



Drought Information Statement for Eastern Oklahoma and Northwestern Arkansas

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- This product will be updated July 2, 2026 or sooner if drought conditions change significantly.
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 - Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/tsa/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
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- Drought and abnormally dry conditions still continue across the area.
 - Extreme (D3) Drought remains in eastern Choctaw County in southeastern Oklahoma
 - Rainfall through June 2 may help to improve the drought situation across eastern Oklahoma and northwestern Arkansas.



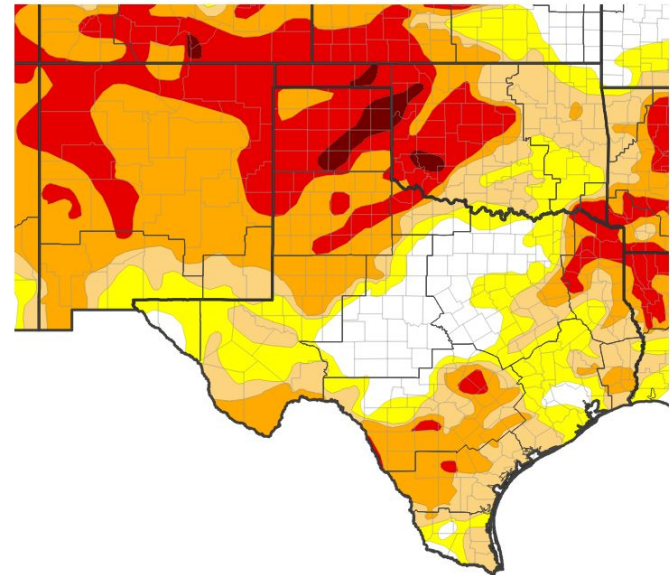


U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for Eastern Oklahoma and Northwestern Arkansas

- Drought intensity and Extent
 - **D4 (Exceptional Drought):** none
 - **D3 (Extreme Drought):** Choctaw County
 - **D2 (Severe Drought):** Mayes, Cherokee, Wagoner, Choctaw, Crawford, Franklin, Carroll, and Madison Counties
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought):** Osage, Pawnee, Creek, Tulsa, Washington OK, Nowata, Rogers, Mayes, Delaware, Wagoner, Muskogee, Okmulgee, Okfuskee, McIntosh, Pittsburg, Haskell, Cherokee, Adair, Sequoyah, Le Flore, Pushmataha, Choctaw, Benton, Carroll, Madison, Washington AR, Crawford, Sebastian, and Franklin Counties
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry):** Washington OK, Nowata, Rogers, Craig, Mayes, Ottawa, Delaware, McIntosh, Okmulgee, Okfuskee, Pittsburg, Haskell, Latimer, Le Flore, Pushmataha, Choctaw, Benton, and Carroll Counties

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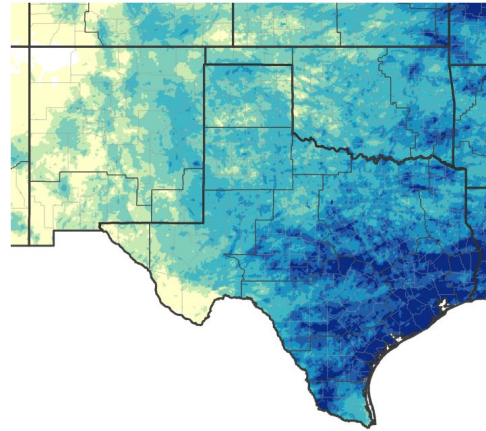




Precipitation

- Over the last 30 days (ending at 7 am CDT May 28, 2026), rainfall totals have ranged from 1.5” to 10.5”, which corresponds to 25% to 180% of normal.
- Over the last 90 days (ending at 7 am CDT May 28, 2026), rainfall totals have ranged from around 7” to 23”, which corresponds to 60%-160% of normal.

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)

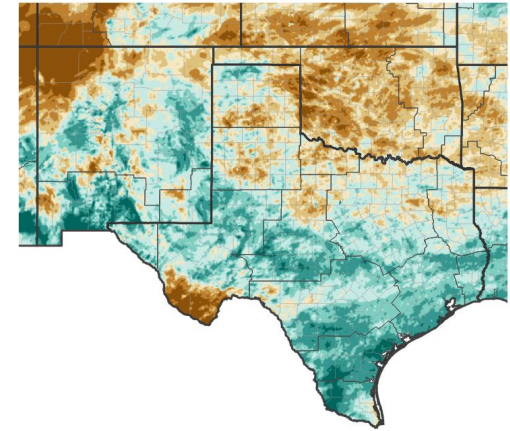


Inches of Precipitation

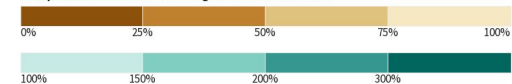


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30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- The current streamflow in a several rivers in the Arkansas River and Red River basins were below to much below normal as of May 28, 2026 according to the [USGS](#).
- Two USACE reservoirs in eastern OK and northwestern AR, Kaw Lake and Skiatook Lake, were below 3% of the top of their conservation pools as of May 28, 2026 (<https://www.swt-wc.usace.army.mil/map/>)

Agricultural Impacts

- Poor pasture conditions remain in areas that have not received significant rainfall, though some areas have reported improvement in pasture conditions from the recent rainfall. (<https://droughtimpacts.unl.edu/Tools/ConditionMonitoringObservations.aspx>)

Fire Hazard Impacts

- No burn bans were in effect across eastern Oklahoma and northwestern Arkansas.
- No current increase in fire hazards across the area.

Other Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time

Mitigation Actions

- None reported



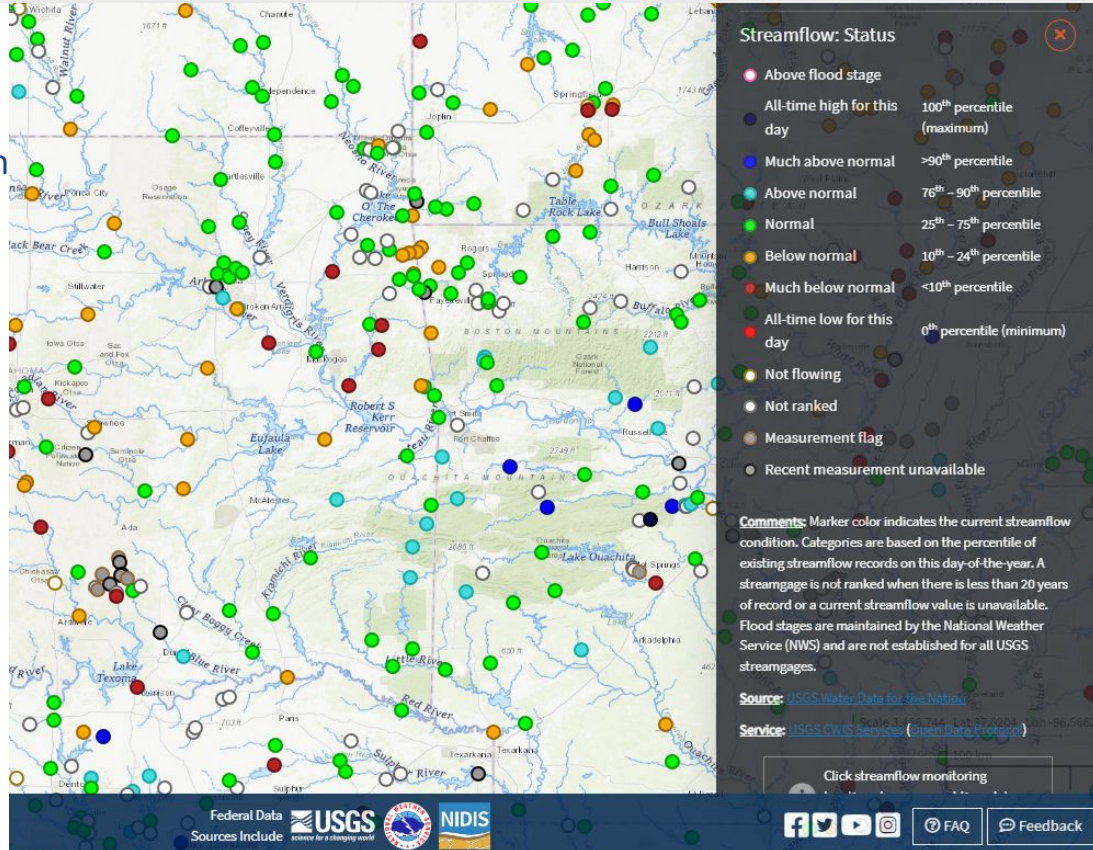


Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

The 5/28/2026 USGS streamflow (image on the right) was normal to much below normal for this date for most rivers across northeastern OK and northwestern AR, while the streamflow across southeastern OK into west central AR was normal to above normal.

River gages with Much Below Normal (less than 10th percentile) streamflows in eastern OK and northwestern AR:

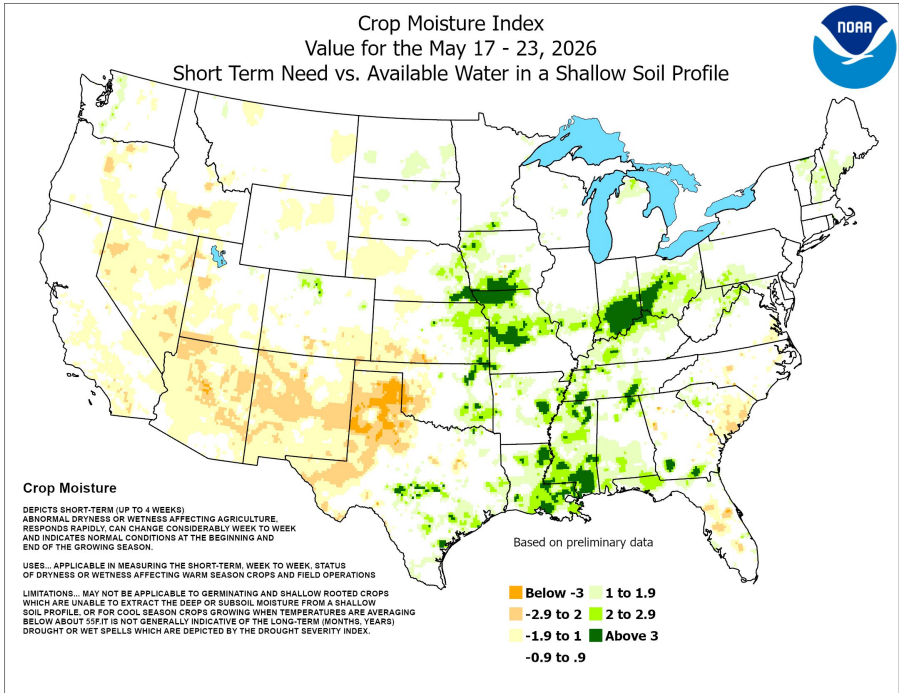
- Neosho River near Chouteau, OK
- Arkansas River near Haskell, OK
- Baron Fork at Eldon, OK
- Caney Creek near Barber, OK
- Illinois River near Gore, OK





Agricultural Impacts

- May reports in Madison Co. and Sebastian Co. AR state that pastures are still not growing well and supplemental hay feeding of herds is required. Additionally, smaller creeks are running low.
- A walnut farm in Benton Co. AR reported moderately dry pond levels mid-May and there is about 8"-10" left before the pond level becomes severe.

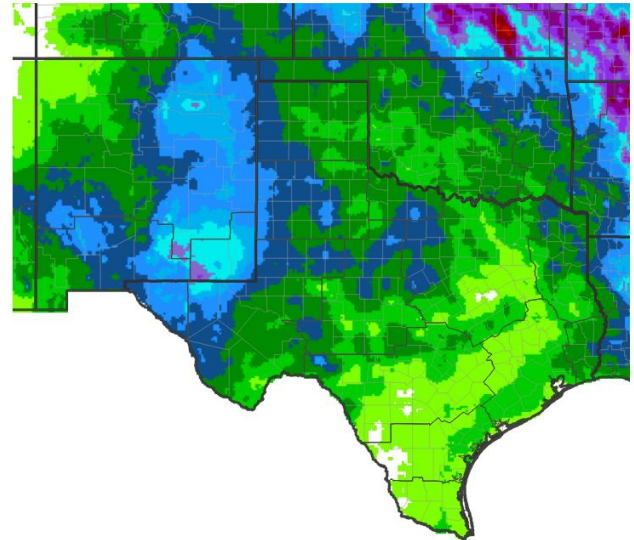




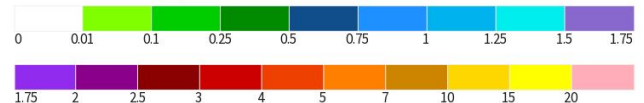
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Showers and thunderstorms will be possible across eastern OK and northwestern AR through June 2, 2026.
- 0.25" to 2.50" of total rainfall is currently forecast over the next 7 days.
- Pockets of 3"-3.5" of total rain may occur in areas that receive repeated thunderstorm activity.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for May 28, 2026–June 4, 2026



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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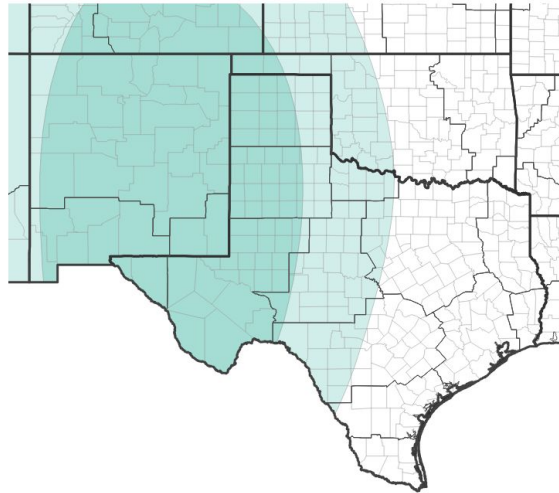


Long-Range Outlooks

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

- There is an equal chance for above, near, or below median precipitation across all of eastern OK and northwestern AR for June and for the June-August season.
- There is an enhanced chance for above normal temperatures across all of eastern OK and northwestern AR for June and for the June-August season.

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



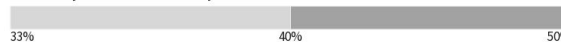
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Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



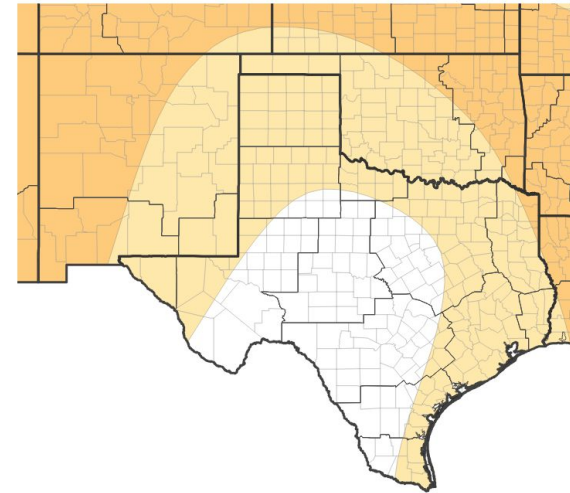
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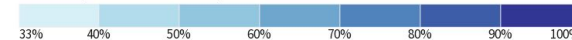
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Monthly Temperature Outlook for June 1, 2026–June 30, 2026



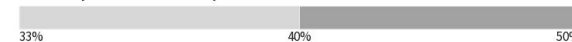
Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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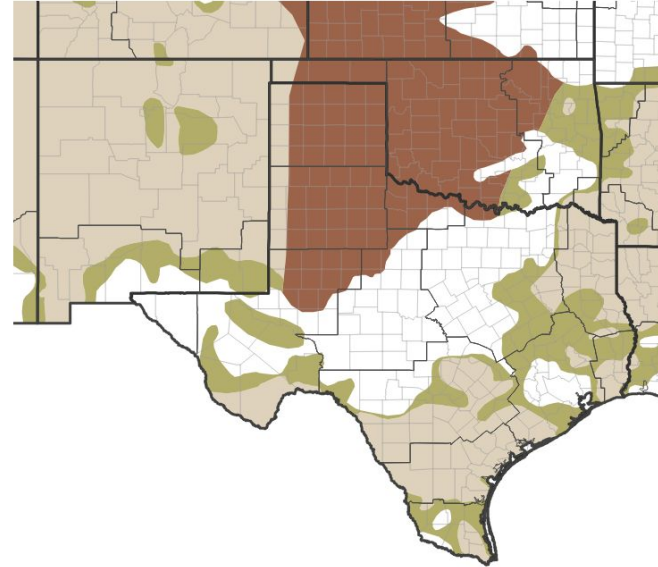
Drought Outlook

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The Seasonal Drought Outlook for May 21 - August 31, 2026:

- Drought is expected to persist across northeastern Oklahoma west of an Okmulgee to Claremore line.
- Drought is expected to improve or end across the remainder of eastern Oklahoma and northwestern Arkansas.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for May 21, 2026–August 31, 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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