

Oklahoma Water Resources Bulletin

Summary of Current Conditions

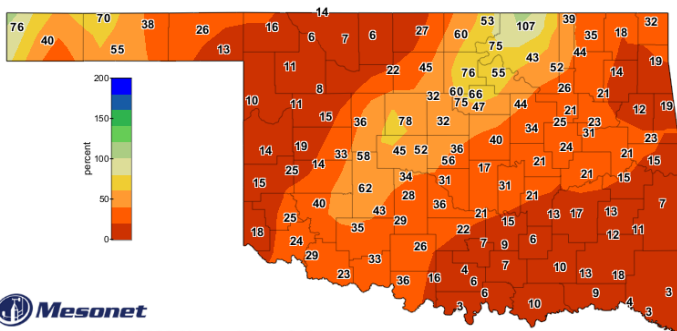
January 16, 2026

Precipitation

Last 30 Days: December 17, 2025, through January 15, 2026

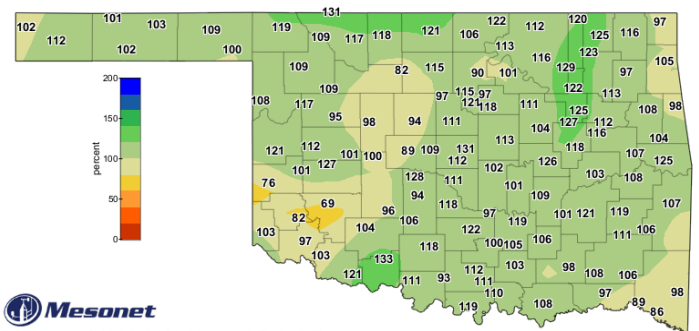
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Climate Division	Total Rainfall (inches)	Departure From Normal (inches)	Percent of Normal	Rank Since 1921	Climate Division	Total Rainfall (inches)	Departure From Normal (inches)	Percent of Normal	RANK SINCE 1921
PANHANDLE	0.22"	-0.44"	34%	36th driest	PANHANDLE	20.82"	+0.24"	101%	43rd wettest
N. CENTRAL	0.32"	-0.69"	32%	30th driest	N. CENTRAL	33.96"	+2.54"	108%	28th wettest
NORTHEAST	0.68"	-1.28"	35%	17th driest	NORTHEAST	48.17"	+5.50"	113%	19th wettest
W. CENTRAL	0.21"	-0.75"	22%	24th driest	W. CENTRAL	29.14"	+0.74"	103%	34th wettest
CENTRAL	0.64"	-0.90"	42%	32nd driest	CENTRAL	40.45"	+2.82"	107%	22nd wettest
E. CENTRAL	0.51"	-2.12"	19%	11th driest	E. CENTRAL	51.36"	+5.22"	111%	17th wettest
SOUTHWEST	0.43"	-0.69"	39%	37th driest	SOUTHWEST	29.79"	-0.48"	98%	38th wettest
S. CENTRAL	0.26"	-1.92"	12%	8th driest	S. CENTRAL	43.46"	+2.75"	107%	28th wettest
SOUTHEAST	0.33"	-2.86"	10%	4th driest	SOUTHEAST	51.28"	+0.69"	101%	43rd wettest
STATEWIDE	0.42"	-1.26"	25%	12th driest	STATEWIDE	38.82"	+2.35"	106%	24th wettest



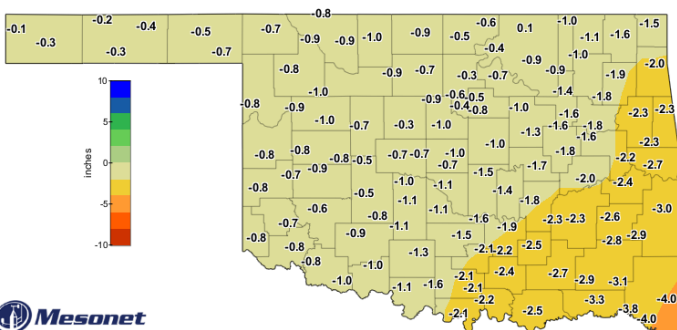
Percent of 1991-2020 Normal Rainfall
Last 30 Days

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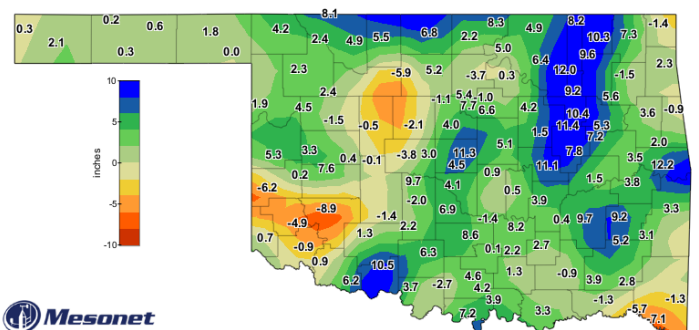
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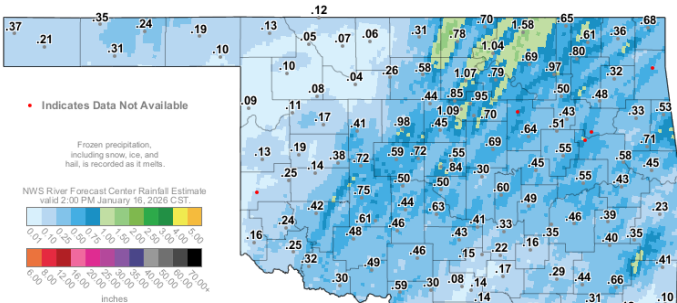
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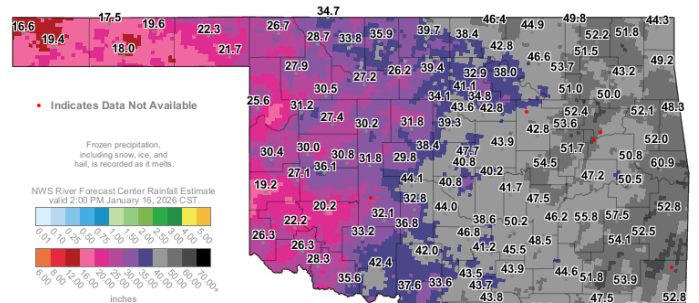
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30-Day Rainfall Accumulation (inches)

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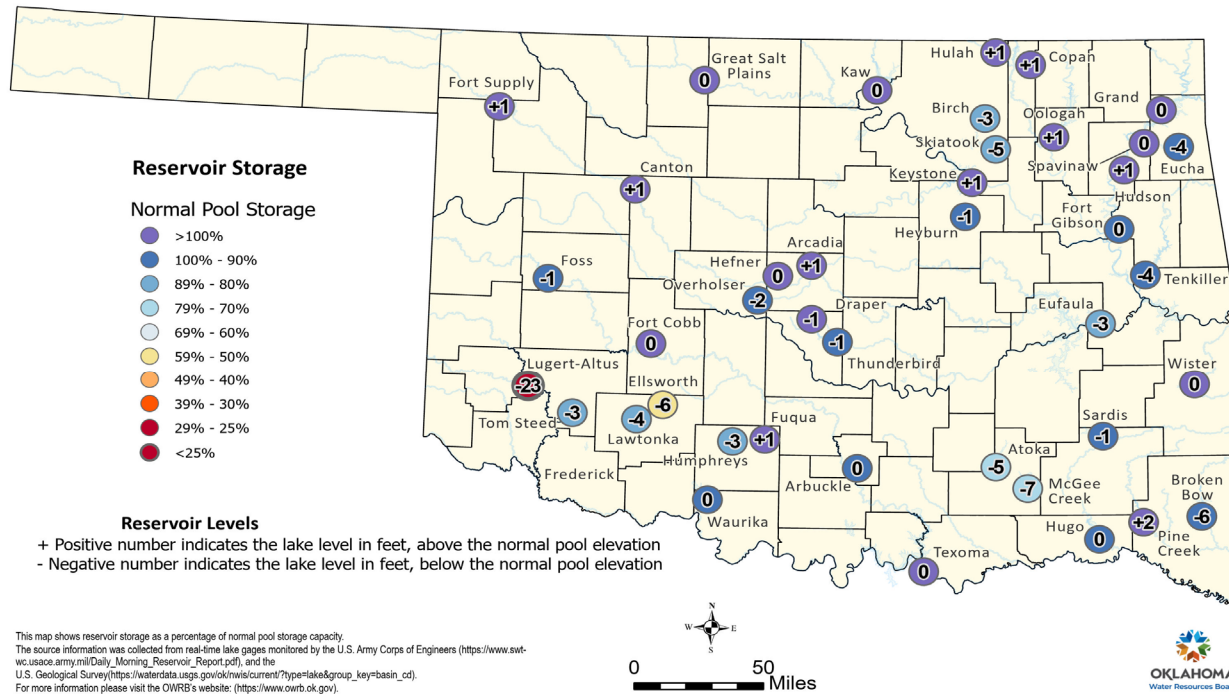


365-Day Rainfall Accumulation (inches)

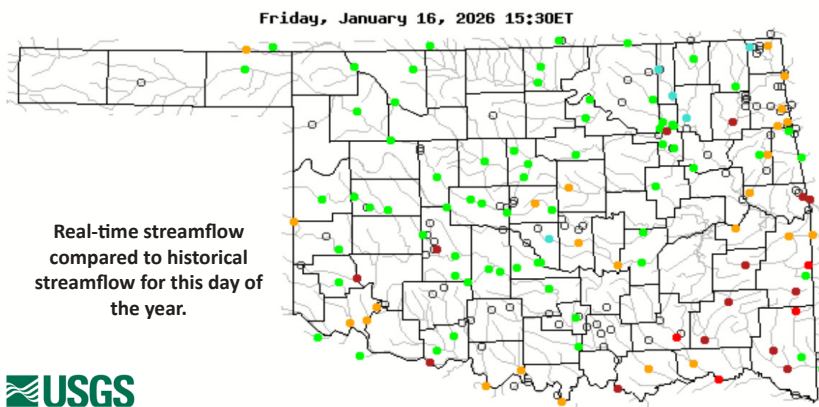
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Reservoir Levels

Oklahoma Reservoir Levels and Storage as of 1/14/2026



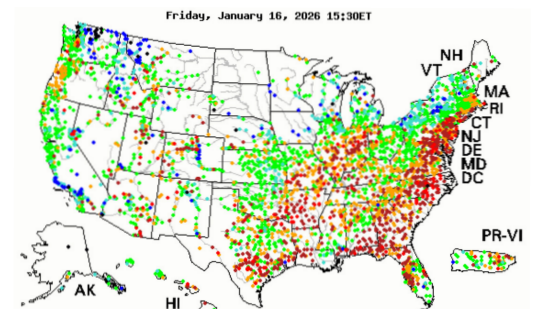
Streamflow



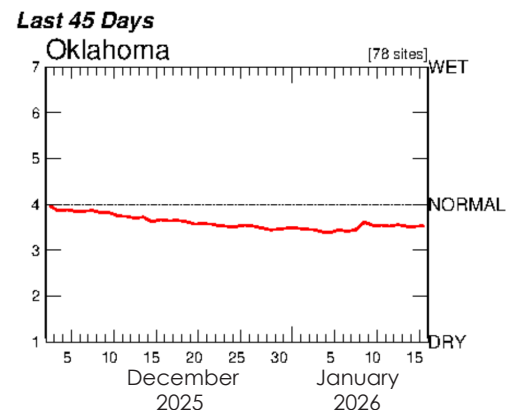
Explanation - Percentile classes							
●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Low	<10 Much below normal	10-24 Below normal	25-75 Normal	76-90 Above normal	>90 Much above normal	High	Not ranked

Visit waterwatch.usgs.gov 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



Oklahoma Drought Monitor

3.0 Million

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

↓ 4.3% since last week

1st

driest December on record (since 1895)

0.09 in. total precipitation

↓ 1.63 in. from normal

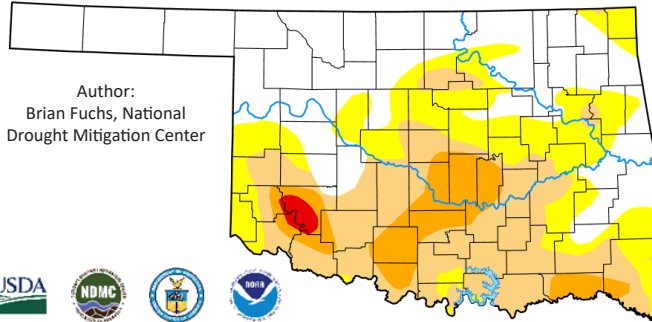
21st

wettest January–December on record (since 1895)

39.34 in. total precipitation

↑ 5.50 in. from normal

Statistics valid as of 1/13/26



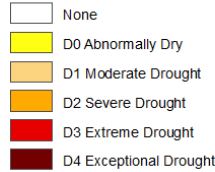
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Intensity:



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	2026-01-13	17.86	82.14	71.31	19.94	7.44	0.00	181
Last Week to Current	2026-01-06	19.15	80.85	72.77	19.38	6.92	0.00	180
3 Months Ago to Current	2025-10-14	34.12	65.88	29.02	1.97	0.00	0.00	97
Start of Calendar Year to Current	2025-12-30	20.87	79.13	53.74	13.95	4.80	0.00	152
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	2025-01-14	75.12	24.88	5.24	0.33	0.00	0.00	30

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

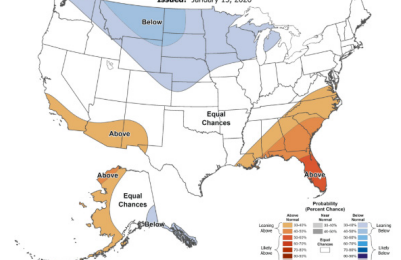
- Grasses are dormant, and hay is nonexistent; planting is delayed; fields are spotty; emergency CRP grazing is authorized
- Cattle have little water and feed
- Wildfires are increasing in number and severity; air quality is poor, with dust storms and smoke

D4 - Exceptional Drought

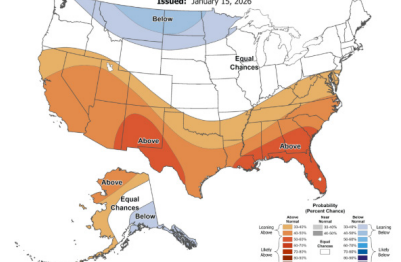
- Ground is cracking; farmers are bailing failed crops or abandoning fields; pastures are bare; land is abandoned
- Cost of hay and water is high and supplies are scarce; producers are liquidating herds
- Burn restrictions increase; fire season is long

Monthly/Seasonal Outlook

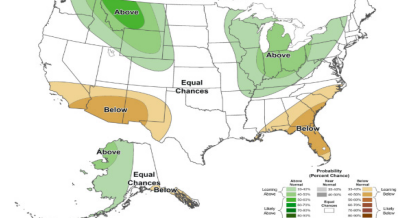
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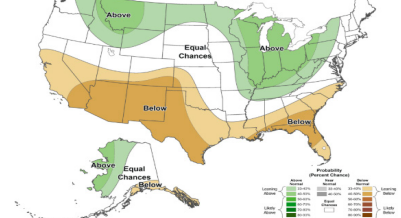
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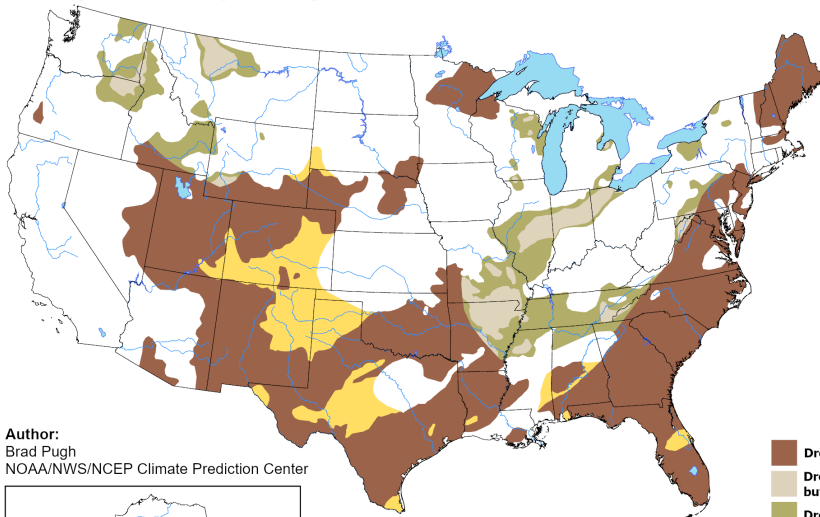


Drought Probability

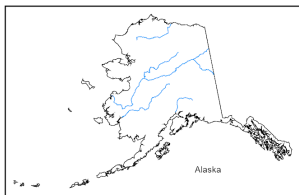
U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook

Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

Valid for January 15 - April 30, 2026
Released January 15, 2026



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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.

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