



Drought Information Statement for Northeastern Wyoming and Western South Dakota

Valid August 21, 2026

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- This product will be updated September 2026 or sooner if drought conditions change significantly.
- Please see all currently available products at <https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements>.
- Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/unr/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
- Please visit <https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates> for regional drought status updates.

- DROUGHT CONDITIONS CONTINUE





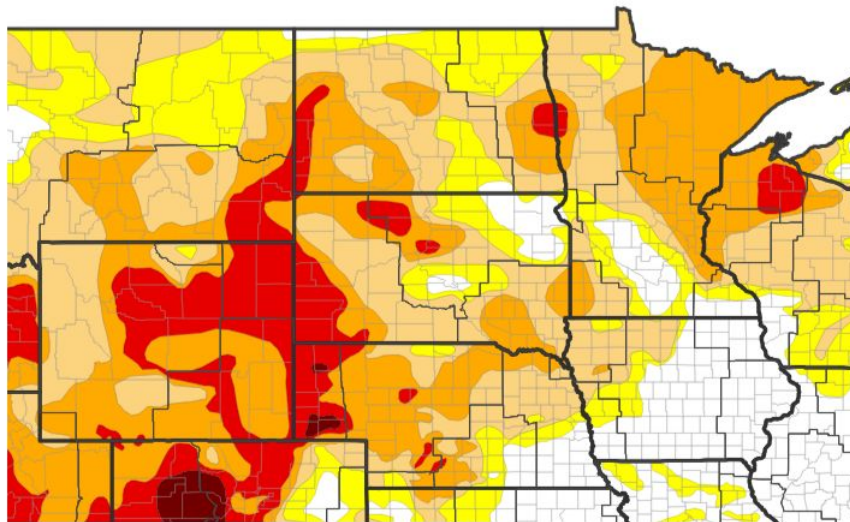
U.S. Drought Monitor

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, Harding, Perkins, Ziebach, Butte, Lawrence, Meade, Pennington, Custer, Fall River, Oglala Lakota, and Bennett Counties.
- **D2 (Severe Drought):** portions of Campbell, Harding, Perkins, Ziebach, Butte, Meade, Pennington, Oglala Lakota, Jackson, and Bennett Counties.
- **D1 (Moderate Drought):** portions of Harding, Butte, Perkins, Ziebach, Meade, Pennington, Haakon, Jackson, Bennett, Mellette, Todd, and Tripp Counties.
- **D0: (Abnormally Dry):** not occurring

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Source(s): NDMC, NOAA, USDA, NASA; image courtesy of Drought.gov

Data Valid: 08/18/26



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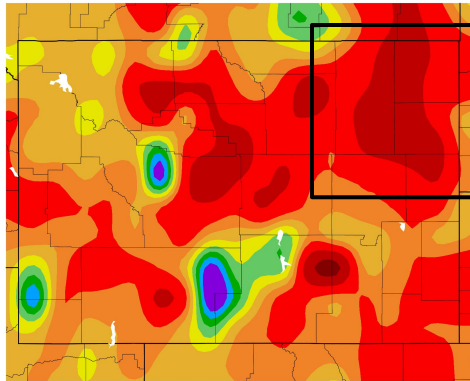


Precipitation: Since January 1, 2026

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

Wyoming

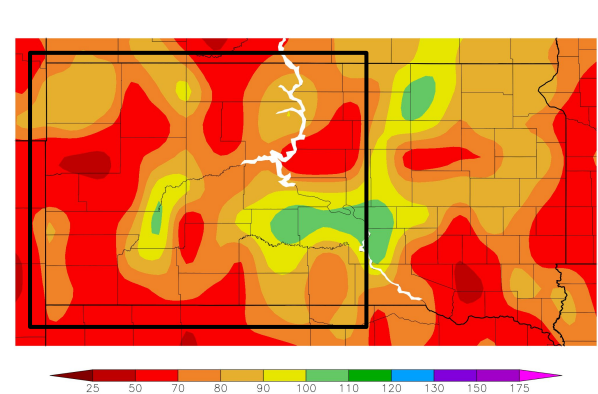
Percent of Normal Precipitation (%)
1/1/2026 – 8/20/2026



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South Dakota

Percent of Normal Precipitation (%)
1/1/2026 – 8/20/2026



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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 Interagency Dispatch Center](#) for the latest information.
- 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

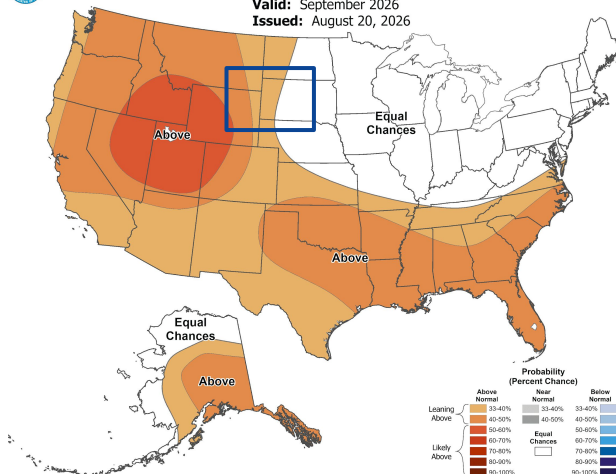
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- There is a greater chance for above average temperatures.
- Odds favor average precipitation.



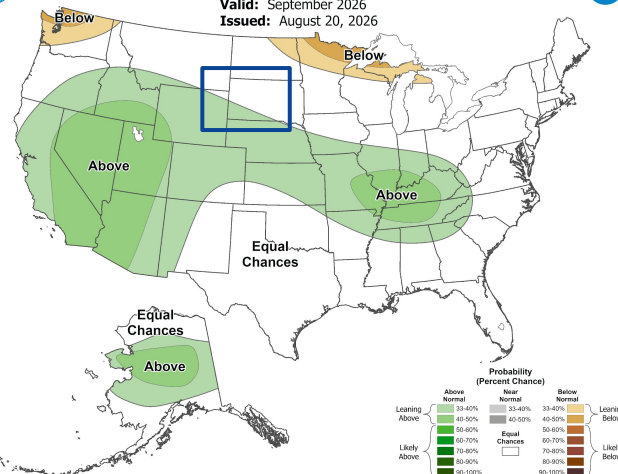
Monthly Temperature Outlook

Valid: September 2026
Issued: August 20, 2026



Monthly Precipitation Outlook

Valid: September 2026
Issued: August 20, 2026





Drought Outlook

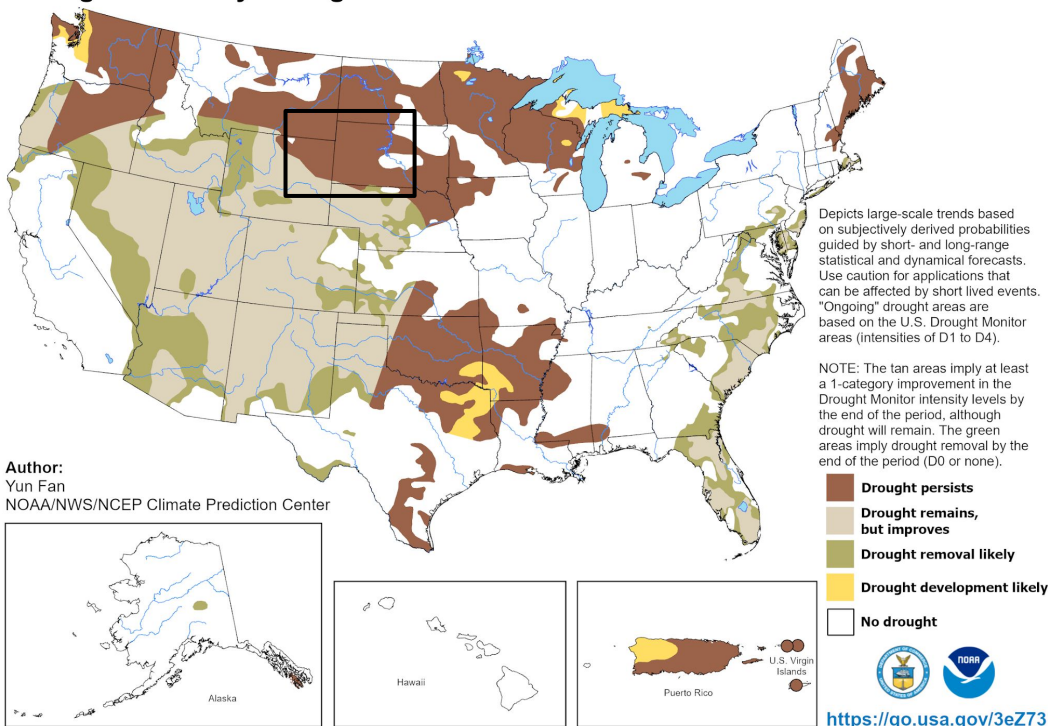
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- Drought conditions will persist.

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

Valid for August 20 - November 30, 2026

Released August 20, 2026



Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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