



Drought Information Statement for Tri-State Area

Valid September 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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- August saw mixed precipitation amounts across the area, with below normal observed north of I-70 and west of Highway 25, but above normal elsewhere.
 - Latest Seasonal Drought Outlook through November shows drought improvement or removal likely.





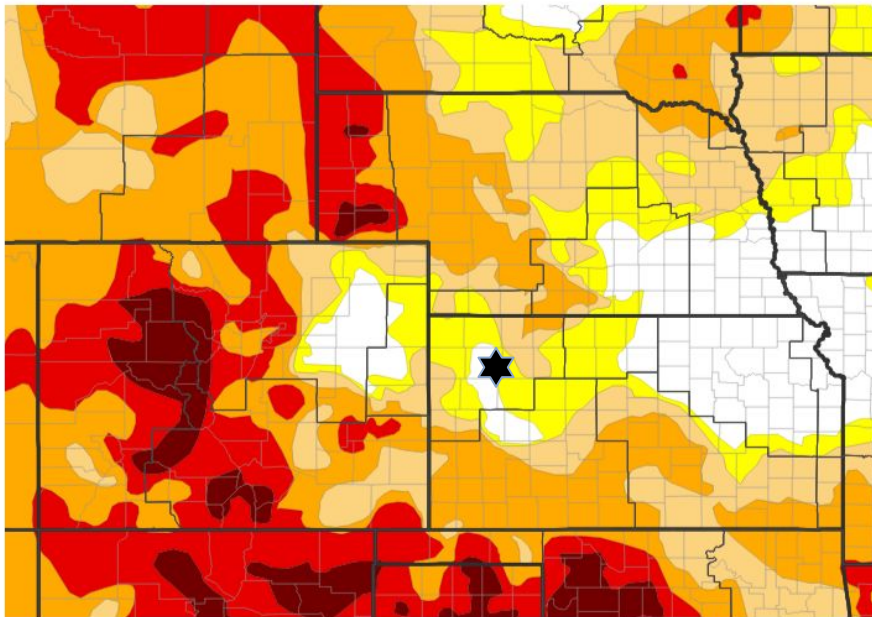
U.S. Drought Monitor

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

Drought intensity and Extent by County

- **Severe Drought:** Red Willow, Decatur, Norton, Greeley, Wichita, Cheyenne CO
- **Moderate Drought:** Hitchcock, Dundy, Sheridan, Graham, Sherman, Wallace, Kit Carson, Rawlins
- **Abnormally Dry:** Yuma, Logan, Cheyenne KS, Thomas, Gove

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Star is centered on Goodland in all following maps.

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

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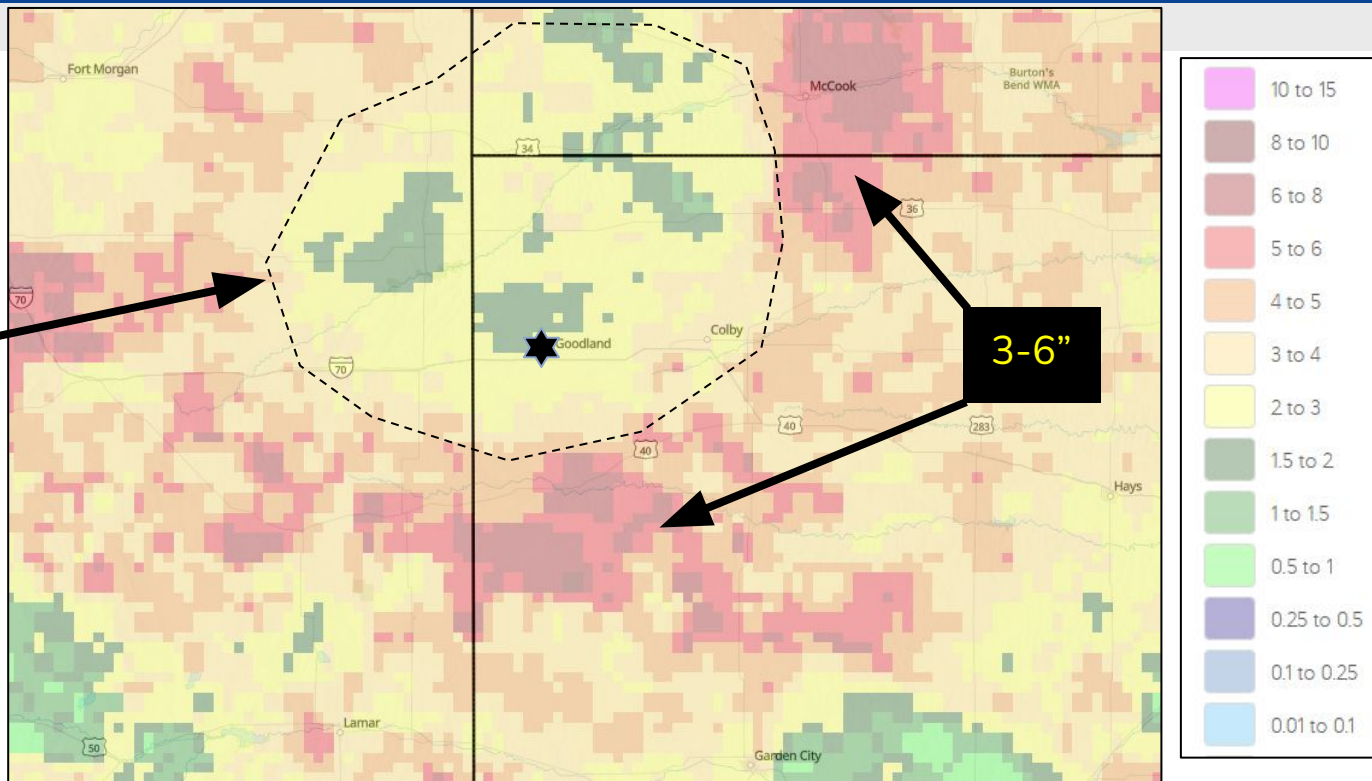


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August Precipitation - Observed



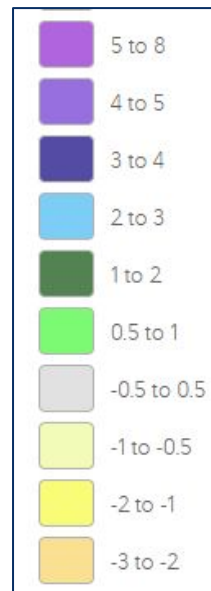
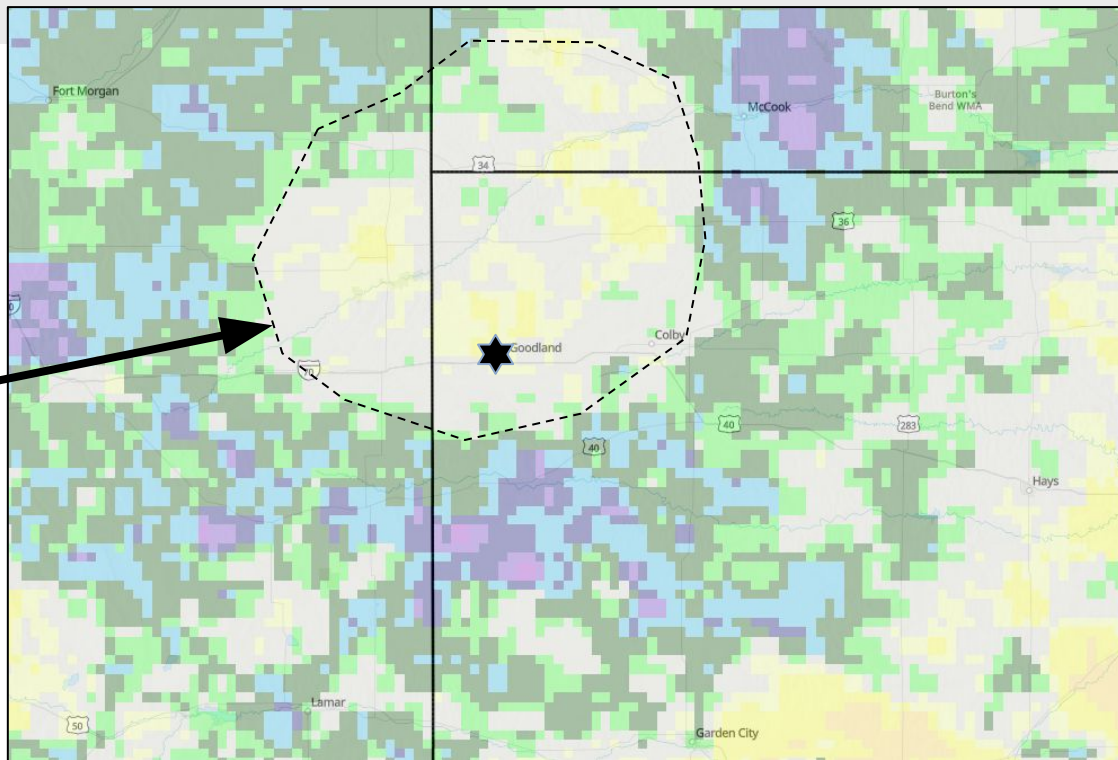
Actual precipitation amounts in August varied by a large amount. Areas north of I-70 and west of Highway 25 saw 1-3" (yellow and green shading), while areas east of Highway 25 and south of I-70 saw heavier amounts of 3-6" (orange and red).





August Precipitation - Departure from Normal

**Below
Normal**



August precipitation amounts compared to normal were generally below normal (yellow shading) north of I-70 and west of Highway 25, and above normal elsewhere.





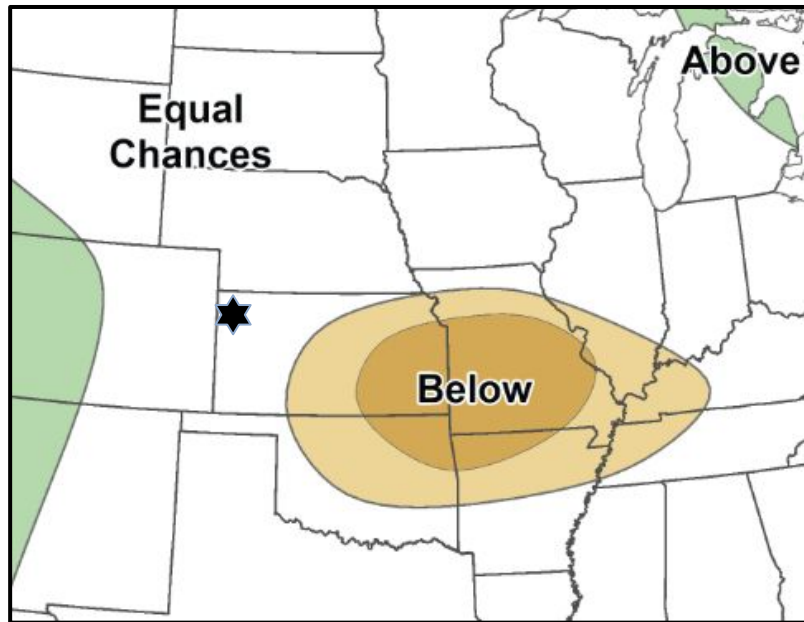
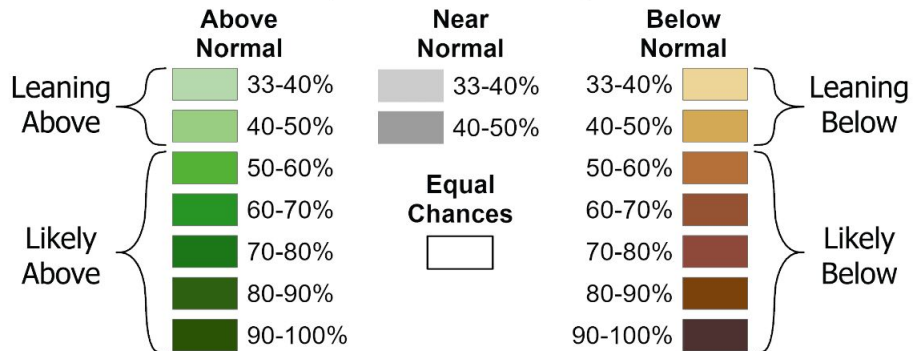
Monthly Precipitation Outlook: September 2026

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 September.

Probability (Percent Chance)





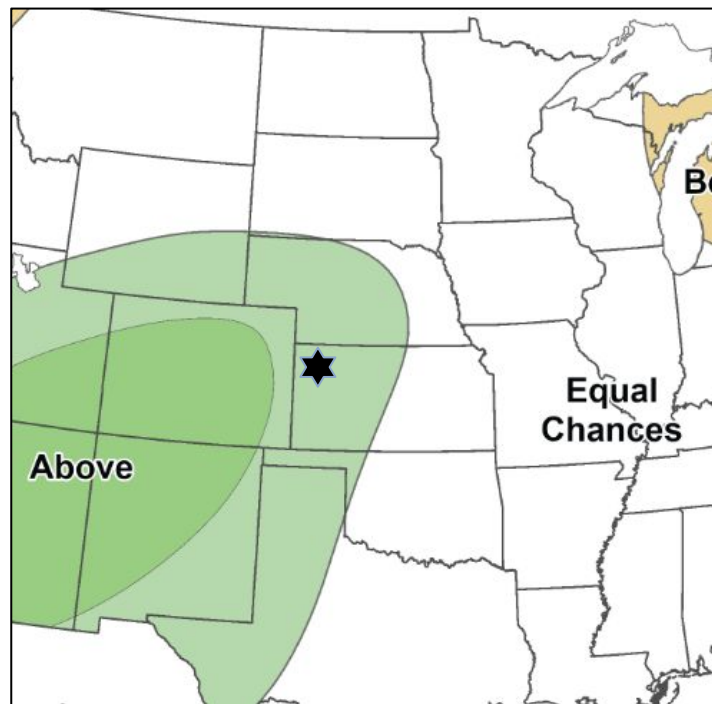
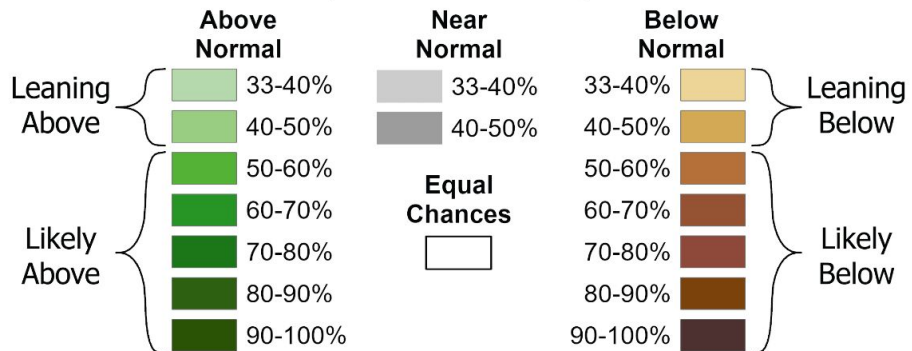
Seasonal Precipitation Outlook: Sept-Nov 2026

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Comments

- The forecast through November is leaning slightly above normal.

Probability (Percent Chance)



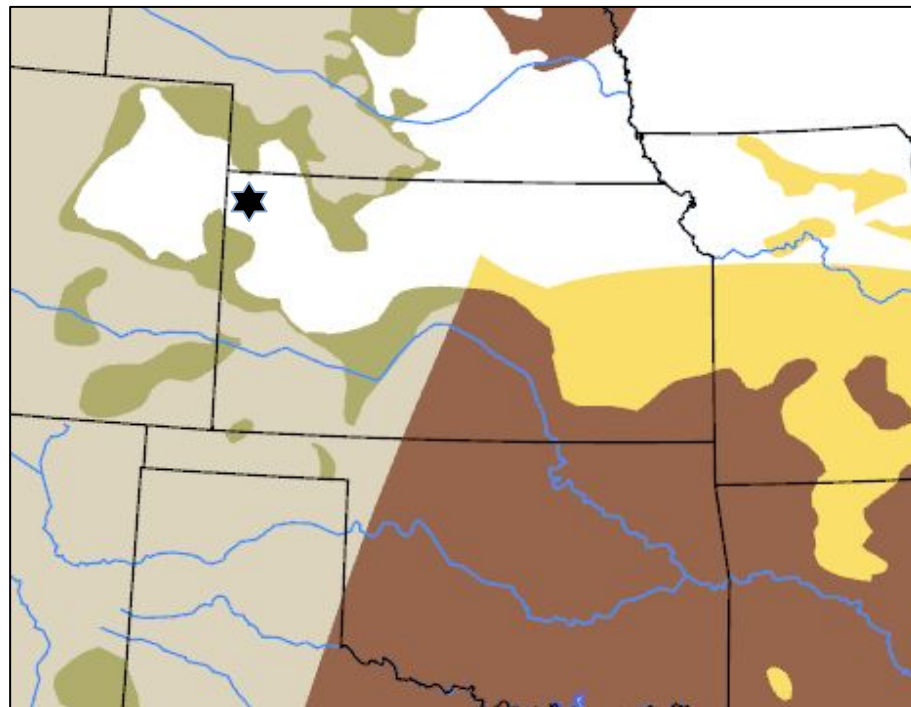
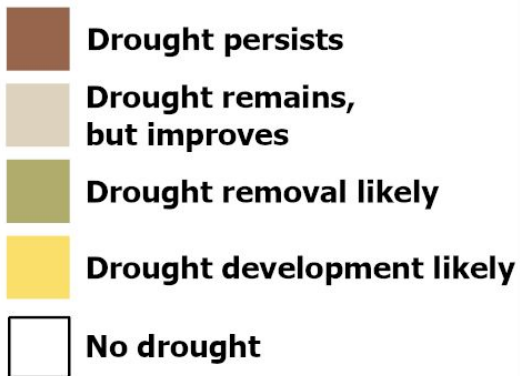


Seasonal Drought Outlook: Through November 2026

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Comments

- Drought improvement or removal is forecast through November.





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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