

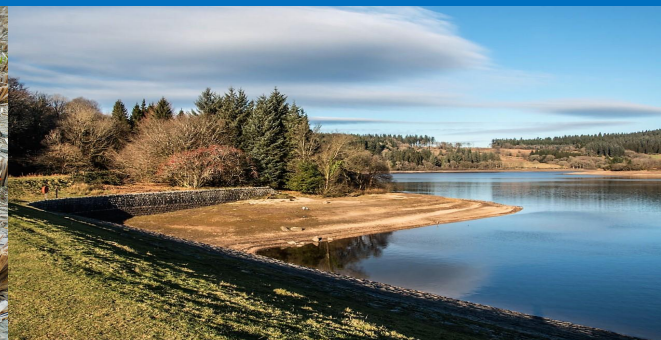
Drought Information Statement for Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands

Valid June 25th, 2026

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- This product will be updated when drought conditions change significantly.
- Please see all currently available products at <https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements>.
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U.S. Drought Monitor

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

DROUGHT CONDITIONS: A Severe Drought has developed along southwest and south-southeast Puerto Rico, and across all the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Drought Intensity and Extent:

- **U.S. Virgin Islands:** Severe Drought (D2) conditions.
- **Puerto Rico:** (D2) conditions are present along the southwest and south-central. Moderate drought (D1) is present along the north, northeast, eastern interior, and portions of the south. Abnormally Dry conditions (D0) cover most of the region, except the west and east.

U.S. Drought Monitor Caribbean

June 23, 2026
(Released Thursday, Jun. 25, 2026)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	31.76	68.24	23.45	5.89	0.00	0.00
Last Week 06-16-2026	45.07	54.93	5.89	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 03-24-2026	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-01-2026	78.70	21.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-30-2025	95.49	4.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 06-24-2025	86.43	13.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Note: Statistics do not include areas represented by points.

Intensity:

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

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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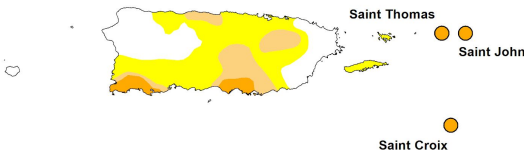


Image Caption: U.S. Drought Monitor valid 8 AM EDT June 24th, 2026 .



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Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands.

U.S. Drought Monitor Class Change:

- **1 Class degradation** is observed for a big portion of Puerto Rico.
- **1 Class degradation** is observed across the U.S. Virgin Islands.

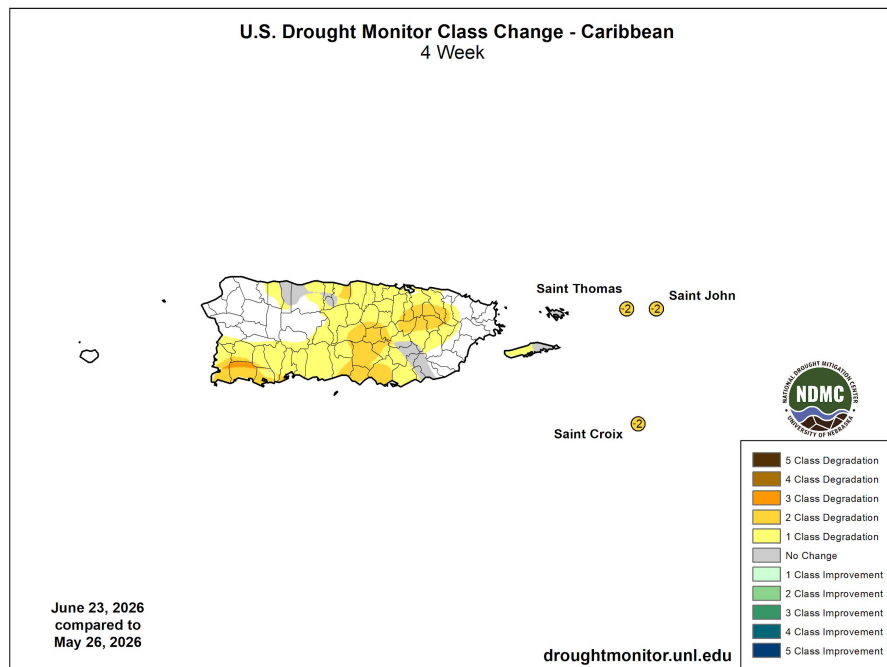


Image Caption: U.S. Drought Monitor 4-week change map valid 8 AM AST June 24th, 2026.



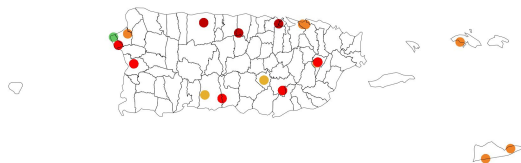


Rainfall

Link to generate the latest [ACIS Climate Maps](#)

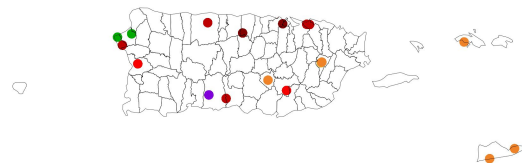
- Based on 60 and 90-days average, almost all COOP and CoCoRaHS stations are showing below normal precipitation values.

Departure from Normal Precipitation (in)
4/26/2026 – 6/24/2026



Generated 6/25/2026 using provisional data.

Departure from Normal Precipitation (in)
3/27/2026 – 6/24/2026



ACIS Web Services Generated 6/25/2026 using provisional data.

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Image Captions:

Left - 60-day Departure of Normal Precipitation for Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands
Right - 90-day Departure of Normal Precipitation for Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands
Data Courtesy High Plains Regional Climate Center/NWS COOP Stations.





Summary of Impacts

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

Water Supply Impact

- Lago Cidra is at Observation Level, which shows potential impacts to operations and water availability. Other lakes are in Optimal conditions, but decreasing rapidly. Small water intakes across the area are losing water as well.

Agricultural Impact

- USGS monitored wells show less amount of available water along southeast Puerto Rico. Farmers in the Valle de Lajas are using the irrigation channels systems for the first time in the last 10 years. Trees are releasing fruits before they are ripe.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Nearly 150 reports of brush fires were received in the last week along. Satellite derived data suggest that these brush fires account for nearly 100 burned acres.

Mitigation Actions

- Citizens are advised to use the water resource wisely.





Long-Range Outlooks

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

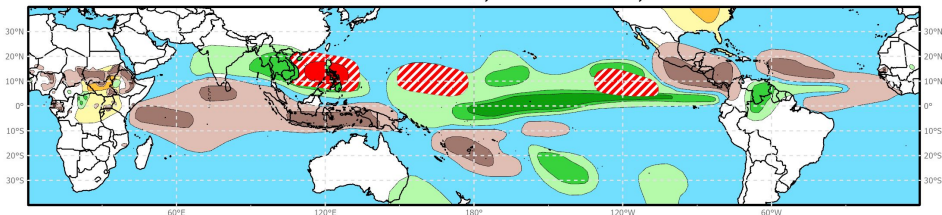


Global Tropics Hazards Outlook

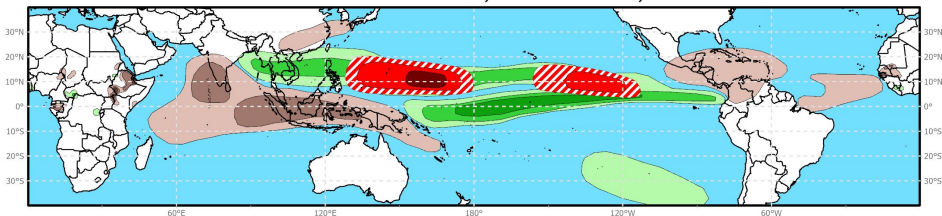
Climate Prediction Center



Week 2 - Valid: Jul 01, 2026 - Jul 07, 2026



Week 3 - Valid: Jul 08, 2026 - Jul 14, 2026



**Tropical Cyclone (TC)
Formation Probability**
Hatched red
>20% >40% >60%

Tropical Depression (TD)
or greater strength

**Above-Average
Rainfall Probability**
Green
>50% >65% >80%

Weekly total rainfall in the
Upper third of the historical range

**Below-Average
Rainfall Probability**
Brown
>50% >65% >80%

Weekly total rainfall in the
Lower third of the historical range

**Above-Average
Temperatures Probability**
Yellow
>50% >65% >80%

7-day mean temperatures in the
Upper third of the historical range

**Below-Average
Temperatures Probability**
Blue
>50% >65% >80%

7-day mean temperatures in the
Lower third of the historical range

Issued: 06/23/2026
Forecaster: Novella

This product is updated once per week and targets broad scale conditions integrated over a 7-day period for US interests only.
Consult your local responsible forecast agency.

Image Caption: Global Tropics Hazards Outlook for July 01-14, 2026.

- The **Global Tropics Hazards Outlook** indicates below normal precipitation chances for the northeastern Caribbean through at least mid-July.



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Long-Range Outlooks

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- In the **North American Multi-Model Ensemble (NMME)**, favors much **BELOW** normal precipitation for the period of July-August-September 2026 (> 70% chance).

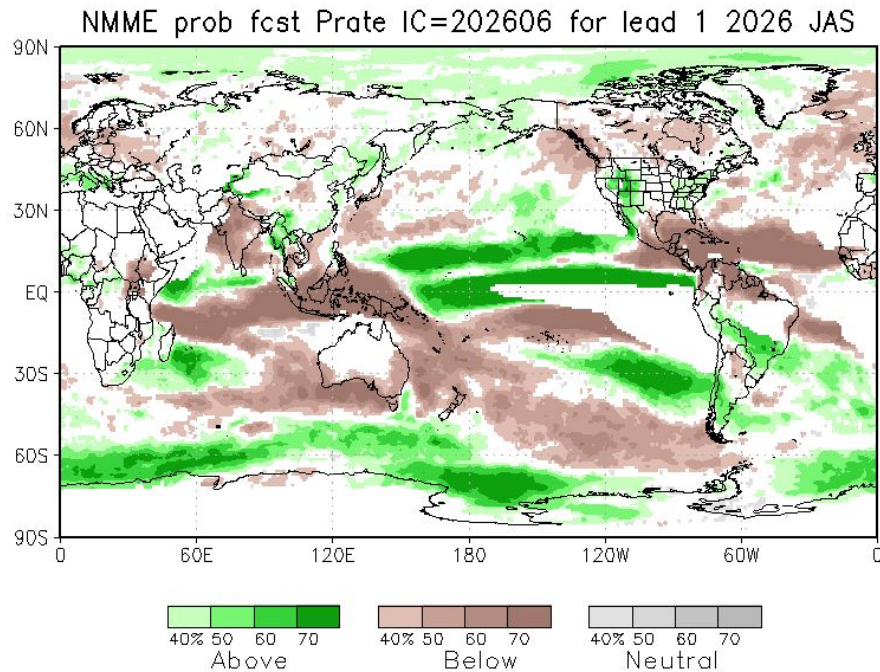


Image Caption: NMME precipitation forecast issued for July-September 2026.



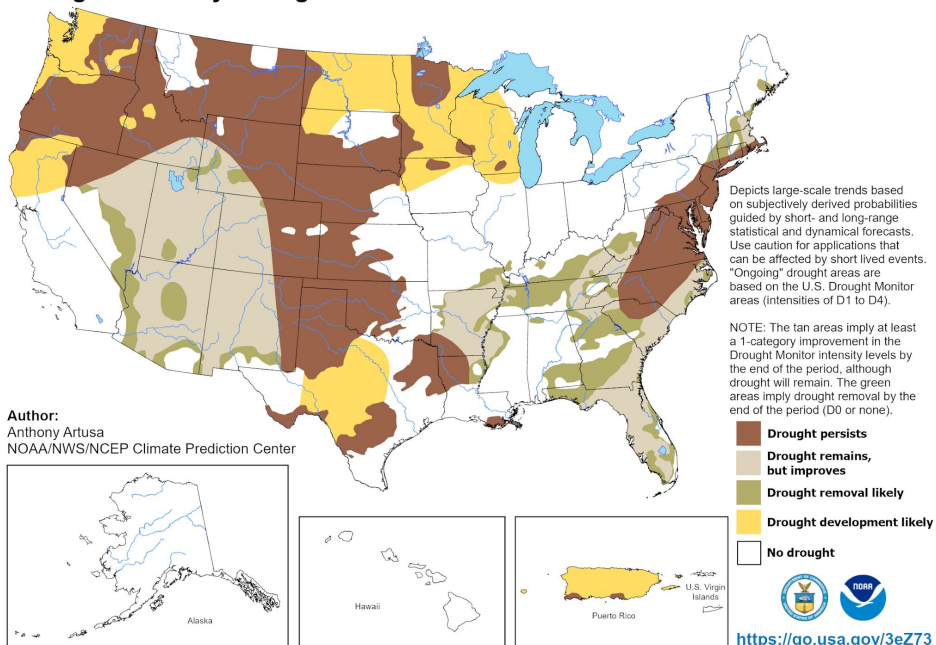


Drought Outlook

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

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



- Based on the latest forecast, drought conditions are expected to develop across the entire U.S. Caribbean region.

Image Caption: U.S. Monthly Drought Outlook valid for April 2024.



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