

Oklahoma Water Resources Bulletin

Summary of Current Conditions

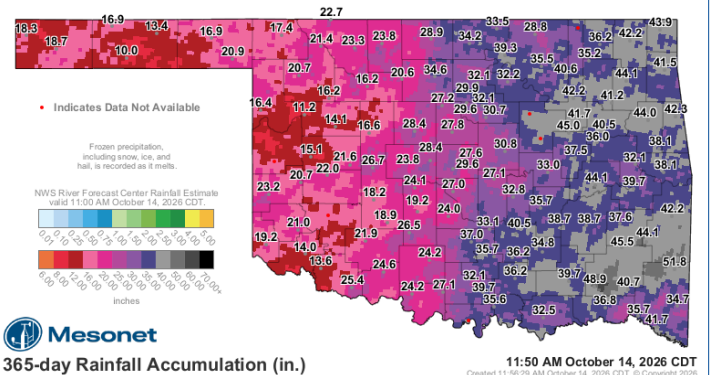
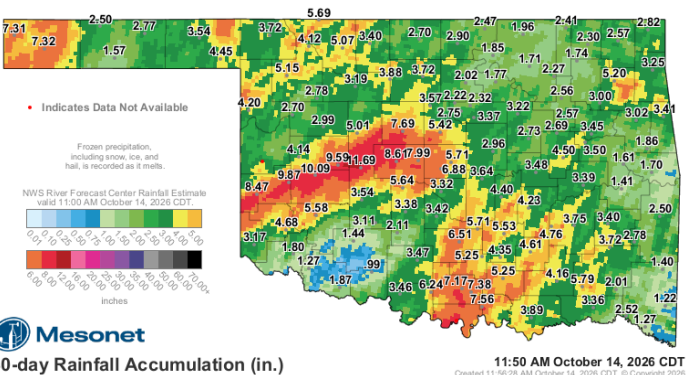
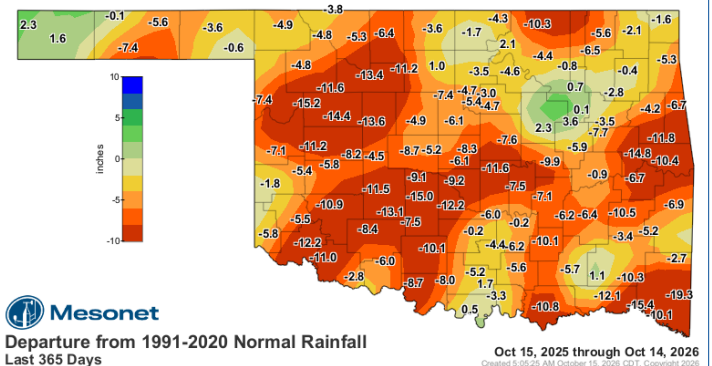
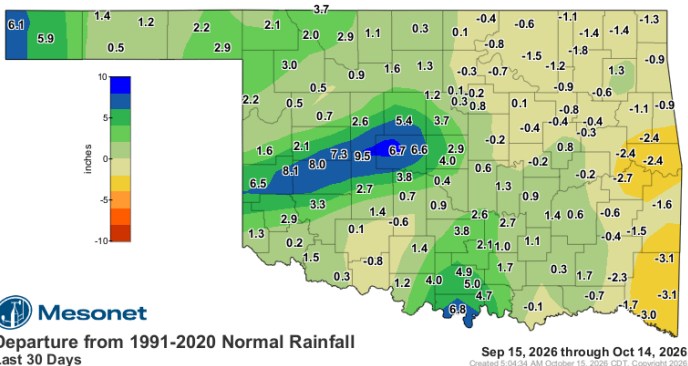
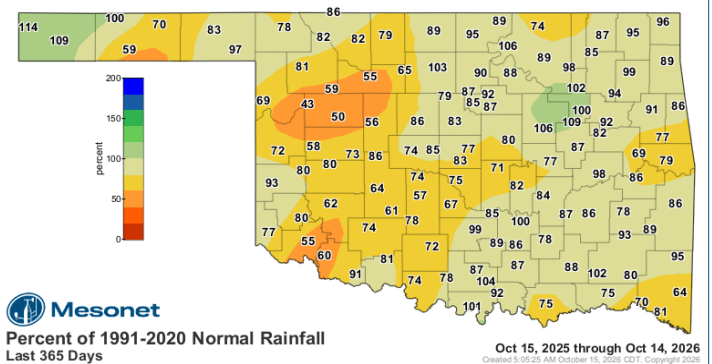
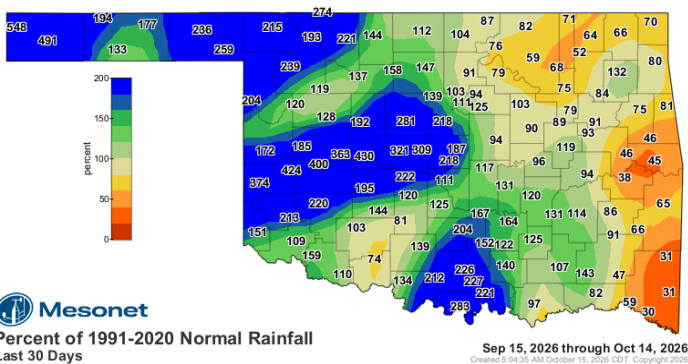
October 15, 2026

Precipitation

Last 30 Days: September 14 through October 13, 2026

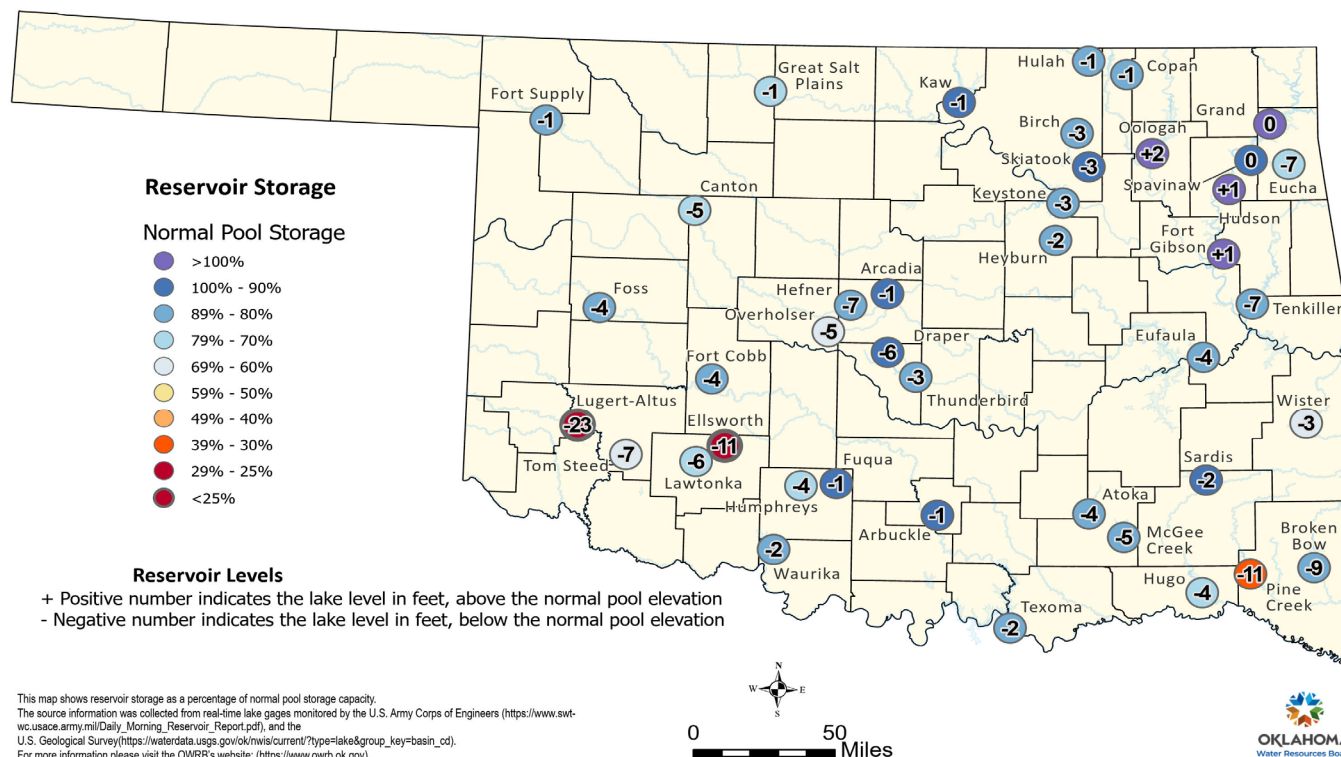
Last 365 Days: October 14, 2025, through October 13, 2026

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	4.12"	+2.42"	243%	8th wettest	PANHANDLE	16.64"	-3.94"	81%	25th driest
N. CENTRAL	2.82"	-0.18"	94%	45th wettest	N. CENTRAL	24.45"	-6.97"	78%	26th driest
NORTHEAST	1.50"	-2.79"	35%	20th driest	NORTHEAST	37.78"	-4.89"	89%	46th driest
W. CENTRAL	3.65"	+0.82"	129%	29th wettest	W. CENTRAL	15.41"	-12.99"	54%	3rd driest
CENTRAL	1.68"	-2.05"	45%	35th driest	CENTRAL	26.62"	-11.01"	71%	14th driest
E. CENTRAL	2.40"	-2.16"	53%	30th driest	E. CENTRAL	38.58"	-7.56"	84%	29th driest
SOUTHWEST	2.10"	-0.82"	72%	52nd driest	SOUTHWEST	18.63"	-11.64"	62%	5th driest
S. CENTRAL	5.37"	+1.57"	141%	28th wettest	S. CENTRAL	33.87"	-6.84"	83%	29th driest
SOUTHEAST	2.72"	-1.57"	64%	43rd driest	SOUTHEAST	41.77"	-8.82"	83%	21st driest
STATEWIDE	2.90"	-0.57"	84%	51st wettest	STATEWIDE	28.31"	-8.16"	78%	15th driest



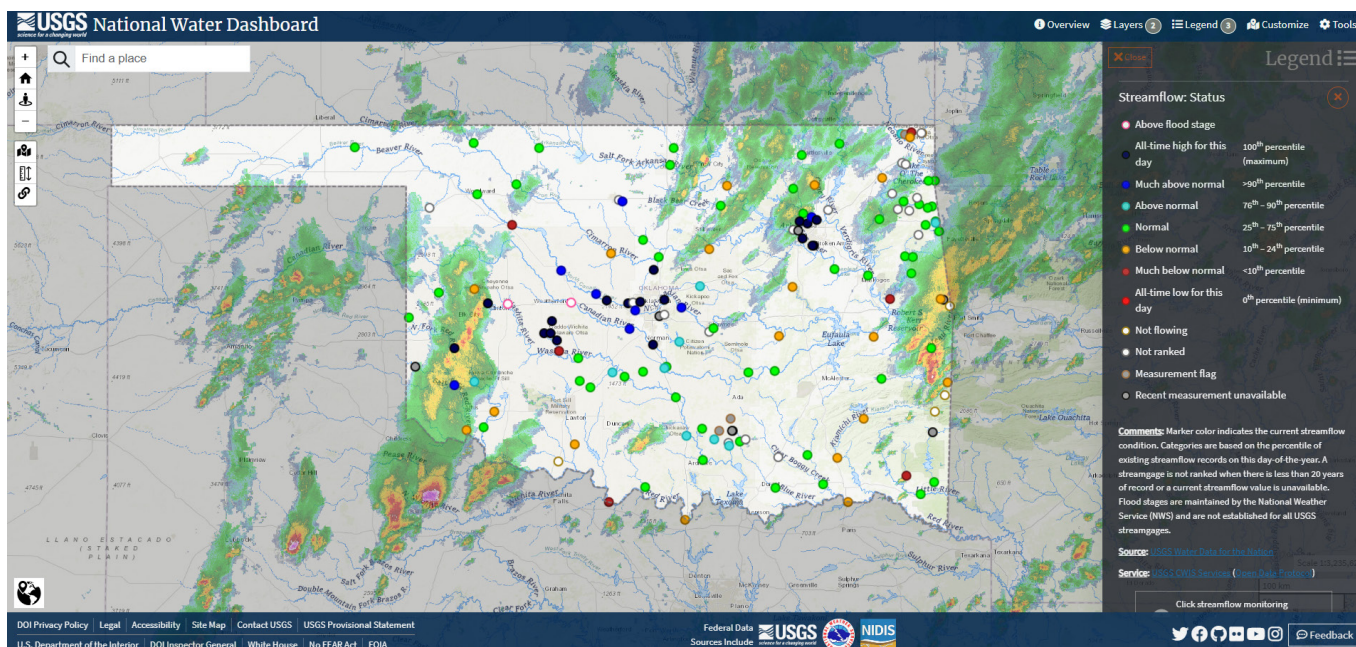
Reservoir Levels

Oklahoma Reservoir Levels and Storage as of 10/13/2026



Streamflow

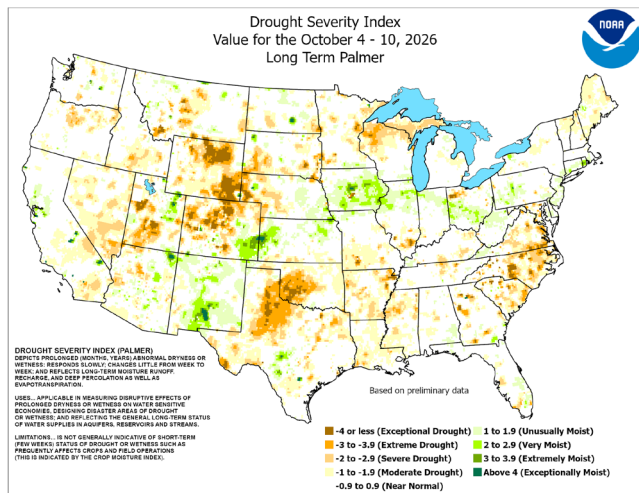
National Water Dashboard October 14, 2026



Visit the [USGS National Water Dashboard](https://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis/) for additional real-time streamflow information.

Drought Conditions

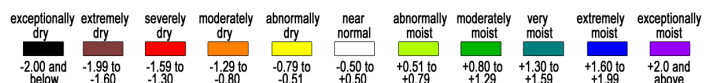
Palmer Drought Severity Index (PDSI)



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

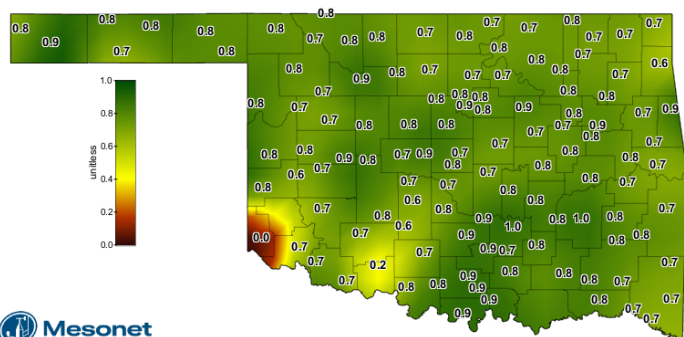
Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI) Through September 2026

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

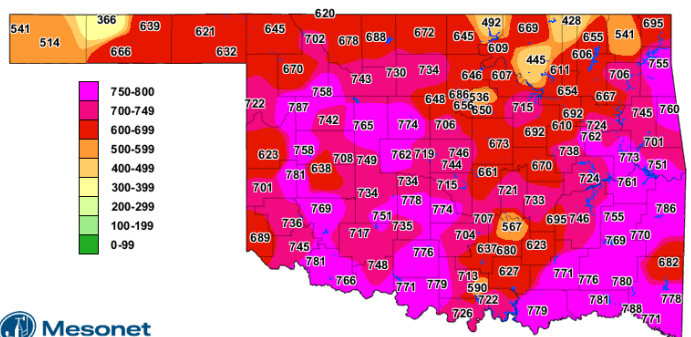


The SPI provides a comparison of precipitation over several specified time periods with totals for all years in the historical record. Through September 2026, for the 3-month period, the South Central and Southeast regions were Extremely Dry. For the 12-month period, Southwest and West Central were Extremely Dry.

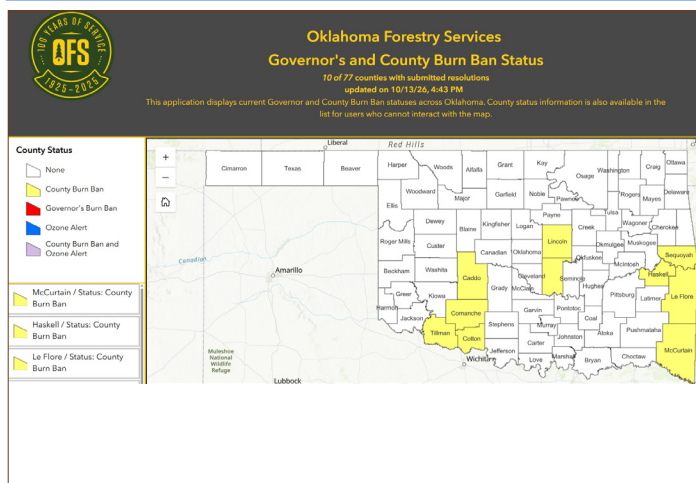
Soil Moisture



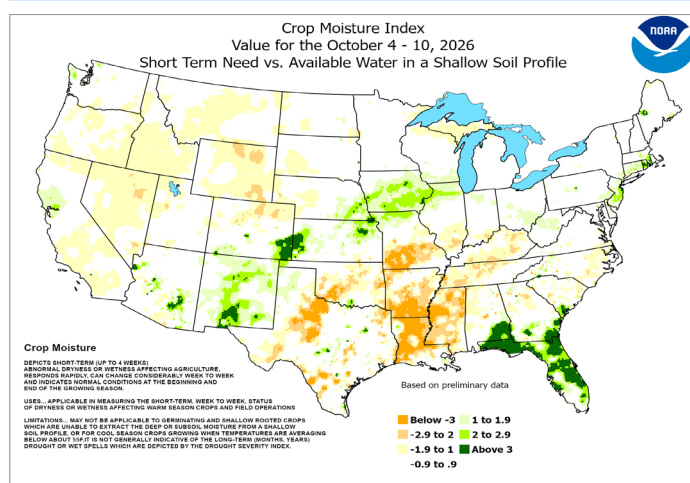
Keetch-Byram Drought Index



State & County Burn Ban Status



Crop Moisture Index



Oklahoma Drought Monitor

1.4 Million

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

↓ 0.4% since last week

16th

wettest June on record (since 1895)

6.65 in. total precipitation

↑ 2.63 in. from normal

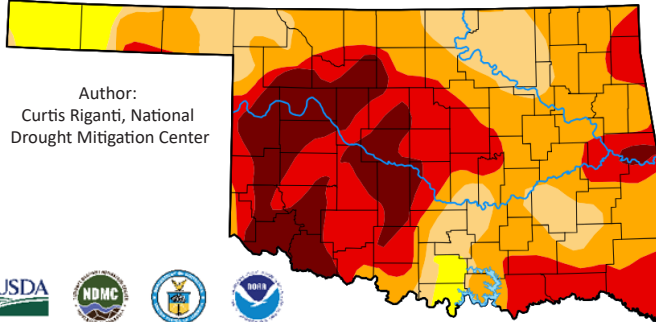
65th

wettest January—June on record (since 1895)

17.59 in. total precipitation

↓ 0.21 in. from normal

Statistics valid as of 10/13/2026



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Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

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

Week	Date	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4	DSCI
Current	10/13/2026	0	100	95.16	79.62	43.84	16.55	335
Last Week to Current	10/6/2026	0	100	96.7	80.38	42.54	16.09	336
3 Months Ago to Current	7/14/2026	35.7	64.3	43.37	35.01	15.54	1.55	160
Start of Calendar Year to Current	12/30/2025	20.87	79.13	53.74	13.95	4.8	0	152
Start of Water Year to Current	9/29/2026	0	100	99.82	92.4	55.43	24.39	372
One Year Ago to Current	10/14/2025	34.12	65.88	29.02	1.97	0	0	97

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

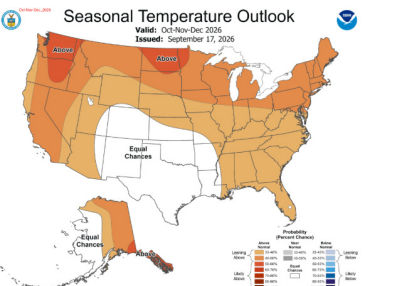
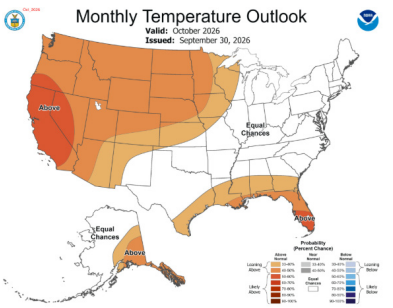
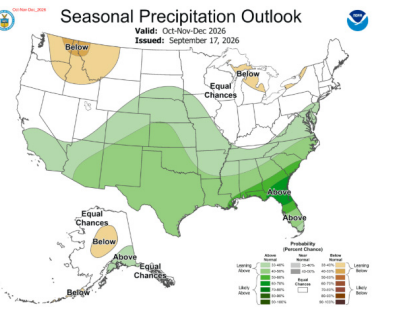
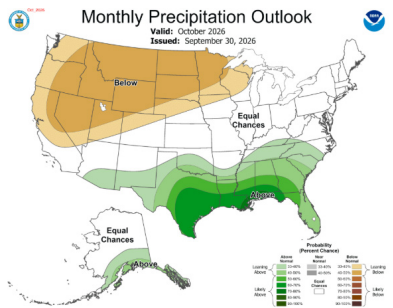
D3 - Extreme Drought

- 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

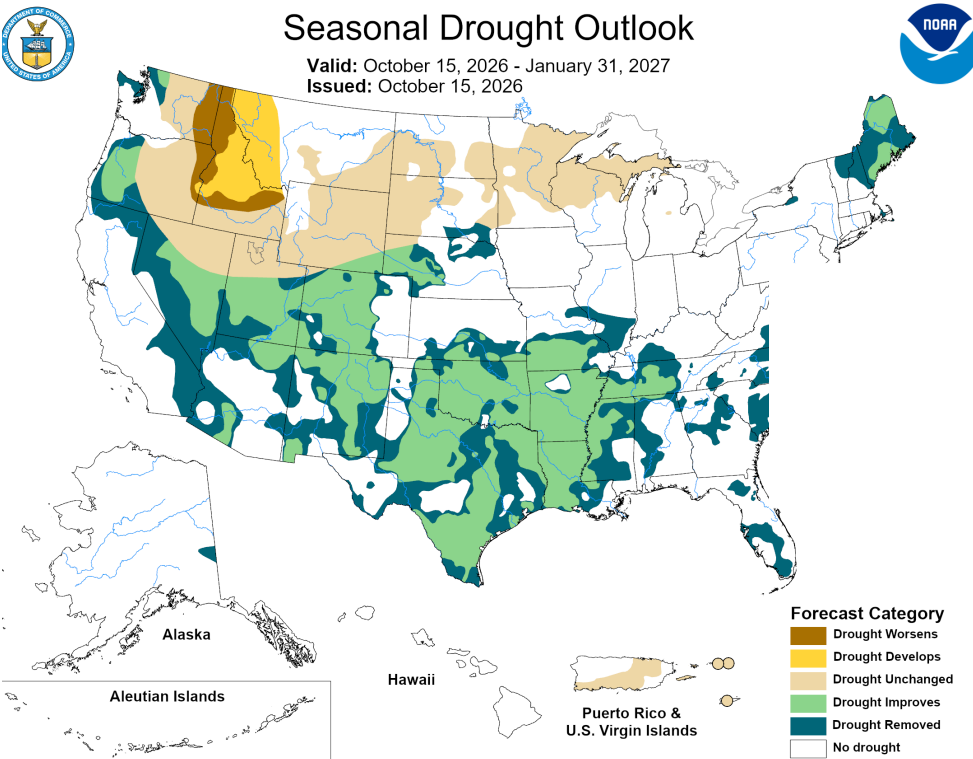
Monthly/Seasonal Outlook



Drought Probability

Seasonal Drought Outlook

Valid: October 15, 2026 - January 31, 2027
Issued: October 15, 2026



Forecast Category

- Drought Worsens
- Drought Develops
- Drought Unchanged
- Drought Improves
- Drought Removed
- No drought

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.

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