



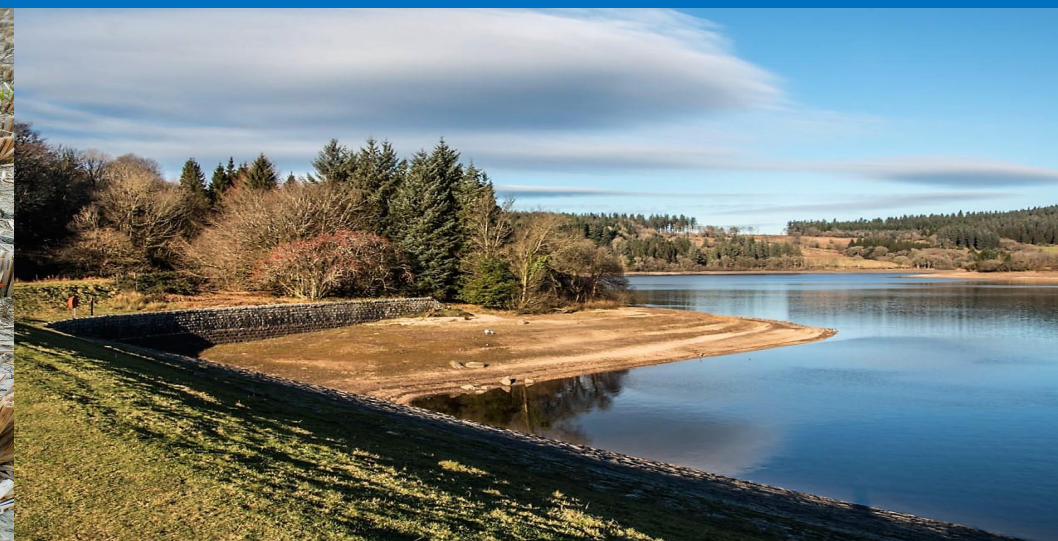
Drought Information Statement for the Missouri Ozarks

Valid September 19, 2025

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- This product will be updated October 2, 2025 or sooner if drought conditions change significantly.
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- Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/sgf/SGFDroughtMonitor> for additional information.





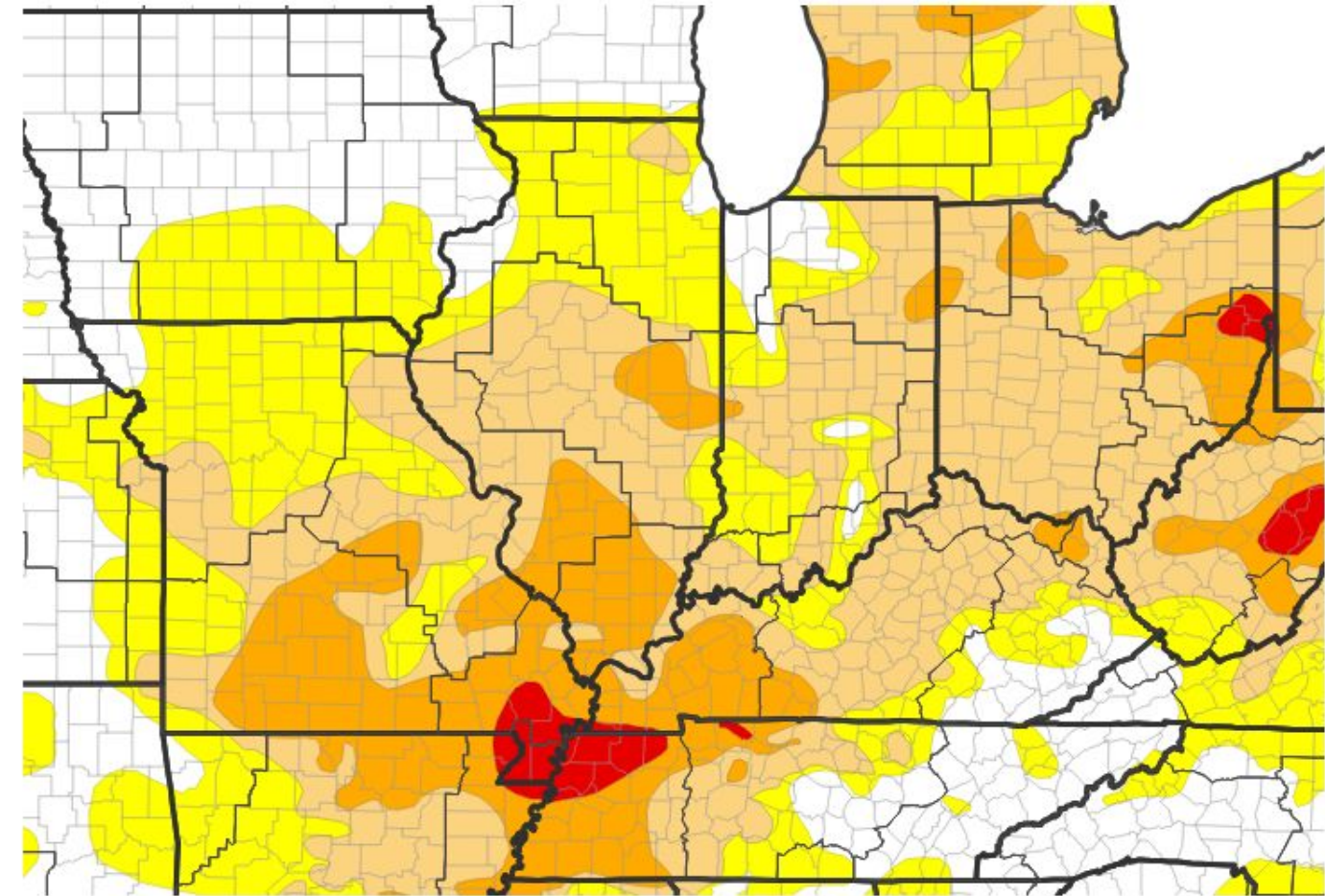
U.S. Drought Monitor

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Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for Lower Midwest

- **Drought expanded Across the Ozarks Region**
 - Limited rainfall across much of southern Missouri over the last 30-60 days has allowed drought conditions to worsen and expand.
- **Drought Intensity and Extent**
 - D2 (Severe Drought): Oregon, southern Shannon, Howell, Ozark, Douglas, Taney, Christian, Stone, Barry, southeastern Lawrence, Greene, Polk, Dallas, Webster, Wright, western Texas, Laclede, Camden, Miller, Maries, far southeastern Hickory, northern Phelps and portions for Pulaski Counties.
 - D1 (Moderate Drought): Areas around the Severe Drought afflicted Counties into and across Central Missouri.
 - D0: (Abnormally Dry): Areas around the Moderate drought afflicted Counties.

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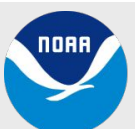


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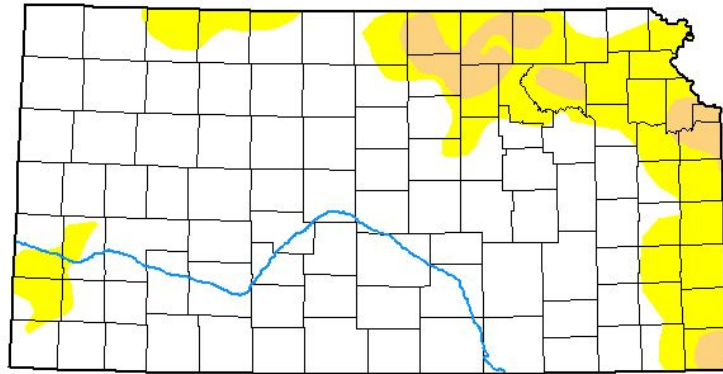


State Drought Monitor

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U.S. Drought Monitor Kansas



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	Drought Conditions (Percent Area)					
	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	76.98	23.02	4.71	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 09-09-2025	79.79	20.21	1.94	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 06-17-2025	64.67	35.33	10.50	1.48	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-01-2025	35.20	64.80	24.63	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 10-01-2024	7.48	92.52	50.40	8.34	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 09-17-2024	3.48	96.52	65.05	11.20	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate Drought	D4 Exceptional Drought

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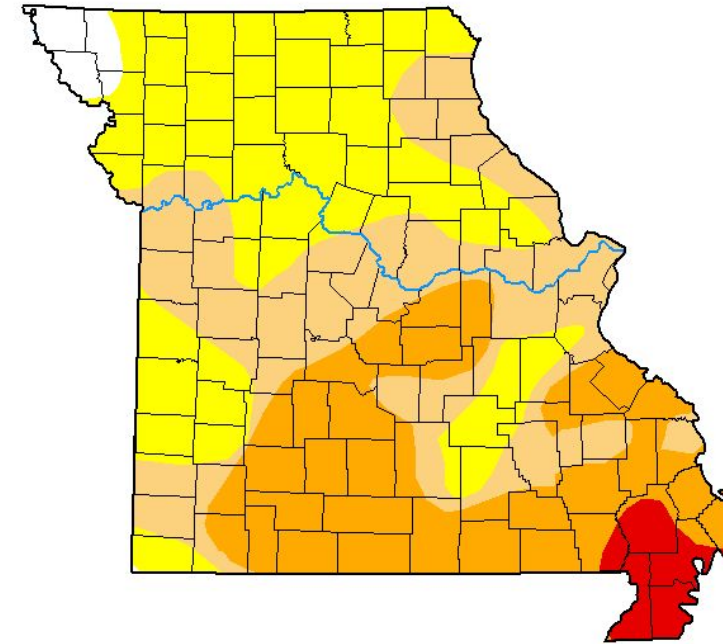
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U.S. Drought Monitor Missouri



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	Drought Conditions (Percent Area)					
	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	2.22	97.78	61.88	31.46	3.56	0.00
Last Week 09-09-2025	5.87	94.13	45.62	17.04	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 06-17-2025	81.27	18.73	4.25	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-01-2025	69.71	30.29	11.75	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 10-01-2024	39.30	60.70	23.73	7.95	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 09-17-2024	17.51	82.49	47.00	12.98	0.00	0.00

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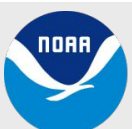
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Main Takeaways

- Limited rainfall across much of southern Missouri over the last 30-60 days has allowed drought conditions to worsen and expand.
- Far southeastern Kansas remains around normal with the exception of much of Cherokee county where abnormally dry conditions are present.



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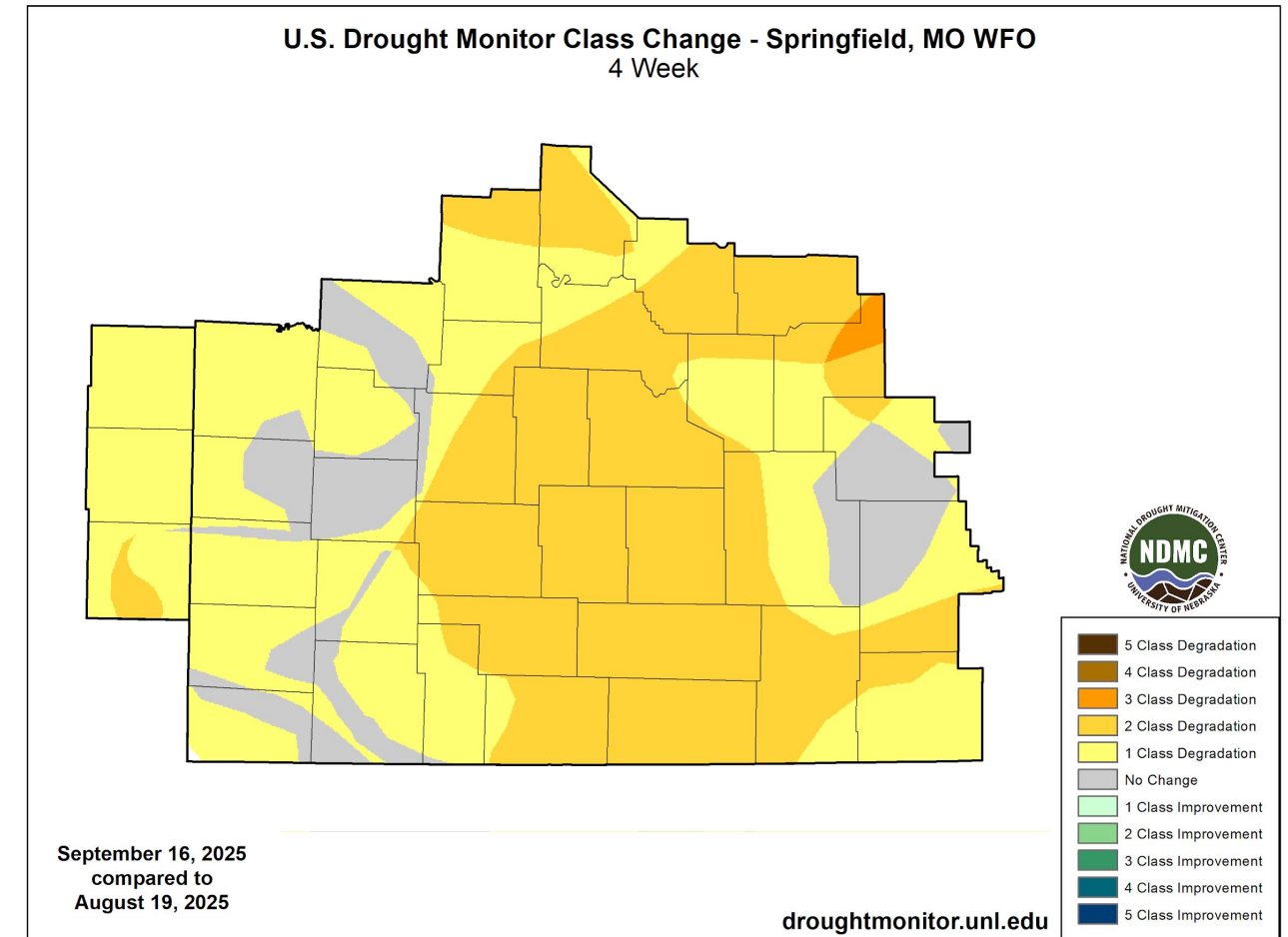
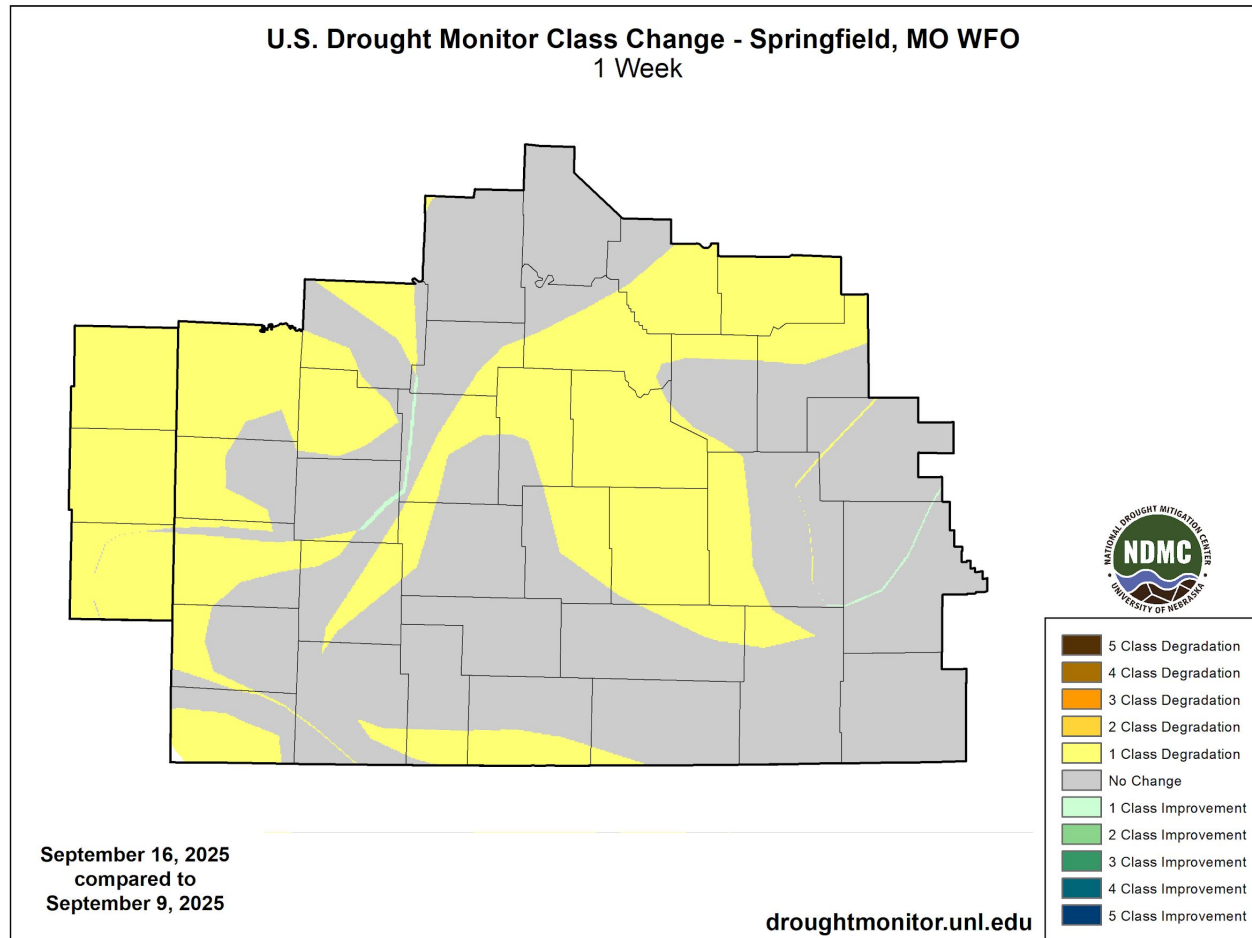
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Recent Change in Drought Intensity

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Main Takeaways

- Limited rainfall across much of southern Missouri over the last 30-60 days has allowed drought conditions to worsen and expand across the Missouri Ozarks and the Mark Twain National Forest region. This lack of rainfall and warm temperatures has allowed a Flash Drought to develop with some areas seeing rapid rise in drought conditions over the past 3-4 weeks.

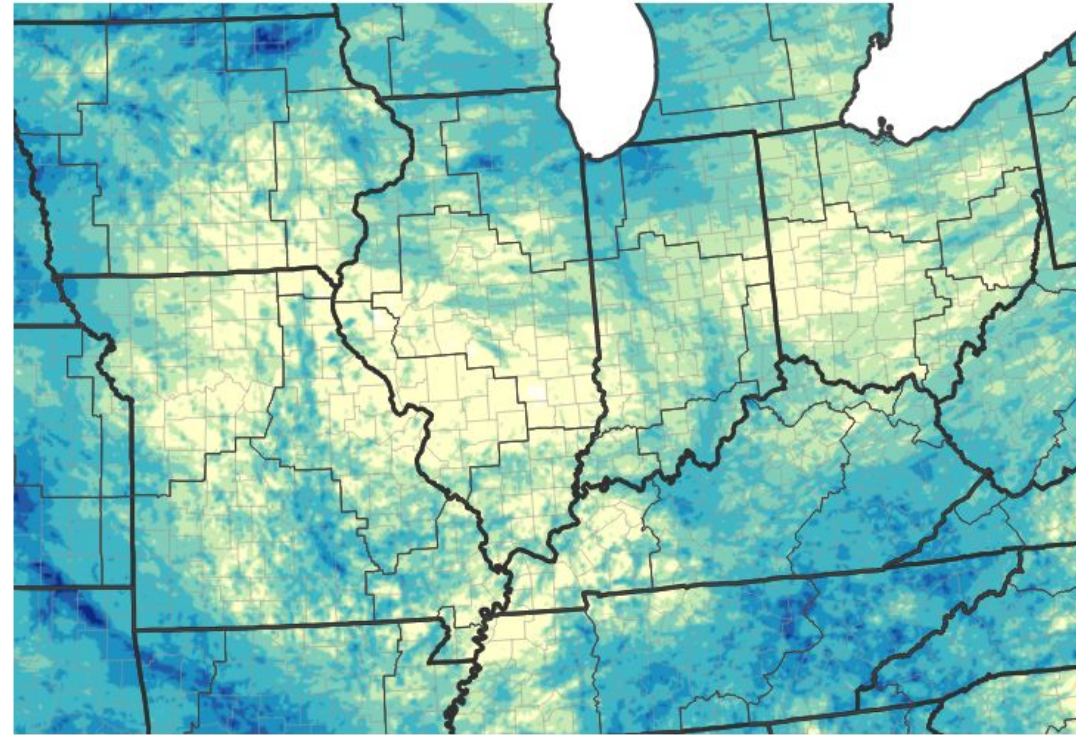




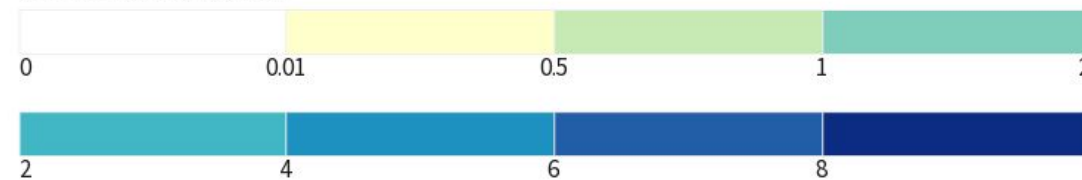
Precipitation

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30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)

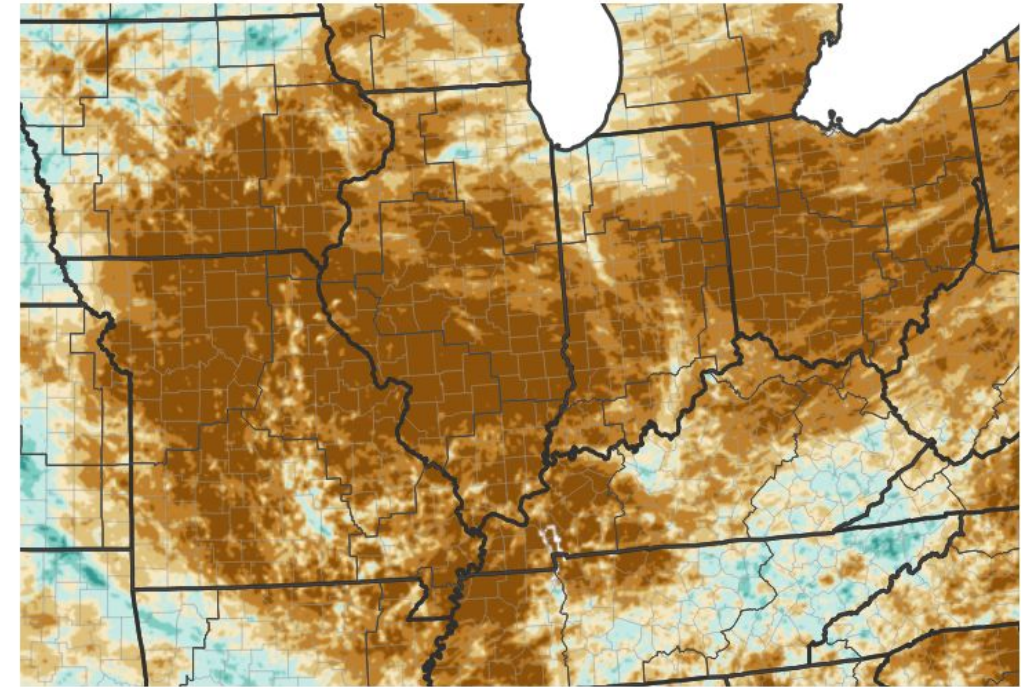


Inches of Precipitation

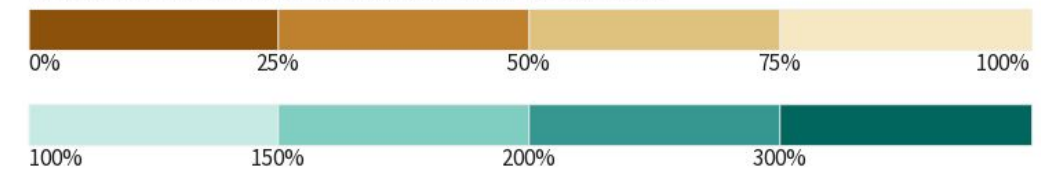


Source(s): National Weather Service Multi-Radar Multi-Sensor System; Last Updated: 09/18/25

30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



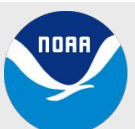
Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



Source(s): National Weather Service Multi-Radar Multi-Sensor System; image courtesy of Drought.gov Last Updated: 09/18/25

Main Takeaways

- Portions of southern Missouri have seen little to no rain over the past 30 to 60 days.
- Isolated locations have seen some precipitation but generally near to below normal after a record dry August.





Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- Streamflow percentiles over the past 7 days were generally near normal across SE Kansas the Missouri Ozarks.

Agricultural Impacts

- Condition Monitoring Observer Reports (CMORs) have increased over the past several weeks indicating dry ponds, dead grass, crop impacts and potential reduced crop yield in the D1 and D2 areas.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Dry conditions were allowing 1 and 10 hour fuels to cure which may bring an early start to the fall Fire Weather season.

Other Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time.

Mitigation actions

- Some farmers and ranchers have begun supplement feeding of livestock and hauling water.
- The Missouri Department of Agriculture has an AgriStress Helpline at 833-897-2474.





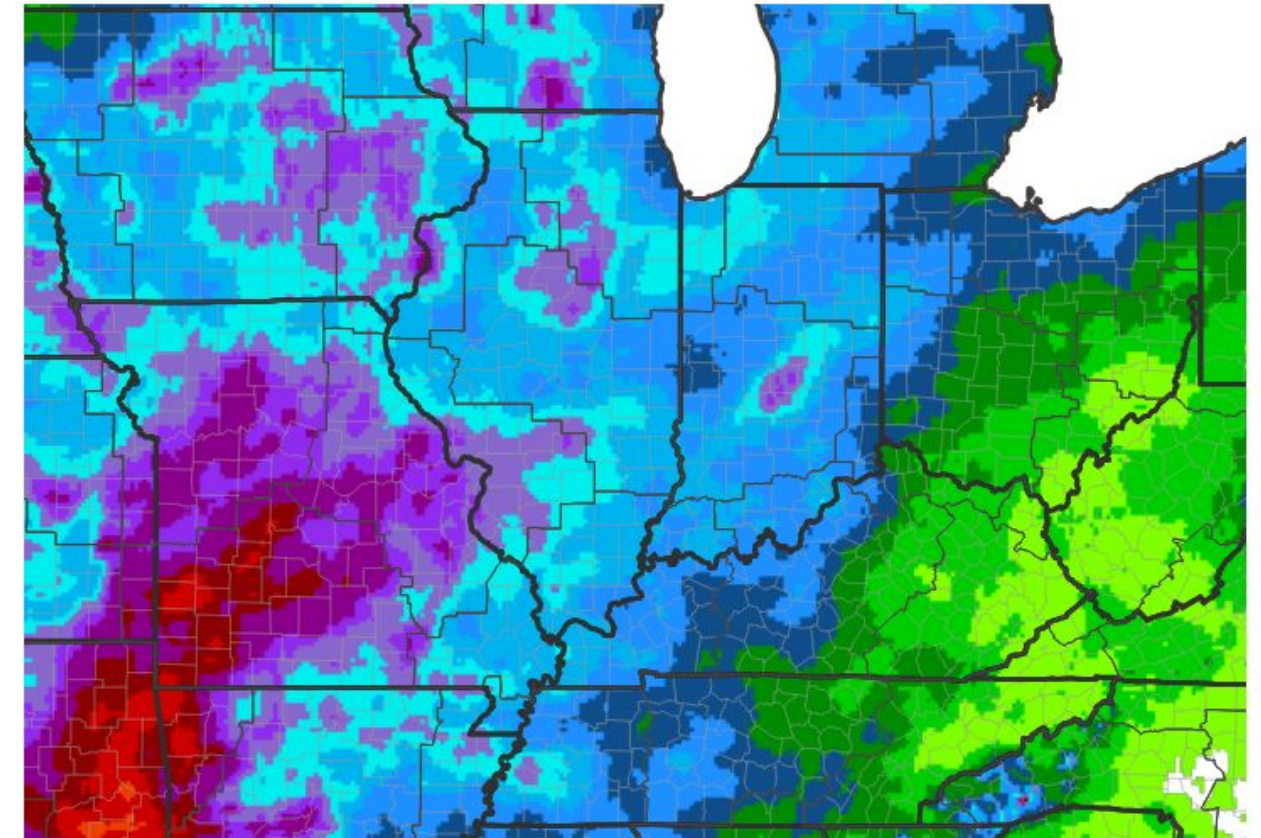
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

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Main Takeaway

- The weather pattern over the next 7 days may bring periods of rain and storms to much of the Ozarks. Most locations are expected to receive between 1 and 2 inches of rainfall with some local areas seeing in excess of 3 inches over the next 7 days.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for September
18, 2025–September 25, 2025



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



Source(s): National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center; image
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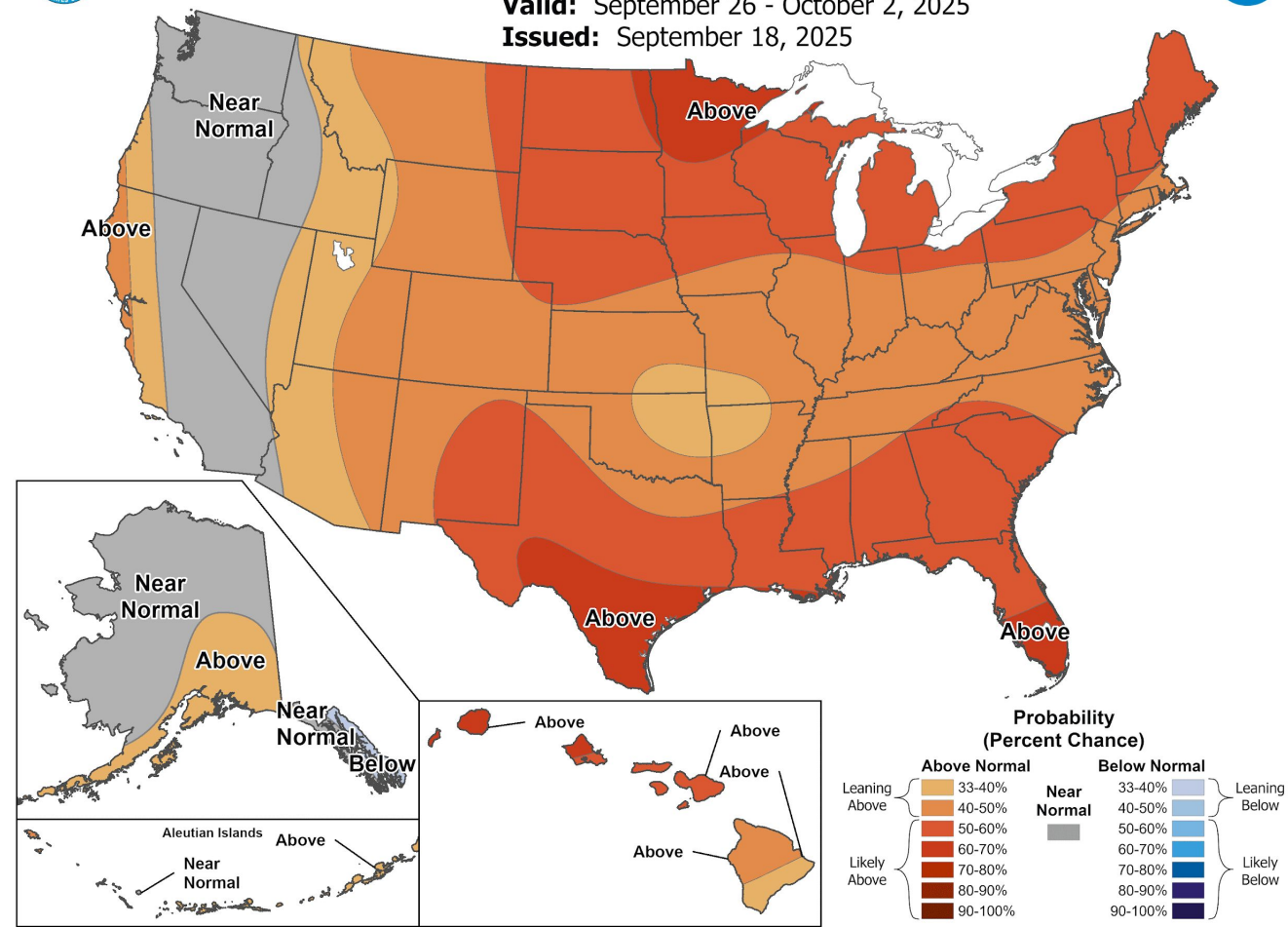
8 to 14 Day Outlooks

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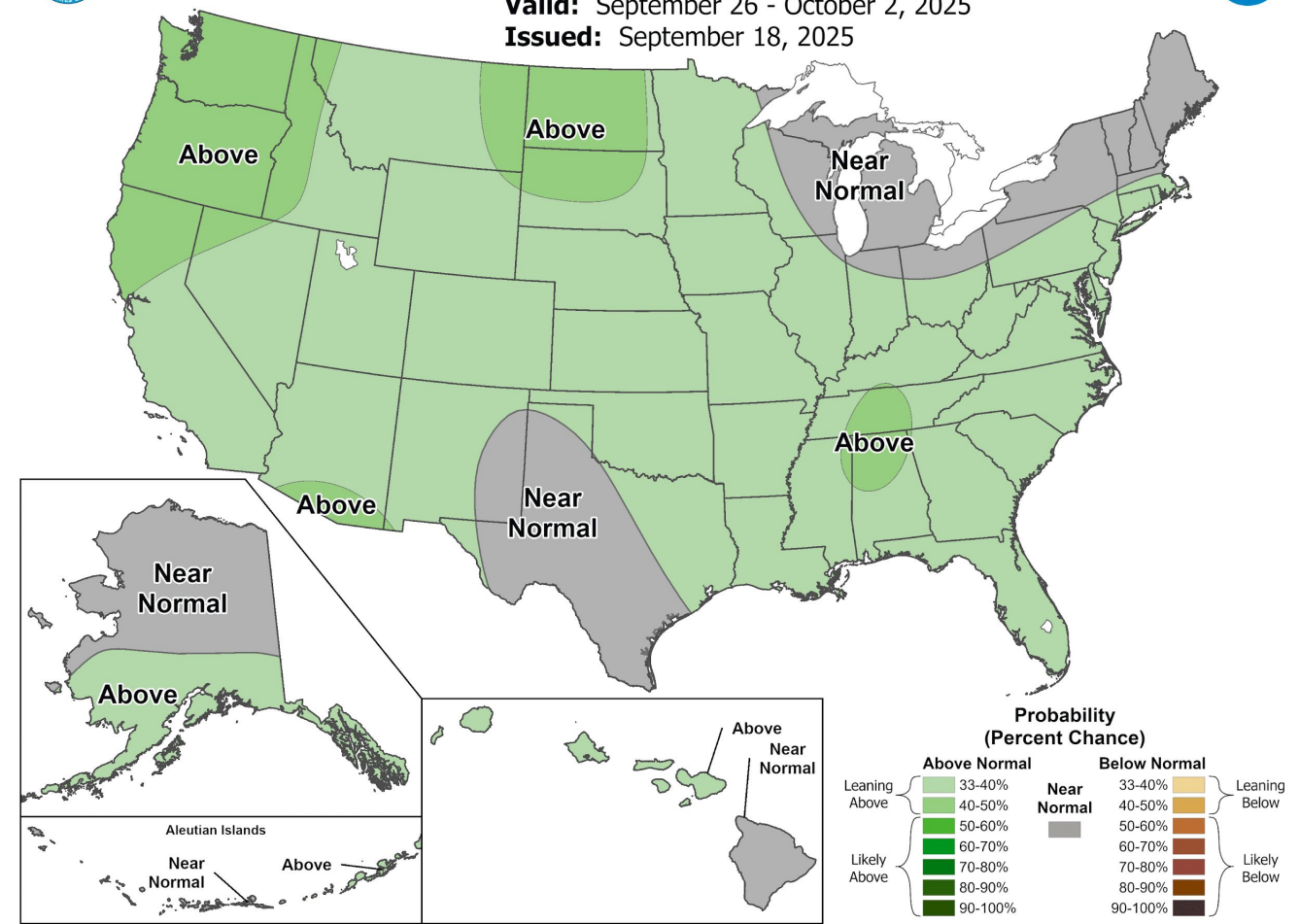
8-14 Day Temperature Outlook

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8-14 Day Precipitation Outlook

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Main Takeaways

- Above normal temperatures and slightly above normal precipitation are favored.





Monthly Outlooks

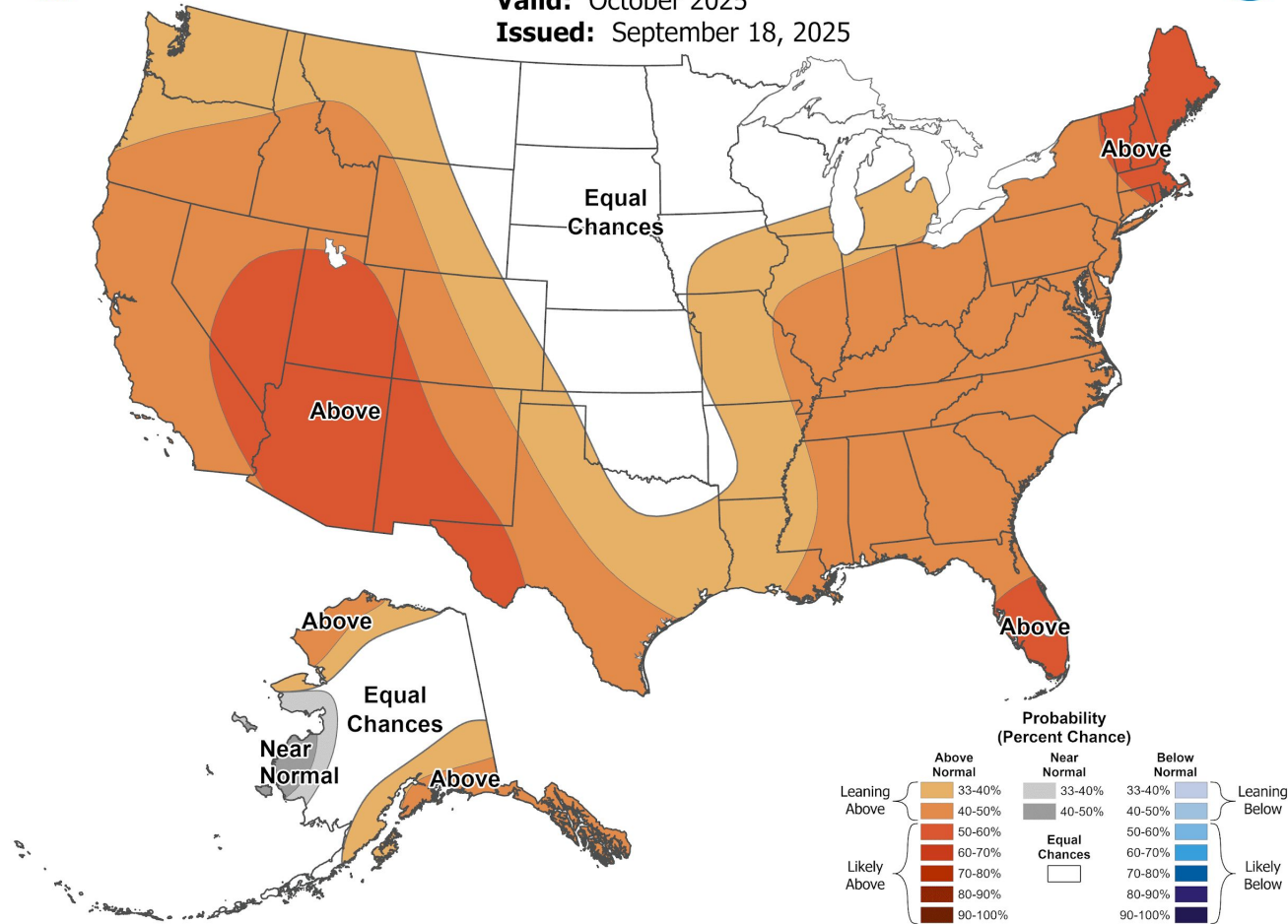
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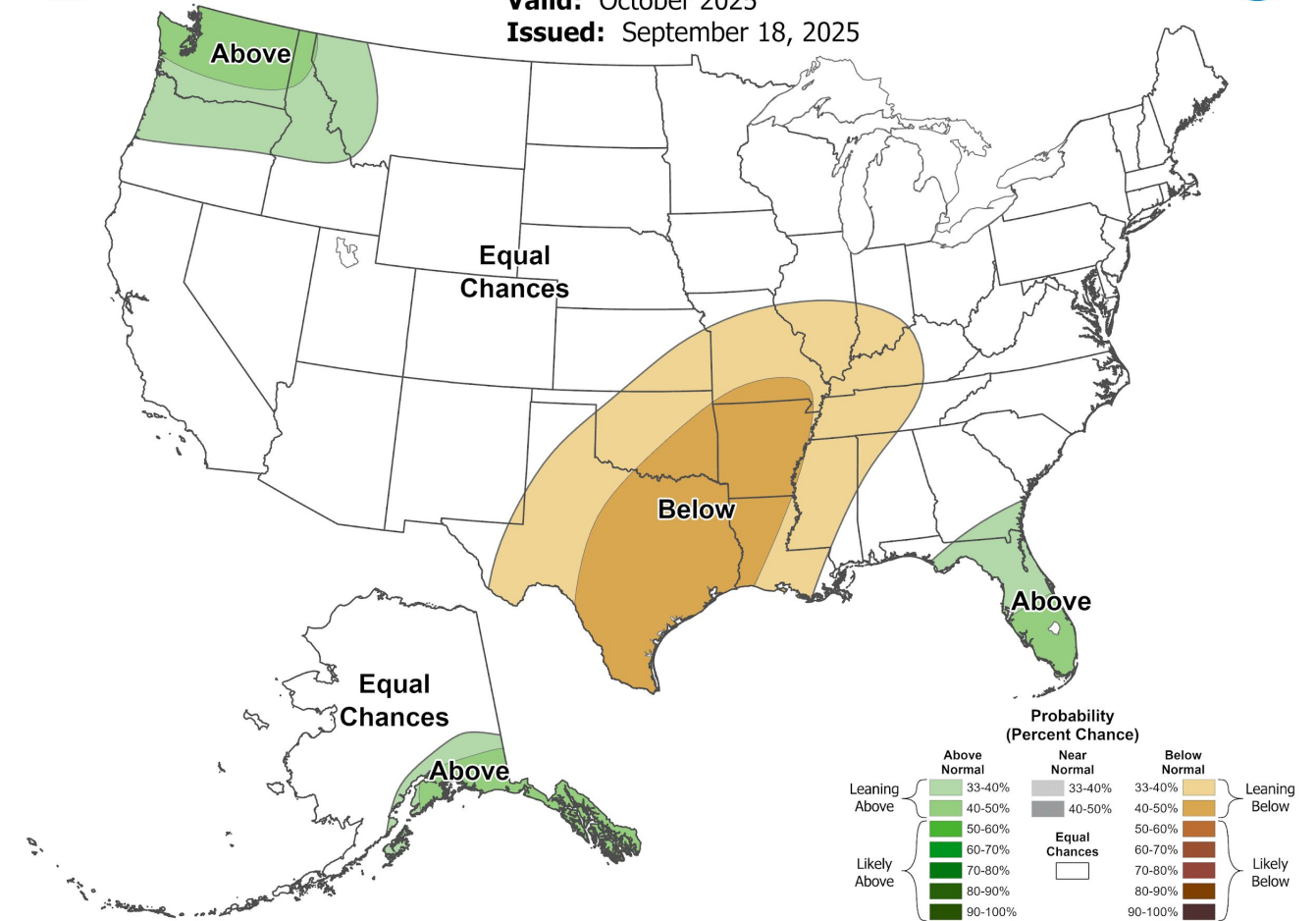
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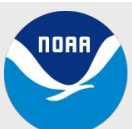
Monthly Precipitation Outlook

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Main Takeaways

- Above normal temperatures and below normal precipitation are favored.





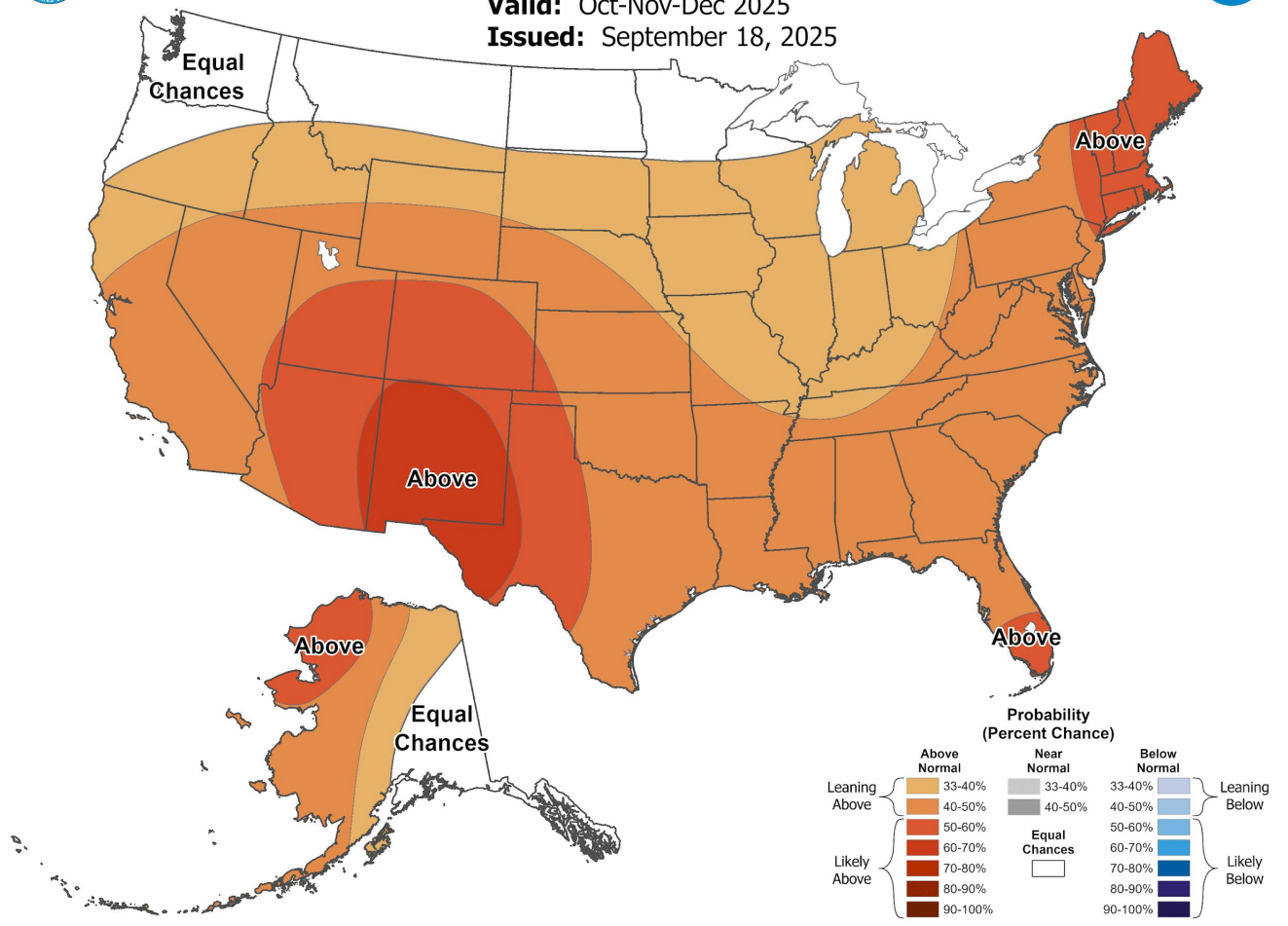
Seasonal Outlooks

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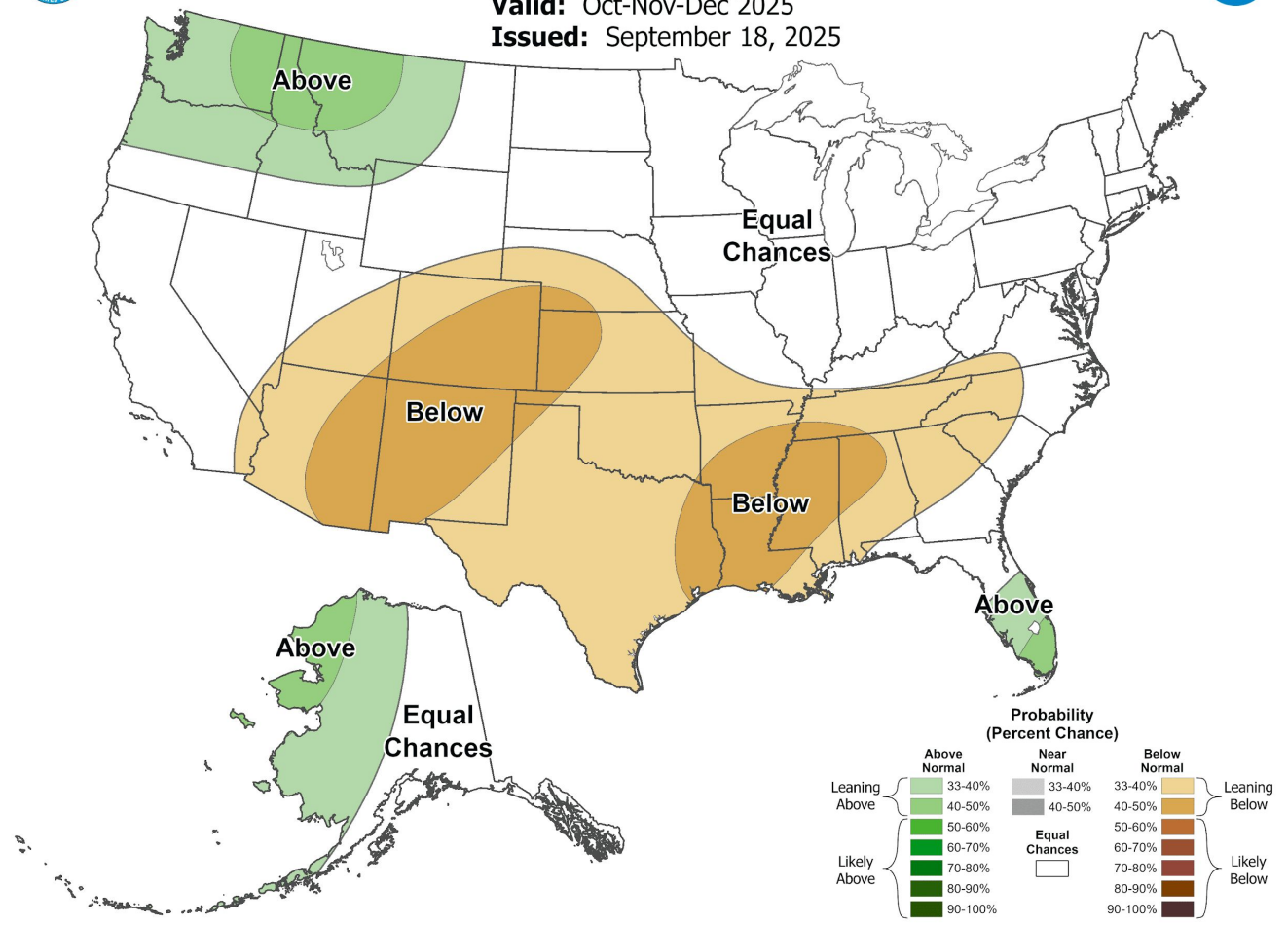
Seasonal Temperature Outlook

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Seasonal Precipitation Outlook

Valid: Oct-Nov-Dec 2025
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- Above normal temperatures and near to below normal precipitation are favored.



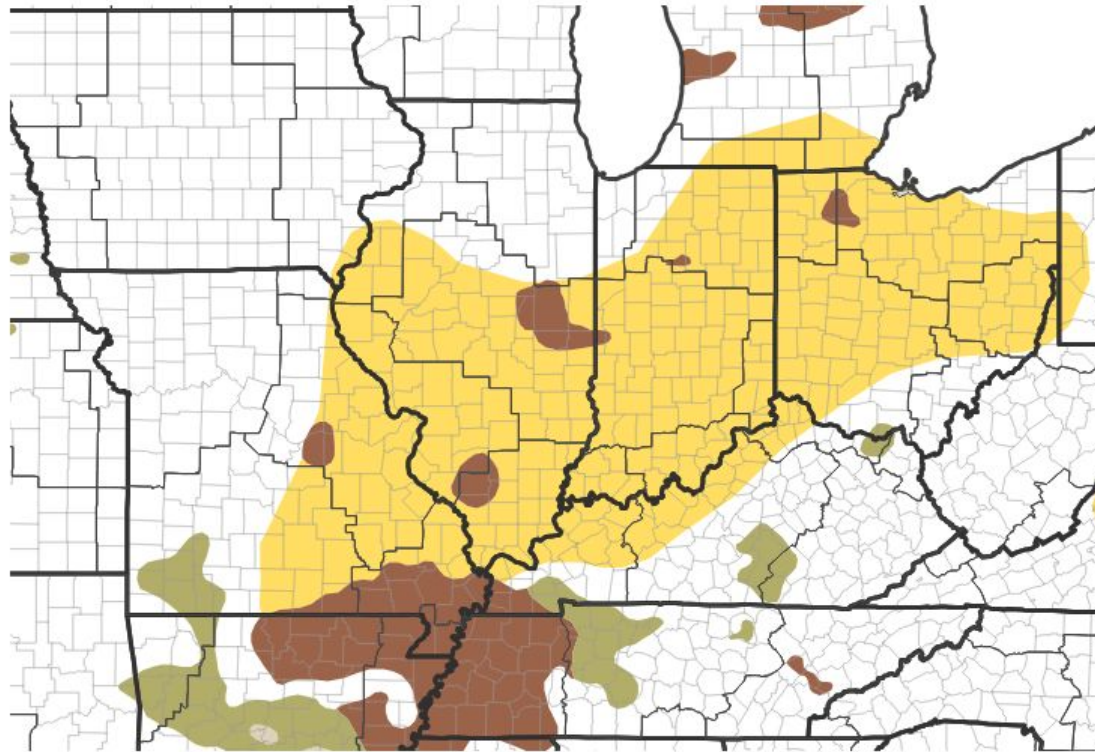


Drought Outlook

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1-Month Drought Outlook for September 1,
2025–September 30, 2025



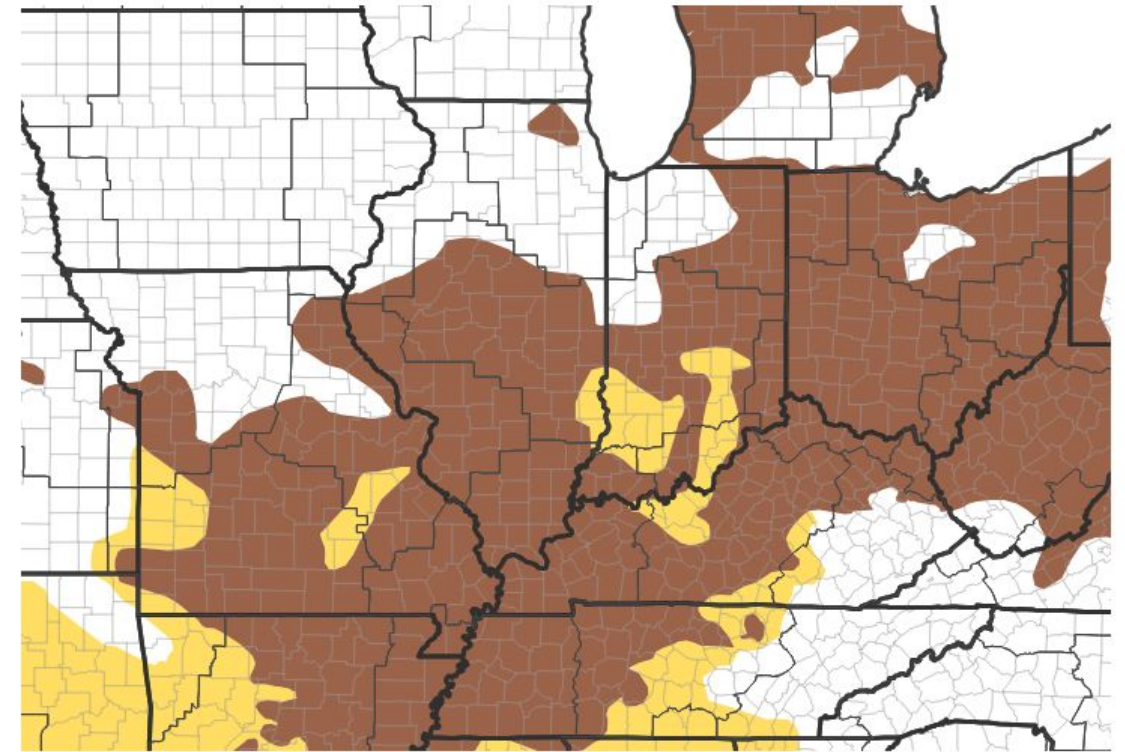
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Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for September 18,
2025–December 31, 2025



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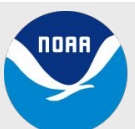


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Main Takeaways

- Drought persists and expands for portions of Missouri through September.
- Drought remains, possibly expanding through November.



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- [NWS Springfield Webpage](#) | [IDSS Point Forecasts](#)
- [NWS Springfield Drought Monitor Resources](#)
- [Graphical Hazardous Weather Outlook](#)
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Drought Impacts



Agriculture

Farms, ranches, and grazing lands suffer, and increases the cost of their products



Public Health

A decrease of water can lead to an increase of illness, disease, mortality rates, and adverse mental health



Ecosystems

Harms fish, wildlife, and plants, as well as the benefits these ecosystems provide



Wildfire Management

Dry, hot, and windy weather combined with dried out vegetation can lead to more large-scale wildfires



Manufacturing

Interruptions in the water supply can result in a reduction of productivity or closure of facilities



Energy

Production of all types of energy requires water, and drought can severely impact energy systems and prices



During a Drought be Vigilant

Conserve Water

Practice Fire Prevention

Follow Directions from Local Officials

Trinity Lake, CA, dry lakebed during California Drought, 2014. Photo: USGS

