

# Oklahoma Water Resources Bulletin

## Summary of Current Conditions

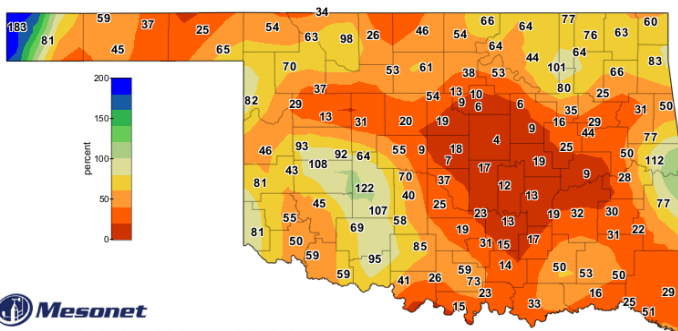
October 18, 2025

### Precipitation

Last 30 Days: September 18 through October 17, 2025

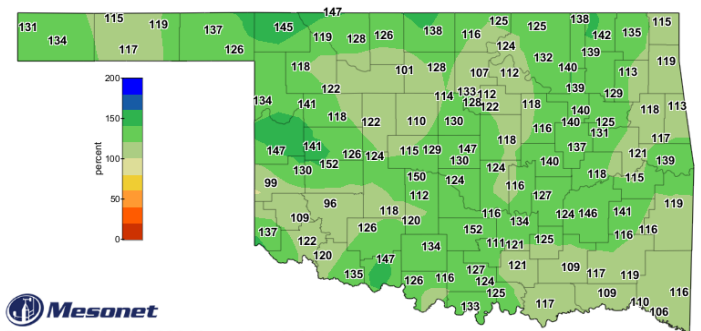
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Climate Division	Total Rainfall (inches)	Departure From Normal (inches)	Percent of Normal	Rank Since 1921	Climate Division	Total Rainfall (inches)	Departure From Normal (inches)	Percent of Normal	RANK SINCE 1921
PANHANDLE	1.13"	-0.59"	66%	39th driest	PANHANDLE	25.28"	+4.70"	123%	14th wettest
N. CENTRAL	1.36"	-1.68"	45%	34th driest	N. CENTRAL	37.88"	+6.46"	121%	14th wettest
NORTHEAST	2.31"	-1.83"	56%	36th driest	NORTHEAST	54.67"	+12.00"	128%	9th wettest
W. CENTRAL	1.51"	-1.36"	53%	39th driest	W. CENTRAL	36.14"	+7.74"	127%	8th wettest
CENTRAL	0.77"	-2.96"	21%	11th driest	CENTRAL	45.98"	+8.35"	122%	11th wettest
E. CENTRAL	1.66"	-2.80"	37%	25th driest	E. CENTRAL	58.42"	+12.28"	127%	6th wettest
SOUTHWEST	2.06"	-0.91"	69%	50th driest	SOUTHWEST	36.44"	+6.17"	120%	16th wettest
S. CENTRAL	1.29"	-2.56"	34%	22nd driest	S. CENTRAL	49.93"	+9.22"	123%	13th wettest
SOUTHEAST	1.71"	-2.65"	39%	24th driest	SOUTHEAST	58.73"	+8.14"	116%	19th wettest
STATEWIDE	1.50"	-1.96"	43%	30th driest	STATEWIDE	44.84"	+8.37"	123%	7th wettest



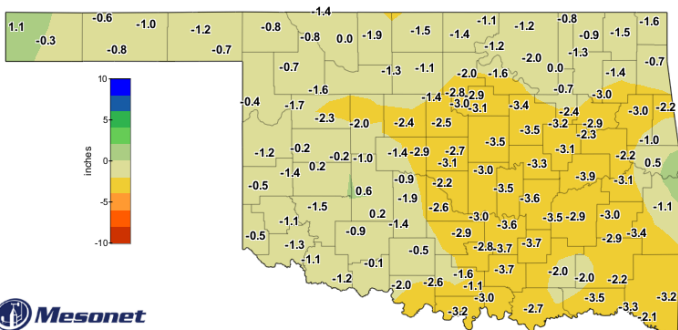
Percent of 1991-2020 Normal Rainfall  
Last 30 Days

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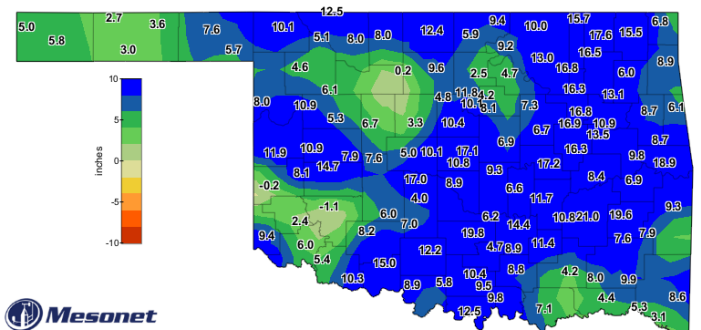
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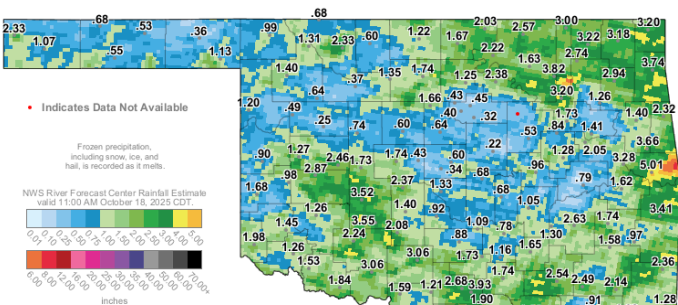
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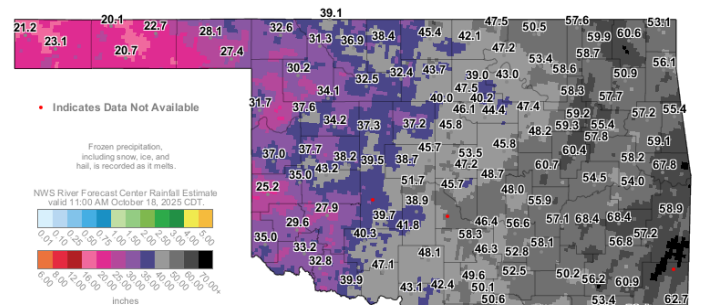
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30-Day Rainfall Accumulation (inches)

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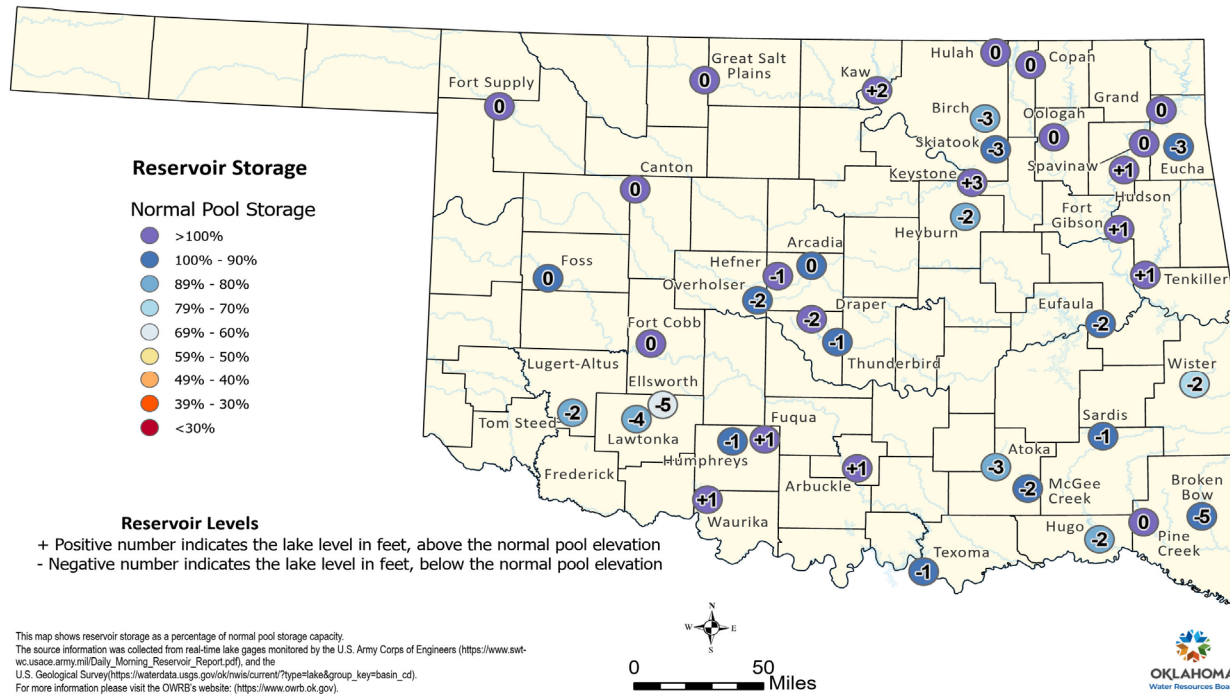


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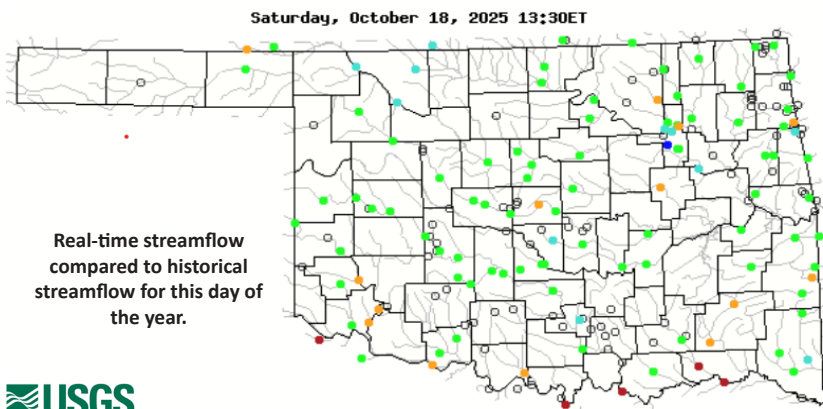
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## Reservoir Levels

### Oklahoma Reservoir Levels and Storage as of 10/14/2025



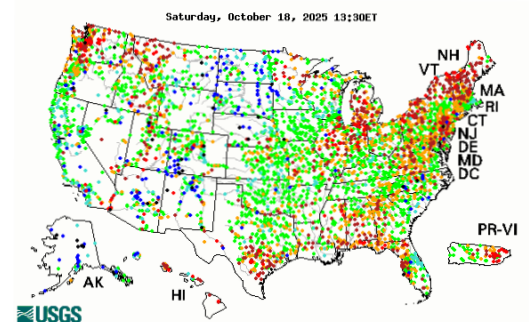
## Streamflow



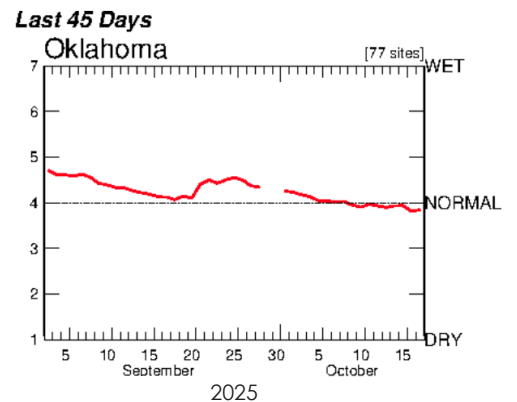
Explanation - Percentile classes							
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Low	<10 Much below normal	10-24 Below normal	25-75 Normal	76-90 Above normal	>90 Much above normal	High	Not ranked

Visit [waterwatch.usgs.gov](https://waterwatch.usgs.gov) for additional real-time streamflow information.

Visit the OWRB's [Water Data and Analysis Portal](#) for continuous and discrete water quality and quantity data for Oklahoma lakes, streams, and aquifers across the state.

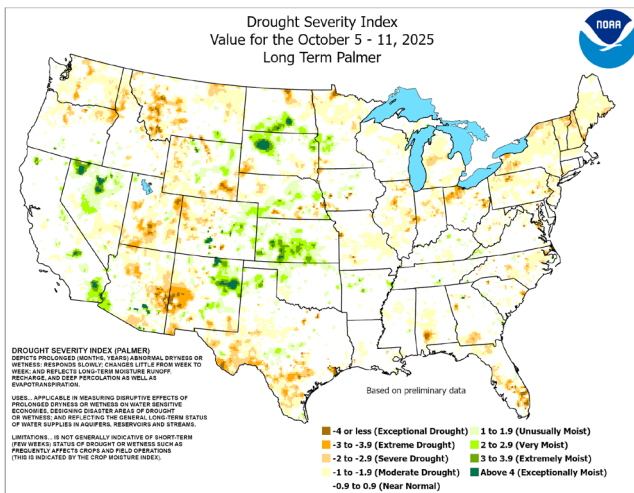


### Average Streamflow Index



# Drought Conditions

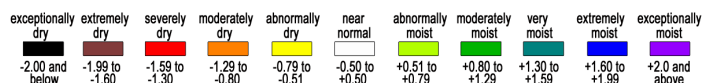
## Palmer Drought Severity Index (PDSI)



The PDSI is a standardized index based on a simplified soil water balance and estimates relative soil moisture conditions.

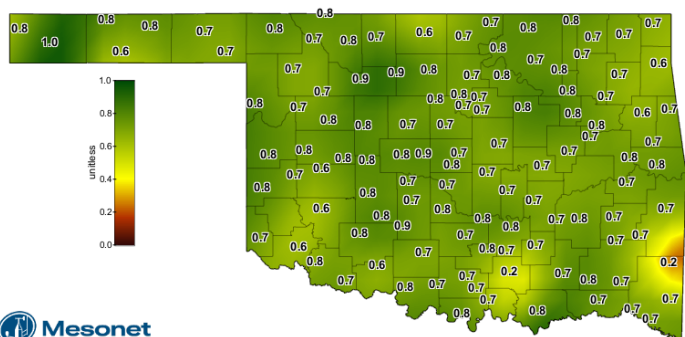
## Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI) Through August 2025

Climate Division	3-month	12-month	24-month
PANHANDLE	Very Moist	Moderately Moist	Moderately Moist
NORTH CENTRAL	Extremely Moist	Very Moist	Moderately Moist
NORTHEAST	Extremely Moist	Very Moist	Moderately Moist
WEST CENTRAL	Moderately Moist	Moderately Moist	Abnormally Moist
CENTRAL	Moderately Moist	Extremely Moist	Very Moist
EAST CENTRAL	Moderately Moist	Very Moist	Very Moist
SOUTHWEST	Near Normal	Moderately Moist	Abnormally Moist
SOUTH CENTRAL	Abnormally Moist	Very Moist	Very Moist
SOUTHEAST	Moderately Moist	Moderately Moist	Moderately Moist



Latest update not available due to US government shutdown. The SPI provides a comparison of precipitation over several specified time periods with totals for all years in the historical record. Through August 2025, all regions were Near Normal or wetter for all time periods shown.

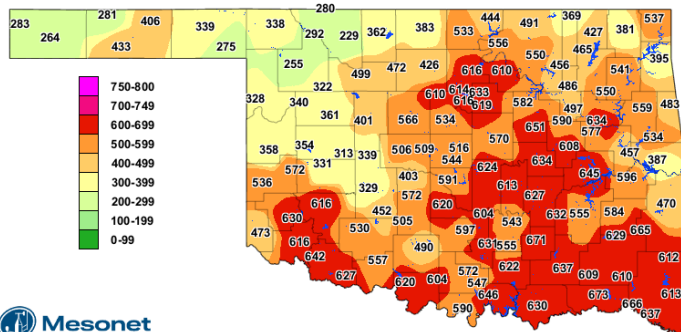
## Soil Moisture



1-day Average 4-inch Bare Soil Fractional Water Index October 17, 2025

The 1-day Average 4-inch Bare Soil Fractional Water Index map displays the 24-hour-averaged soil moisture at 4 inches under bare soil for the previous day. Fractional water index ranges from 0 (as dry as the sensor can read) to 1.0 (as wet as the sensor can read). Soil moisture cannot be measured if the soils are frozen, which may cause maps to have large areas of missing data during the winter months.

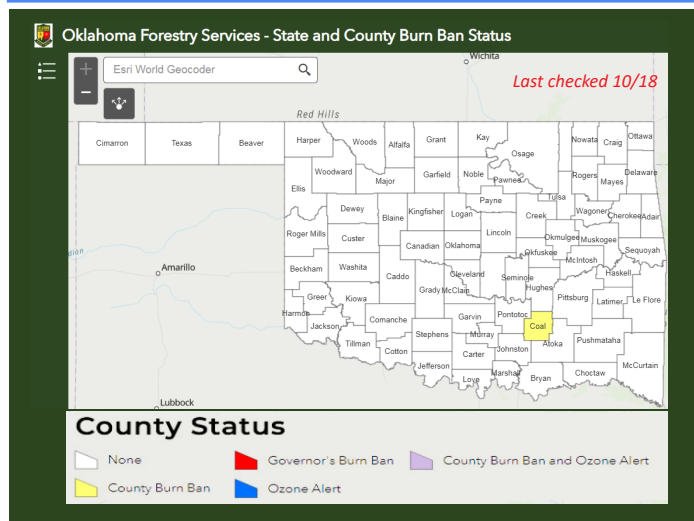
## Keetch-Byram Drought Index



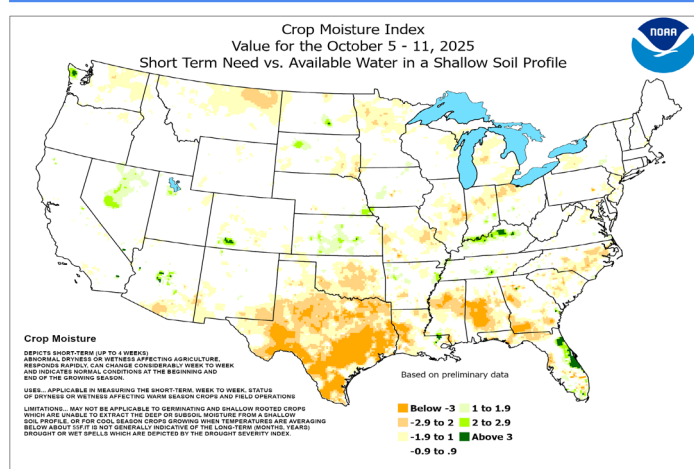
Keetch-Byram Drought Index

The Keetch-Byram Drought Index measures the state of near-surface soil moisture (within the uppermost eight inches of soil) as well as the amount of fuel available for fires. KBDI values > 600 are often associated with severe drought and increased wildfire occurrence.

## State & County Burn Ban Status



## Crop Moisture Index





# Oklahoma Drought Monitor

**1.9 Million**

Oklahoma residents in areas of drought, according to the Drought Monitor

↑ 91.1% since last week

**23rd**

wettest August on record (since 1895)

4.13 in. total precipitation

↑ 1.28 in. from normal

**8th**

wettest January–August on record (since 1895)

32.28 in. total precipitation

↑ 8.79 in. from normal

## D0 - Abnormally Dry

- Crops are stressed (wheat, canola, alfalfa, pecans); winter wheat germination is delayed
- Stock pond levels decline

## D1 - Moderate Drought

- Summer crop and forage yields are reduced
- Wildfire risk increases
- Lake recreation activities are affected; deer reproduction is poor

## D2 - Severe Drought

- Dryland crops are severely reduced; pasture growth is stunted
- Cattle are stressed
- Burn bans begin

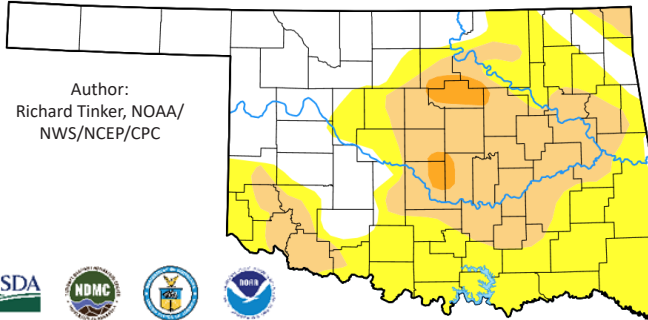
## D3 - Extreme Drought

- Grasses are dormant, and hay is nonexistent; planting is delayed; fields are spotty; emergency CRP grazing is authorized
- Cattle have little water and feed
- Wildfires are increasing in number and severity; air quality is poor, with dust storms and smoke

## D4 - Exceptional Drought

- Ground is cracking; farmers are bailing failed crops or abandoning fields; pastures are bare; land is abandoned
- Cost of hay and water is high and supplies are scarce; producers are liquidating herds
- Burn restrictions increase; fire season is long

Statistics valid as of 10/14/25



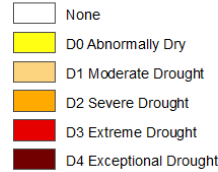
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### Intensity:



The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

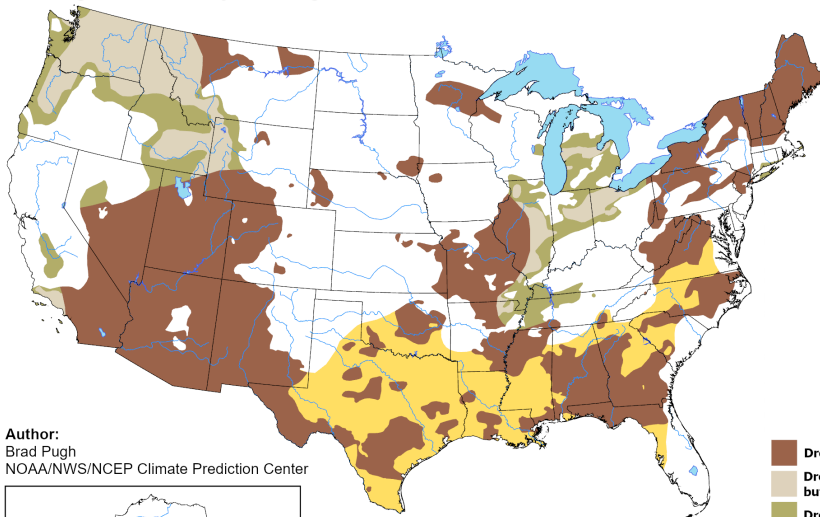
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Current	2025-10-14	34.12	65.88	29.02	1.97	0.00	0.00	97
Last Week to Current	2025-10-07	47.87	52.13	12.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	64
3 Months Ago to Current	2025-07-15	98.76	1.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1
Start of Calendar Year to Current	2024-12-31	70.28	29.72	5.52	0.33	0.00	0.00	36
Start of Water Year to Current	2025-09-30	64.08	35.92	4.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	41
One Year Ago to Current	2024-10-15	14.41	85.59	70.97	52.37	31.44	0.00	240

## Drought Probability

### U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook

Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

Valid for October 16, 2025 - January 31, 2026  
Released October 16, 2025



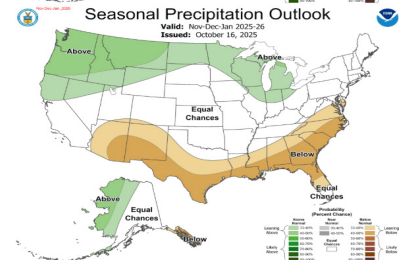
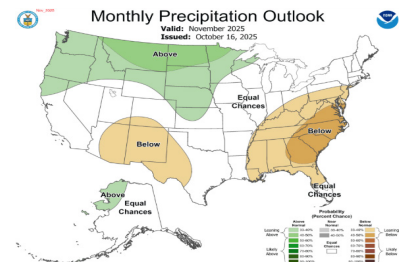
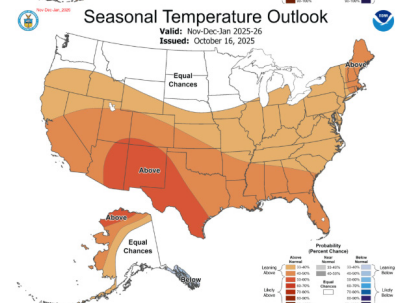
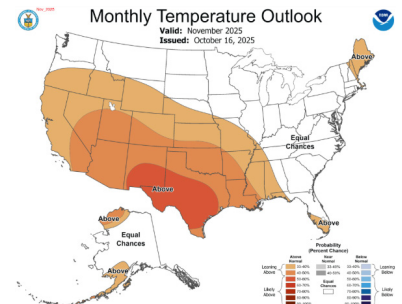
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<https://go.usa.gov/3eZ73>

The map depicts large-scale trends based on subjectively derived probabilities guided by short- and long-range statistical and dynamical forecasts. "Ongoing" drought areas are based on the U.S. Drought Monitor areas (intensities of D1 to D4). Tan areas imply at least a 1-category improvement in the Drought Monitor intensity levels by the end of the period, although drought will remain. Green areas imply drought removal by the end of the period.

## Monthly/Seasonal Outlook



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