



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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- Drought worsens another category across northern portions of the area as below normal precipitation continues.





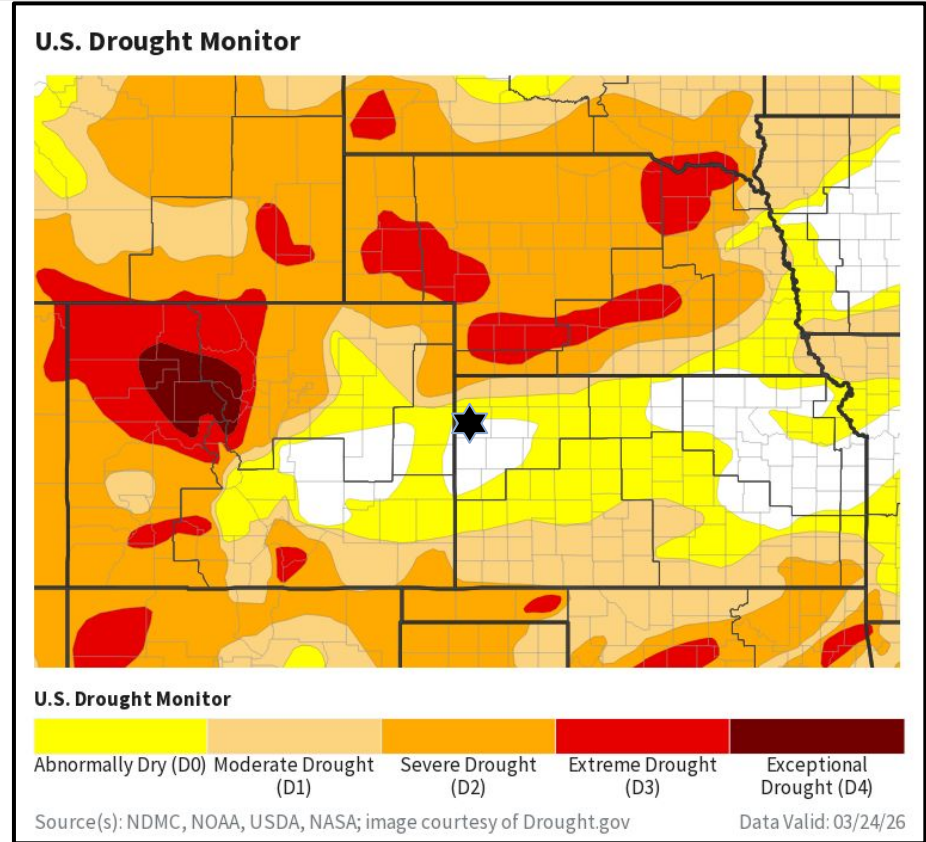
U.S. Drought Monitor

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

Drought intensity and Extent by County

- **Extreme Drought:** Dundy, Hitchcock, Red Willow.
- **Severe Drought:** Yuma, Cheyenne Kansas.
- **Moderate Drought:** Rawlins, Decatur, Norton.
- **Abnormally Dry:** Kit Carson, Sherman, Thomas, Sheridan, Graham, Norton, Cheyenne Colorado, Gove, Greeley, Wichita.

★ Star is centered on Goodland in all following maps.

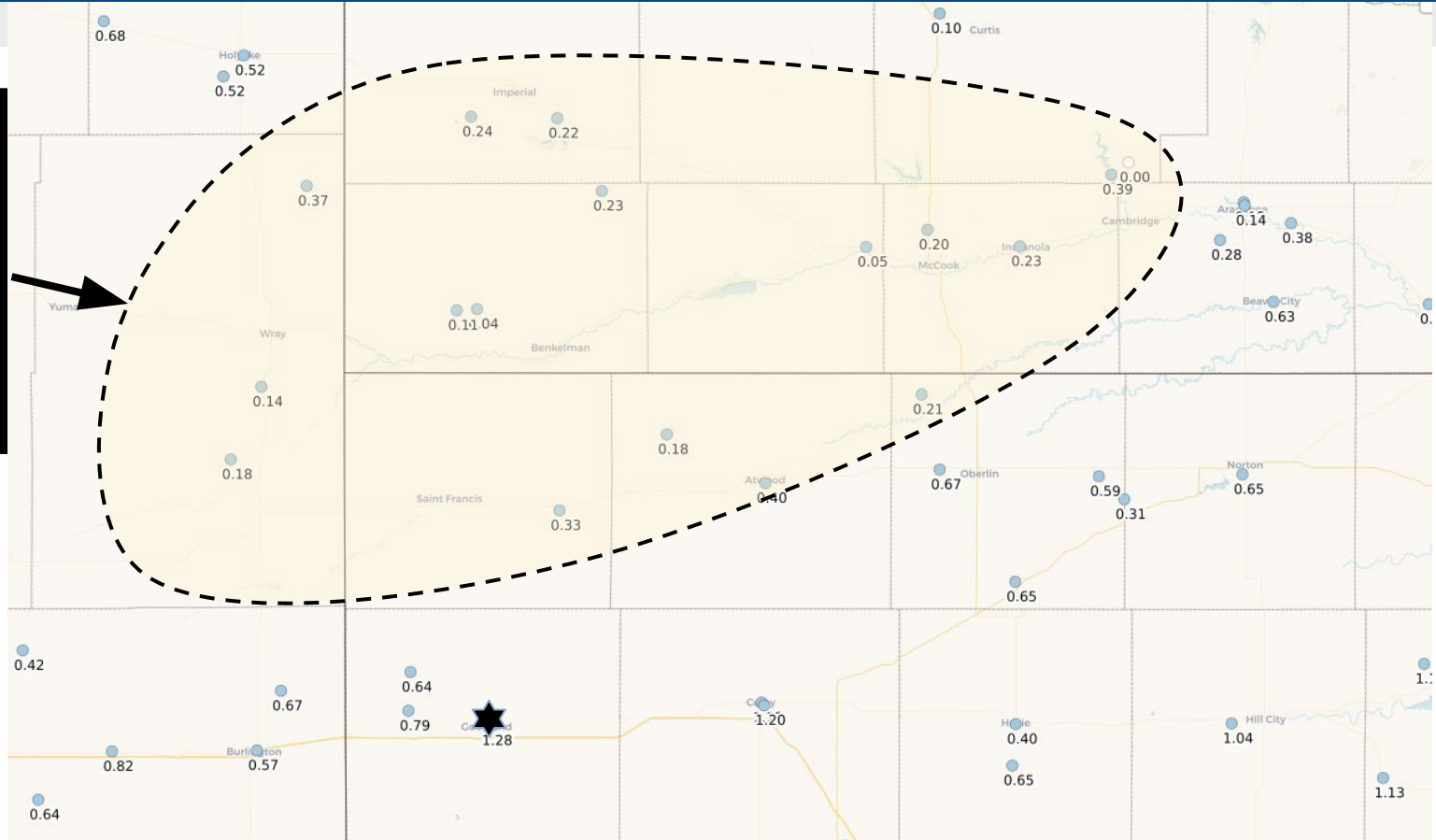




Observed Precipitation: 120 Days (December-March)

Severe to Extreme Drought Area:

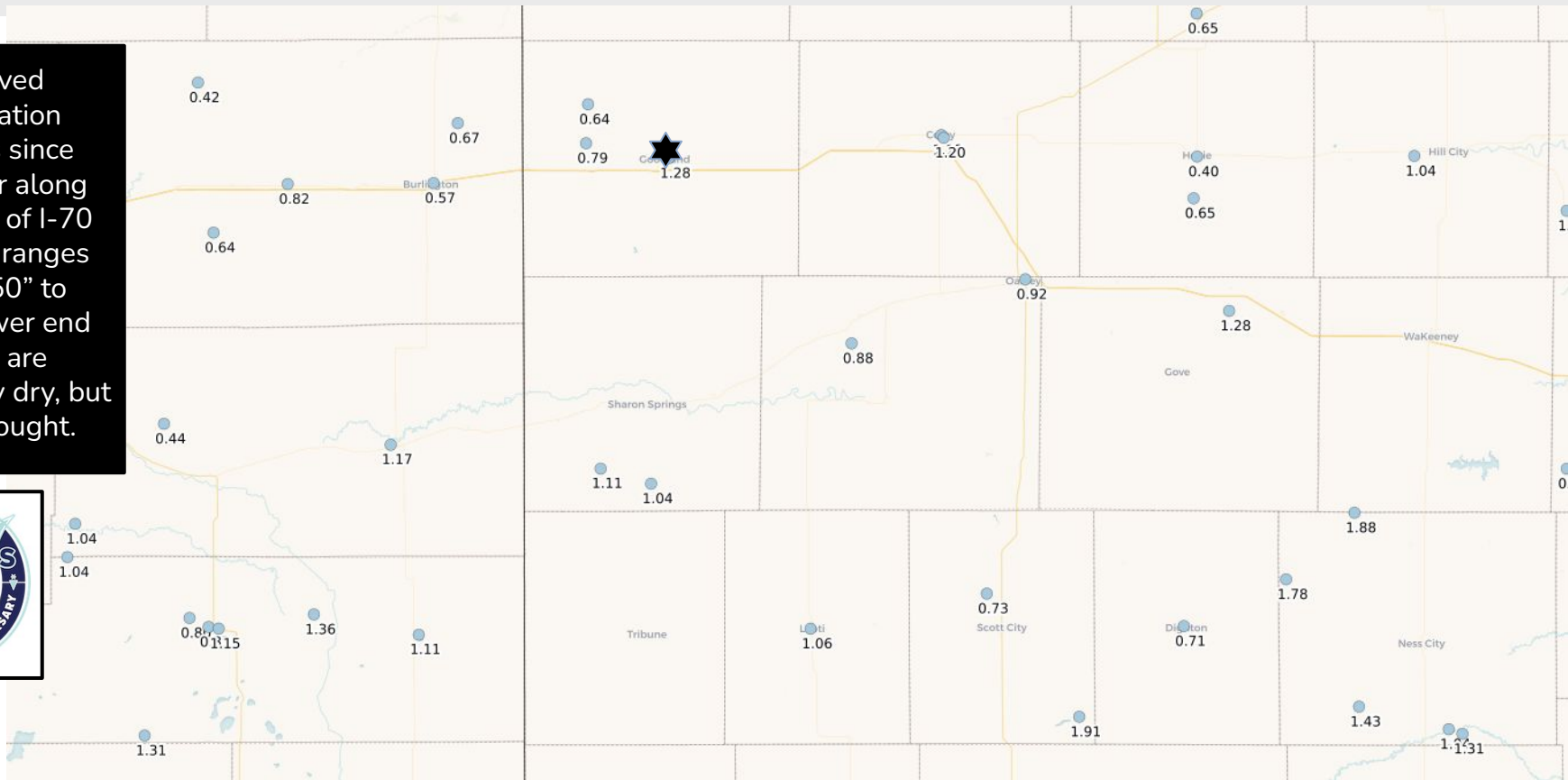
Observed precipitation since December north of I-70 generally ranges from 0.10" to 0.50". Normal precipitation for the 4-month period is around 2" to 2.5".





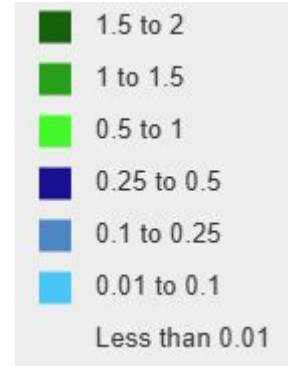
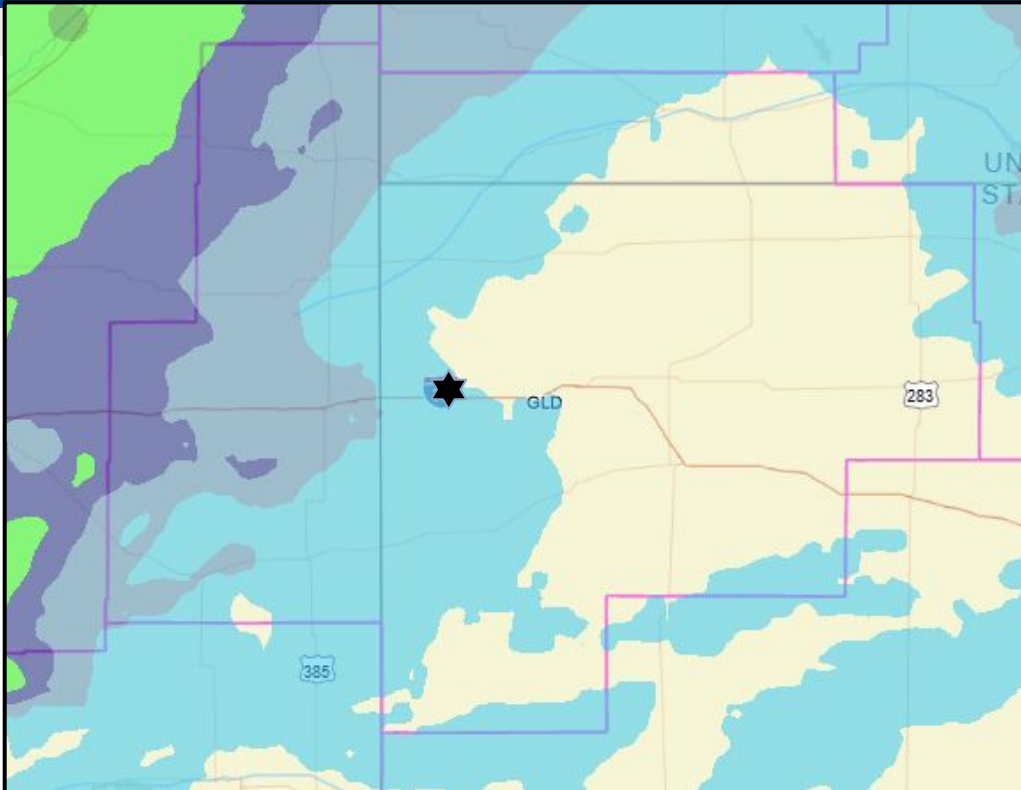
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Observed precipitation amounts since December along and south of I-70 generally ranges from 0.50" to 1.25". Lower end values are abnormally dry, but not in drought.





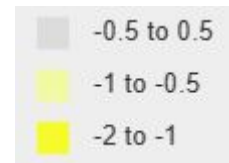
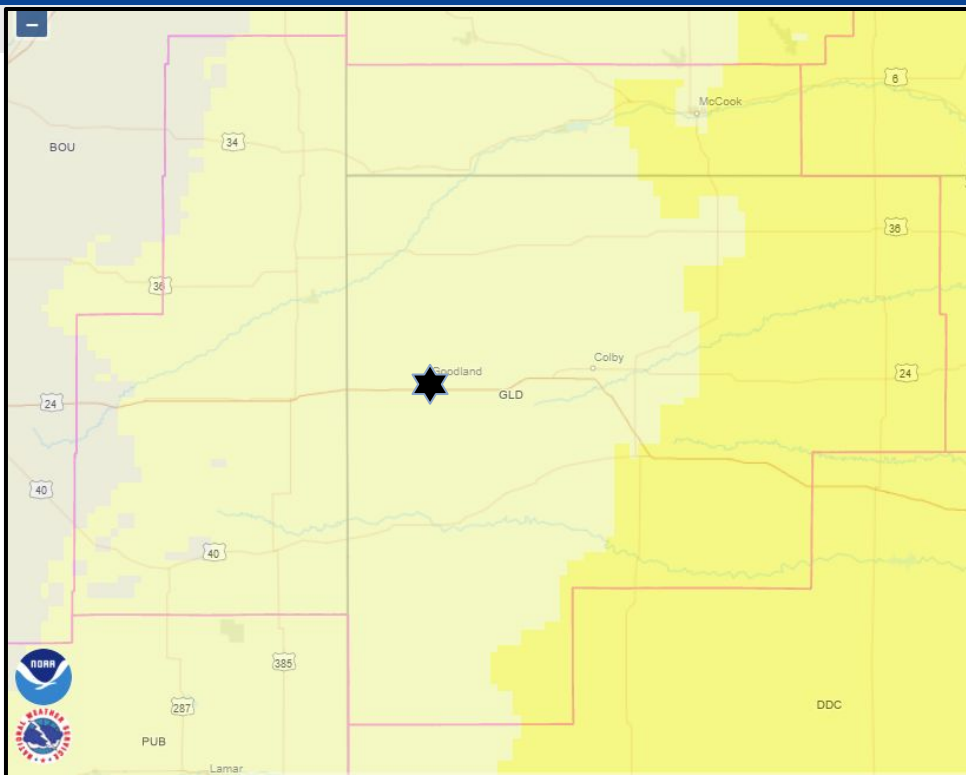
March Precipitation - Observed



Actual precipitation amounts in March (liquid equivalent for snow) were generally less than a tenth of an inch in all areas except northeast Colorado, where amounts of up to 0.25" to 0.50" were observed.



March Precipitation - Departure from Normal



March precipitation amounts compared to normal were much below normal in all areas except portions of northeast Colorado.



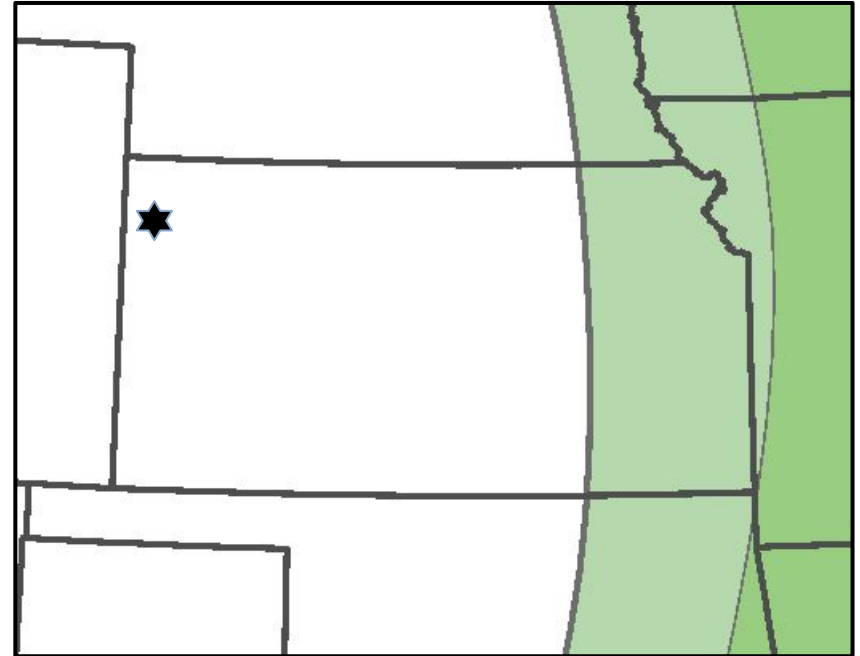
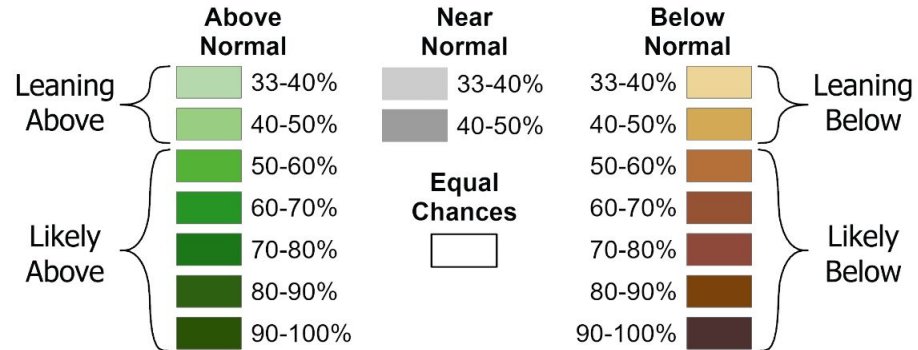
Monthly Precipitation Outlook: April 2026

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

Comments:

- Equal chances for above, near or below normal for the entire the Tri State area.

Probability (Percent Chance)





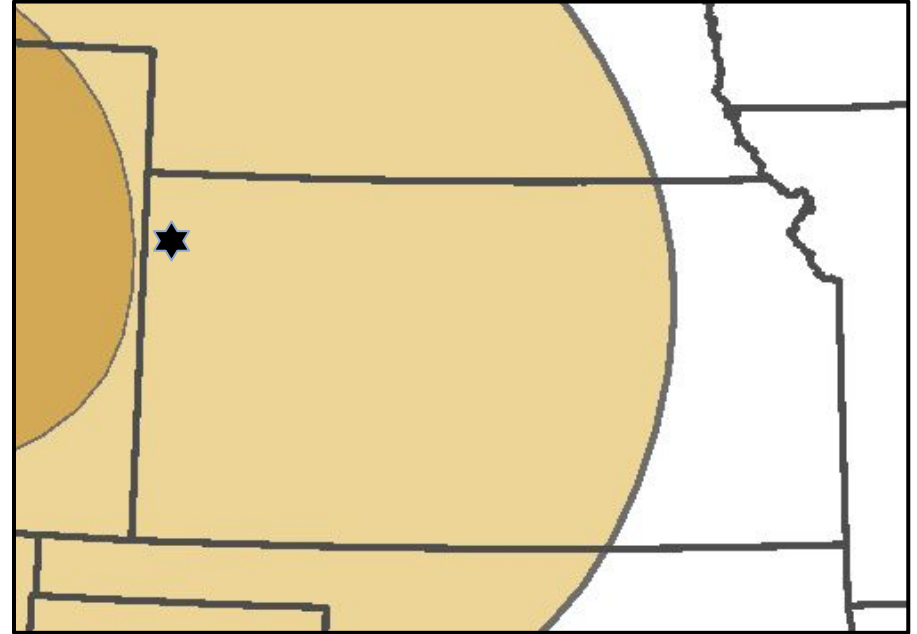
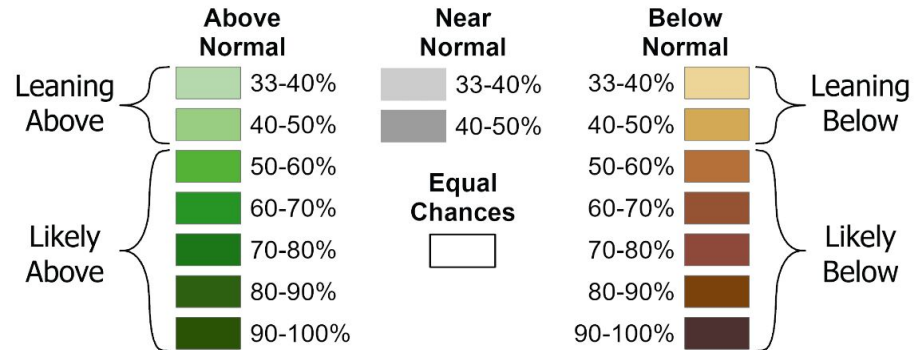
Seasonal Precipitation Outlook: April-June 2026

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Comments

- Below normal favored for the entire area through June (33% to 50% chance).

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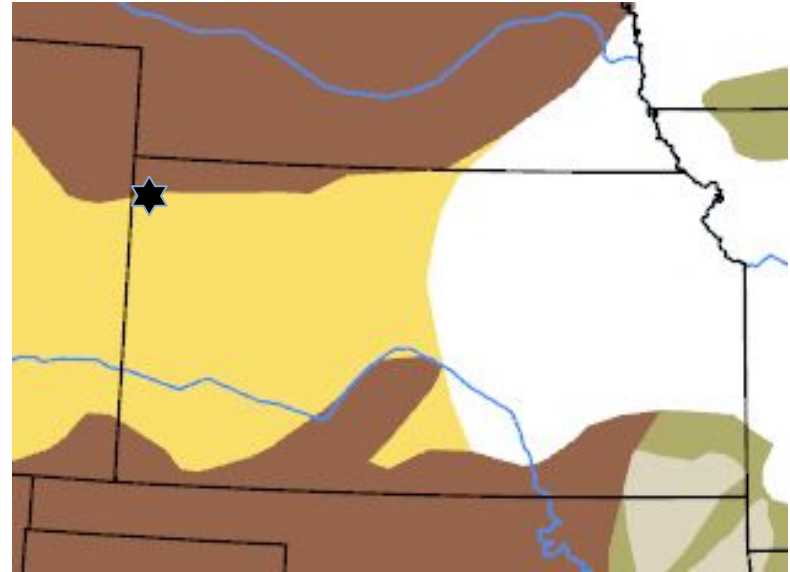
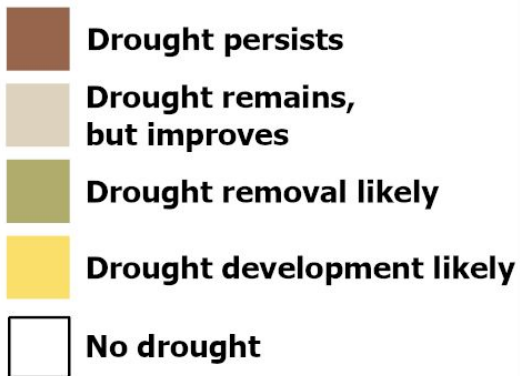


Seasonal Drought Outlook: Through June 2026

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Comments

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





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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