

National Weather Service Central Region Climate Outlook

July 2025 – September 2025

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Important Messages:

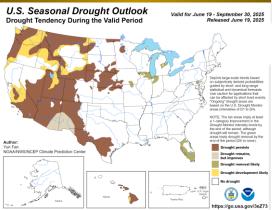
Seasonal outlook continues to lean warm

The key player in the monthly and seasonal forecast was soil moisture as the lack of influence from either ENSO or the MJO continue.

ENSO neutral conditions remain favored through the upcoming winter, although La Niña conditions may return by NDJ (41% chance vs. 48% for ENSO neutral).

Little change in drought conditions are anticipated across the region with only slight improvements forecast near the Great Lakes and only a slight expansion across portions of WY into western ND.

Seasonal Drought Outlook



• Much of CR is anticipated to remain drought free with the ongoing drought conditions across portions of the central and northern plains (Midwest) forecast to persist (due to conflicting signals between the short and long term guidance).

• A slight expansion in drought conditions is possible across WY into the western Dakotas with some slight improvements possible near the Great Lakes region.

July 2025 Temperature & Precipitation Outlooks

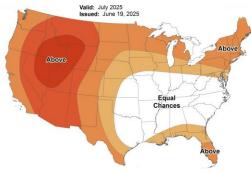
• Above normal soil moisture played a key role in the large area for equal chances of above-near or below normal temps across the southern portion of the region. Above normal temps are favored elsewhere due to trends, model guidance and dry soils.

• The swath favoring below normal precipitation extending from the northern Rockies into the plains was a result of trends, model guidance and dry soils. The area favoring above normal precip was influenced by model data (including weeks 3-4) and trends.

Jul-Aug-Sep 2025 Temperature & Precipitation Outlooks

• Above normal temperatures are favored across the entire CONUS for the July-August-September seasonal period with the reduced probabilities across the center of the CONUS being a reflection of soil moisture conditions, model guidance and a constructed analog based on sea surface temps (SSTs). • Similar to the monthly outlook, the area favoring below normal precipitation extending from the northern Rockies into the plains was a result of trends, model guidance as well as a drier than normal surface state. The area favoring above normal precip was influenced by model data and trends.

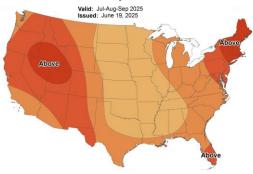
One Month Temperature Outlook



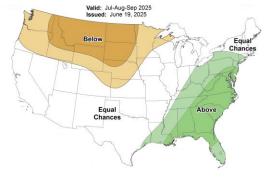
One Month Precipitation Outlook



Three Month Temperature Outlook



Three Month Precipitation Outlook





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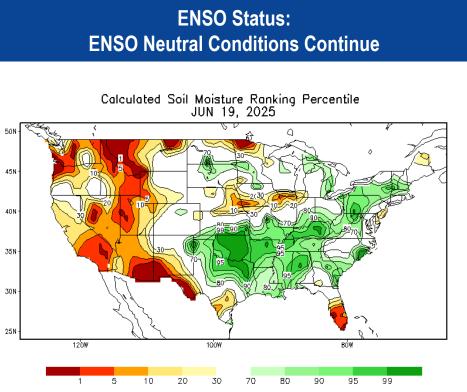
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With ENSO neutral conditions favored to continue into the fall months and with a lack of influence from other teleconnections (such as the MJO), soil moisture (along with model data and trends) once again played a key role in the monthly and seasonal forecasts. As can be seen in the map above from CPC, soil moisture remains elevated from the Southern Plains into the Ohio River valley. Increased soil moisture can have a cooling effect on temperatures as well an a influence precipitation – and these impacts were incorporated into this months forecasts.

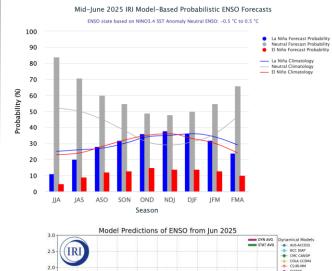
Useful Links/Info:

News from <u>Climate.gov</u>

Latest ENSO Blog from Climate.gov

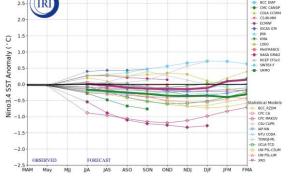
<u>Sea Surface Temperatures</u> from the Climate Prediction Center

<u>Latest ENSO Discussion</u> from the Climate Prediction Center <u>Drought Information</u> from the US Drought Monitor <u>Interactive GIS Mapping</u> from NCEI (Anomalies/Rankings) <u>Local Climate Analysis Tool</u> (LCAT) – Account registration required



IRI/CPC Probabilistic ENSO

Forecast/Plumes



- Sea Surface Temperatures (SSTs) are very close to average across the equatorial Pacific and ENSO neutral conditions remain favored to continue through the upcoming winter, although La Niña conditions may return by NDJ (41% chance vs. 48% for ENSO neutral).
- While there is still uncertainty for either ENSO neutral or La Niña conditions being present this next winter, the big takeaway is the chances for an El Niño winter are very low.

Other Teleconnection Info

 The MJO remains in a weak and incoherent state, and despite lots of spread in model data, the MJO is expected to remain on the weaker side and it correspondingly had little impact on this months forecasts.



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