



# Drought Information Statement for For East Tennessee, Southwest Virginia, and Southwest North Carolina Valid May 30, 2026

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- Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/MRX/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
- Please visit <https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates> for regional drought status updates.

- Drought improved last week in several places of East Tennessee
- Further improvements are likely in many locations with next week's update



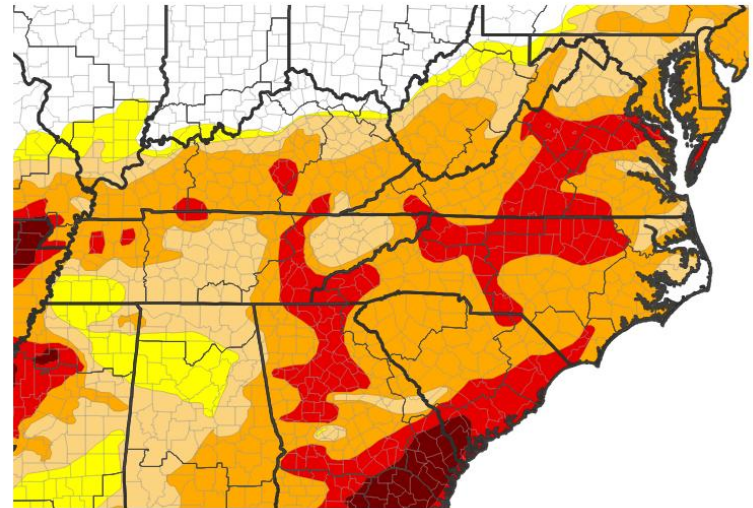


# U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for For East Tennessee, SW Virginia, and SW North Carolina

- Drought intensity and Extent
  - **D4 (Exceptional Drought)**: None.
  - **D3 (Extreme Drought)**: Portions of the Cumberland Plateau, Tennessee Valley, southern mountains, eastern southwest Virginia, and southwest North Carolina
  - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Remaining areas of the Cumberland Plateau, southern Valley, northeast Tennessee, and southwest Virginia
  - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Knoxville area and northeast
  - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: None

U.S. Drought Monitor



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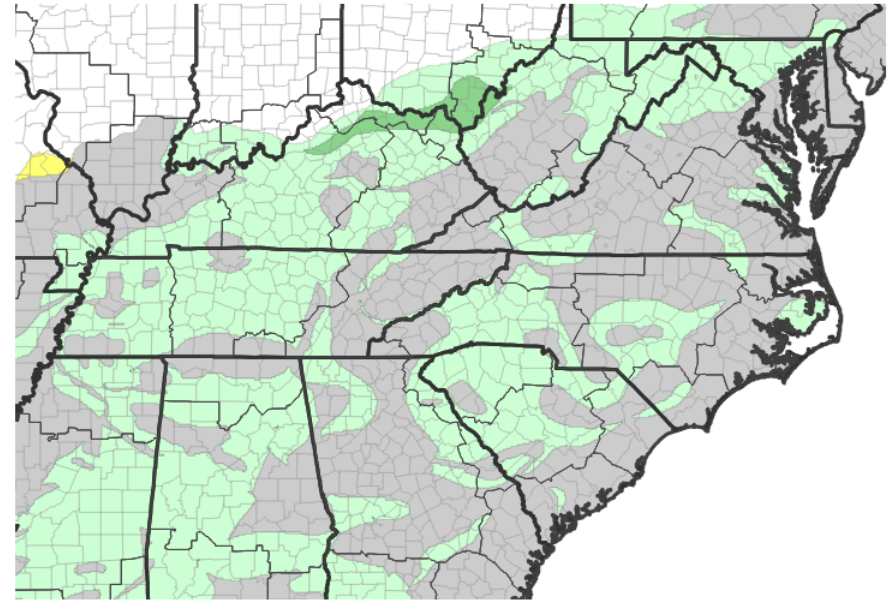


# Recent Change in Drought Intensity

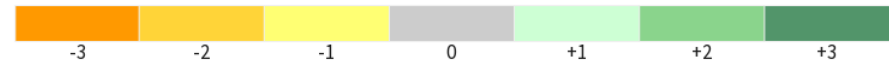
Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for For East Tennessee, SW Virginia, and SW North Carolina

- One Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
  - Drought Worsened: None
  - No Change: Most of the area
  - Drought Improved: Several areas in East Tennessee and far eastern Russell and Washington counties in Virginia

U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map



Drought Change Since Last Week



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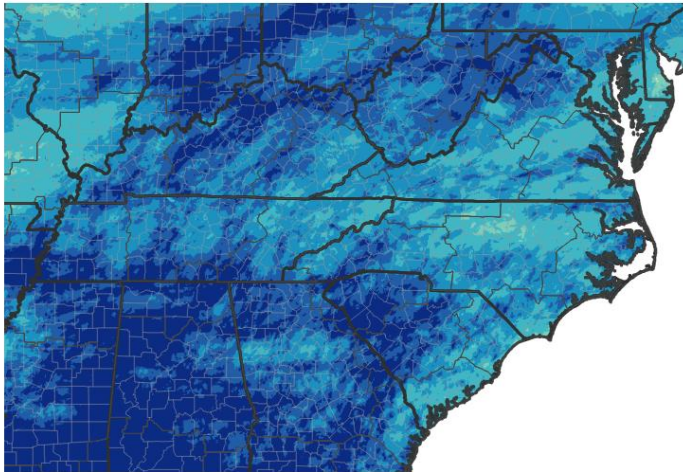




# Precipitation

- Rainfall has been widespread over the past 30 days
- Most places have been near or above normal for rainfall

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)

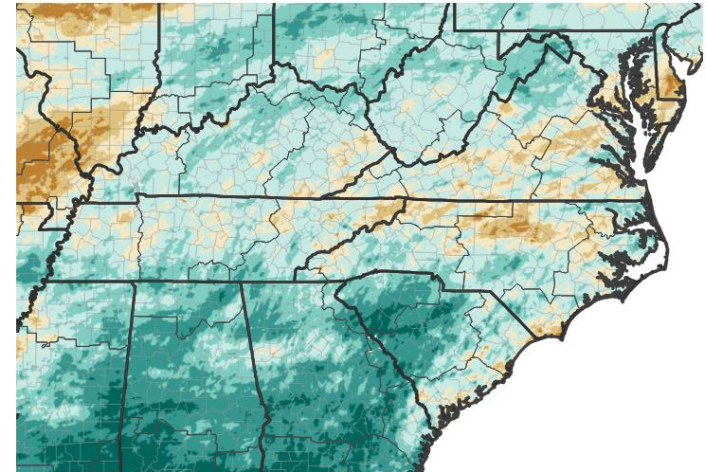


Inches of Precipitation

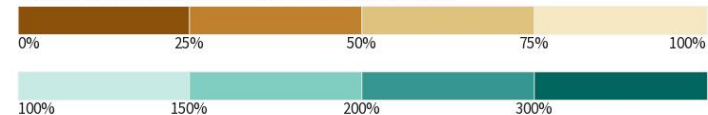


Source(s): National Weather Service Multi-Radar Multi-Sensor System; image courtesy of Drought.gov Last Updated: 05/30/26

30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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# Summary of Impacts

Links: See/submit [Condition Monitoring Observer Reports \(CMOR\)](#) and view the [Drought Impacts Reporter](#)

## Hydrologic Impacts

- Stream flows are below normal for most areas.

## Agricultural Impacts

- Soil moisture is variable with some locations still below normal and others above normal

## Fire Hazard Impacts

- Fire weather concerns have decreased with recent rainfall and change of seasons

## Other Impacts

- Stay tuned for future updates.

## Mitigation Actions

- Please refer to your municipality and/or water provider for mitigation information. Continue to abide by any local burning bans and regulations.

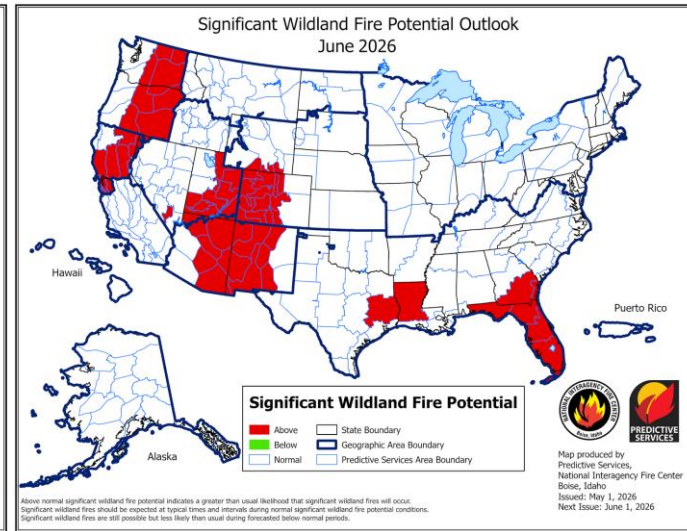
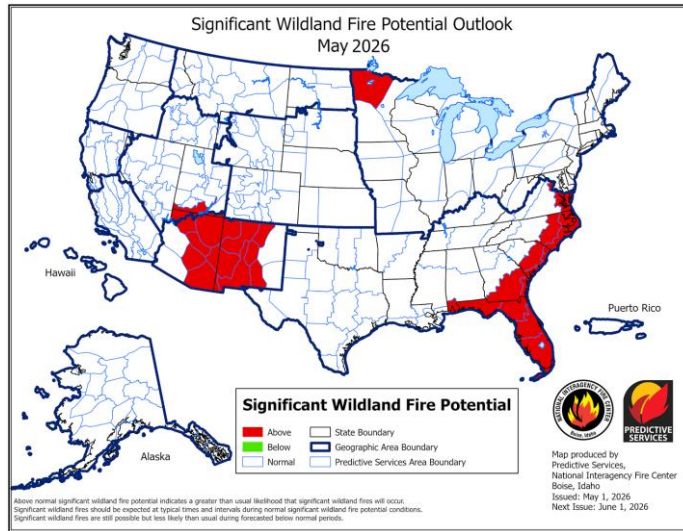




# Fire Hazard Impacts

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

- Latest TN Burn Ban map available [here](#).
- Latest VA Burn Ban map available [here](#).
- Latest NC Burn Ban information available [here](#).

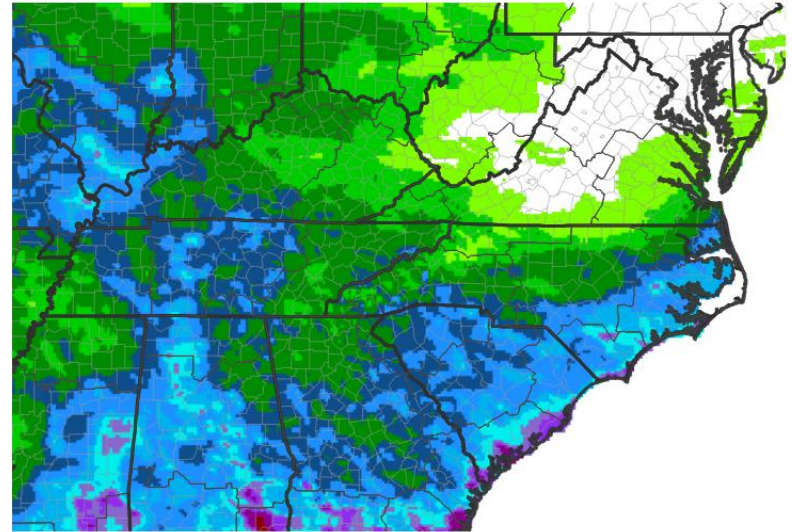




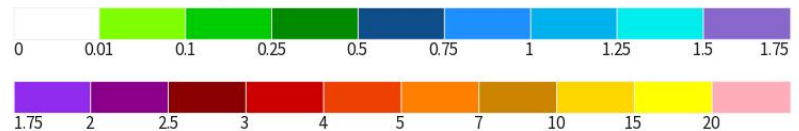
# Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Additional rainfall is expected through Monday, followed by a return of drier conditions
- Most places are expected to get at least 0.5" of rainfall with locally higher amounts expected

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for May 30, 2026–June 6, 2026



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



Source(s): National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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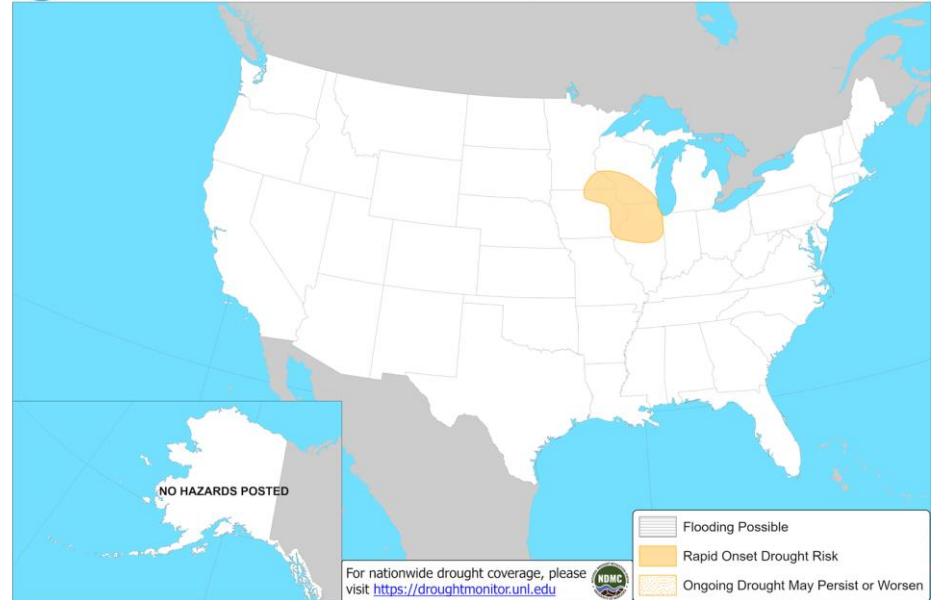
# Rapid Onset Drought Outlook

Links to the latest Climate Prediction Center 8 to 14 day [Temperature Outlook](#) and [Precipitation Outlook](#).

- No strong signal for drought risk or other hazards in our region



## Days 8-14 U.S. Hazards Outlook Valid: June 7 - 13, 2026



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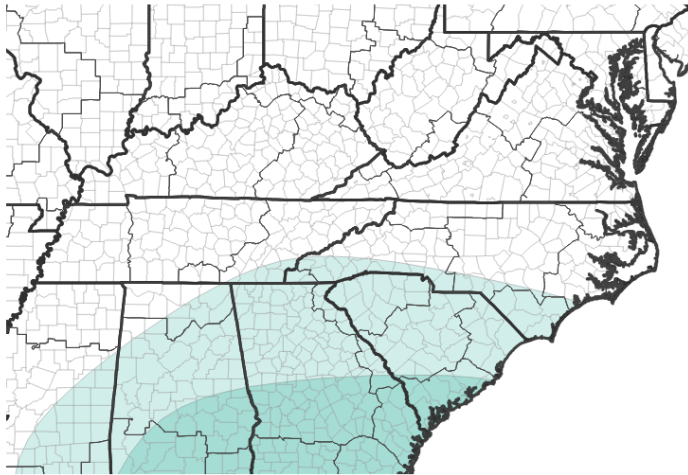


# Long-Range Outlooks

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

- Above normal temperatures are favored with 40% - 50% probability
- For rainfall, generally equal chances are anticipated with no strong signal

### Monthly Precipitation Outlook for June 1, 2026–June 30, 2026



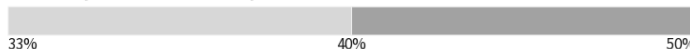
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#### Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



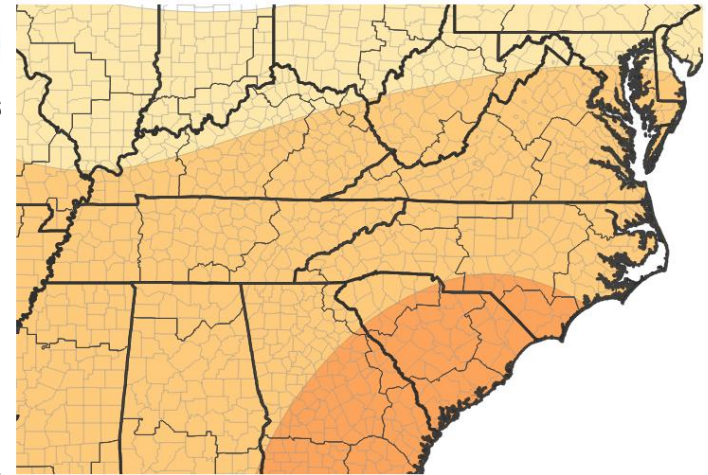
#### Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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### Monthly Temperature Outlook for June 1, 2026–June 30, 2026



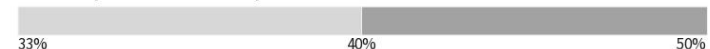
#### Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



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#### Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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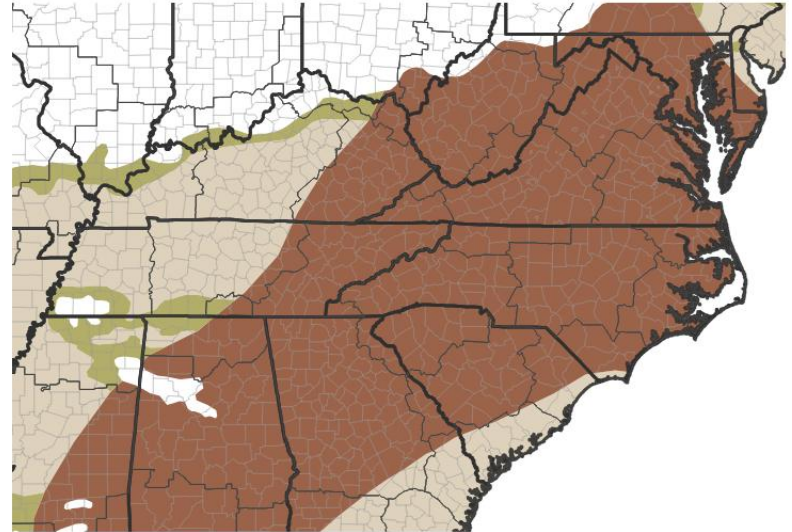


# Drought Outlook

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- Drought conditions are expected to persist across the entire area

**Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for May 21, 2026–August 31, 2026**



**Drought Is Predicted To...**



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Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)

