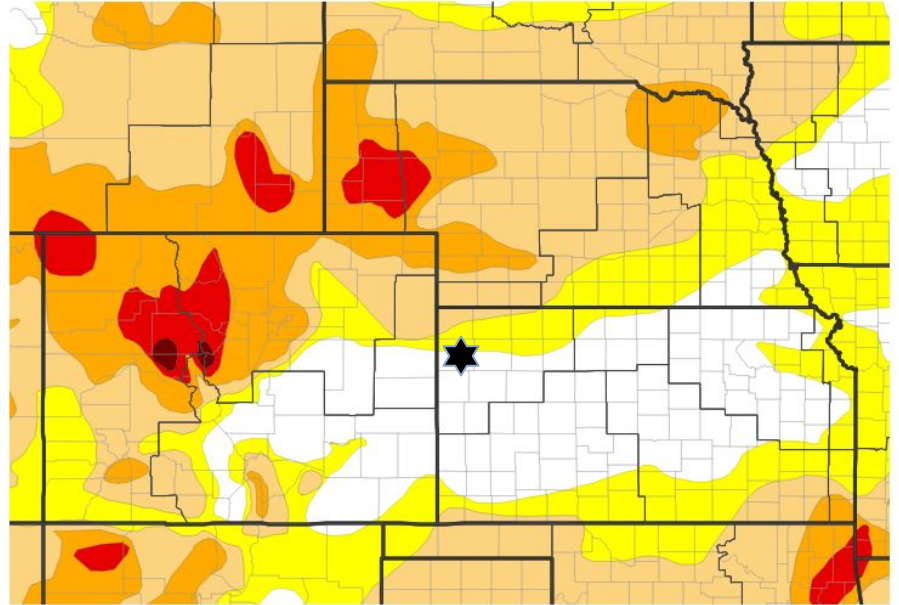
- Moderate Drought: Yuma, Dundy, Hitchcock, Red Willow, Cheyenne Kansas, Rawlins, Decatur.
- Abnormally Dry: Kit Carson, Sherman, Thomas, Sheridan, Graham, Norton.

Comments

Below normal precipitation continues to add up over the past few months and drought conditions have expanded both eastward and southward.

★ Star is centered on Goodland in all following maps.

U.S. Drought Monitor



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

Data Valid: 02/24/26





Recent Change in Drought Intensity

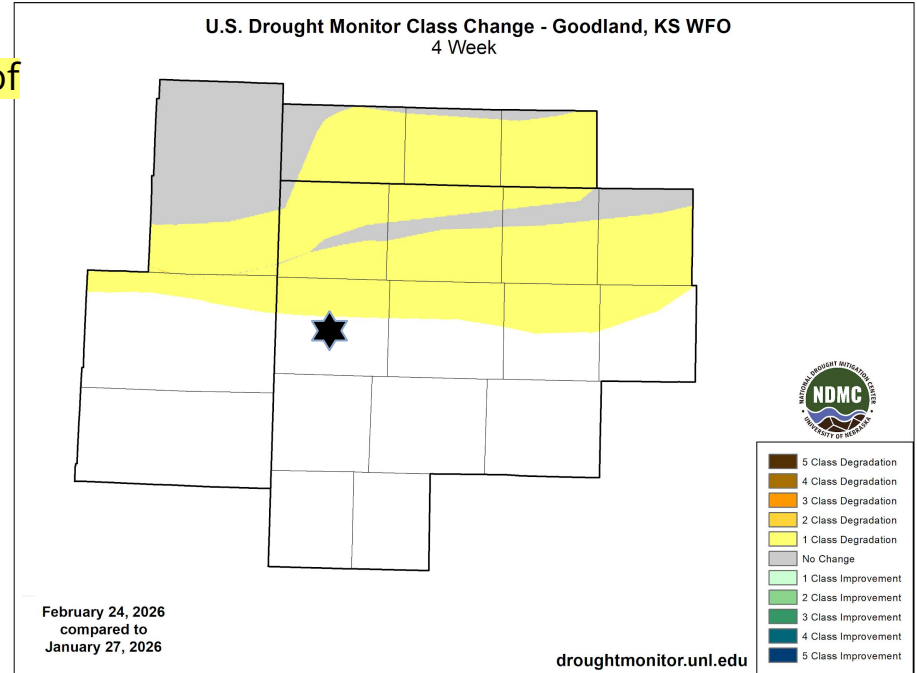
Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for CONUS

4 Week Drought Monitor Class Change.

- Drought Worsened: generally along and north of Interstate 70.
- No Change: moderate drought continues.
- Drought Improved: none.

Comments

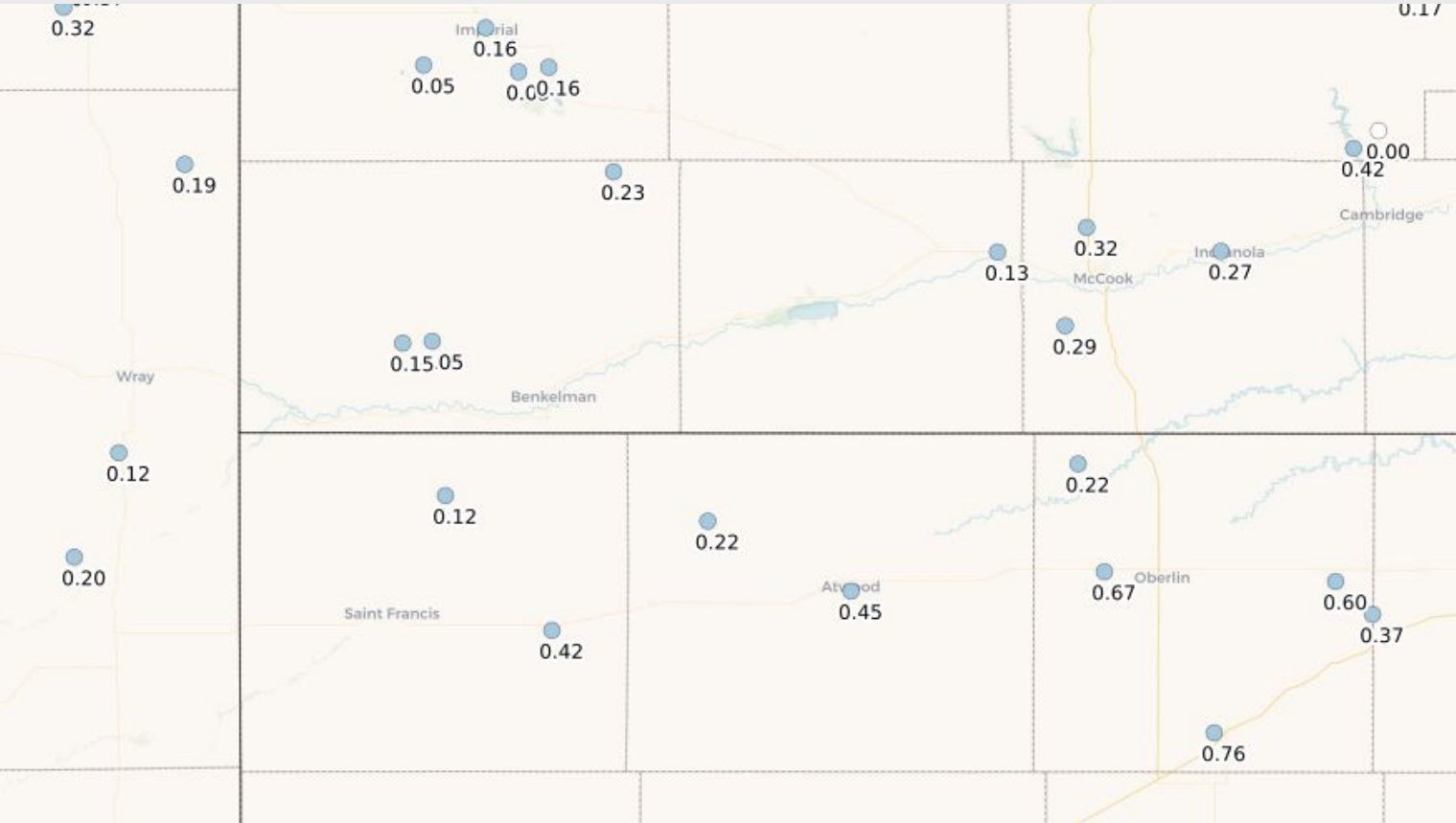
- Slowly worsening drought in northern areas.
- No drought elsewhere (white area).





Observed Precipitation: December 2025-February 2026

Observed precipitation amounts over the past 3 months in this area generally ranged from 0.25" to 0.50". Some higher amounts of a 0.50" or higher were observed further south. This is the Moderate Drought area.





Observed Precipitation: December 2025-February 2026

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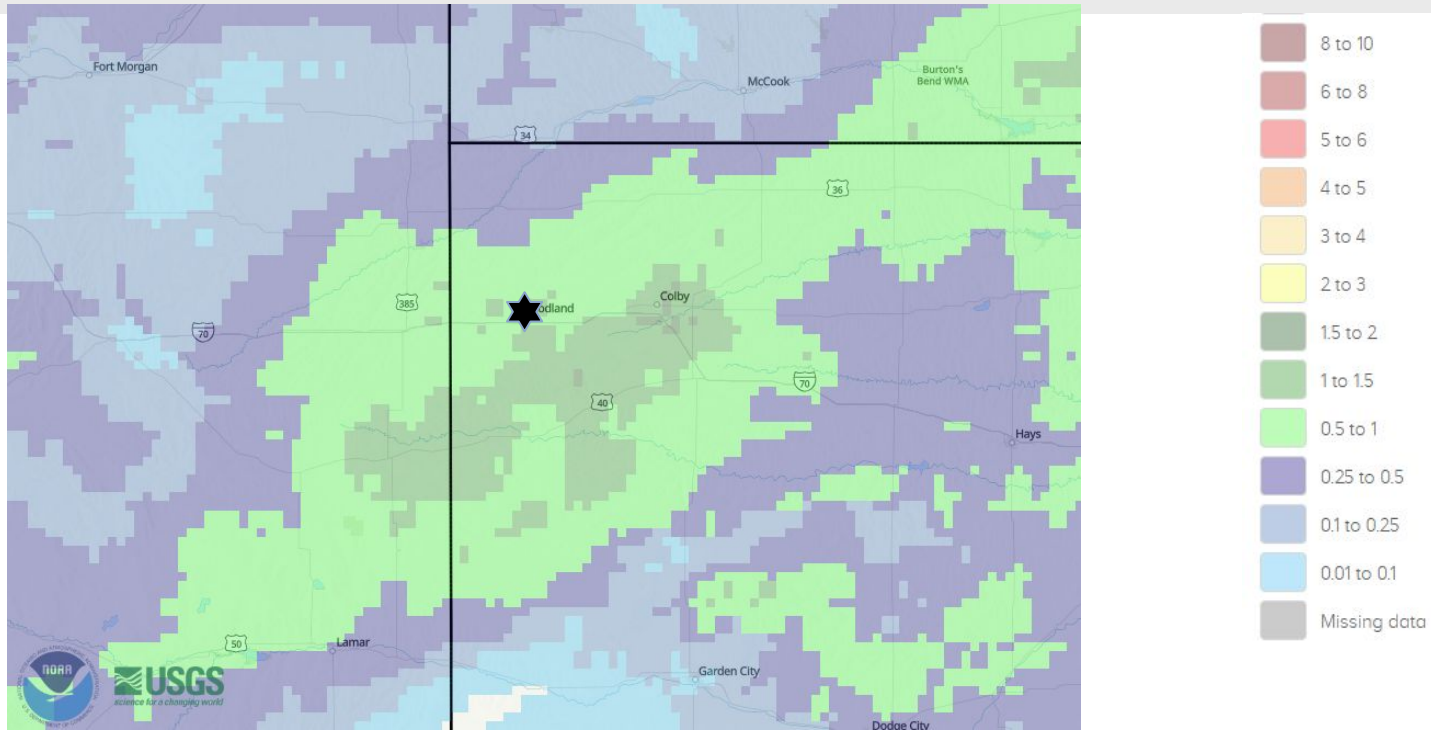
0.42

Observed precipitation amounts over the past 3 months in this area generally ranged from 0.50" to 1.50". Lower end values are abnormally dry, but not in drought.





February Precipitation - Observed

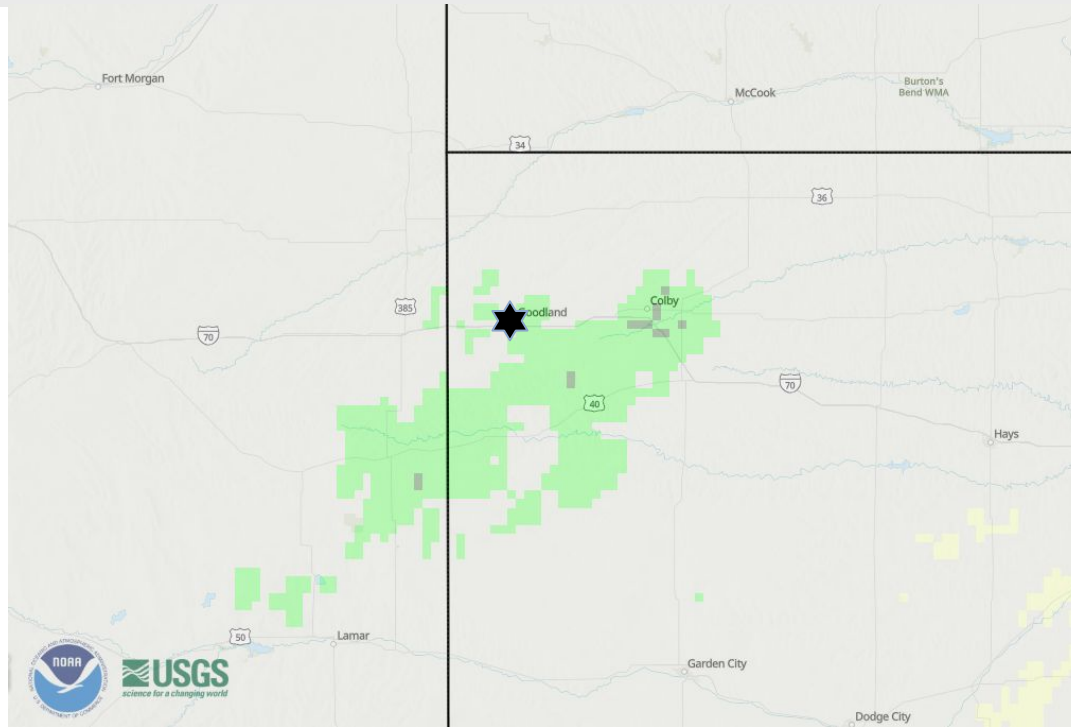


Actual precipitation amounts in February (liquid equivalent for snow) ranged from 0.50" to 1.50" across much of the area (green to dark green shading). Outside of those areas amounts were less than 0.50" (dark blue) and in some cases less than 0.25".





February Precipitation - Departure from Normal



February precipitation amounts compared to normal were slightly above normal in the green shaded areas and near normal elsewhere.



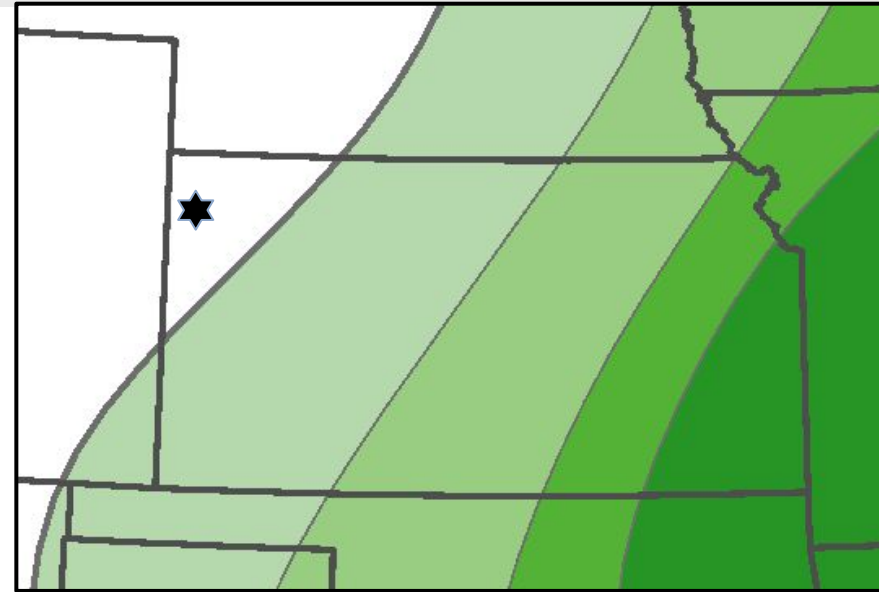


Monthly Precipitation Outlook: March 2026

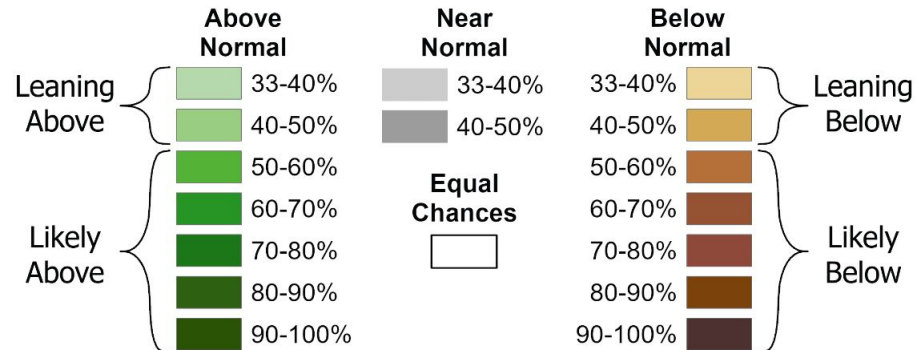
The latest monthly and seasonal outlooks can be found on the [CPC homepage](#)

Comments:

- Equal chances for above, near or below normal for most of the Tri State area.
- Some lower chances for above normal in eastern areas (Norton, Graham, Gove).



Probability (Percent Chance)



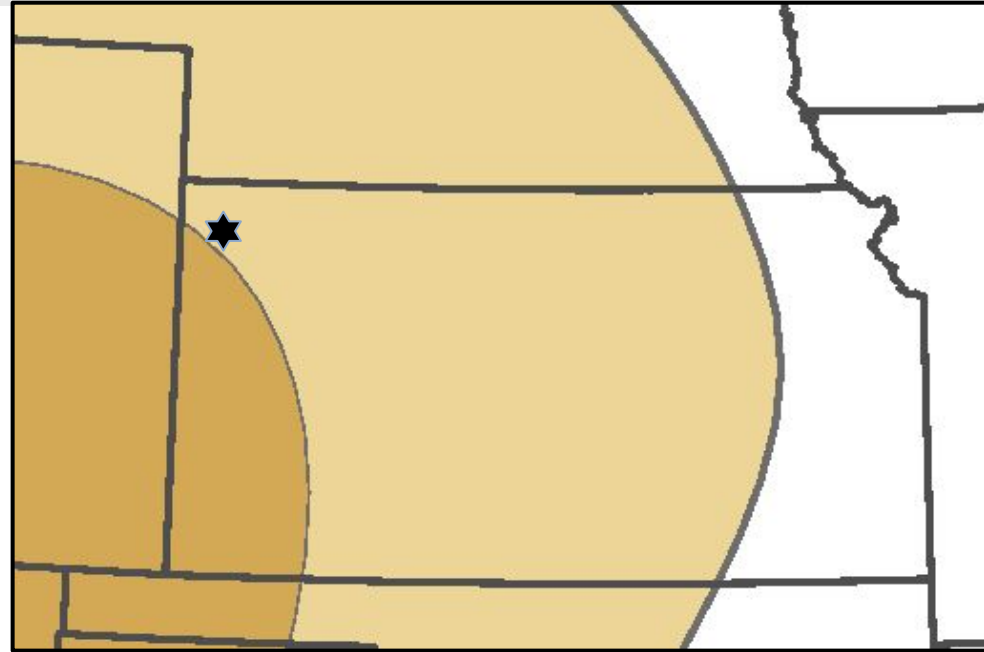


Seasonal Precipitation Outlook: March-May 2026

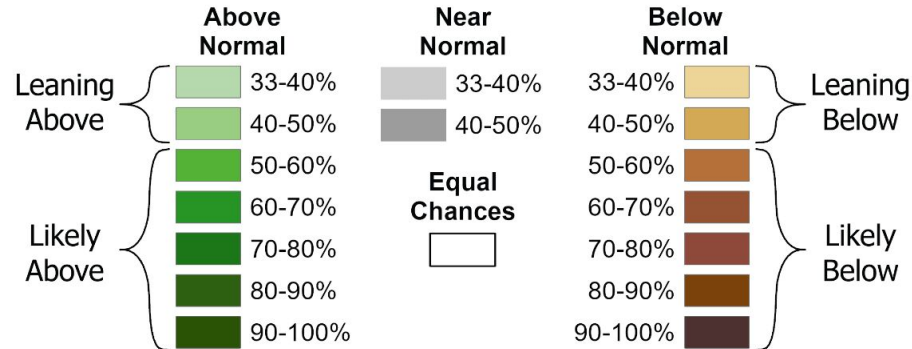
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Comments

- Below normal favored for the entire area through May.



Probability (Percent Chance)



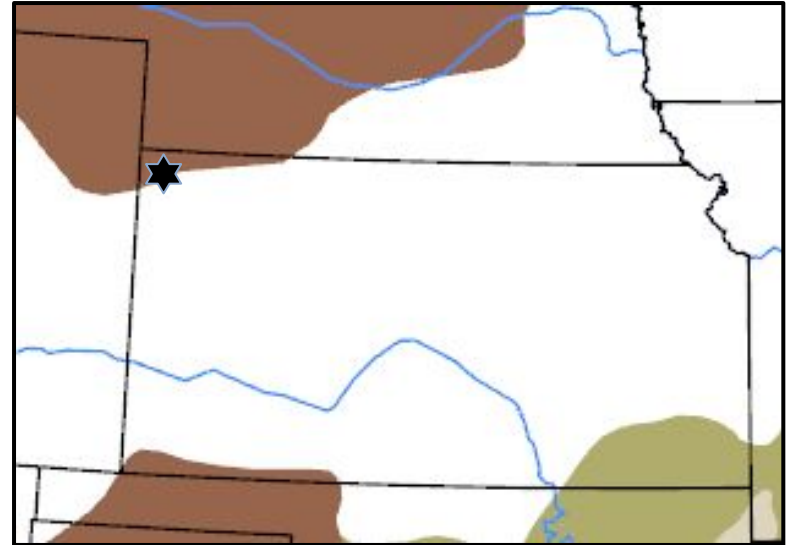
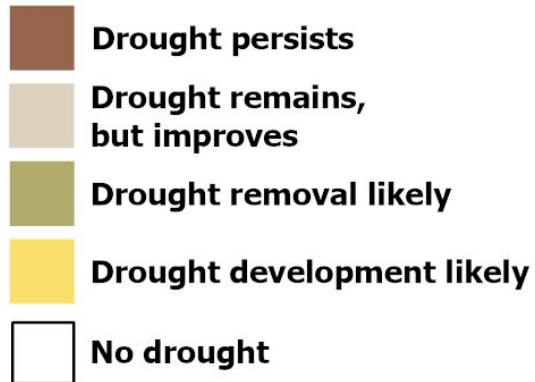


Monthly Drought Outlook: March 2026

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Comments

- Drought expected to persist through the month.



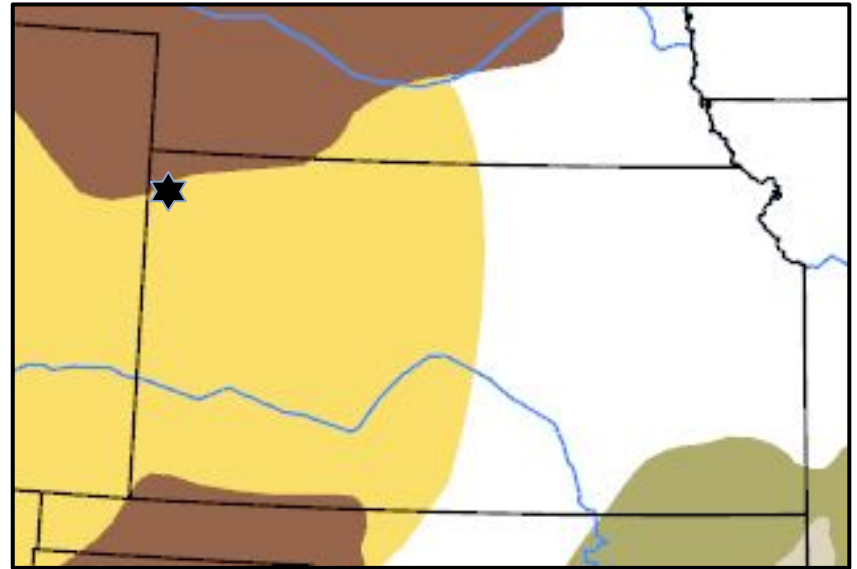
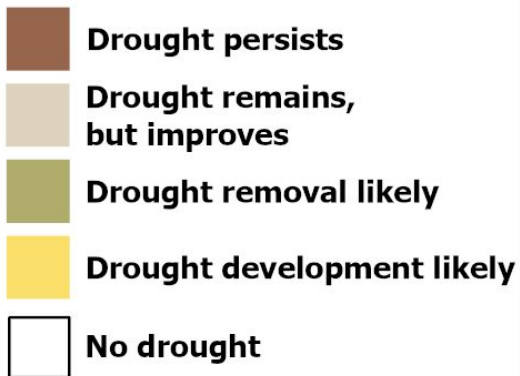


Seasonal Drought Outlook: March-May 2026

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Comments

- Drought persists and possibly develops in the remainder of the Tri State area through May.





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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