



Drought Information Statement for Kansas

Valid September 11, 2026

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- Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/ICT/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
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- Above average temperatures and below average precipitation has caused drought to creep back into Kansas the past 4 to 8 weeks





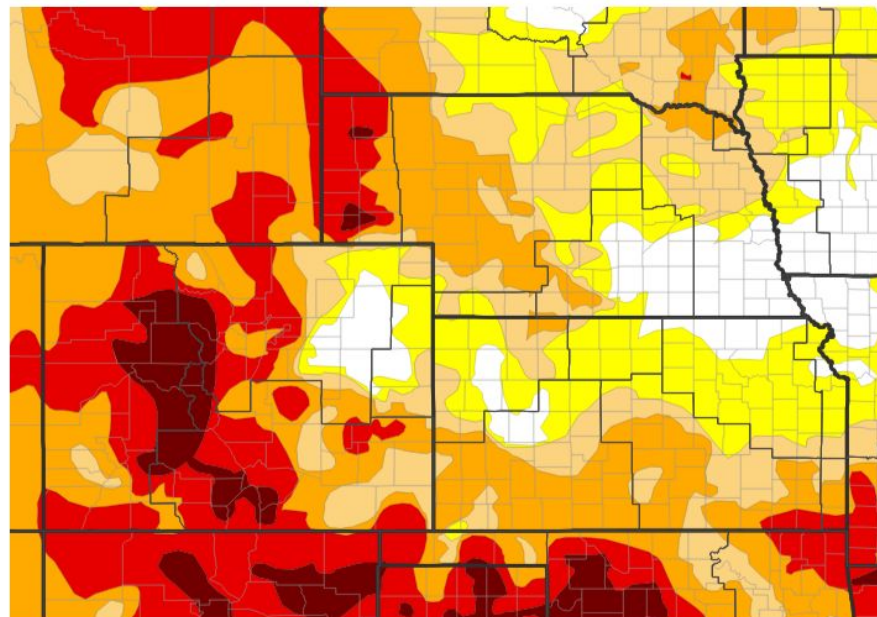
Kansas Drought Monitor (as of Sep 8)

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

Drought intensity and Extent

- **D4 (Exceptional Drought):** None
- **D3 (Extreme Drought):** Far southeast Kansas
- **D2 (Severe Drought):** Large portions southern half of Kansas
- **D1 (Moderate Drought):** Much of southern half of Kansas, portions northwest Kansas
- **D0: (Abnormally Dry):** Much of Kansas except far northeast and small portion of west-central Kansas

U.S. Drought Monitor



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

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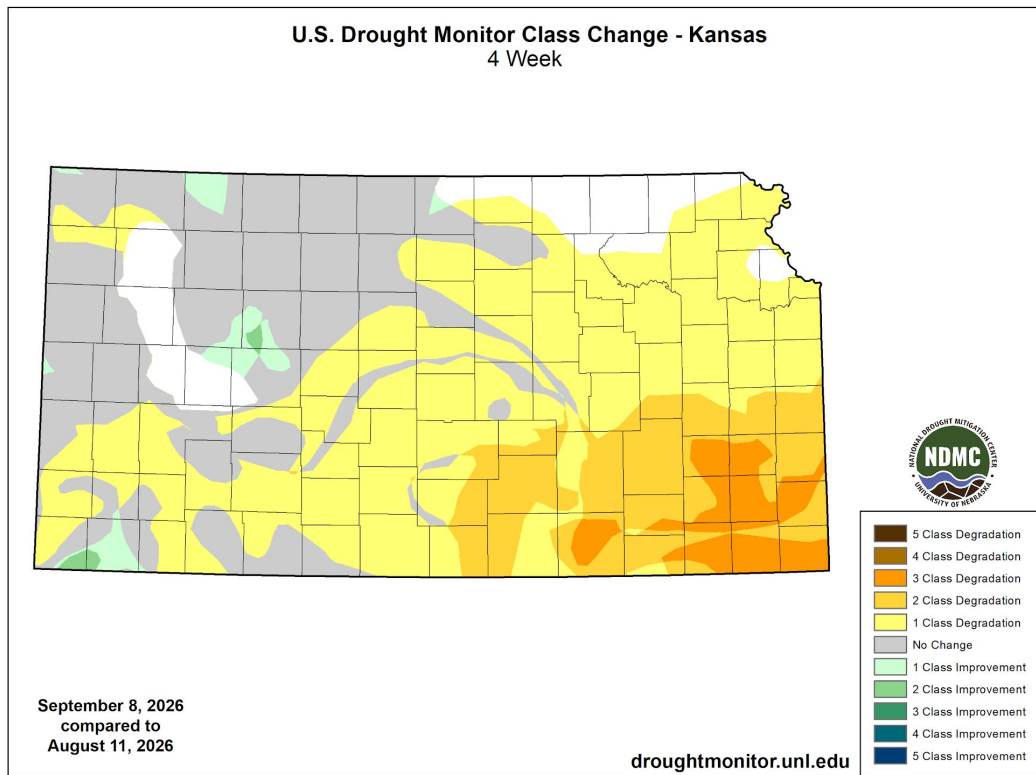


4-Week Drought Change

[Link to Drought Monitor Change Maps](#)

Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change

- **Drought Worsened:** 1 to 3 categories across generally the southeast half of Kansas, worst over southeast Kansas
- **Drought Improved:** 1 to 2 categories for small areas of western Kansas



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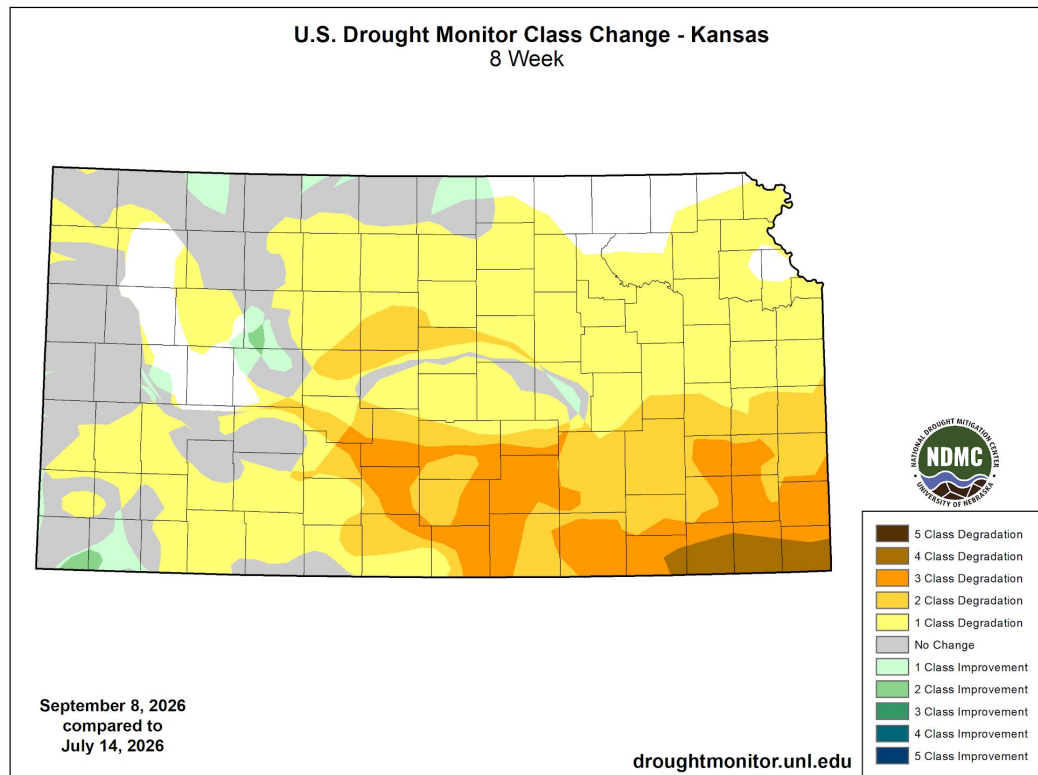


8-Week Drought Change

[Link to Drought Monitor Change Maps](#)

Eight Week Drought Monitor Class Change

- **Drought Worsened:** 1 to 4 categories across much of Kansas, worst over south-central and southeast Kansas
- **Drought Improved:** 1 to 2 categories for small areas of western and northern Kansas



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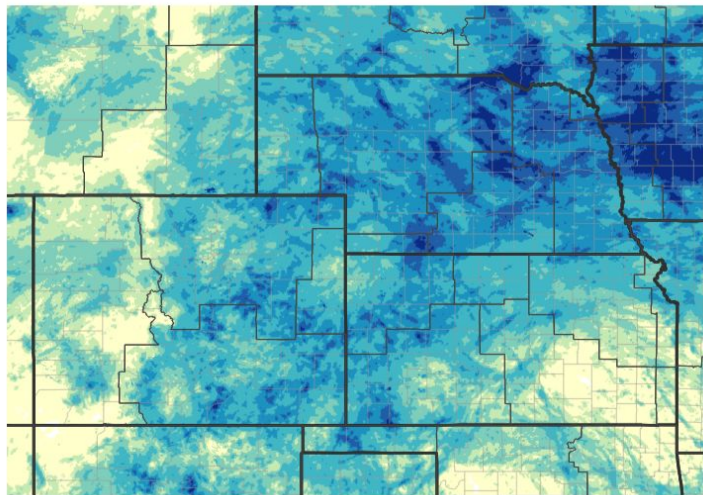
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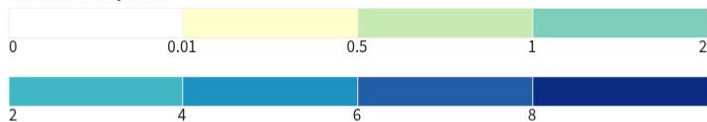


Precipitation Past 30 Days

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)

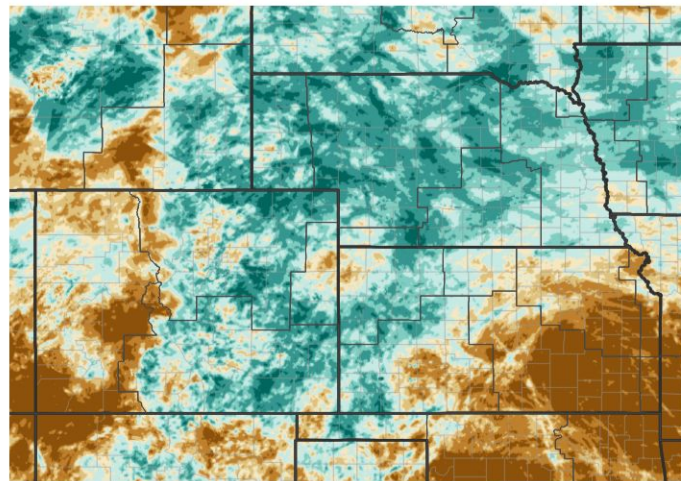


Inches of Precipitation

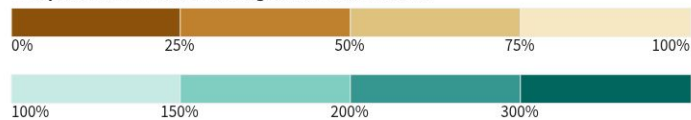


Source(s): National Weather Service Multi-Radar Multi-Sensor System; image courtesy of Drought.gov Last Updated: 09/10/26

30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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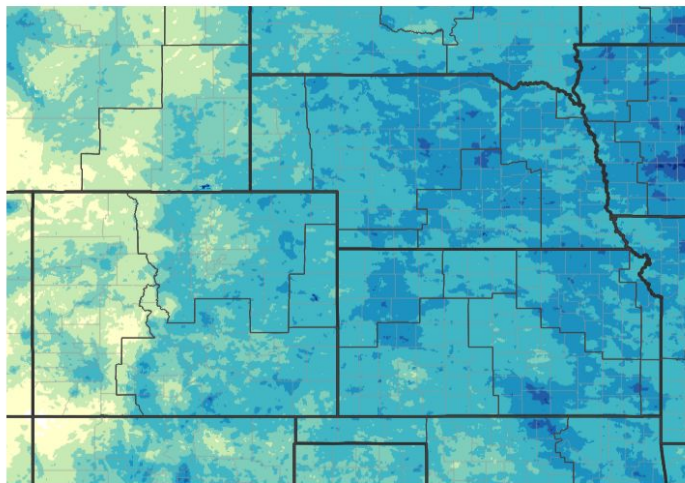
- Precipitation the past 30 days has been well below average over much of southeast and east-central Kansas, with mostly near to above average precipitation over western and northwest Kansas



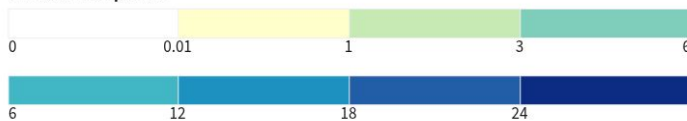


Precipitation Past 90 Days

90-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



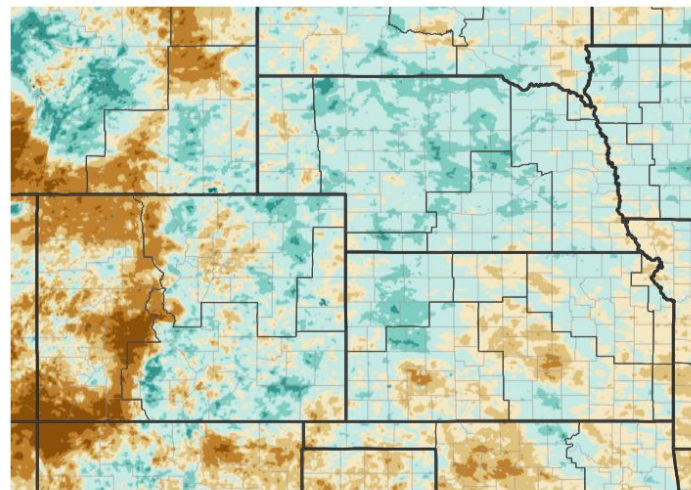
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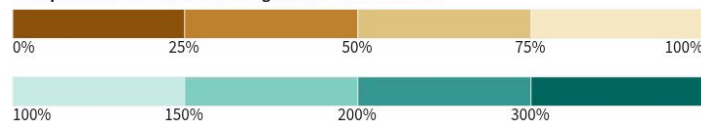
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- Precipitation the past 90 days has been a mix of near, below and above average across Kansas





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.

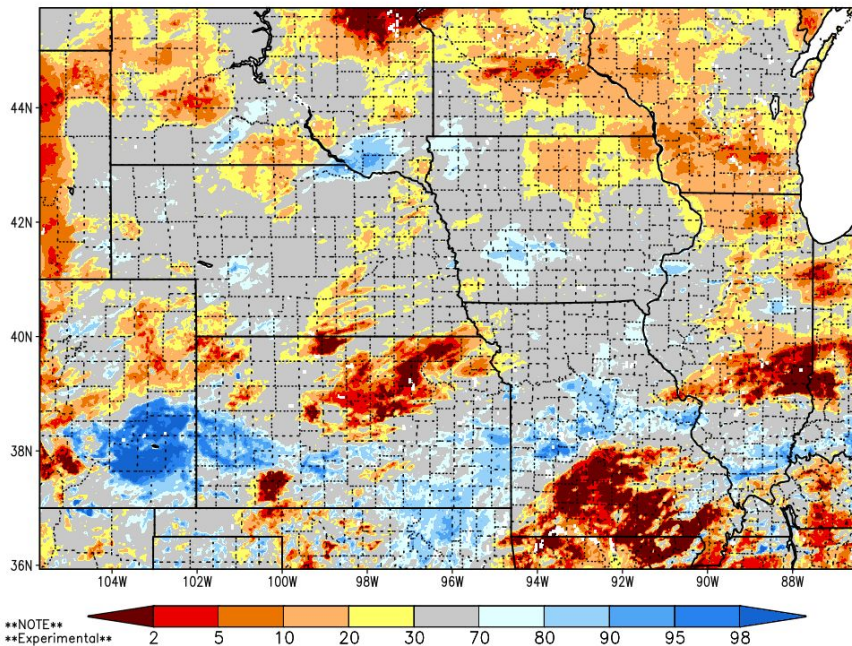




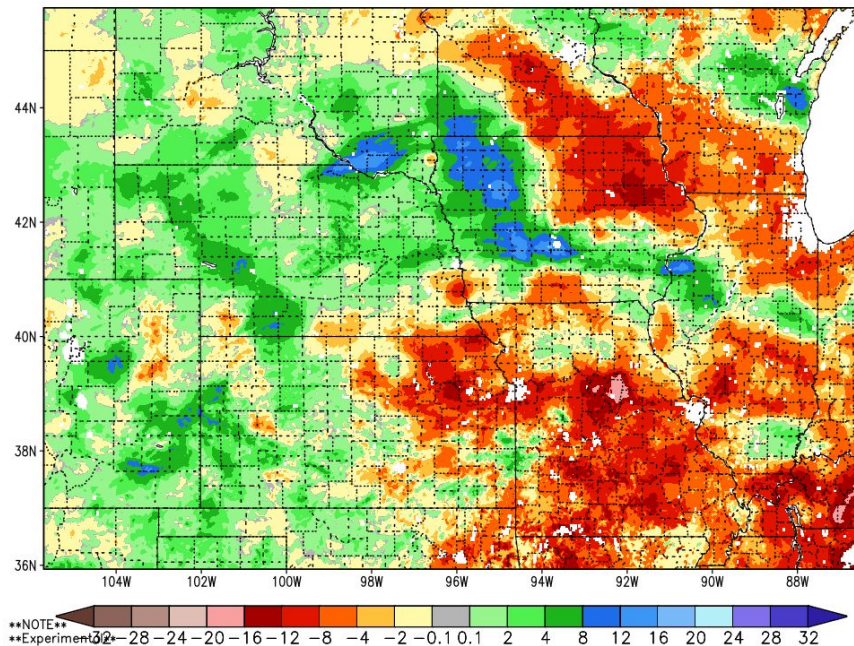
Agricultural Impacts (Soil Moisture Percentile and Change)

[Link to CPC Soil Moisture Page](#)

SPoRT-LIS 0–10 cm Soil Moisture percentile valid 11 Sep 2026



1–Month Difference in Column Relative Soil Moisture (%) valid 12z 10 Sep 2026



- Pockets of above, near and below average soil moisture are present across Kansas (left image). The hot and dry weather has resulted in mostly decreased soil moisture the past month over generally the eastern half of Kansas (right image).



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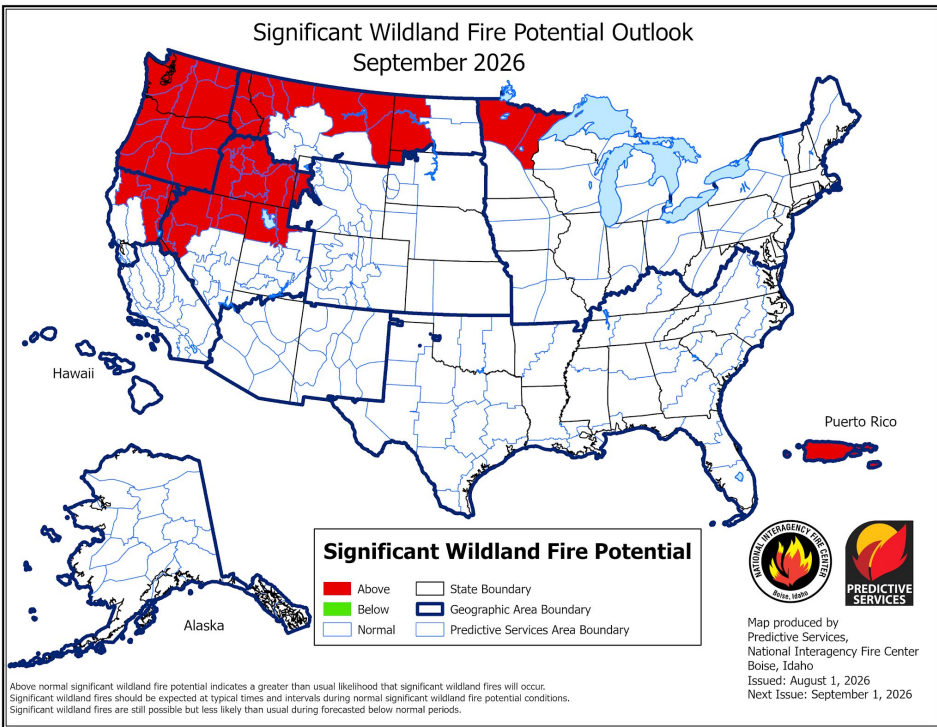
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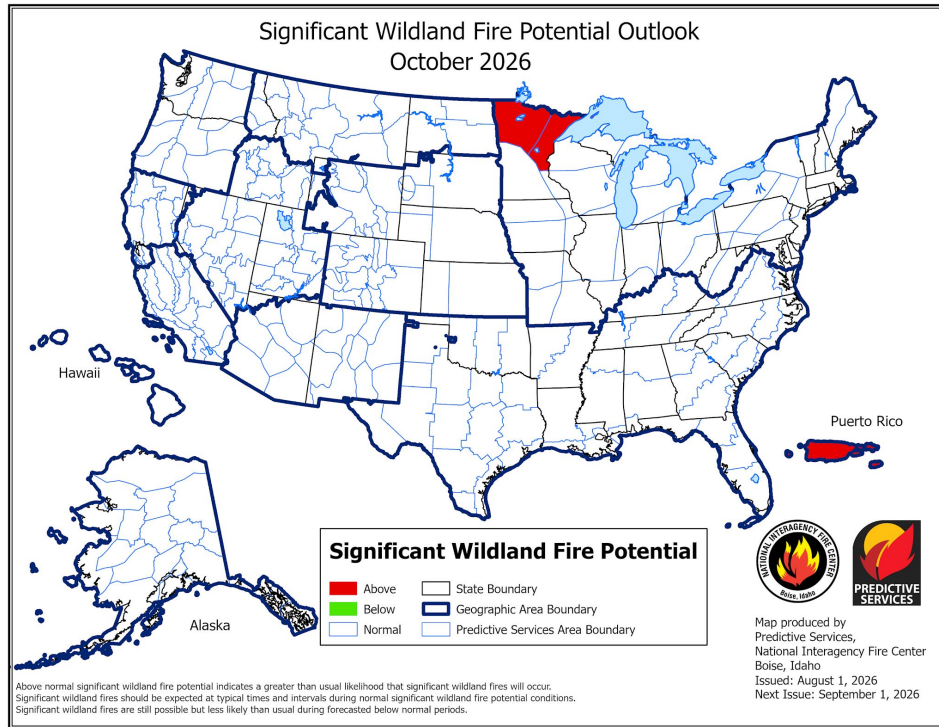
Fire Hazard Impacts through October

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

Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook
September 2026



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- The risk for significant wildland fire potential across Kansas is near average through October.



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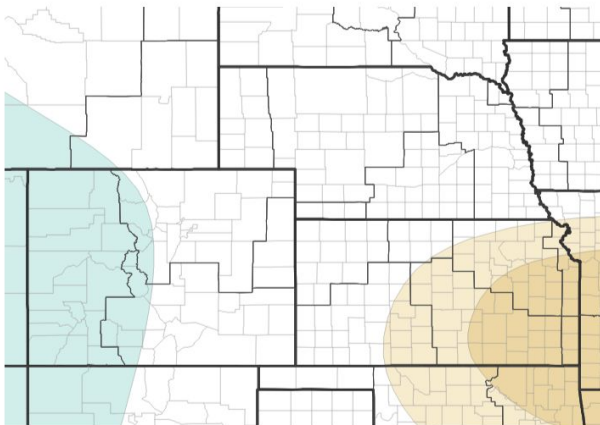
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September Precipitation and Temperature Outlook

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



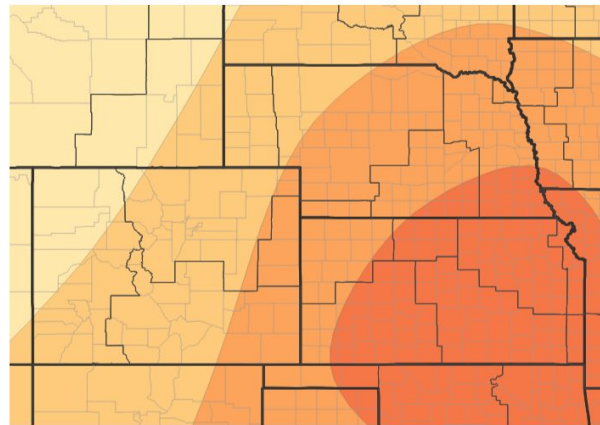
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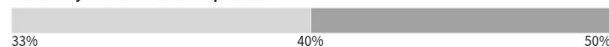
Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



- There is a 33 to 50 percent chance for below average precipitation across generally the eastern half of Kansas in September. There is a 50 to 70 percent chance for above average temperatures across much of the state in September

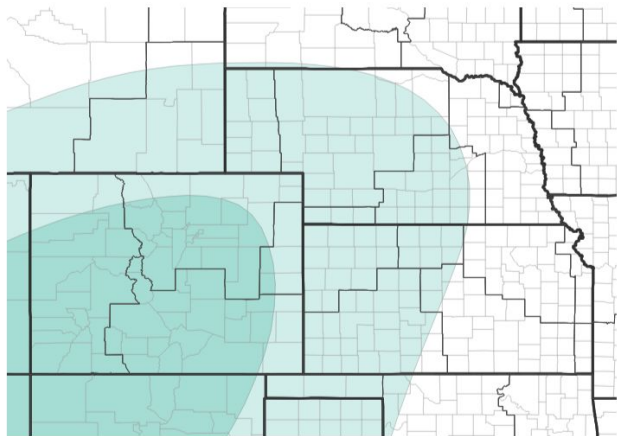




Precipitation and Temperature Outlook through November

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



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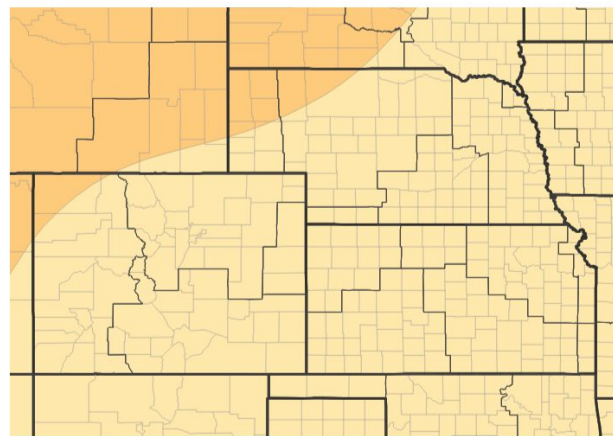
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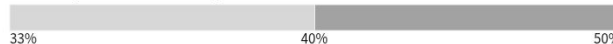
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Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



- 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.



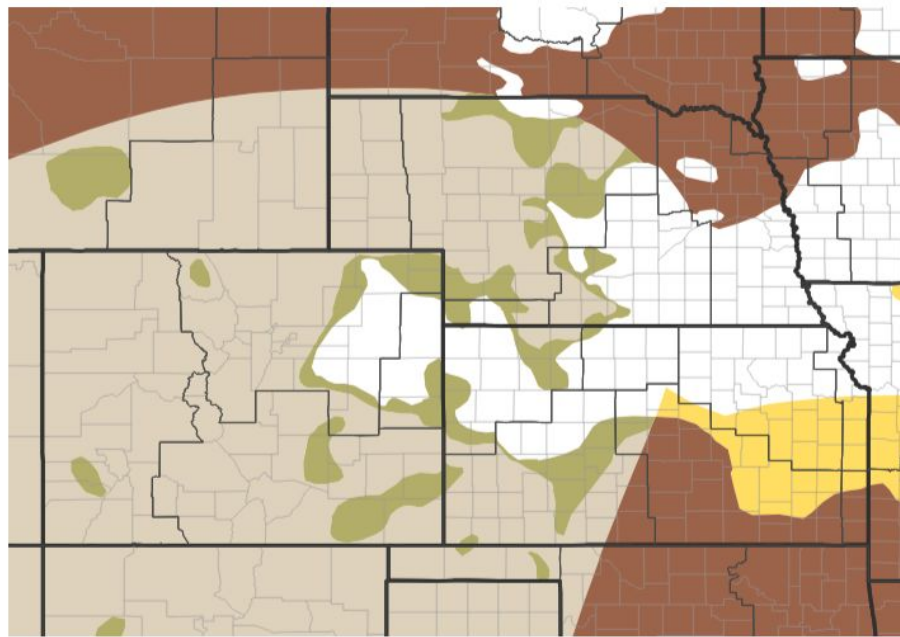


Drought Outlook Through November

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- Through November, drought persistence and development is possible over generally the southeast quarter of Kansas, with drought improvement or removal possible over generally the western half of the state

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for August 31,
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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