

# Drought Information Statement for Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands Valid July 11th, 2025

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**U.S. Drought Monitor** 

Link to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor for the Caribbean

**DROUGHT CONDITIONS:** Abnormally dry conditions have developed along southern, east-interior, north-central and northwest Puerto Rico, as well as all of the Virgin Islands.

#### Drought Intensity and Extent:

- USVI: all islands are now under Abnormally Dry (D0) conditions.
- Puerto Rico: Abnormally Dry (D0) conditions are now present along the south, north-central, northwest and eastern interior (39%).

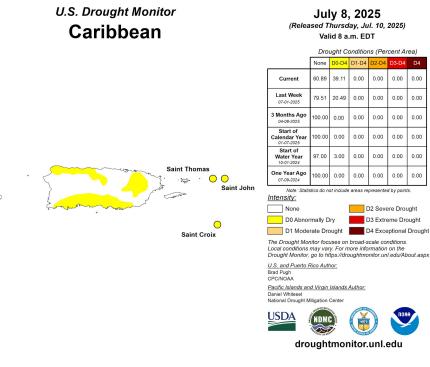


Image Caption: U.S. Drought Monitor valid 8 AM EDT July 8th, 2025 .



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# Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest <u>4-week change map</u> for Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands.

### U.S. Drought Monitor Class Change:

 1 Class deterioration is observed for a big portion of Puerto Rico and for all of the Virgin Islands.

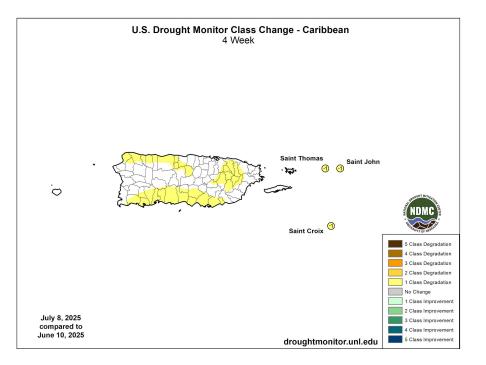


Image Caption: U.S. Drought Monitor 4-week change map valid 8 AM AST July 8th, 2025.





Based on 60-days average, some COOP and CoCoRaHS stations in the north and south coast are below normal.

Rainfall

Above normal conditions persist for the west, some stations in the east and interior.

Departure from Normal Precipitation (in) 5/11/2025 - 7/9/2025

#### Departure from Normal Precipitation (in) 4/11/2025 - 7/9/2025



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.



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

### Agricultural Impact

• Farmers are reporting dry soils and crop stress along the southeast, southwest, north-central and interior Puerto Rico.

# **Fire Hazard Impacts**

• N/A

## **Mitigation Actions**

• Users are advised to use water responsibly, mostly in areas with Abnormally Dry (D0) conditions.



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# Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

The latest 28-day average historical streamflow from USGS can be found in WaterWatch

- The 28-day average streamflow from the USGS river gauge network indicates nearly 75% of streamflows are running between normal to above normal.
  - Streamflows at below to much below normal concentrate along the eastern third portion and interior of the island.
- Groundwater wells are showing decreasing water levels along southern Puerto Rico, and across the Virgin Islands.

#### Latest Monthly Average Streamflow from USGS

Thursday, July 10, 2025

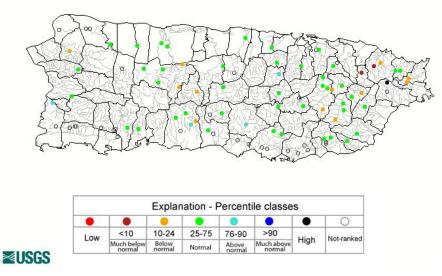
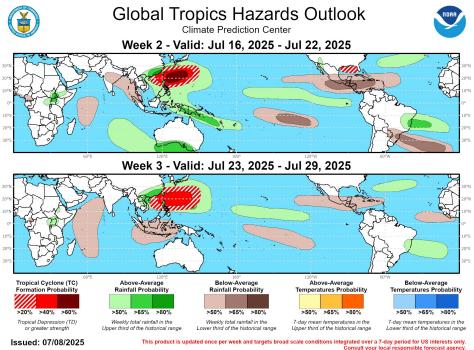


Image Caption: USGS streamflow plot valid Thursday, July 10th, 2025



# Long-Range Outlooks

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



Forecaster: Barandiaran

Image Caption: Global Tropics Hazards Outlook for July 16-29, 2025.



 Below-average rainfall across the northern Caribbean region between July 16-29, 2025 (>50%).



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The latest three-months precipitation outlook can be found on the CPC homepage

 In the North American Multi-Model Ensemble (NMME), favors below normal precipitation for the period of August through October 2025 (~50% chance).

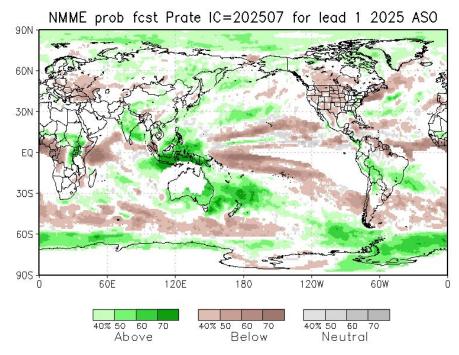


Image Caption: NMME precipitation forecast issued for April-May-June 2024.



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 Based on the latest forecast, drought conditions is not expected to develop across both territories.

**Drought Is Predicted To...** 

Image Caption: U.S. Monthly Drought Outlook valid for July 2025.



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