



Drought Information Statement for Tri-State Area

Valid August 5, 2026

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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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- July precipitation amounts were generally below normal across the Tri State area, with some pockets of above normal.
 - The seasonal outlook indicates that where drought currently exists it is expected to persist through October.





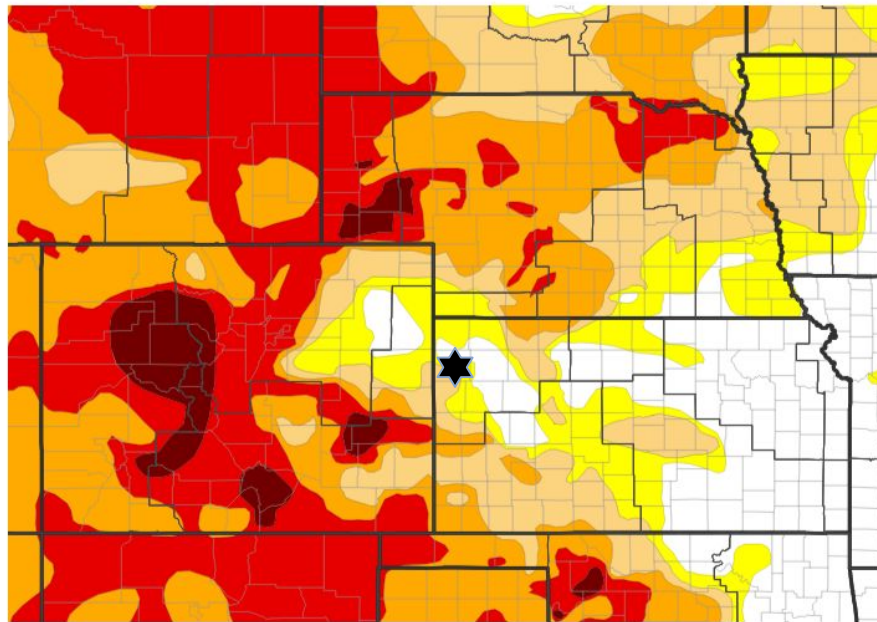
U.S. Drought Monitor

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

Drought intensity and Extent by County

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

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

Data Valid: 07/28/26

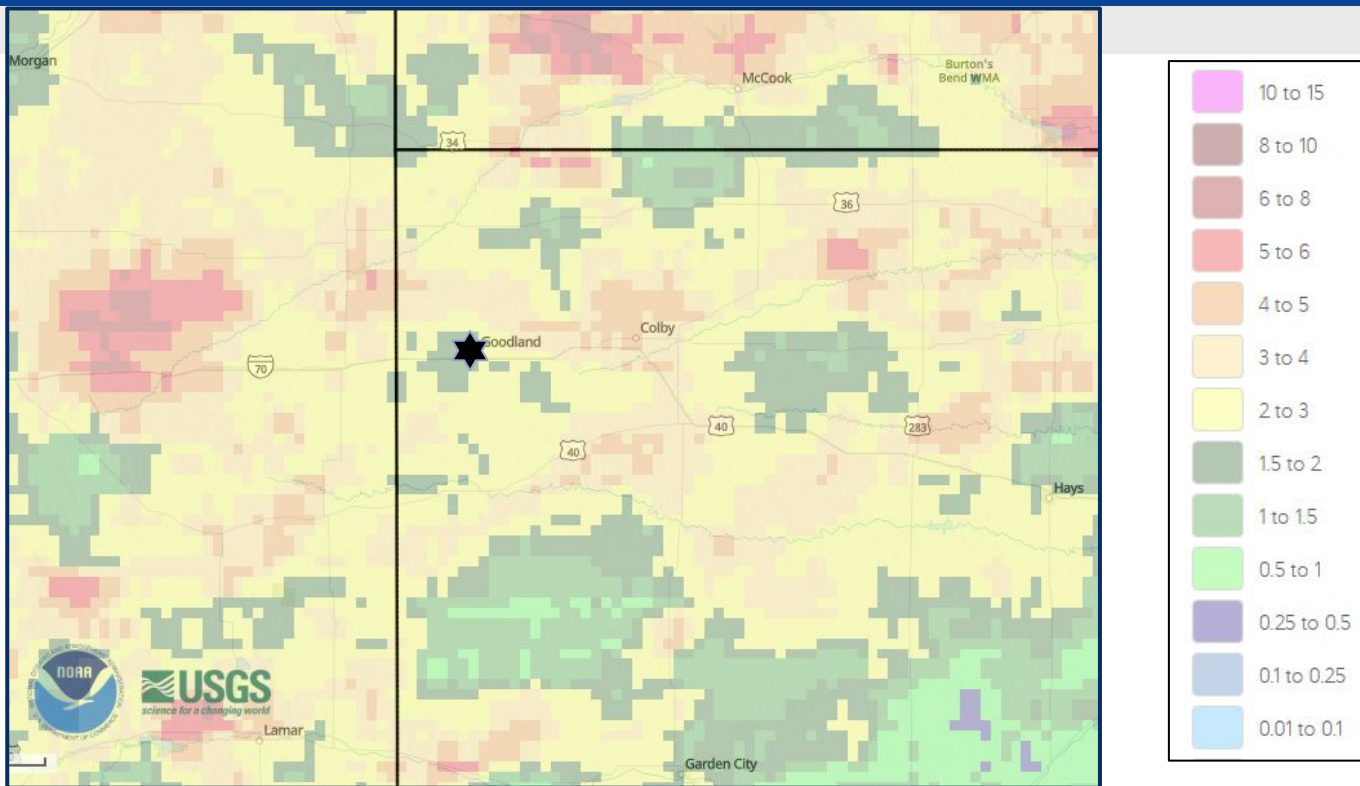


Star is centered on Goodland in all following maps.





July Precipitation - Observed

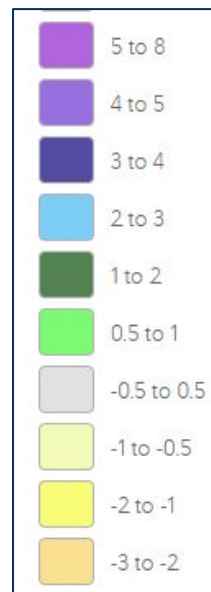
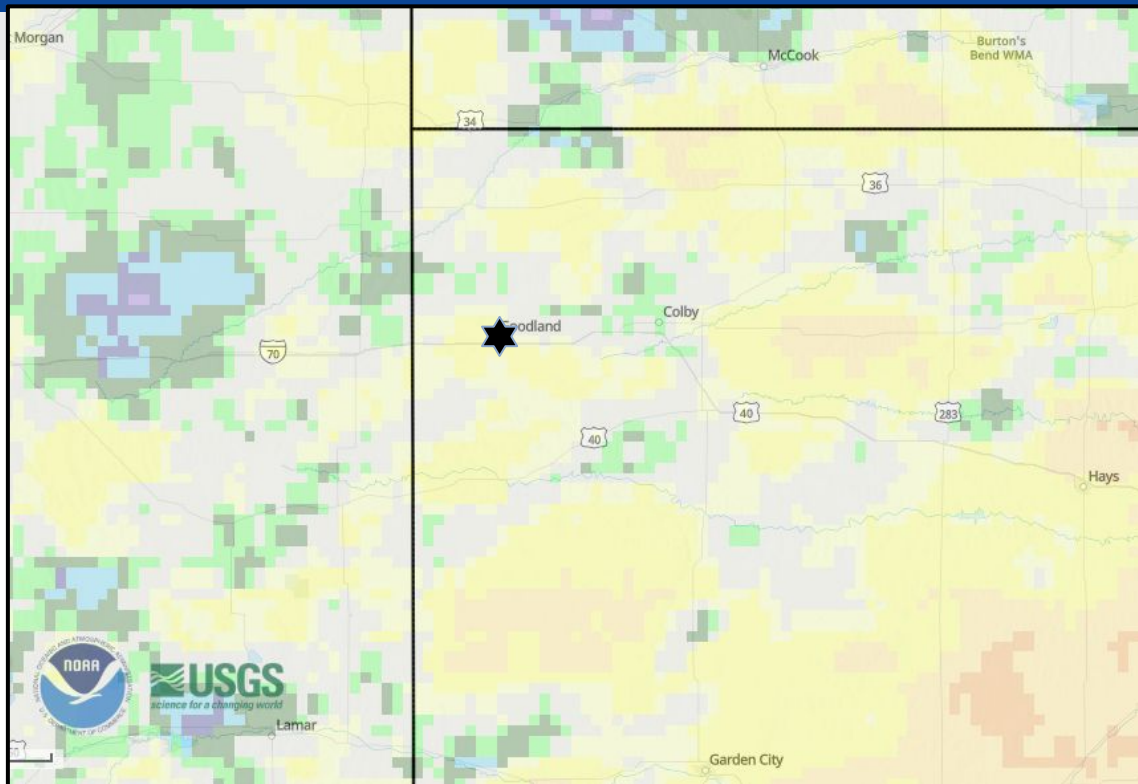


Actual precipitation amounts in July varied by a large amount. Most of the area saw 2-4" (yellow and orange shading), though there were pockets of heavier amounts (red) as well as pockets of lower amounts (green).





July Precipitation - Departure from Normal



July precipitation amounts compared to normal were generally below normal (yellow shading), but there were pockets of above normal (green).





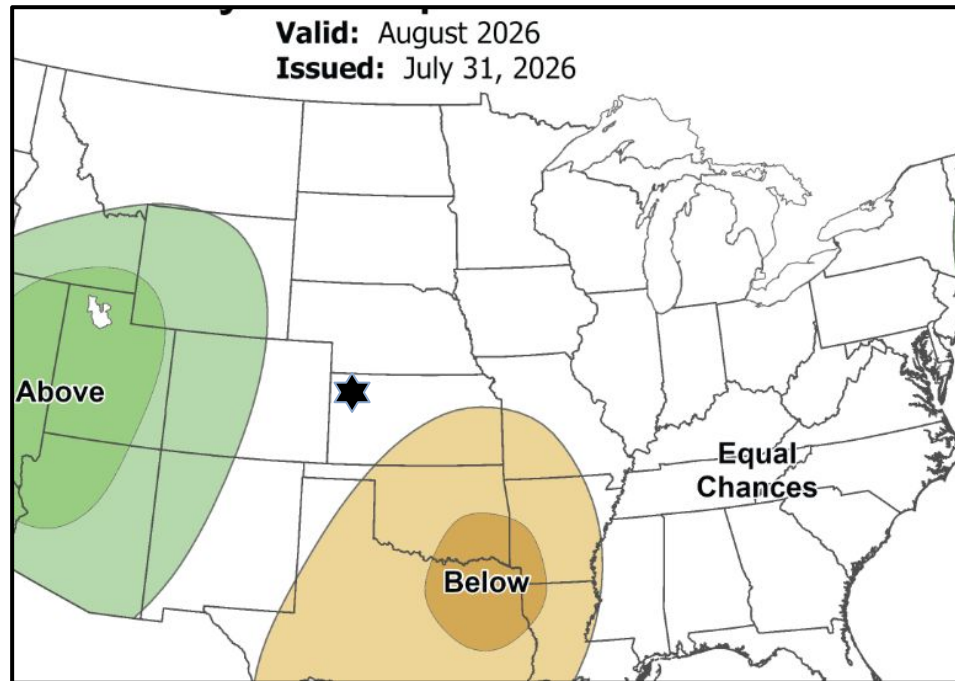
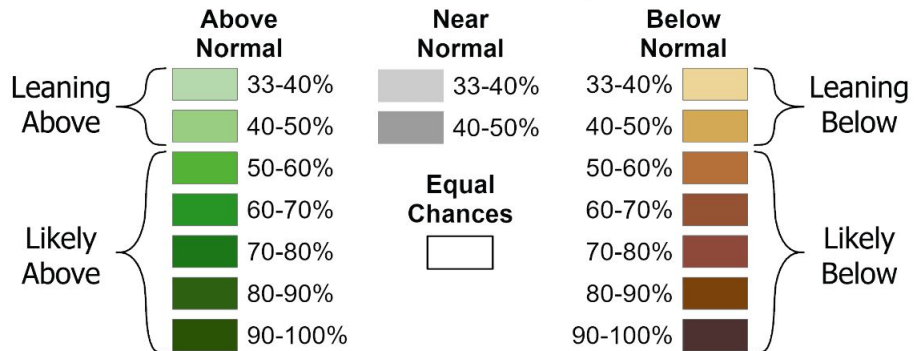
Monthly Precipitation Outlook: August 2026

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

Comments:

- Equal chances for above, below or near normal is forecast for August.

Probability (Percent Chance)



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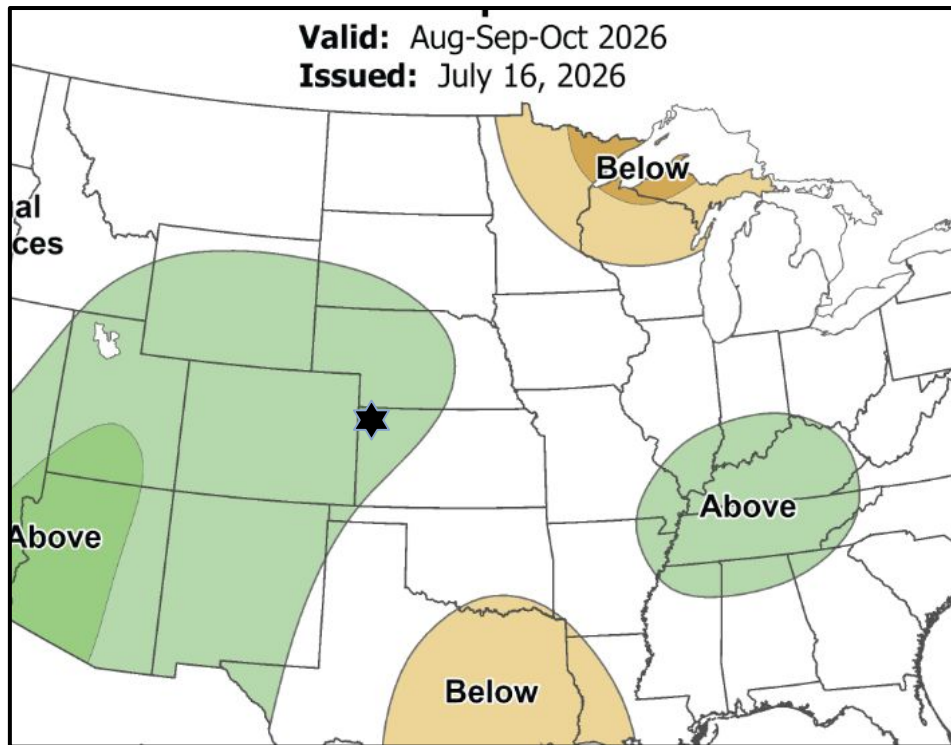
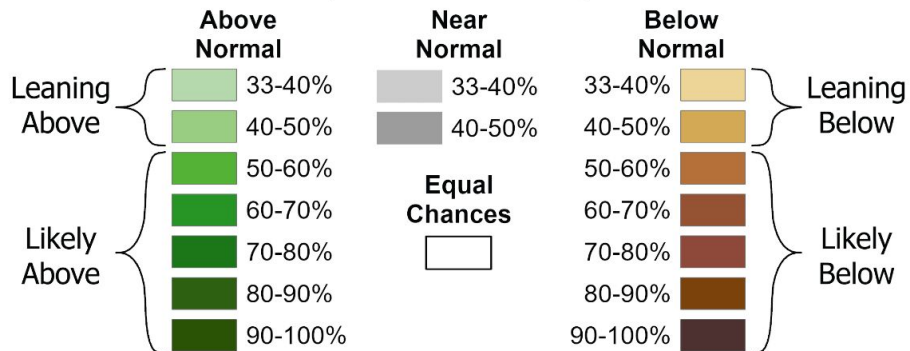
Seasonal Precipitation Outlook: August-October 2026

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Comments

- The forecast through October is leaning slightly to above normal.

Probability (Percent Chance)



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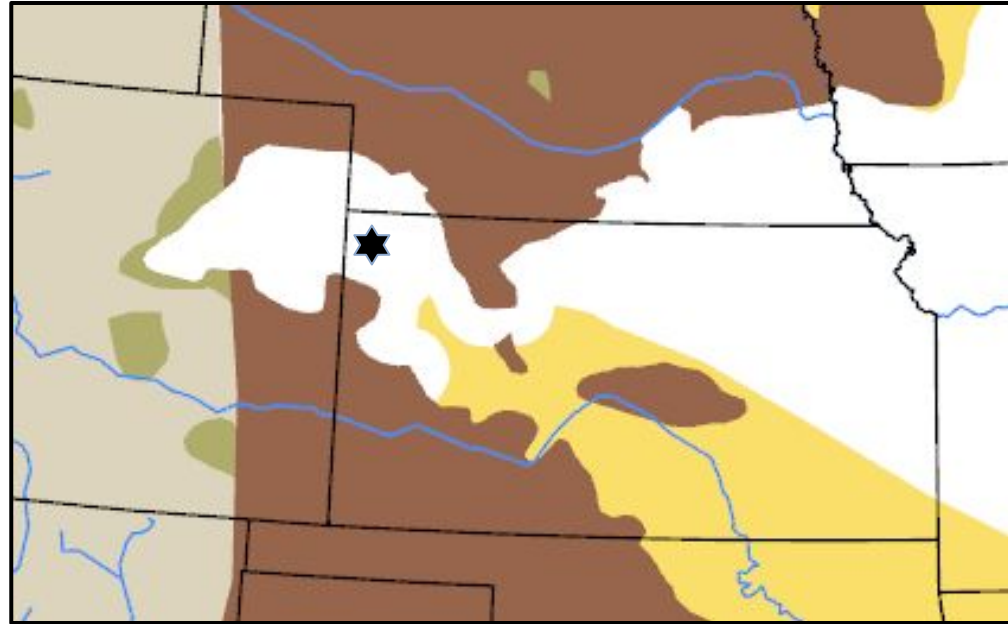
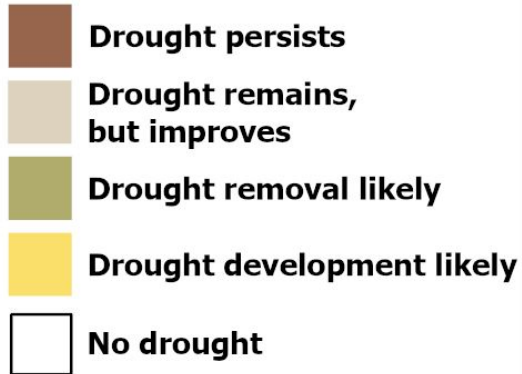


Seasonal Drought Outlook: Through October 2026

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Comments

- Where drought currently exists, it is forecast to persist through October.





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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