



Drought Information Statement for Northeastern Wyoming and Western South Dakota

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- Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/unr/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
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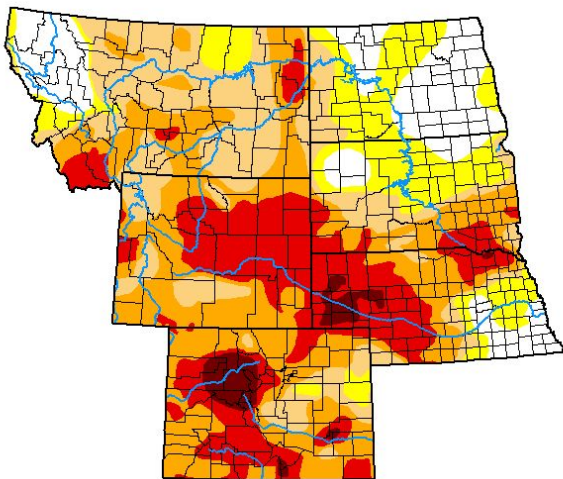
U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for northeastern Wyoming and western South Dakota

Drought intensity and Extent

- **D4 (Exceptional Drought):** not occurring
- **D3 (Extreme Drought):** portions of Campbell, Crook, Weston, Lawrence, Custer, Pennington, Fall River, Oglala Lakota, Jackson, and Bennett Counties
- **D2 (Severe Drought):** portions of Campbell, Crook, Butte, Lawrence, Meade, Pennington, Custer, Oglala Lakota, Jackson, Bennett, Mellette, Todd, and Tripp Counties.
- **D1 (Moderate Drought):** portions of Harding, Butte, Lawrence, Meade, Pennington, Ziebach, Haakon, Jackson, Mellette, and Todd Counties.
- **D0: (Abnormally Dry):** Rest of the area with the exception of parts of Harding, Perkins, Butte, Meade, and Ziebach Counties.

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June 23, 2026

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	13.22	86.78	72.84	50.98	23.14	2.68
Last Week 06-16-2026	12.50	87.50	72.71	49.91	23.06	2.60
3 Months Ago 03-24-2026	21.28	78.72	62.60	38.33	9.37	1.07
Start of Calendar Year 01-06-2026	43.84	56.16	25.41	9.26	1.16	0.12
Start of Water Year 09-30-2025	51.04	48.96	27.32	19.65	7.49	0.00
One Year Ago 06-24-2025	31.12	68.88	46.91	16.00	1.17	0.00

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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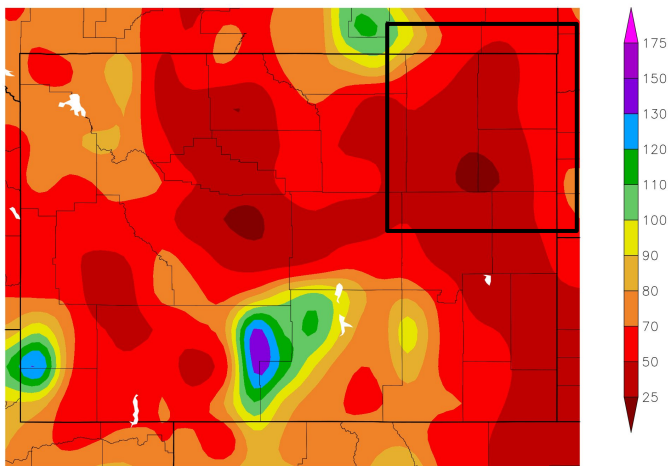
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Precipitation: Since January 1, 2026

Wyoming

Percent of Normal Precipitation (%)
1/1/2026 – 6/24/2026

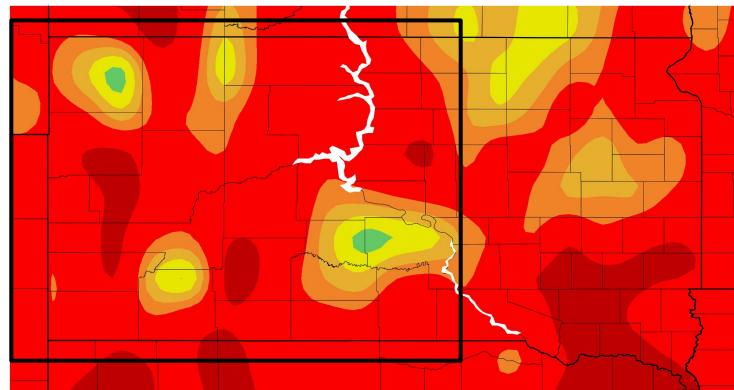


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South Dakota

Percent of Normal Precipitation (%)
1/1/2026 – 6/24/2026



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Precipitation has been much below average since January 1, 2026 for most locations.



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Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- Most streams and rivers are normal to above normal for this time of the year. Additional information from the USGS may be found [here](#).

Agricultural Impacts

- USDA Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin can be found [here](#).

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Please visit [Great Plains Fire Information](#) for the latest fire restrictions.
- Windy days combined with dry, dead fuels will cause elevated to critical fire conditions

Mitigation Actions

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



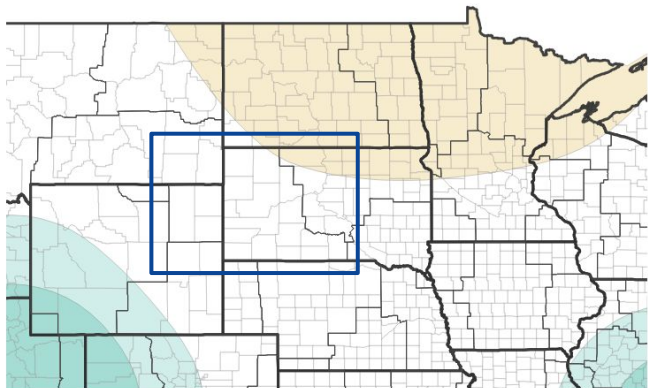


Long-Range Outlooks

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

- There is a greater chance for above average temperatures for a portion of the area in July.
- No precipitation signal is favored for July, therefore, there are equal chances for above, below, and average precipitation.

Monthly Precipitation Outlook for July 1, 2026–July 31, 2026



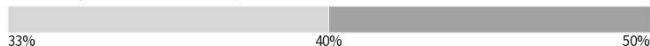
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Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



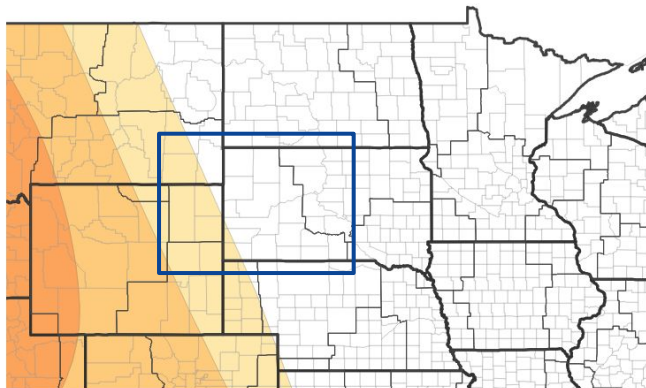
Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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Monthly Temperature Outlook for July 1, 2026–July 31, 2026



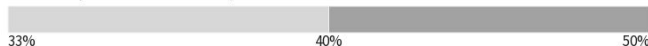
Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



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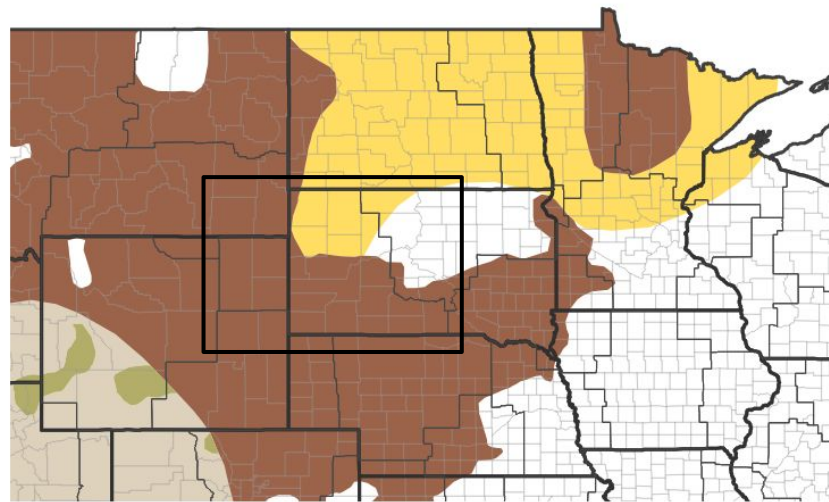


Drought Outlook

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- Drought conditions are expected to persist and develop into summer.

**Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for June 18,
2026–September 30, 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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