Drought Information Statement

for the NWS Blacksburg Service Area of western Virginia, southeast West Virginia, and northwest North Carolina

Valid June 14, 2026

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- This product will be updated June 19, 2026, or possibly sooner if drought conditions change significantly.
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- Please visit https://www.weather.gov/rnk/DroughtInformationStatement for previous statements.

- Extreme Drought Conditions Continue across South Central Virginia and Northwest North Carolina.
- Extreme Drought Conditions improved to Severe Drought conditions across portions of South Central Virginia.
- Scattered rainfall brings slight improvements in drought conditions across the region.

U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor for the NWS Blacksburg Service Area

- Drought Intensity and Extent
  - **D3 Extreme Drought**: Covers portions of south central Virginia and NW North Carolina.
  - **D2 Severe Drought**: Covers southeast West Virginia, southwest Virginia, and portions of south central Virginia.
- Much of the region saw minimal rainfall over the last week, with portions of NW North Carolina see the majority of the precipitation across the region, with widespread totals of 0.5-1.0 inches of rainfall measured.
- Much of south central Virginia saw 0-0.25 inches of precipitation, which led to the slight expansion of D3 Extreme Drought across this region.

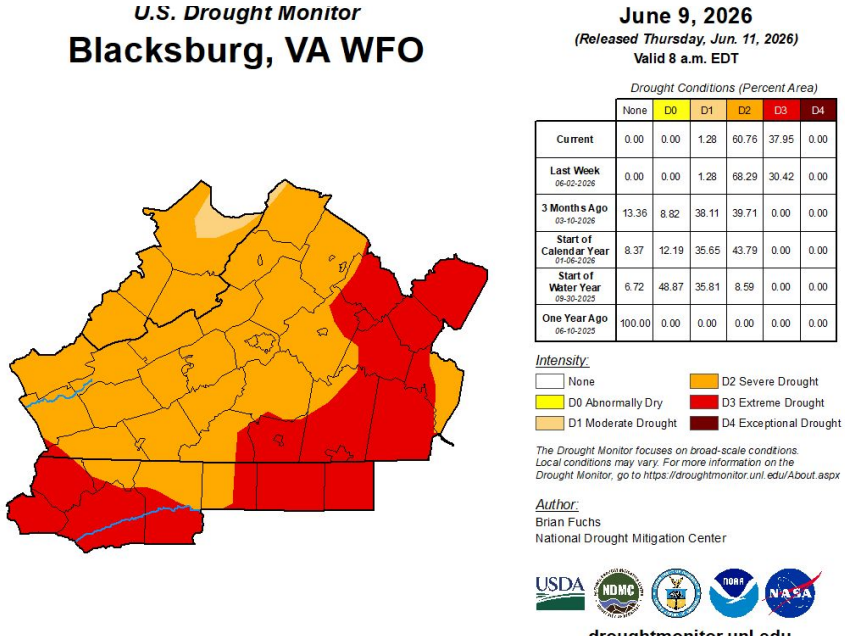
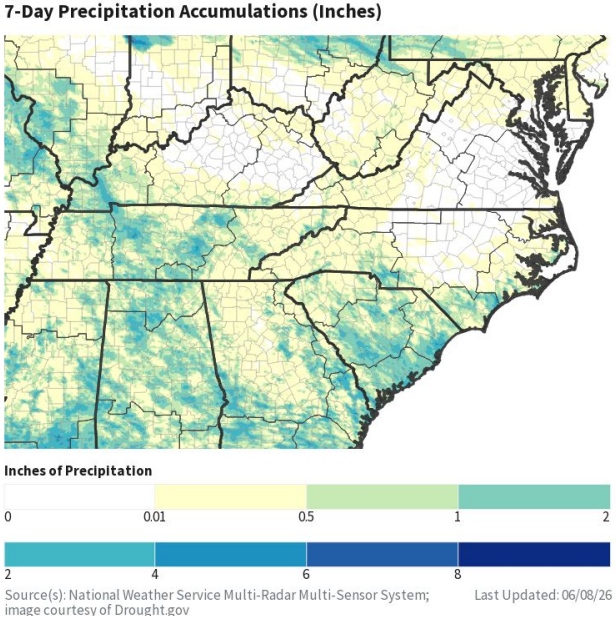


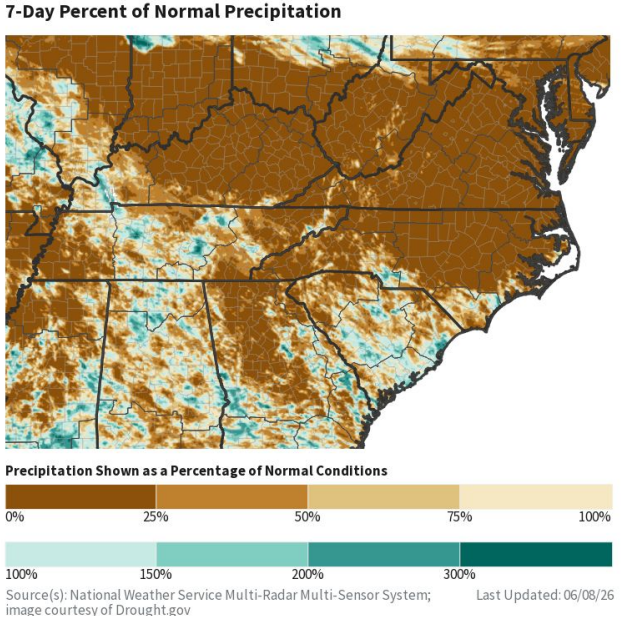
Image Caption: U.S. Drought Monitor valid 8 AM EDT June 9, 2026

7-Day Precipitation Accumulations & Percent-of-Normals

Key Takeaways

- A general 0 to 0.25 inches of rain fell across SW and south central Virginia.
- Portions of NW North Carolina saw pockets of 0.5-1.0 inches of rainfall; however, all the rainfall that did fall across the region was still well below normal for this time of the year.





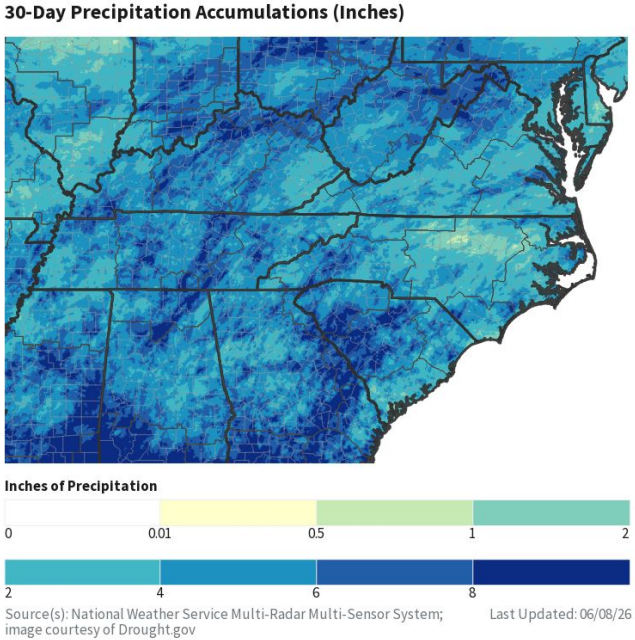
Left - 7-Day Accumulated Precipitation Map for the lower Mid-Atlantic
Right - 7-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation for the lower Mid-Atlantic
Data is courtesy of Drought.gov
Data over the past 7 days ending June 8th, 2026

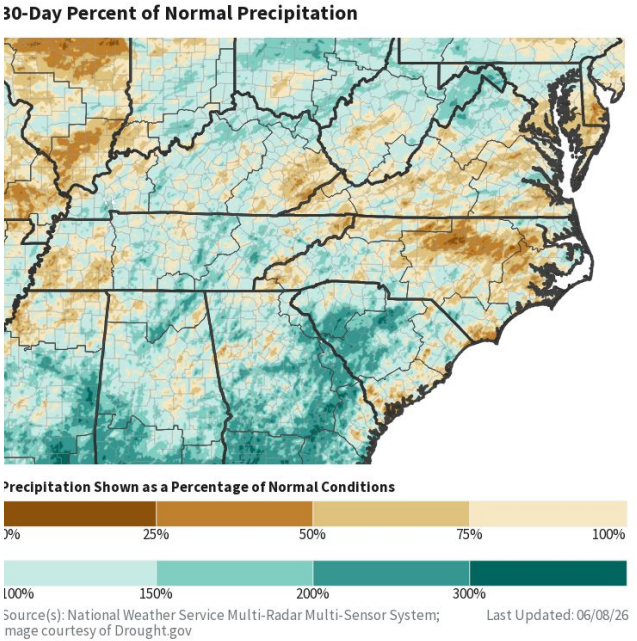
30-Day Precipitation Accumulations & Percent-of-Normals

Data Valid from May 8th to June 8th 2026

Key Takeaways

- Over the past 30 days, rainfall has been the result of widely scattered showers & T-storms, often occurring several days apart from each other, with widespread rainfall in the 4-6 inch range, and localized values in the 6-8 inch range.
- Rainfall totals for portions of the service area are in the 50-75% of the normal totals for the past 30 days, however localized portions of the area are near 100%.





Left - 30-Day Accumulated Precipitation Map for the Appalachian Region
Right - 30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation for the Appalachian Region
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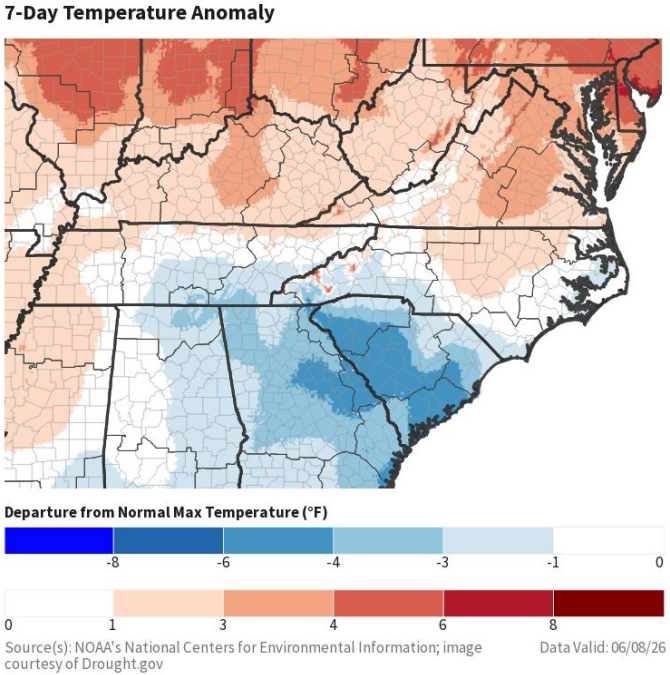
Data over the past 7 days ending June 8, 2026

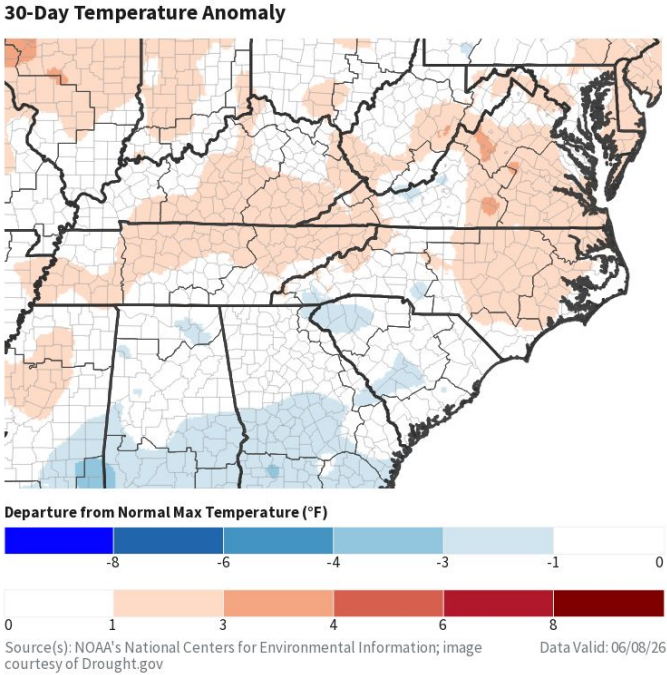
7-Day and 30-Day Temperature Percent-of-Normals

Data Valid from June 8th, 2026

Key Takeaways

- Over the past 7 days, much of the area has seen near to slightly above normal temperatures on the order of 1-3 degrees above normal for this time of the year.
- Overall, the past 30 days have been near normal for this time of the year, with the Piedmont of Virginia and North Carolina seeing slightly above normal temperatures on the degree of 1-3 degrees.





Left - 7-Day Temperature Anomaly Map for the Appalachian Region
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Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- 7-day average streamflows have improved slightly over the past few days north of I-64 corridor due to recent rains.
- Groundwater monitoring wells continue to remain well below normal to low, especially in the D2 and D3 areas.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Fire danger low.

Agricultural Impacts

- Soil moisture has degraded some due to the lack of rainfall over the last week.
- Supplemental hay feeding and hauling of water reported amongst livestock producers (Drought Impact Reporter, Condition Monitoring, Observer Reports)
    - Early cattle sales reported (Farm Service Agency)

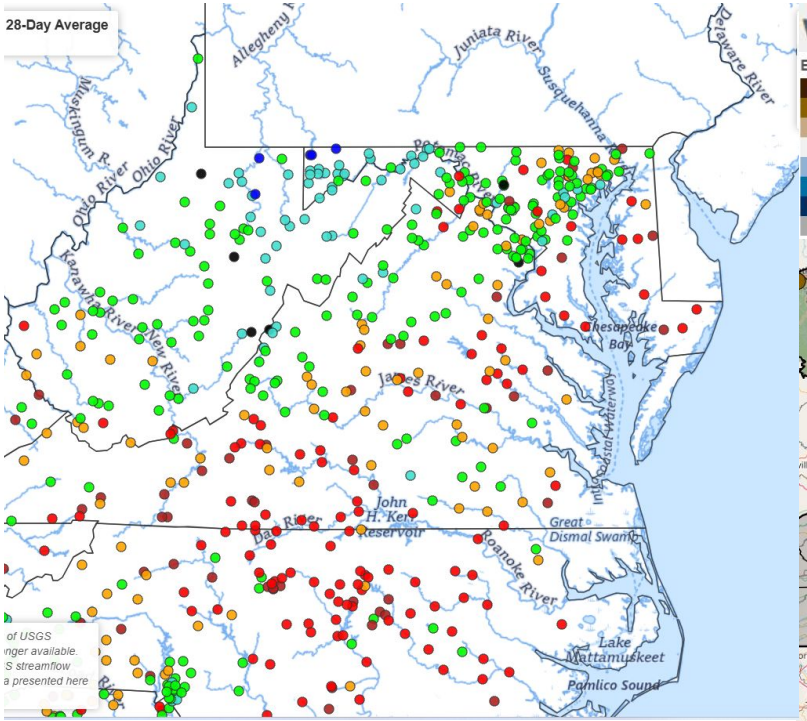
Mitigation Actions

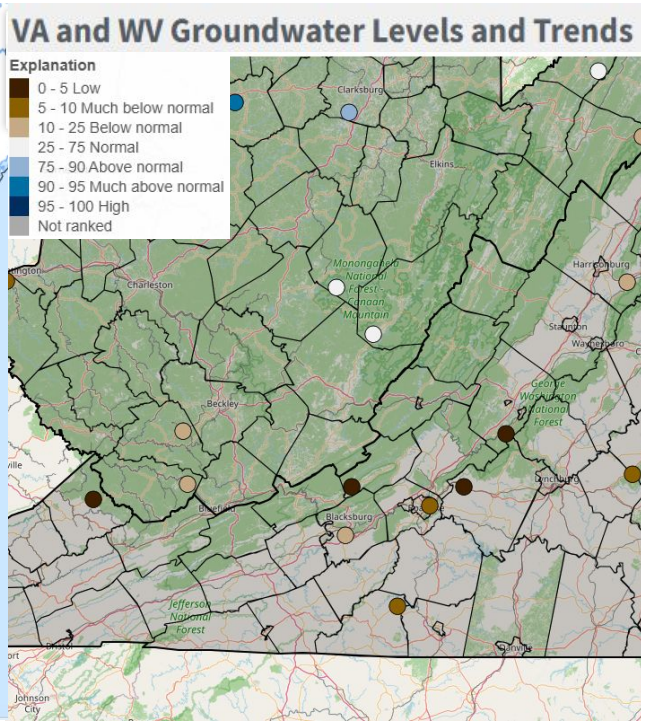
- Please refer to your municipality and/or water provider for mitigation information.

Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

Key Takeaways

- Streamflow conditions look to remain near normal to below normal for areas across SW Virginia in the New, Dan, and Roanoke river valley basins during the 28 day average flow.
- Given low streamflow conditions groundwater is low to much below normal for much of VA and WV.





Left - USGS 28-Day Average Streamflows as of June 8, 2026
Right - USGS Groundwater Levels and Trends as of June 8, 2026

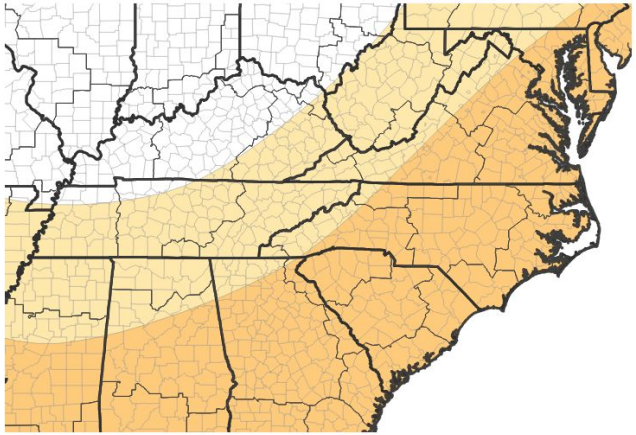
Seasonal Temperature & Precipitation Outlook

Data Valid for June-August 2026

Key Takeaways

- Temperatures look to increase to slightly above normal over the next three months across the region.
- Precipitation chances look to remain near normal for the summer months across the region, with no tilt for either above or below normal.

Seasonal (3-Month) Temperature Outlook for June 1, 2026–August 31, 2026



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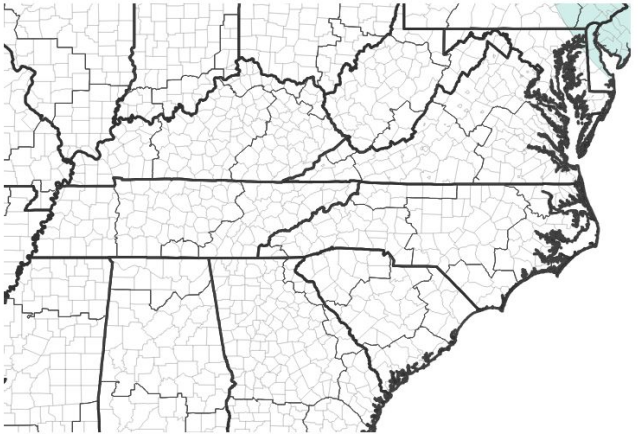

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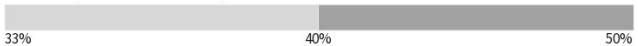

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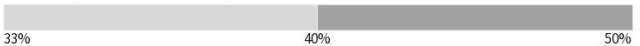


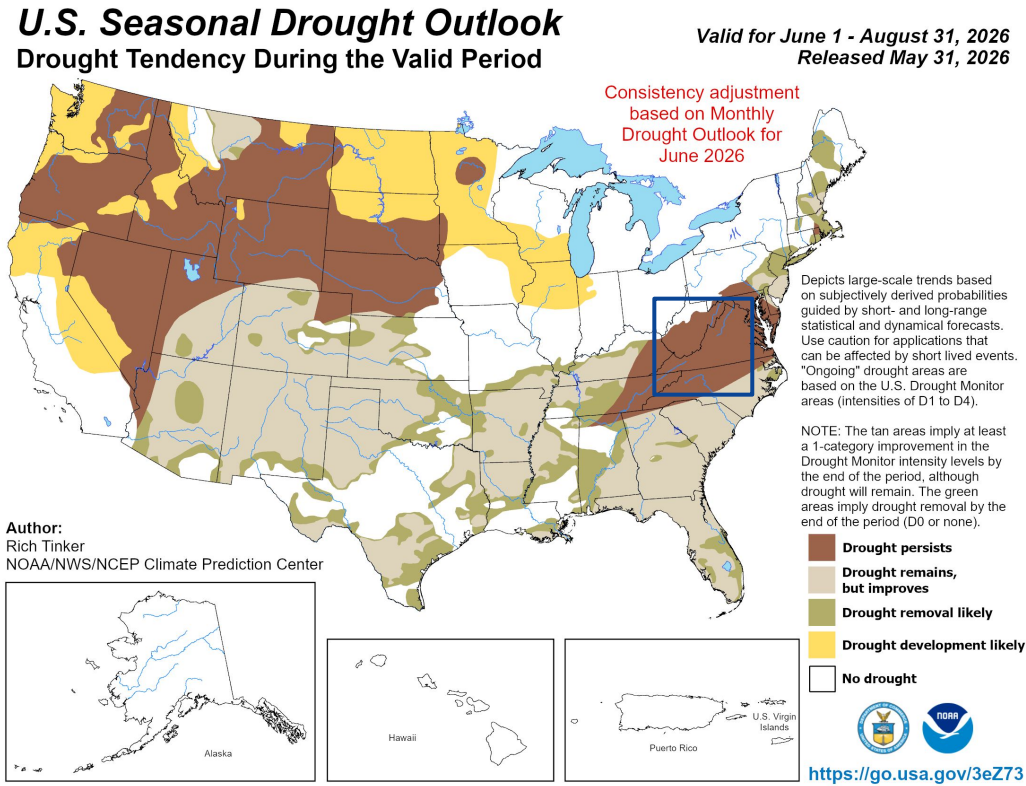
Left - Seasonal Temperature Outlook for the Appalachian Region for June-August 2026
Right - Seasonal Precipitation Outlook for the Appalachian Region for June-August 2026
Imagery Last Updated: May 21, 2026

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook

The latest monthly and seasonal outlooks can be found on the CPC homepage

Key Takeaways

- Favors drought lingering across most of the areas through the Summer Season as the precipitation outlook looks to keep near climatological precipitation values through the summer months.



Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook
Released May 31, 2026
Valid June 1, 2026 - August 31, 2026

Fire Hazard Impacts

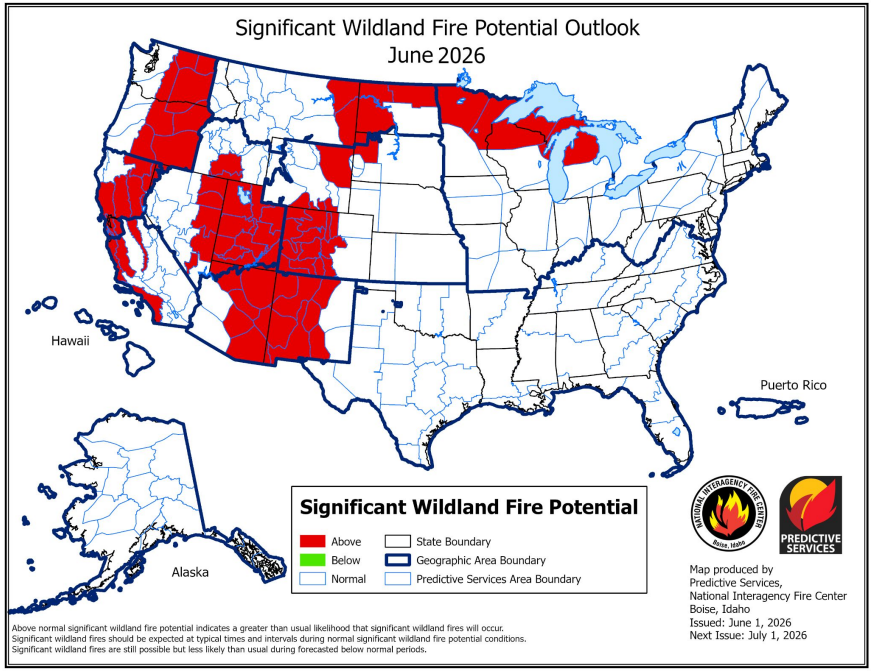
Link to Wildfire Potential Outlooks from the National Interagency Coordination Center.

Key Takeaways

- Significant wildfire outlook is Near normal for the entire region.

Impacts

- While we are still in a drought, this past week's rainfall has lead to increased moisture in the topsoil layer and forest leaf litter.
- Full tree canopy will prevent excessive drying this week while rainfall is not expected.

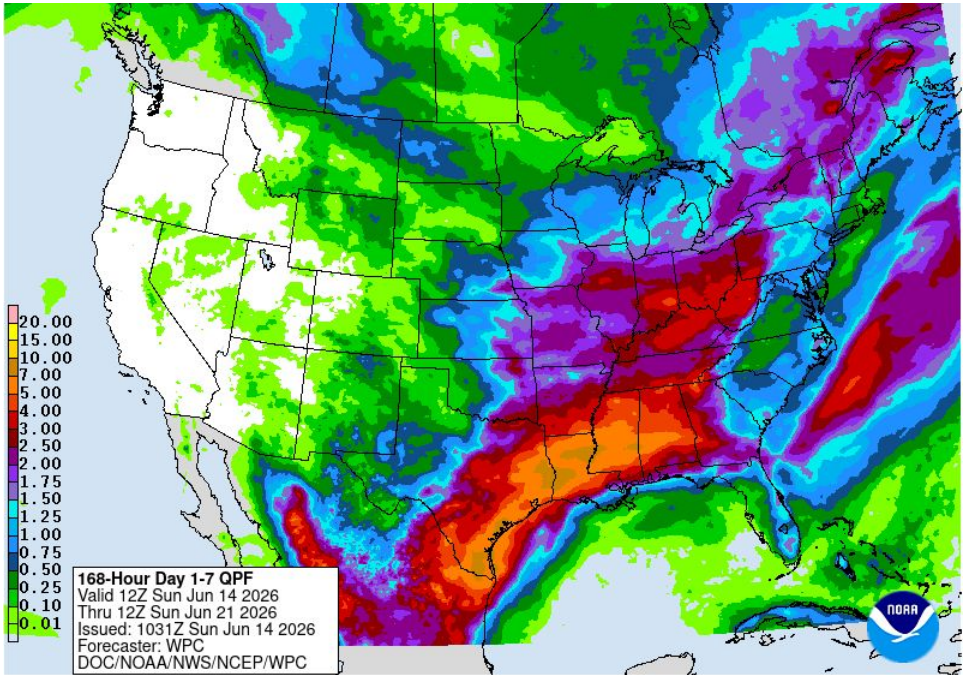


Right - Significant Wildland Fire Potential Monthly Outlook for June 2026

Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

Key Takeaways

- Moisture returning to the region will provide near daily isolated to scattered shower and thunderstorm activity across the region over the next 7 days; however, widespread forecast rainfall continues to remain on the lower end with upper level forcing mechanisms remaining primarily west of the region.
- Widespread rainfall totals in the 0.25 to 0.5 inch range are expected areawide; however, localized higher totals may be possible.



Weather Prediction Center [7-day Precipitation Forecast]
Valid June 14 - June 21 2026
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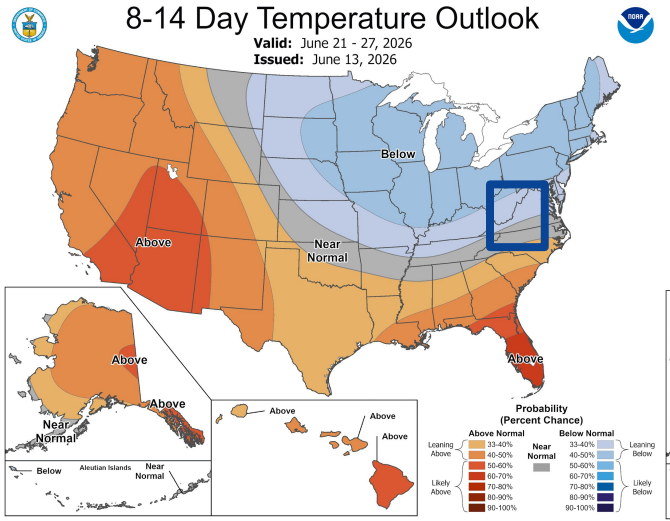
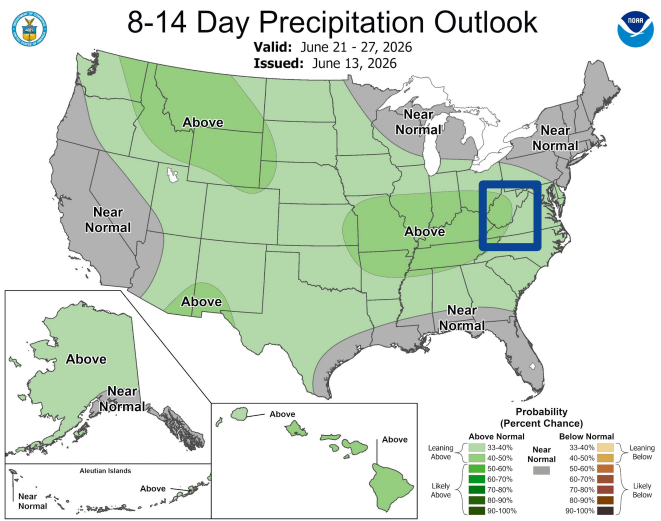
8-14 Day Temperature & Precipitation Outlook

Data Valid for June 2026

Key Takeaways

- Near to below normal temperatures are expected across much of the Mid Atlantic states.
- Leaning above to above normal precipitation for much of the area.





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