



Drought Information Statement for NW Oregon and SW Washington

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- Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/pqr/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.

- Below normal precipitation observed in August and above normal for September
- Near normal streamflow conditions for season
- Drought is predicted to improve or end during the fall for most of the area

Covering August-Mid September 2026



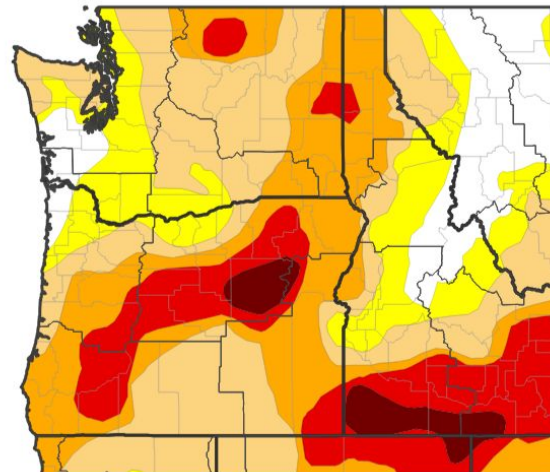


U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for Northwest Oregon and Southwest Washington

- Drought intensity and Extent
 - **D3 (Extreme Drought)**: Eastern Lane, southeastern Linn
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Central Lane, Linn, east Benton, east Marion, southeastern Clackamas
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Western Lane, western Benton, southern Lincoln, Polk, west Marion, southeastern Yamhill, Clackamas, eastern Polk, eastern Multnomah, and south Hood River
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: Northern Lincoln, western Polk, Yamhill, eastern Tillamook, Washington, Columbia, western Multnomah, northern Hood River, Skamania, Clark, Cowlitz

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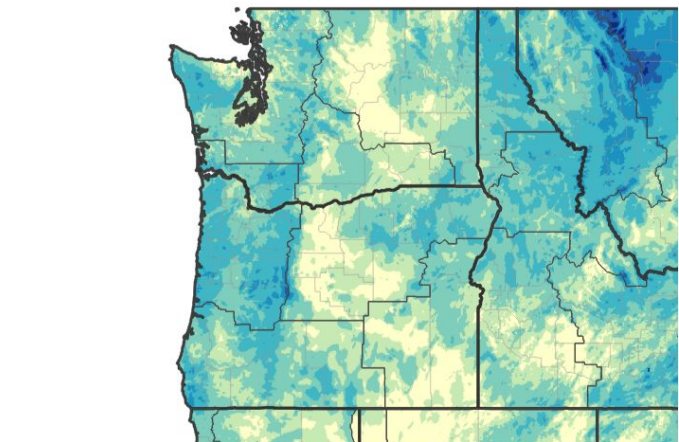
Precipitation

In August, below to well below average precipitation fell across much of WA as well as northern and western OR. Rain in September has caused above normal precipitation in most of Oregon.

Washington
Aug: 44% of average

Oregon
Aug: 21% of average

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



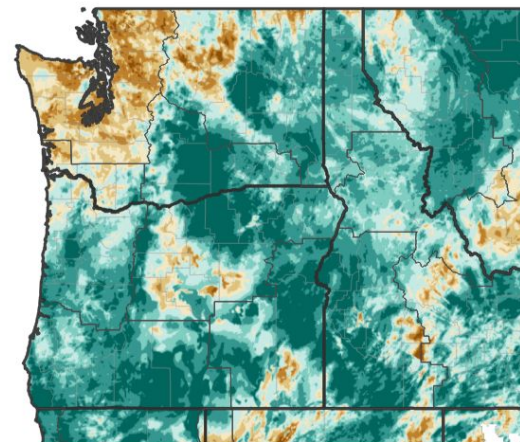
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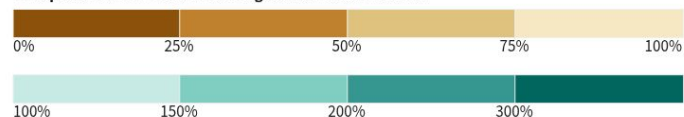
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30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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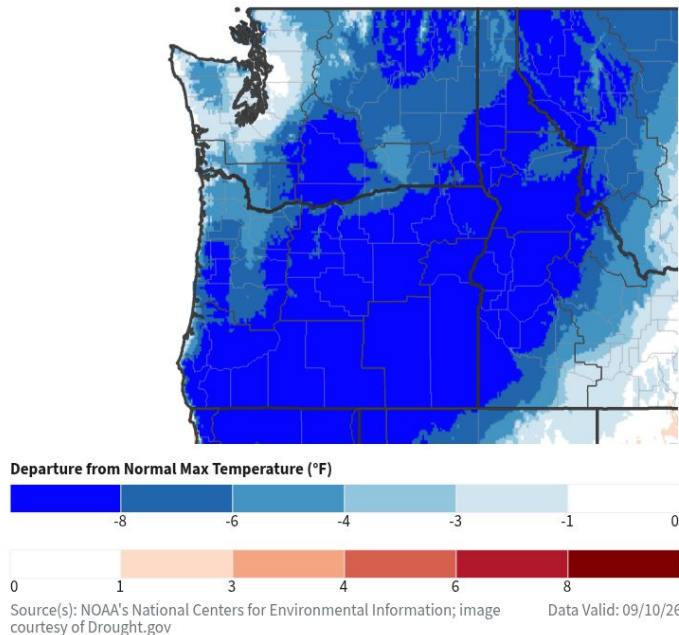
Temperature

Recent below average temps were observed across OR and WA. August saw slightly above average temps across most of WA & OR bringing 30 day anomaly closer to normal conditions (image far right).

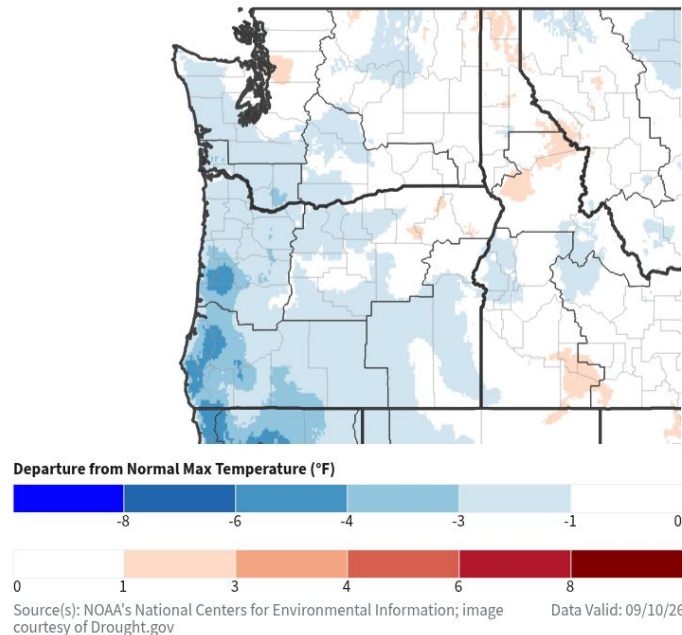
Washington
16th warmest August
(3.1° above normal)

Oregon
4th warmest August
(4.5° above normal)

7-Day Temperature Anomaly



30-Day Temperature Anomaly





Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- Water supply for April-September runoff volume are below average for northwest Oregon and southwest Washington watersheds, ranging from 40 to 80%. (NWRFC)

Agricultural Impacts

- Water availability strained by lower than normal precipitation and snowpack

Other Impacts

- Hydropower could be impacted with less water in system

Mitigation Actions

- Please refer to your municipality and/or water provider for mitigation information



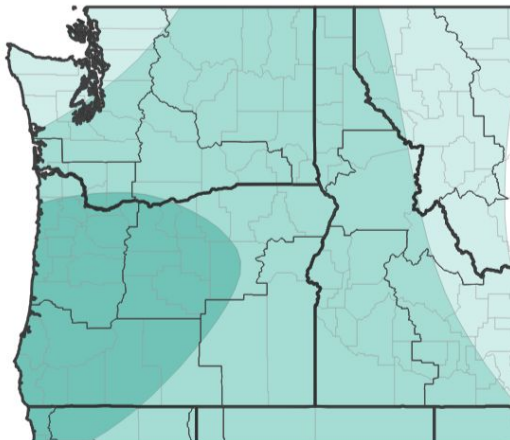


Long-Range Outlooks

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

Near normal temperatures and above normal precipitation continuing for the month of September.

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



Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



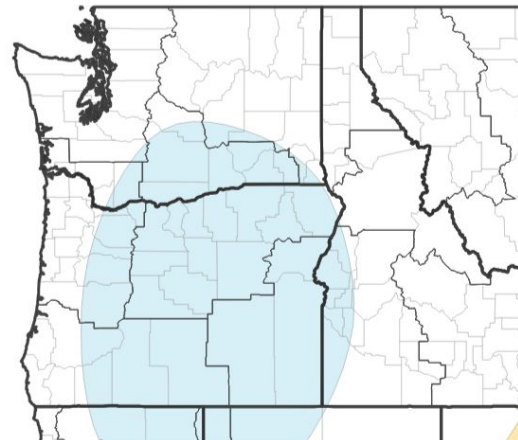
Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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



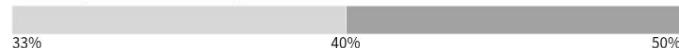
Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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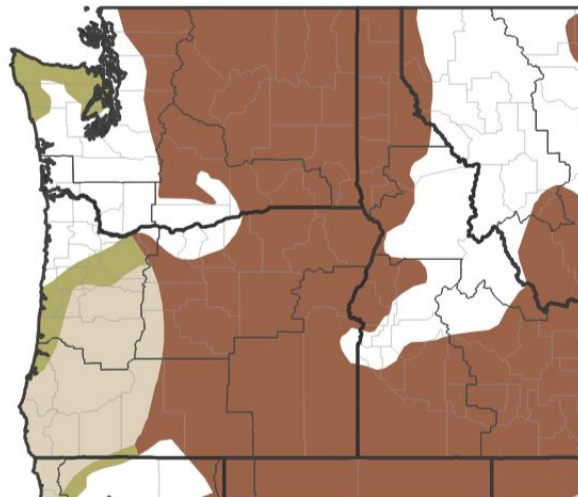


Drought Outlook

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With normal temperatures and above normal precipitation forecasted, drought is predicted to improve or end by December.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for August 31, 2026–November 30, 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](#)



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