



# Oklahoma Conservation Commission

**Governor's Water Conference – November 2024**

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The Emergency Drought Committee allocates \$27,566,869 from the Emergency Drought Relief Fund to the Conservation Commission for purposes of providing financial assistance to eligible farmers and producers for implementing approved drought practices.

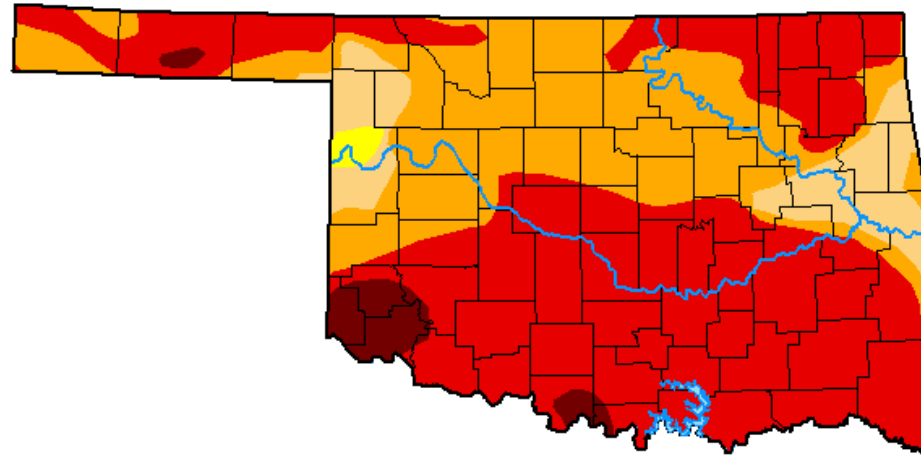




# August 2022 Statewide Drought

## U.S. Drought Monitor Oklahoma

**August 16, 2022**  
(Released Thursday, Aug. 18, 2022)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	0.00	100.00	99.33	90.63	59.15	3.50
<b>Last Week</b> <i>08-09-2022</i>	0.00	100.00	99.33	92.45	48.83	0.67
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>05-17-2022</i>	39.49	60.51	53.54	44.86	34.12	10.17
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-04-2022</i>	5.02	94.98	88.14	72.26	40.44	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-28-2021</i>	6.45	93.55	73.23	23.72	2.65	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>08-17-2021</i>	84.55	15.45	2.30	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:



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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## Pond Cleanouts





**2,808 ponds  
have been  
cleaned out.**



**Pond  
Cleanouts**



# Wells drilled



A photograph of a water well in a rural setting. The well is a circular concrete structure with a blue bucket on top. The surrounding area is grassy and appears to be a field. The text is overlaid on the image in a large, bold, black font.

**2,444 water wells  
and pumping  
facilities installed.**

**Water Well**



## Watering facilities





Watering  
facilities

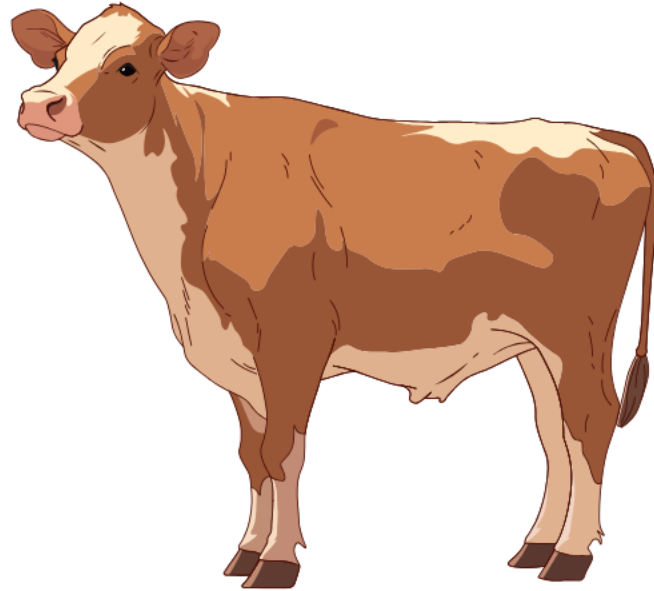
**1,227 watering  
facilities have been  
installed.**



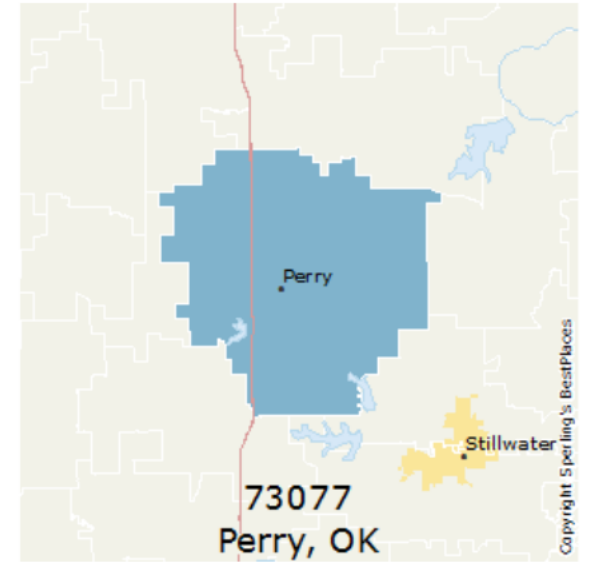
**3,120,393 cubic yards** of pond sediment was removed. This allows more room in ponds for water.  
**630,000,000 gallons** of new water storage was created.



A **1200-pound cow** needs about 16 gallons of water a day. Through this program, **40 million days** of cow water was developed, saving ranchers from being forced to sell **\$656,250,000 in assets** (cows).



**630,000,000 gallons of water** would be enough to supply a town the size of Perry, OK water for one year.



2022  
**DROUGHT PROGRAM**



# Emergency Drought Assistance Program

## Funding:

Emergency Drought Fund Total Appropriations \$64,500,000

Total Spent \$29,208,131

Balance of Funds \$35,291,869

Current Drought Program Obligation Unpaid \$ 4,327,500

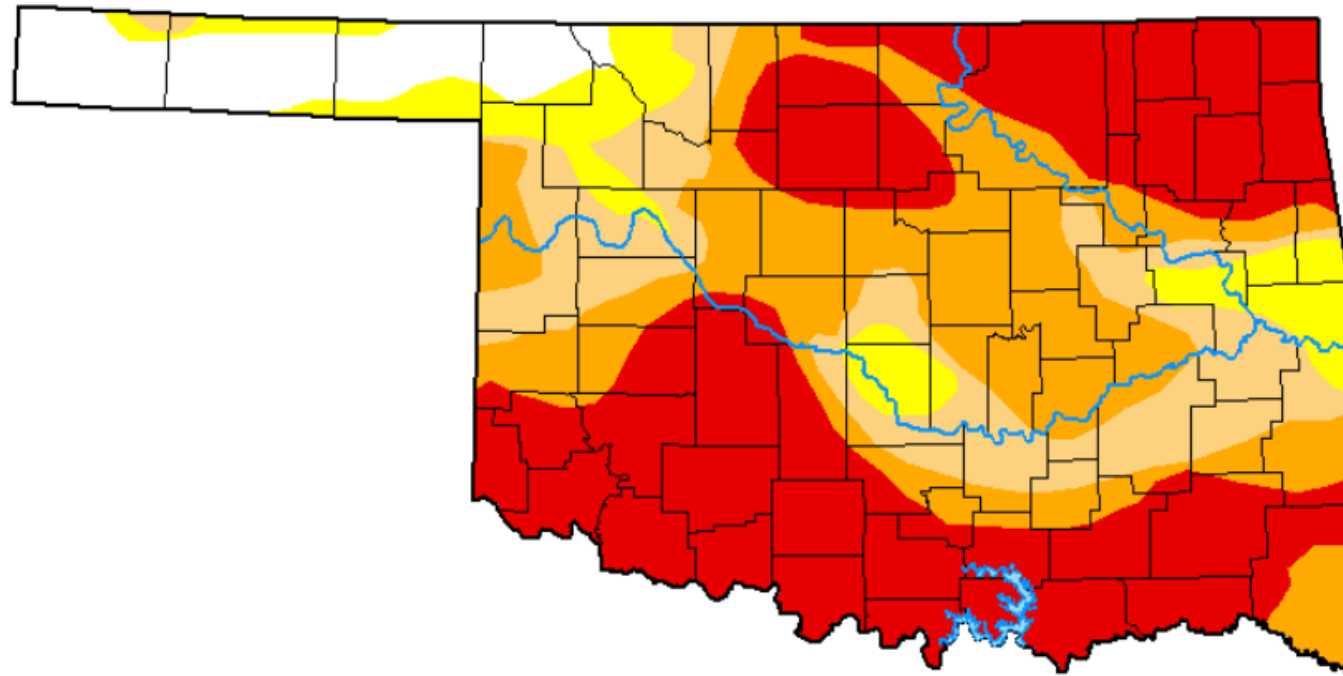
Priority Pond Cleanouts \$ 3,397,500

Emergency Drought Fund Balance \$27,566,869

# 2024 Emergency Drought Assistance Program



# August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 – Flash Drought Began



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# Emergency Drought Assistance Program Update

The Emergency Drought Assistance Program (EDAP) provides financial assistance to Oklahoma's farmers and producers during persistent and emergency drought conditions in Oklahoma. The Emergency Drought Committee (Committee) establishes state level rules and policies governing the EDAP.

- Application opened November 12, 2024, and ends on January 31, 2025
- A county becomes eligible when the total area in drought (D1 - D4) reaches 25% as reported on the National Drought Monitor.
- Each of the 77 counties has been allocated \$358,000.



The 5-person Emergency Drought Committee made up of Pete Nichols, Blayne Arthur, Julie Cunningham, Josh Emerson and Trey Lam, unanimously approved a cost share assistance program allocating \$358,000 per county.

### Available Practices

Each conservation district must offer all drought practices. Applicants can apply for more than one practice.

- Heavy Use Protection Area
- Pasture Tap (1 per application)
- Pipeline
- Pond Cleanout (1 per pasture)
- Pumping Plant
- Watering Facility
- Water Well (1 per application)

**\$64.5 million in total drought assistance will have been offered to agriculture producers.**





# Cedar Technician Areas

**Coming Soon!**

**Eradicate  
the Woody  
Invaders**

**OKLAHOMA  
CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION**

