



Drought Information Statement for Kansas

Valid March 22, 2026

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- Please see all currently available products at <https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements>.
- Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/ICT/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
- Please visit <https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates> for regional drought status updates.

- Mostly below average precipitation and mild temperatures has supported drought creeping back into portions of Kansas



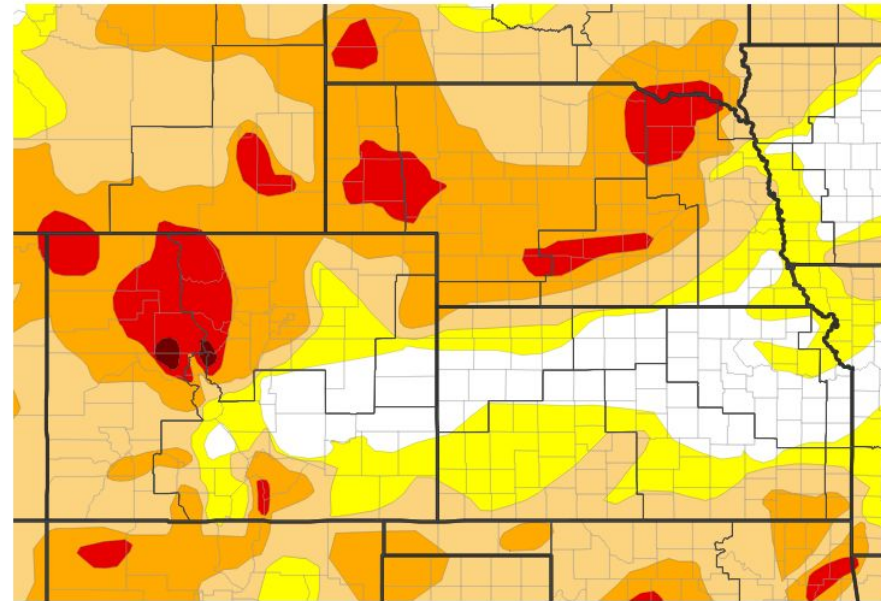
Kansas Drought Monitor (as of March 17th)

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

Drought intensity and Extent

- **D4 (Exceptional Drought):** None
- **D3 (Extreme Drought):** None
- **D2 (Severe Drought):** Small portion of northwest KS, and far southeast KS
- **D1 (Moderate Drought):** Portions of far northwest KS, and southern KS
- **D0: (Abnormally Dry):** Larger portion of northwest KS, northeast KS, and southern half of KS

U.S. Drought Monitor



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

Data Valid: 03/17/26



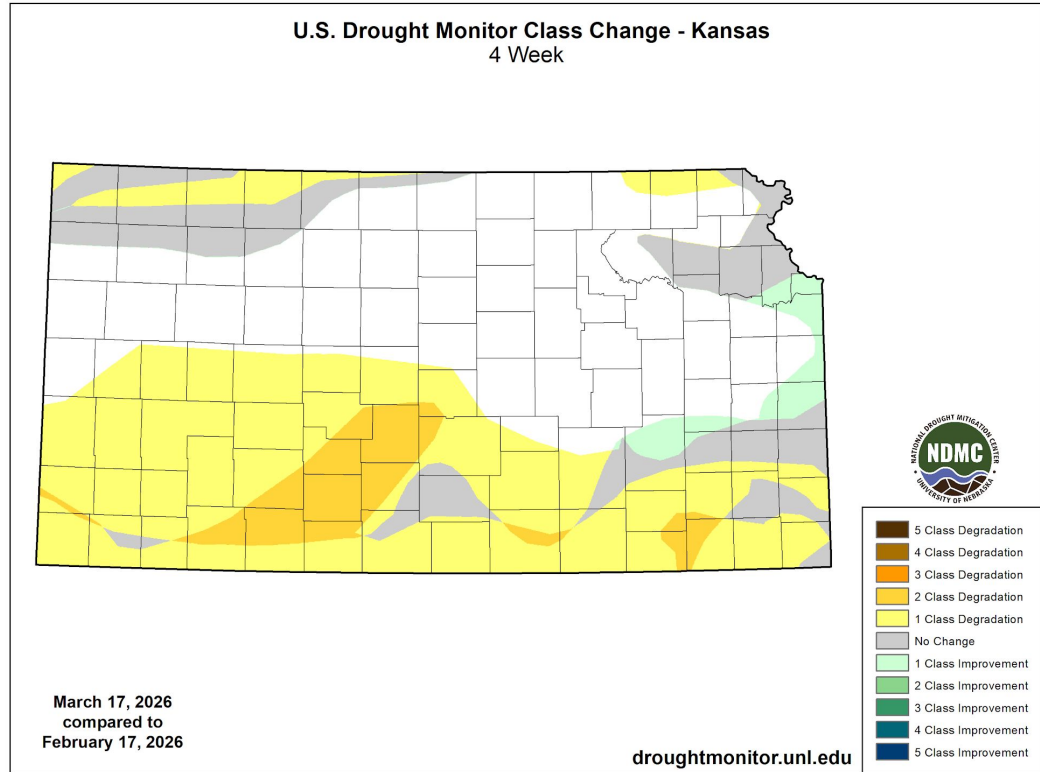


4-Week Drought Change

[Link to Drought Monitor Change Maps](#)

Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change

- **Drought Worsened:** 1-2 categories over southern half of KS, and also far northern KS
- **Drought Improved:** 1 category for small portions of east-central KS



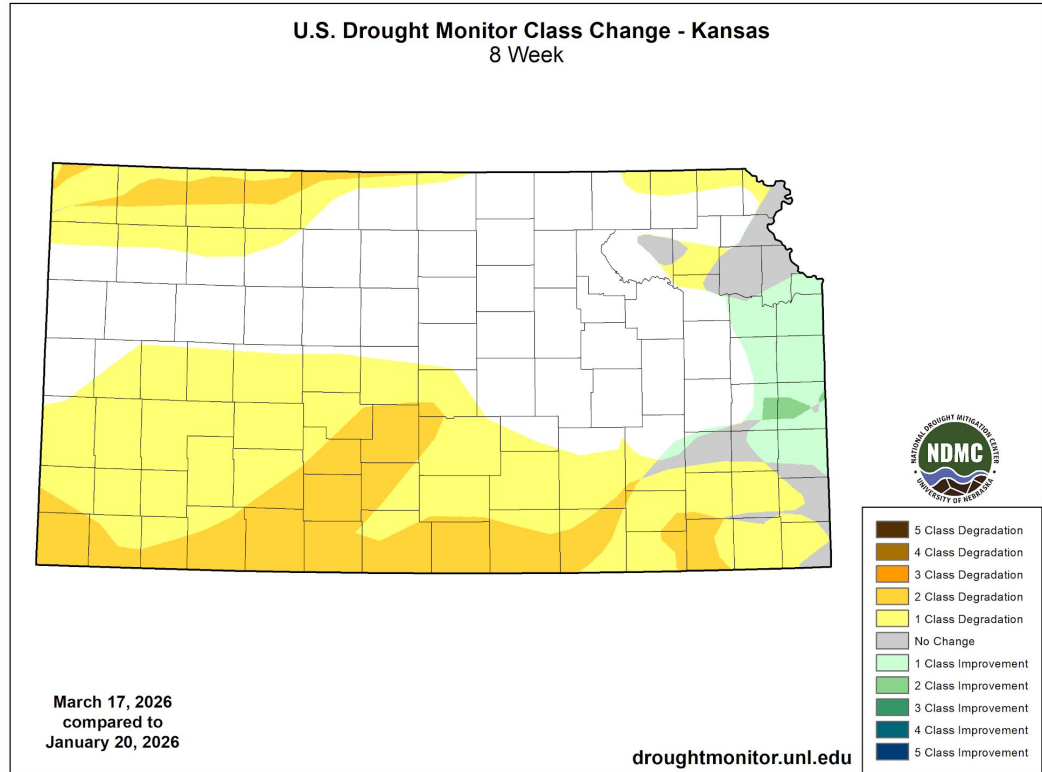


8-Week Drought Change

[Link to Drought Monitor Change Maps](#)

Eight Week Drought Monitor Class Change

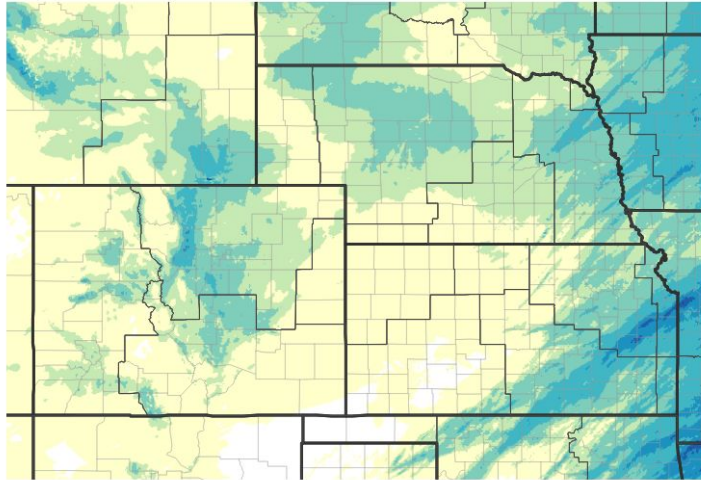
- **Drought Worsened:** 1-2 categories over the southern half of KS, and also northern KS
- **Drought Improved:** 1-2 categories for relatively small portions of eastern KS



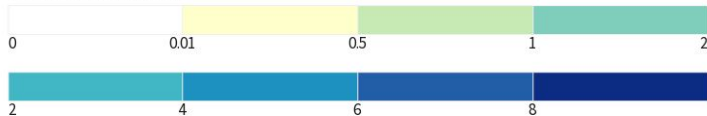


Precipitation Past 30 Days

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)

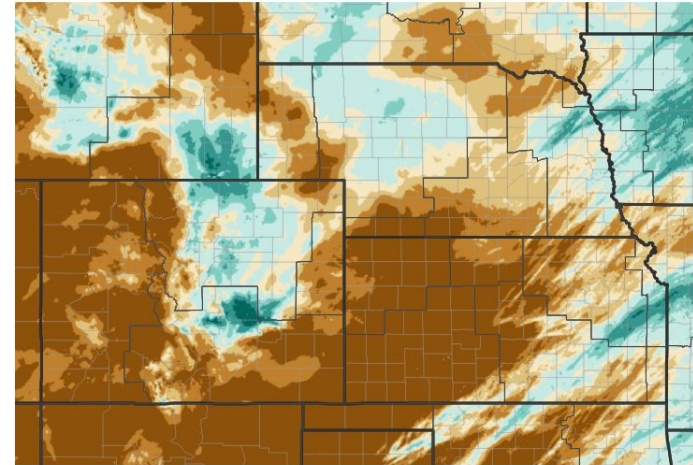


Inches of Precipitation

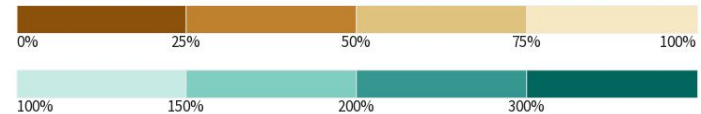


Source(s): National Weather Service Multi-Radar Multi-Sensor System; image courtesy of Drought.gov Last Updated: 03/22/26

30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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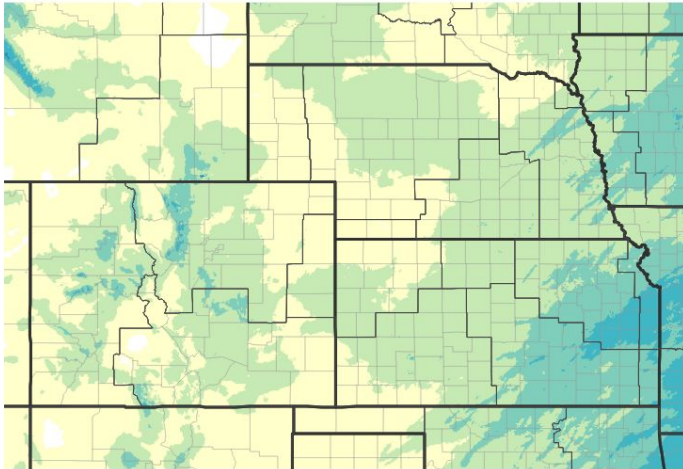
- Precipitation the past 30 days has been mostly below average across KS, although swaths of near to above average precipitation were noted over the eastern half of KS.



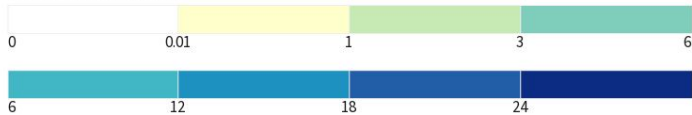


Precipitation Past 90 Days

90-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)

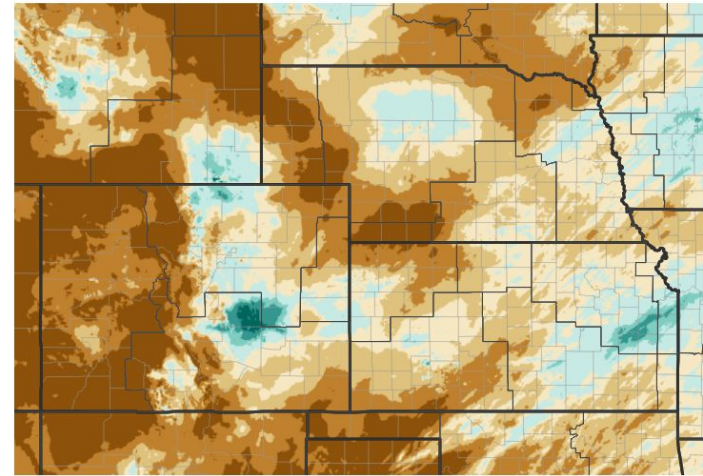


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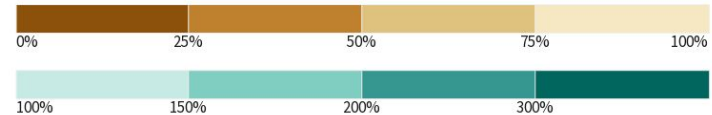


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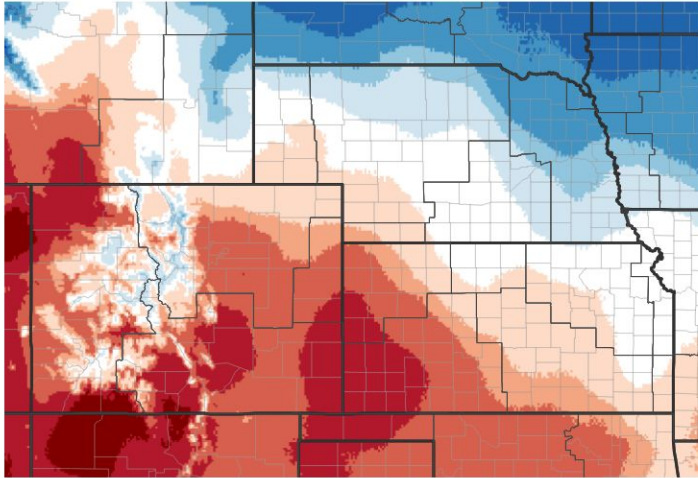
- Precipitation the past 90 days has been mostly near to below average across KS, with pockets of above average precipitation over mainly eastern KS.



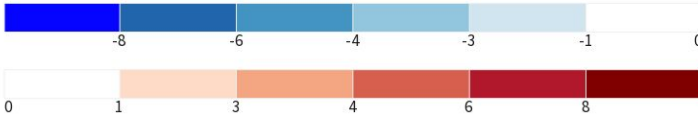


Temperature Anomalies Past 7 to 30 Days

7-Day Temperature Anomaly

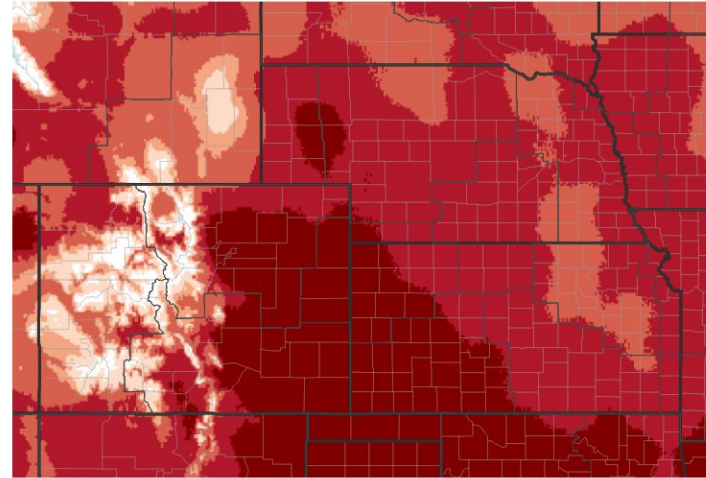


Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



Source(s): NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information; image courtesy of Drought.gov Data Valid: 03/18/26

30-Day Temperature Anomaly



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- Well above average temperatures were noted the past 7 days over mainly the southwest half of KS, with well above average temperatures statewide the past 30 days.





Summary of Drought 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

- [Latest Kansas agricultural and crop conditions per the USDA.](#)

Fire Hazard Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time.

Other Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time.

Mitigation Actions

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

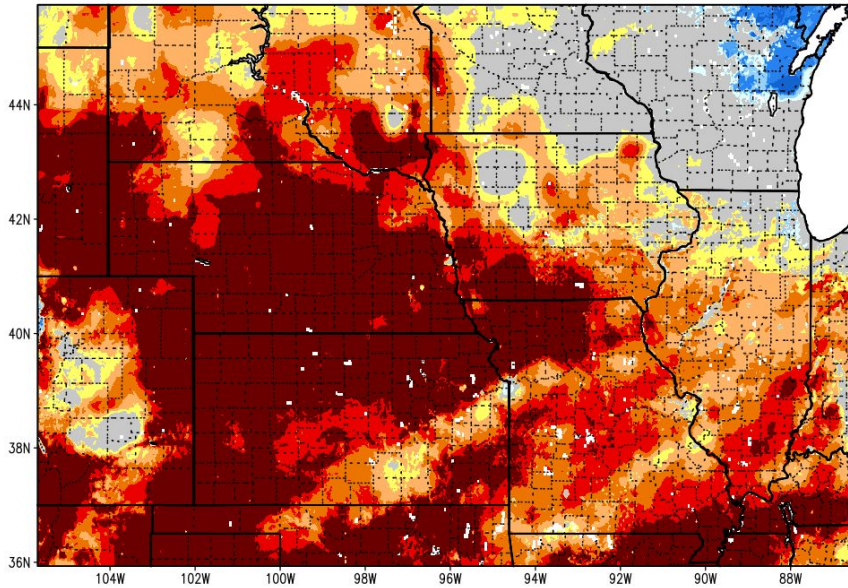




Agricultural Impacts (Soil Moisture Percentile and Change)

[Link to CPC Soil Moisture Page](#)

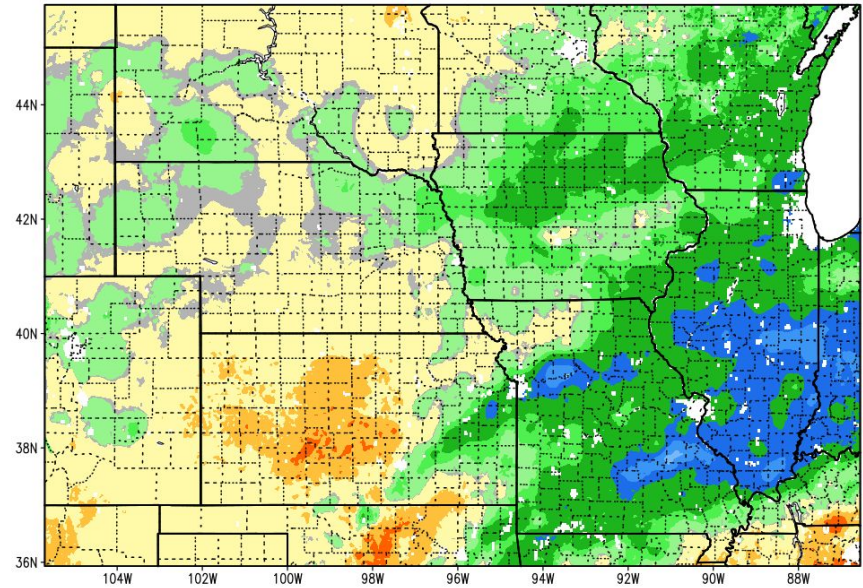
SPoRT-LIS 0-10 cm Soil Moisture percentile valid 22 Mar 2026



NOTE
Experimental

2 5 10 20 30 70 80 90 95 98

1-Month Difference in Column Relative Soil Moisture (%) valid 12z 22 Mar 2026



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Experimental

32 28 24 20 16 12 8 4 2 0.1 0.1 2 4 8 12 16 20 24 28 32

- Soil moisture is mostly below average across much of Kansas. Over the past month, soil moisture has mostly decreased across the state, although some increases have been noted over portions of eastern Kansas.

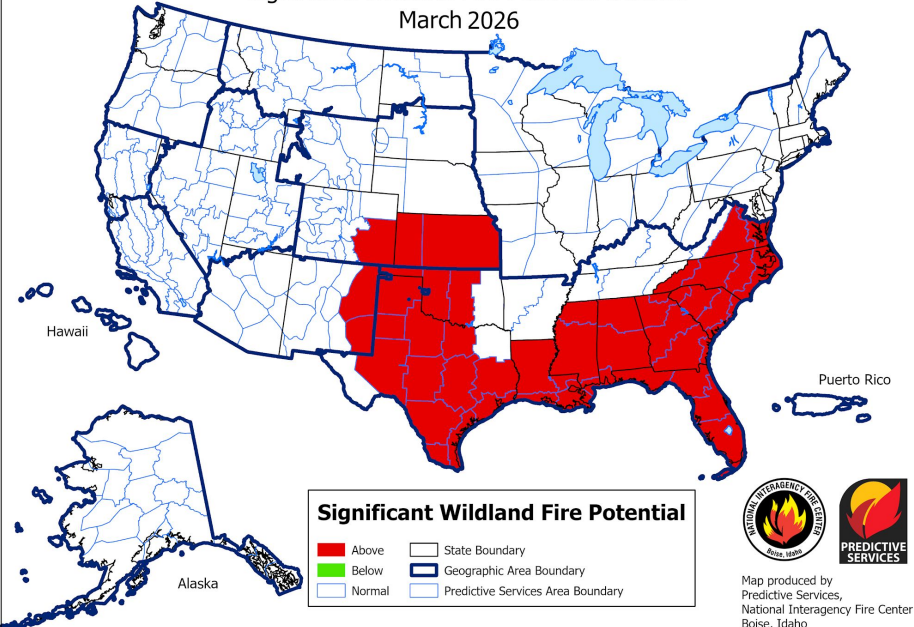




Fire Hazard Impacts through April

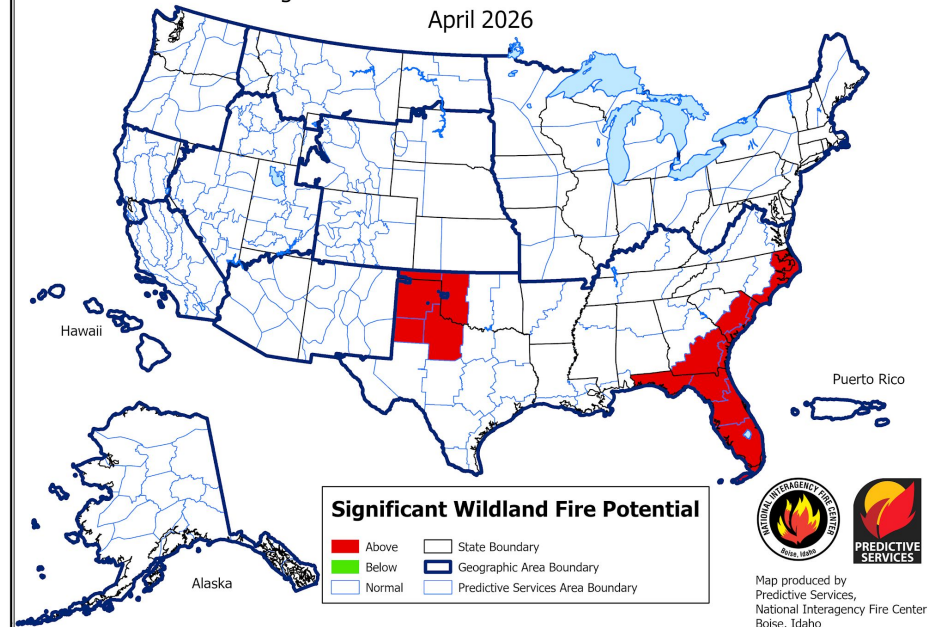
Link to [Wildfire Potential Outlooks from the National Interagency Coordination Center](#).

Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook March 2026



Above normal significant wildland fire potential indicates a greater than usual likelihood that significant wildland fires will occur. Significant wildland fires should be expected at typical times and intervals during normal significant wildland fire potential conditions. Significant wildland fires are still possible but less likely than usual during forecasted below normal periods.

Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook April 2026



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- The risk for significant wildland fire potential across Kansas is above average in March, and average in April.

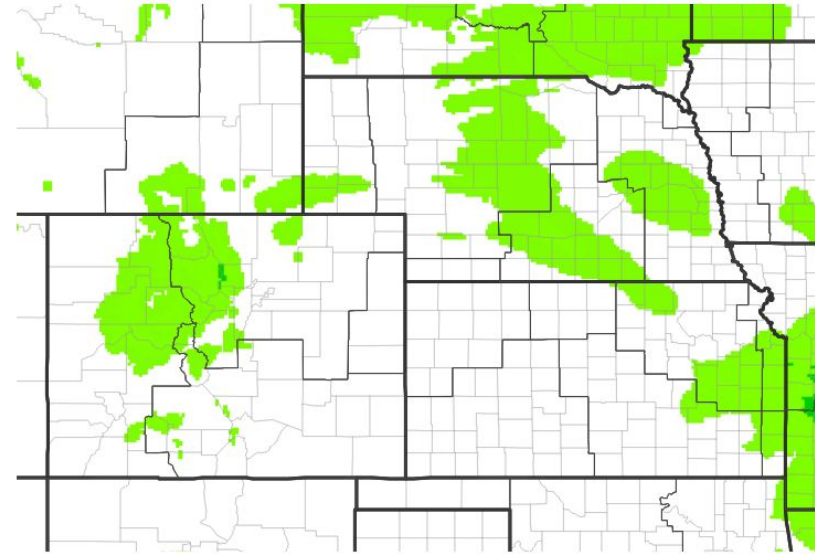


Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

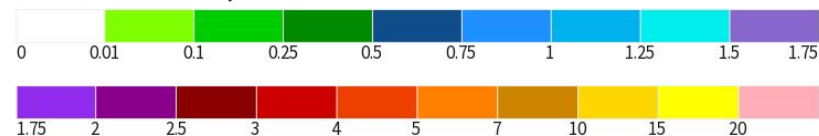
[Link to Weather Prediction Center \(WPC\) Page](#)

- Little to no meaningful precipitation is expected across Kansas through March 29th

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for March 22, 2026–March 29, 2026



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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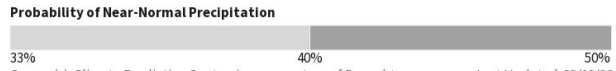
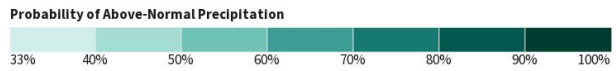
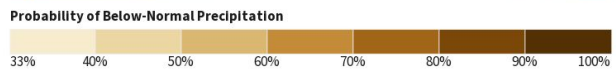
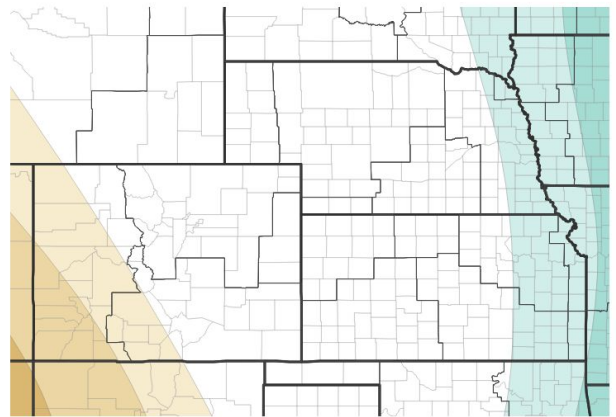




Precipitation and Temperature Outlook through April

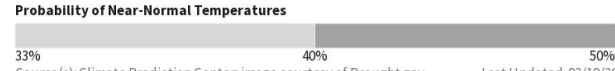
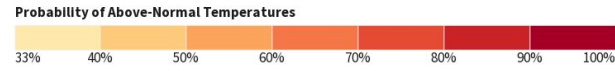
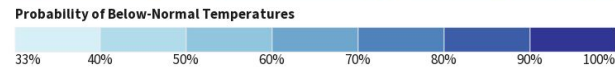
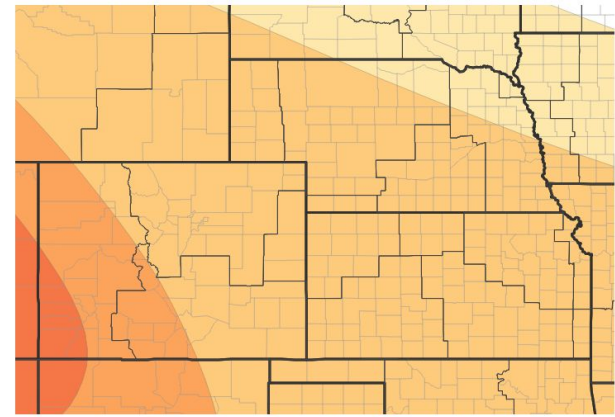
The latest monthly and seasonal outlooks can be found on the [CPC homepage](#)

Monthly Precipitation Outlook for April 1, 2026–April 30, 2026



Source: Climate Prediction Center image courtesy of Drought.gov. Last Updated: 03/16/26

Monthly Temperature Outlook for April 1, 2026–April 30, 2026



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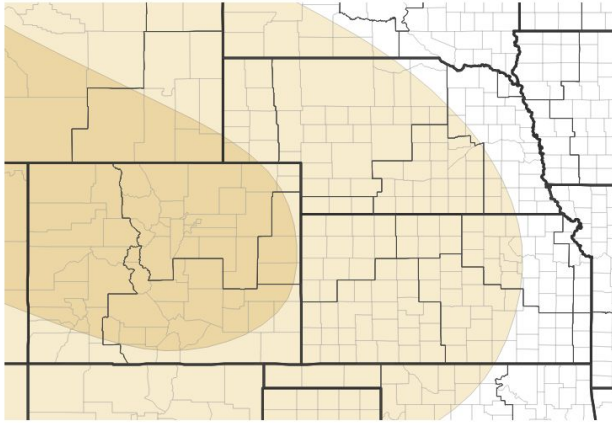
- There is a slight signal for above average precipitation across eastern Kansas through April. There is a slight to modest signal for above average temperatures statewide through April.



Precipitation and Temperature Outlook through June

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Seasonal (3-Month) Precipitation Outlook for April 1, 2026–June 30, 2026



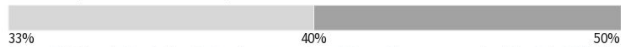
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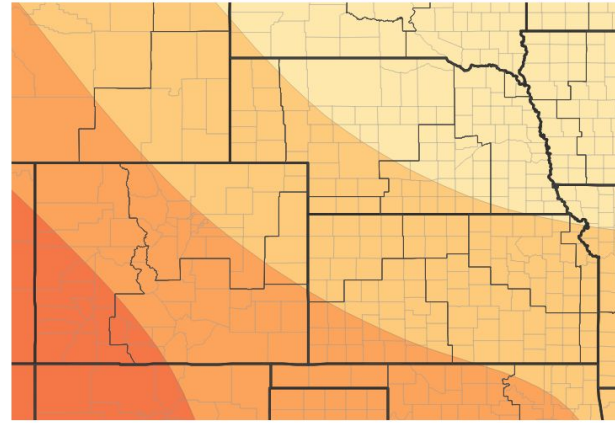


Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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Seasonal (3-Month) Temperature Outlook for April 1, 2026–June 30, 2026



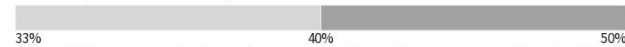
Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



Source(s): Climate Prediction Center, image courtesy of Drought.gov. Last Updated: 02/19/26

- There is a slight signal for below average precipitation across the western three-fourths of Kansas through June. There is a modest signal for above average temperatures statewide through June.



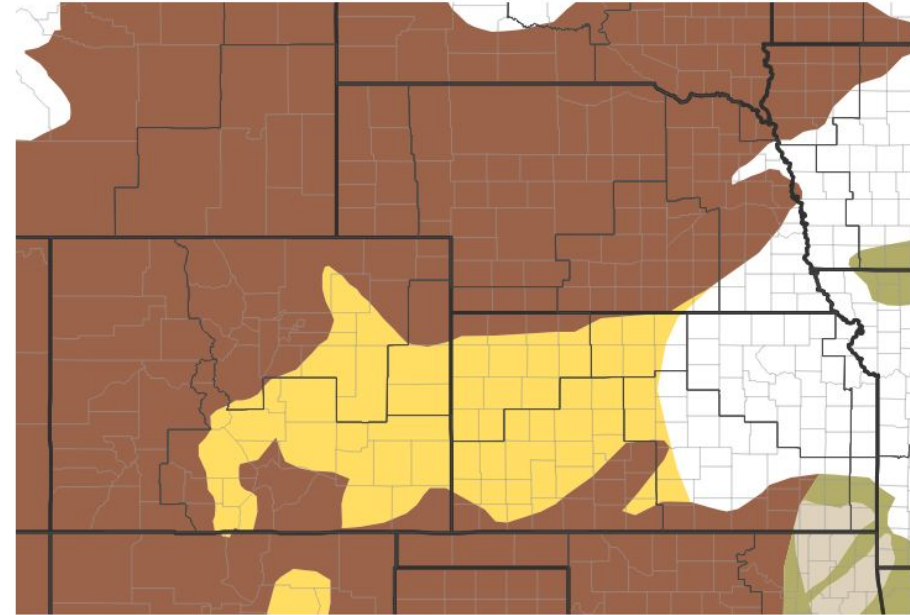


Drought Outlook Through June

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- Through June, drought development and persistence is expected across much of the western half of KS, and also far southern Kansas. Some drought improvement and removal is possible over far southeast KS through June

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for March 19, 2026–June 30, 2026



Drought Is Predicted To...



Source: Climate Prediction Center image courtesy of Drought.gov. Last Updated: 02/10/26

Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)

