



Drought Information Statement for For East Tennessee, Southwest Virginia, and Southwest North Carolina Valid June 26, 2026

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- This product will be updated June 19, 2026 or sooner if drought conditions change significantly.
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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.
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- Drought conditions have improved in several places with most of the area in D2 or better
 - Periods of rainfall are expected over the weekend with decreasing chances and increasing heat next week

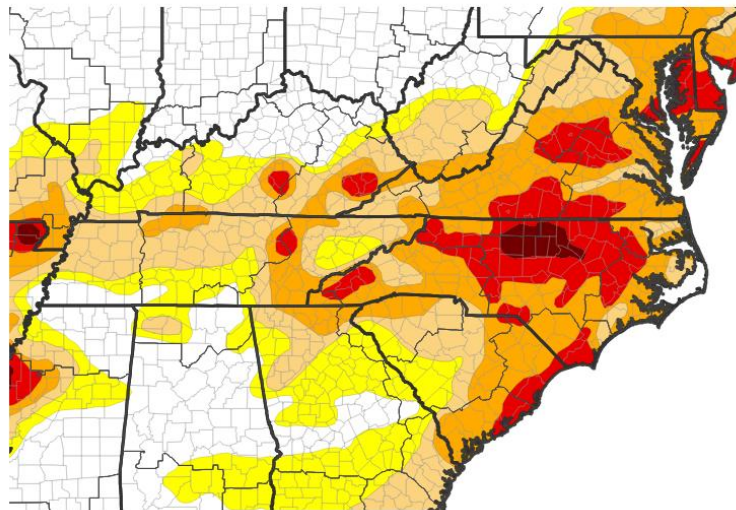


U.S. Drought Monitor

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)**: Small portions of of the northern Plateau and southwest North Carolina
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Portions of the Cumberland Plateau, southeast Tennessee, and southwest Virginia
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Remaining portions of the southern Plateau, west of Knoxville area, and the northern Valley
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: Around and east of the Knoxville area and Marion County

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

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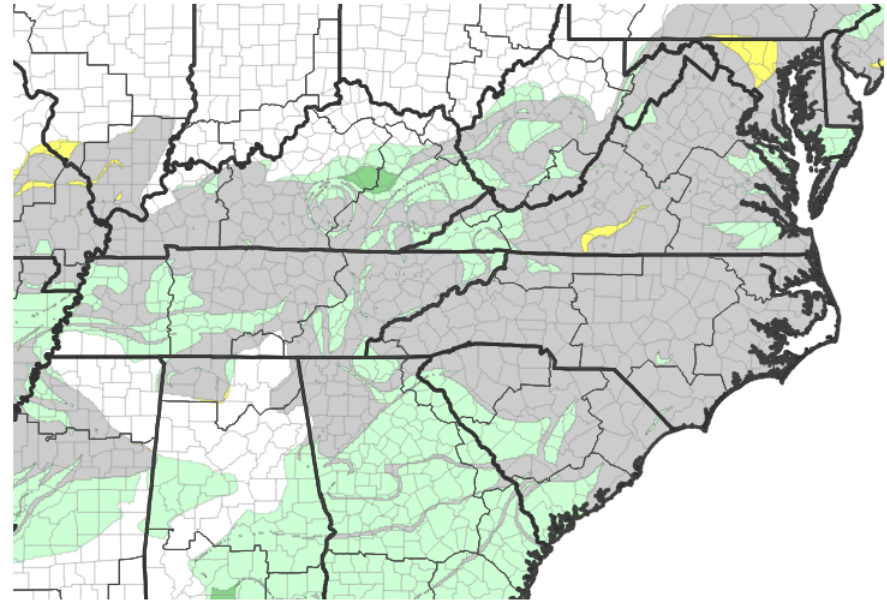


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

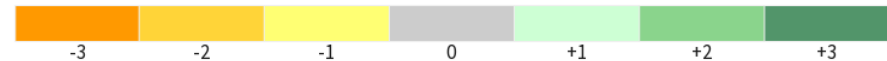
Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for For East Tennessee, SW Virginia, and SW North Carolina

- One Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - 1 Category Improvement: Several places south and west of the Knoxville area, far northeast Tennessee, and much of southwest Virginia
 - No Change: All remaining areas

U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map



Drought Change Since Last Week



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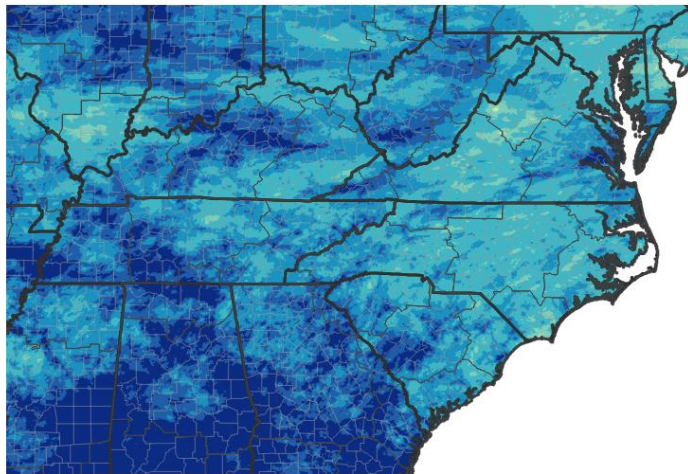




Precipitation

- Rainfall has still been variable across the region but overall closer to normal as some places have been below normal and some above normal

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



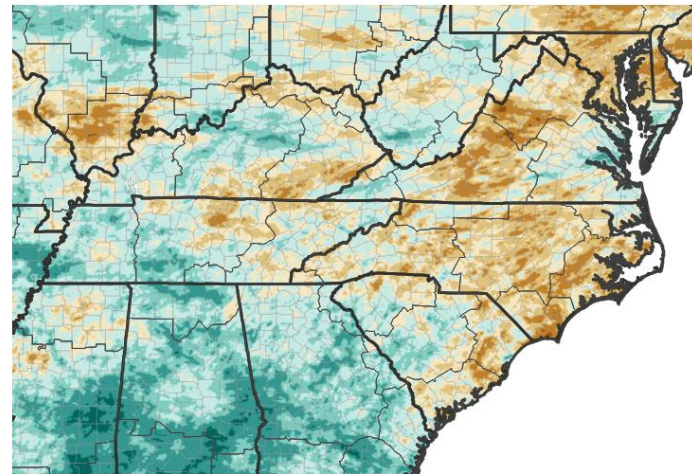
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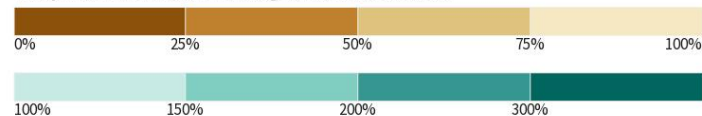
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30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



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 remain low because of recent rainfall and greened up vegetation

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.

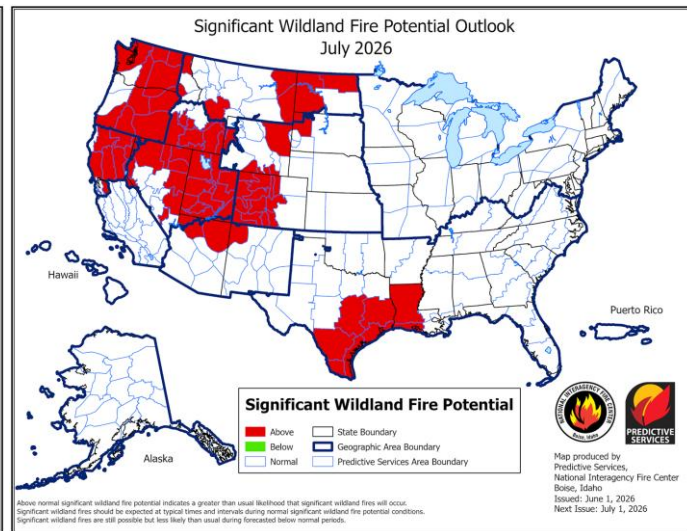
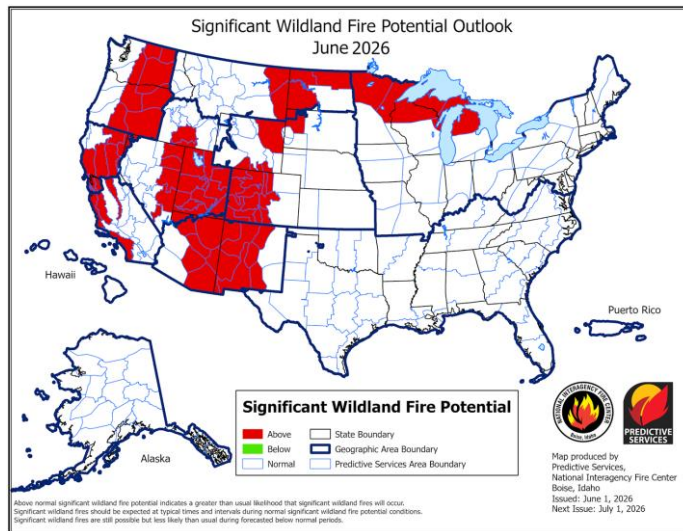




Fire Hazard Impacts

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](#).

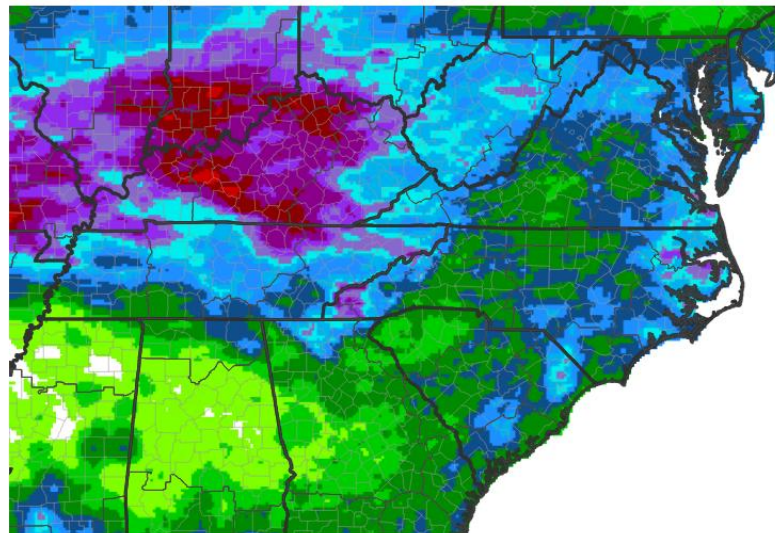




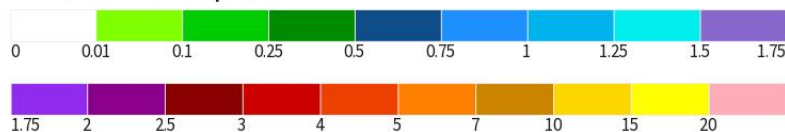
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Showers and storms through the weekend with decreasing chances and increasing heat next week
- The greatest coverage of storms will be Saturday into Saturday evening

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for June 26, 2026–July 3, 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](#).

- Extreme heat will continue across much of the U.S. through next weekend



Days 8-14 U.S. Hazards Outlook

Valid: July 4 - 10, 2026



Climate Prediction Center

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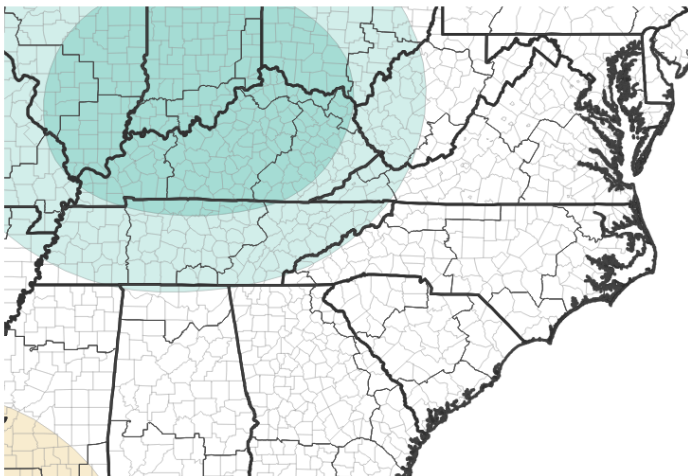


Long-Range Outlooks

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

- Above normal rainfall is slightly favored for July
- Above normal temperatures are also slightly favored for July

Monthly Precipitation Outlook for July 1, 2026–July 31, 2026



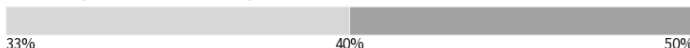
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Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



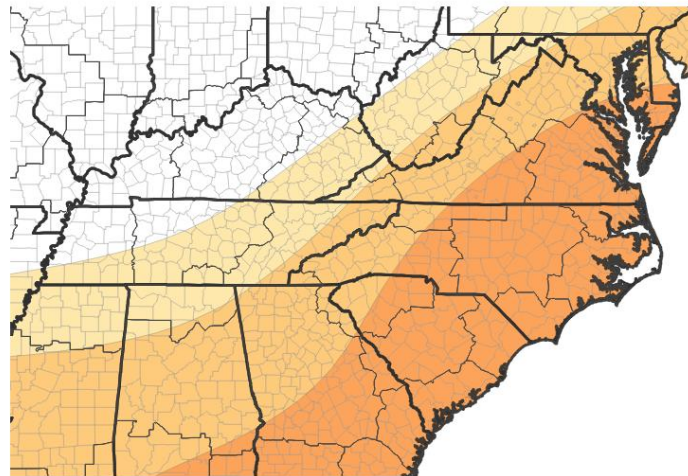
Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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Monthly Temperature Outlook for July 1, 2026–July 31, 2026



Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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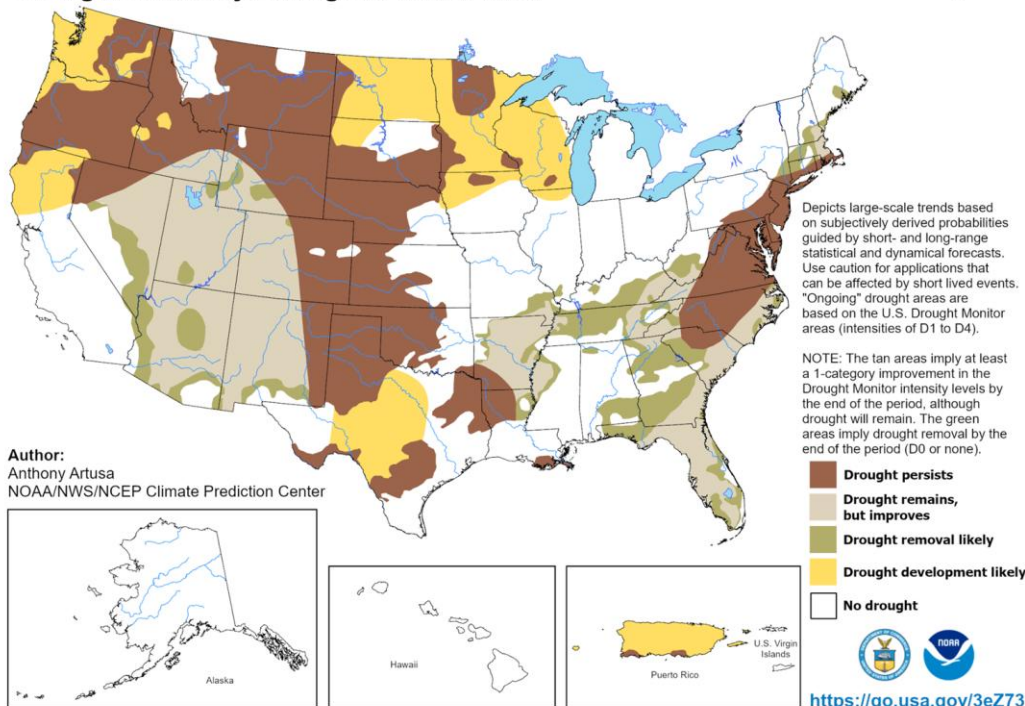
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- Drought conditions are now expected to improve or be removed across the entire area over the next 3 months

U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

Valid for June 18 - September 30, 2026
Released June 18, 2026



Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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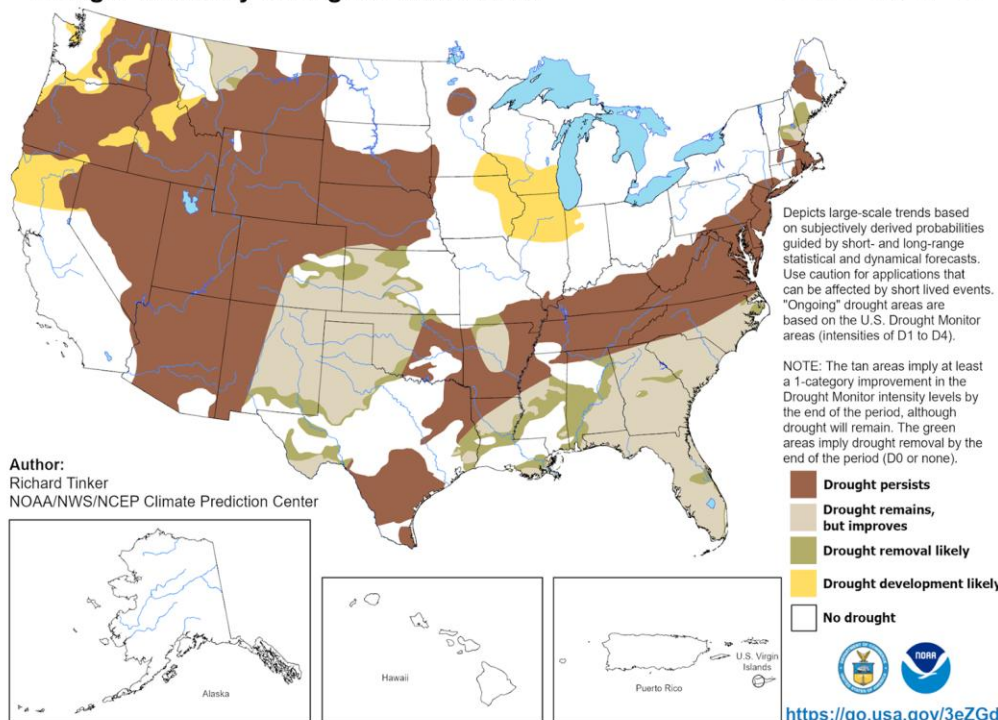
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- Drought conditions are expected to persist across the entire area for the rest of June

U.S. Monthly Drought Outlook Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

Valid for June 2026
Released May 31, 2026



Links to the latest:

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[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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