



Drought Information Statement for Kansas

Valid August 27, 2026

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- This product will be updated as drought conditions warrant.
- 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.

- Above average temperatures and below average precipitation has caused drought to creep back into Kansas the past 4 to 8 weeks





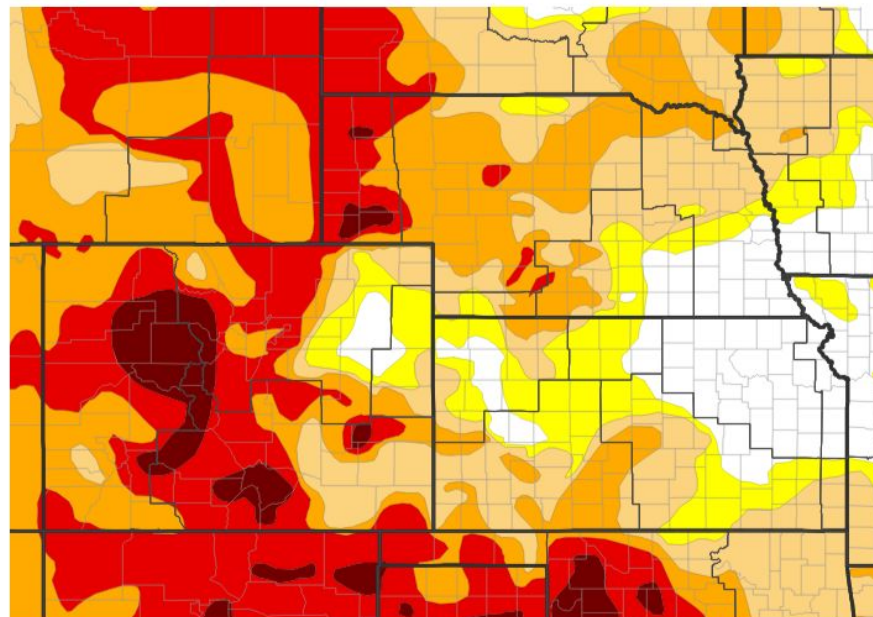
Kansas Drought Monitor (as of Aug 18)

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

Drought intensity and Extent

- **D4 (Exceptional Drought):** None
- **D3 (Extreme Drought):** None
- **D2 (Severe Drought):** Small pockets of the western half of Kansas.
- **D1 (Moderate Drought):** Portions of western, central, and southern Kansas
- **D0: (Abnormally Dry):** Much of Kansas except the northeast quarter

U.S. Drought Monitor



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

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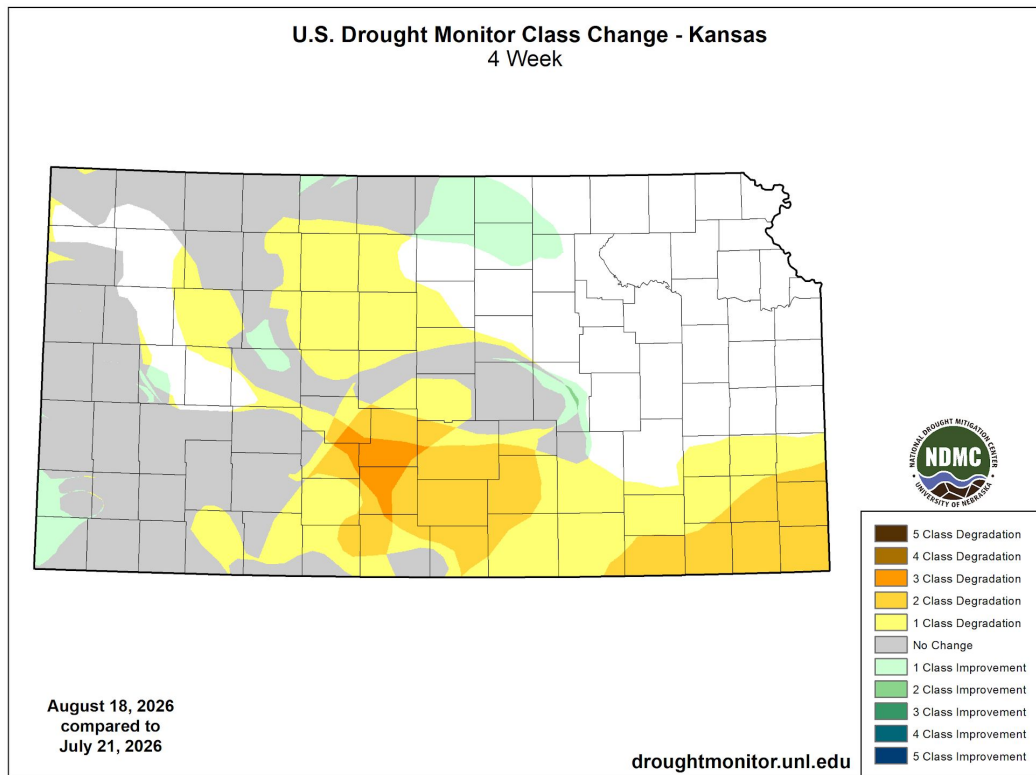


4-Week Drought Change

[Link to Drought Monitor Change Maps](#)

Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change

- **Drought Worsened:** 1 to 3 categories across portions of western, central, and southern Kansas
- **Drought Improved:** 1 category for small areas of central, northern and western Kansas



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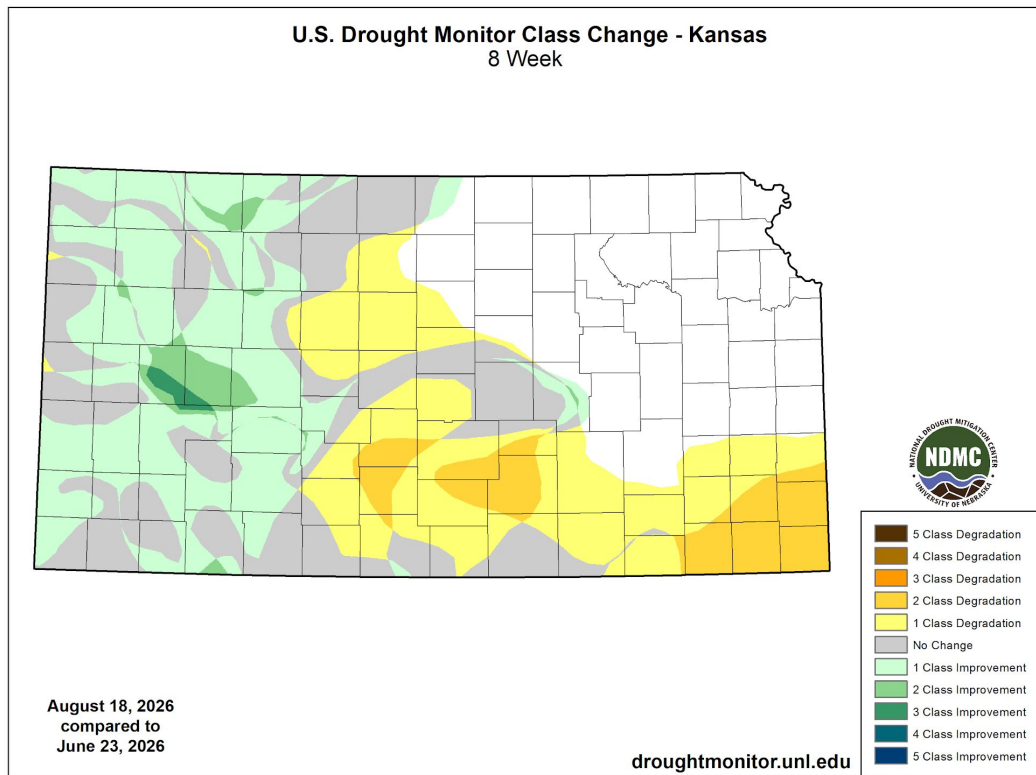


8-Week Drought Change

[Link to Drought Monitor Change Maps](#)

Eight Week Drought Monitor Class Change

- **Drought Worsened:** 1 to 2 categories for portions of central and southern Kansas
- **Drought Improved:** 1 to 3 categories over portions of mainly western Kansas



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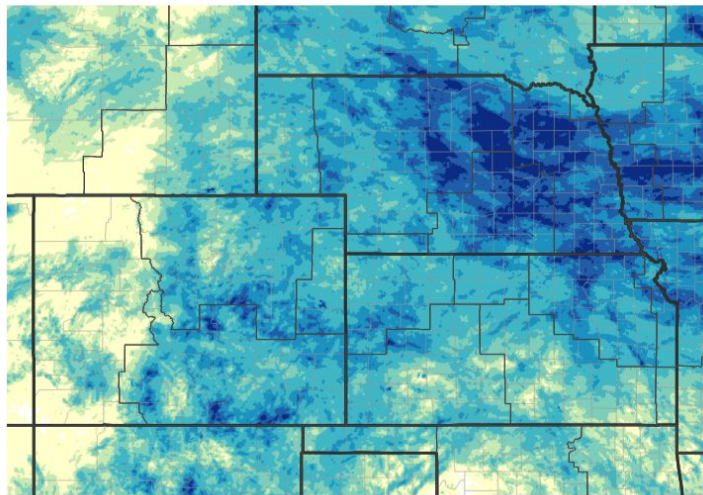
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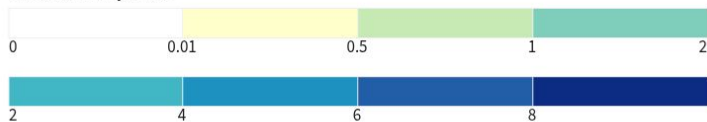


Precipitation Past 30 Days

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



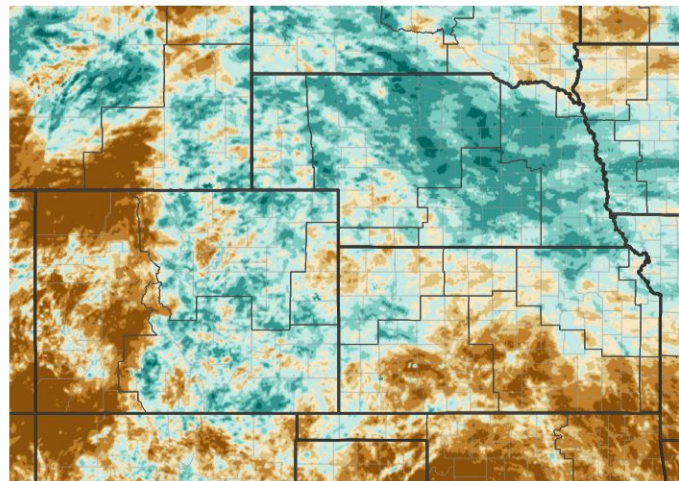
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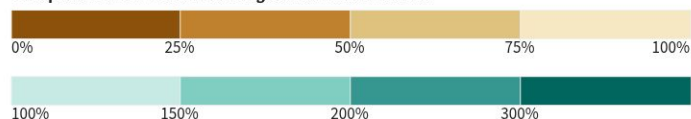
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image courtesy of Drought.gov

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30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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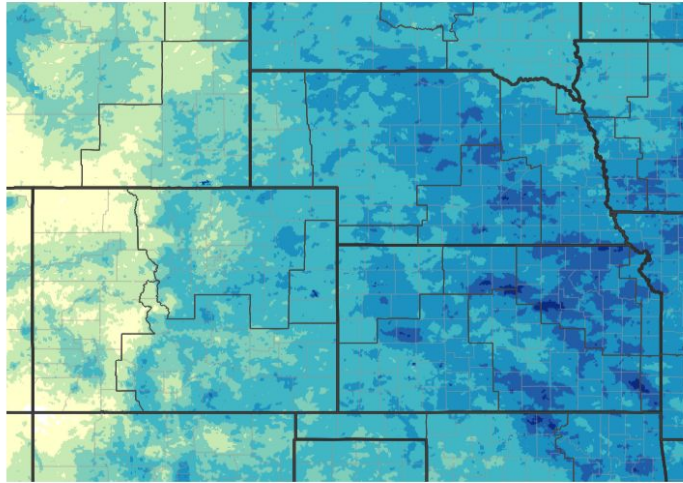
- Precipitation the past 30 days has been well below average over mainly the southern half of Kansas, with near to above average precipitation across generally the northern half of Kansas.



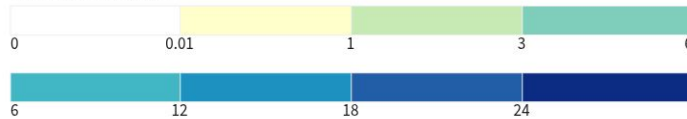


Precipitation Past 90 Days

90-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



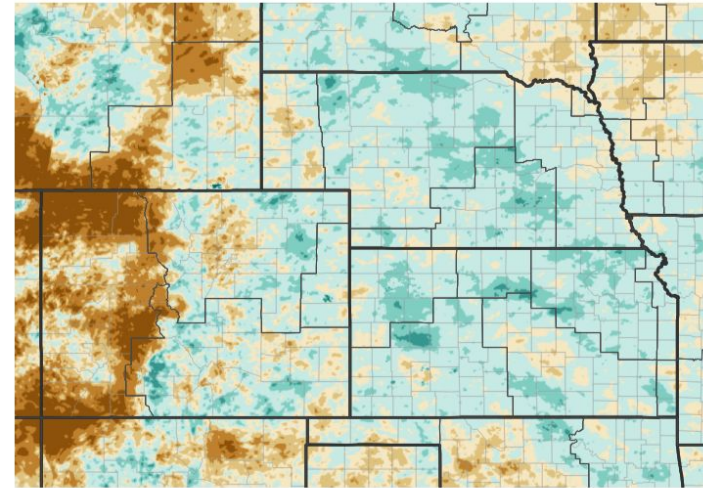
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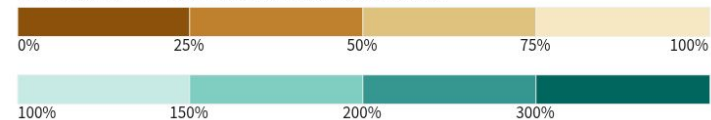
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- Precipitation the past 90 days has been mostly near to above average across Kansas





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.

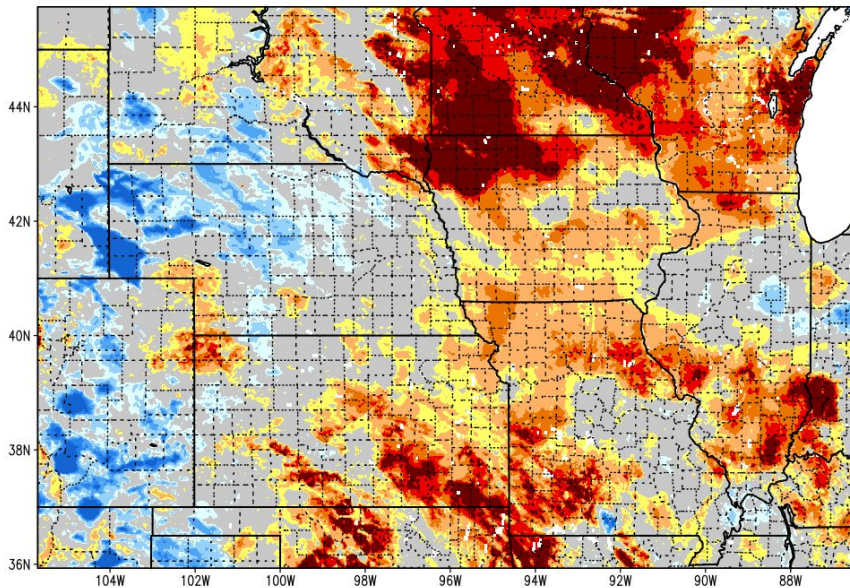




Agricultural Impacts (Soil Moisture Percentile and Change)

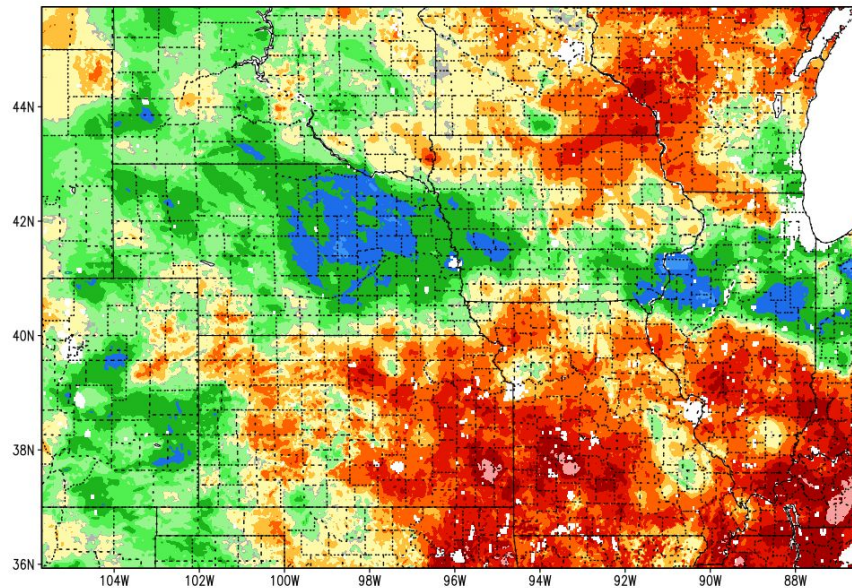
[Link to CPC Soil Moisture Page](#)

SPoRT-LIS 0-10 cm Soil Moisture percentile valid 27 Aug 2026



NOTE
Experimental

1-Month Difference in Column Relative Soil Moisture (%) valid 12z 26 Aug 2026



NOTE
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- Soil moisture is near to below average across much of Kansas, with small pockets of above average soil moisture over northwest Kansas. Hot and dry weather has caused soil moisture to decrease quite a bit over mainly the eastern half of Kansas the past 30 days.



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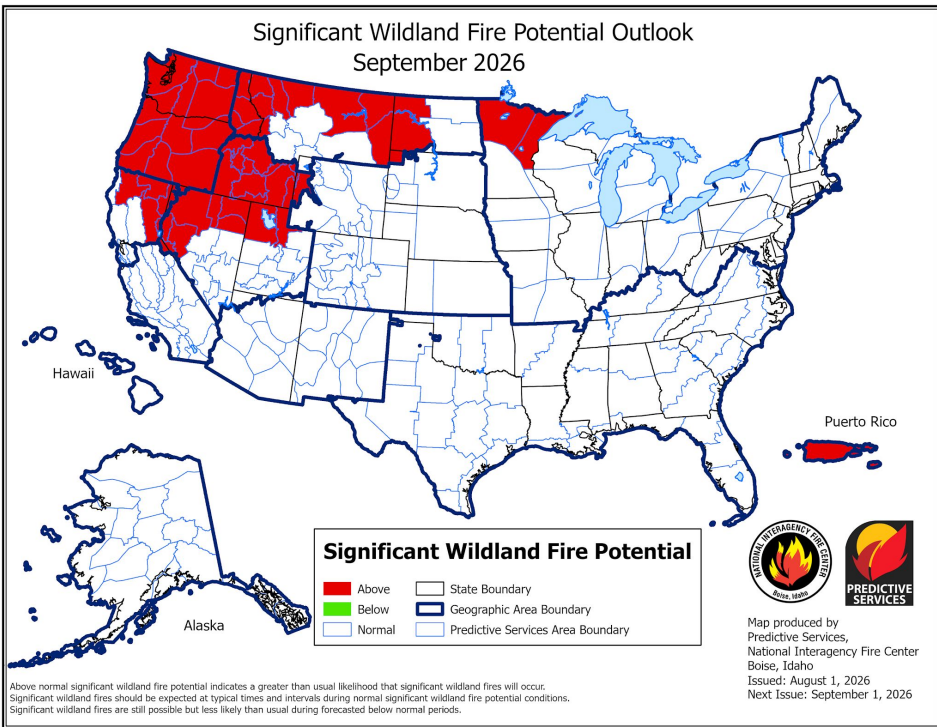
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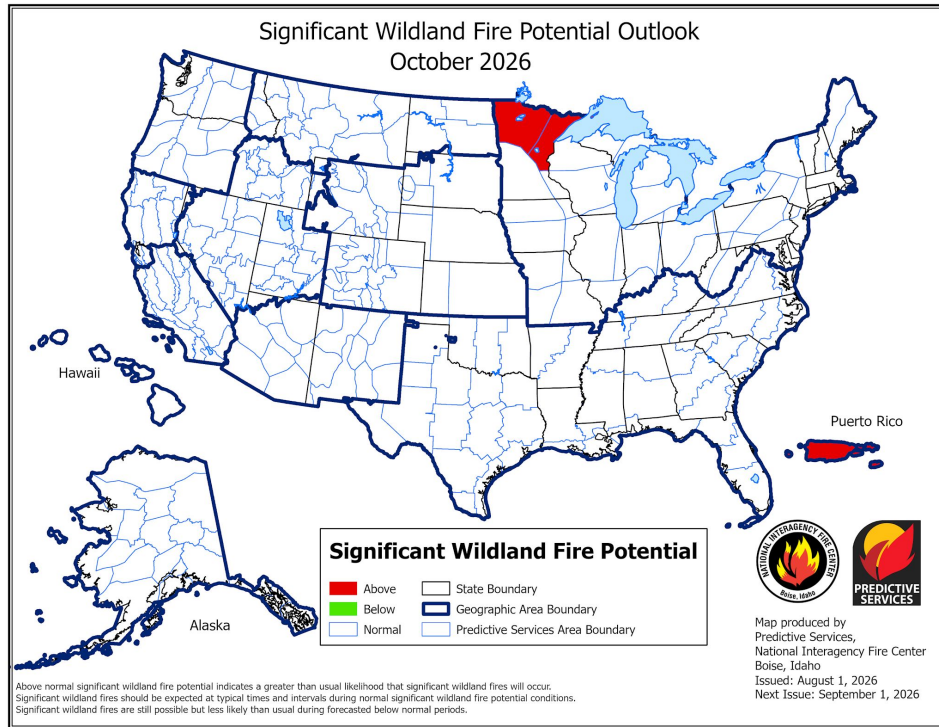
Fire Hazard Impacts through October

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

Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook
September 2026



Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook
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- The risk for significant wildland fire potential across Kansas is near average through October.



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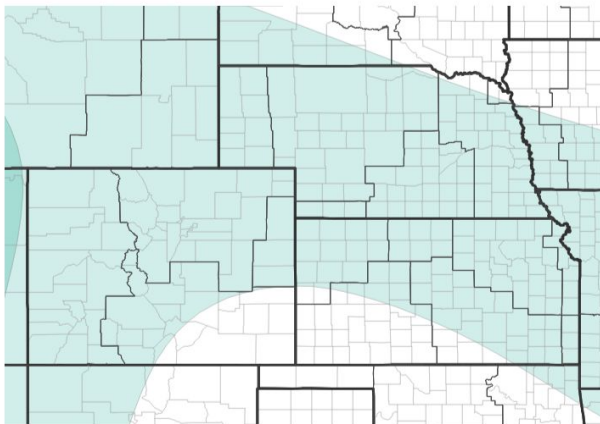
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September Precipitation and Temperature Outlook

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

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



Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



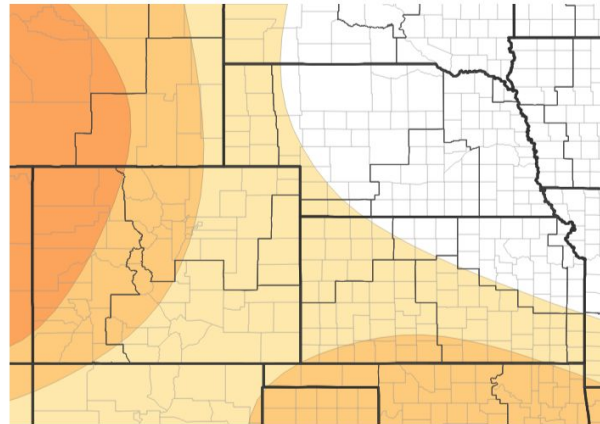
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Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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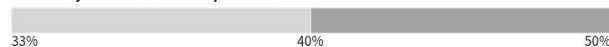
Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



- There is a 33 to 40 percent chance for above average precipitation across generally the northeast half of Kansas in September. There is a 33 to 50 percent chance for above average temperatures across generally the southwest half of Kansas in September

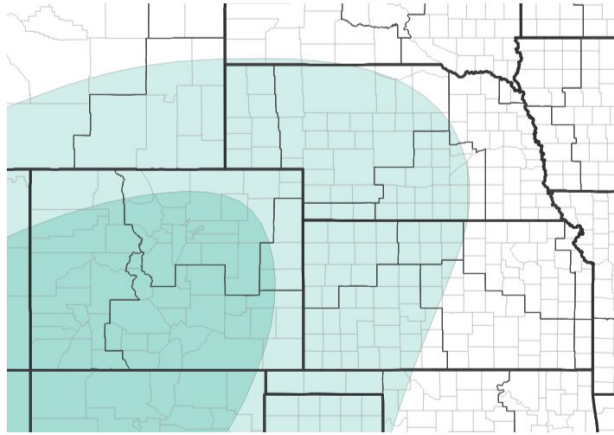




Precipitation and Temperature Outlook through November

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Seasonal (3-Month) Precipitation Outlook for September 1, 2026–November 30, 2026



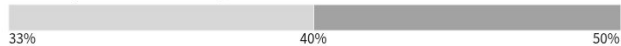
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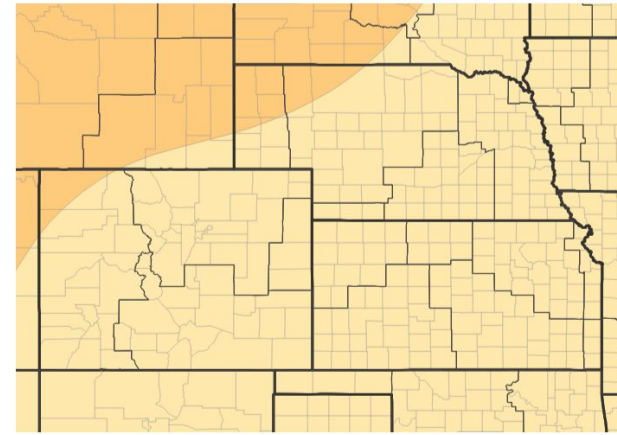
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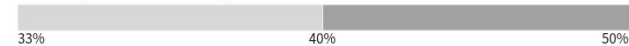
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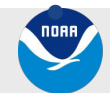
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Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



- There is a 33 to 40 percent chance for above average precipitation across generally the western half of Kansas through November. There is a 33 to 40 percent chance for above average temperatures statewide through November.



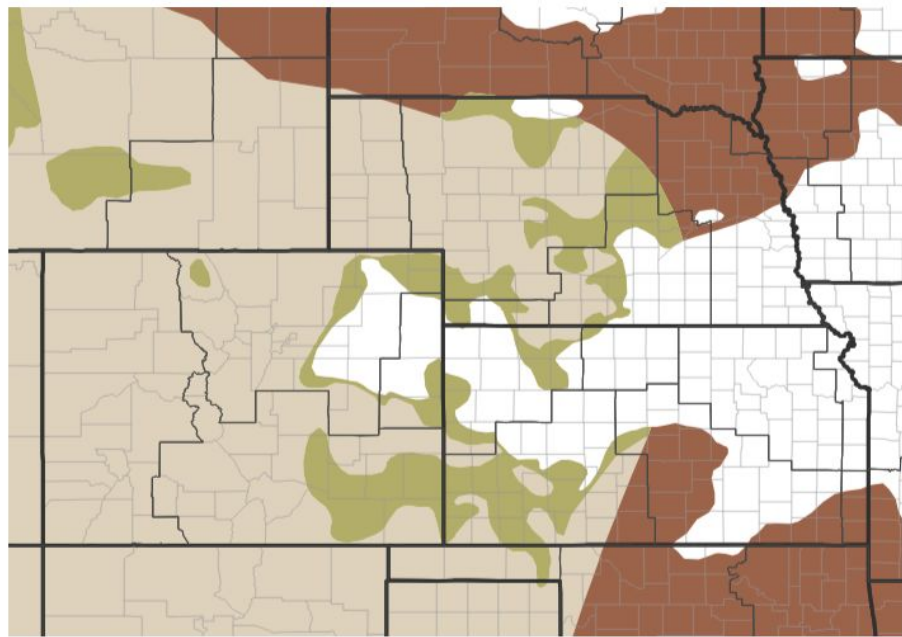


Drought Outlook Through November

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- Through November, drought persistence is expected over portions of central and southeast Kansas, with drought improvement or removal possible over portions of the western half of Kansas.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for August 20, 2026–November 30, 2026



Drought Is Predicted To...



Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)
[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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