

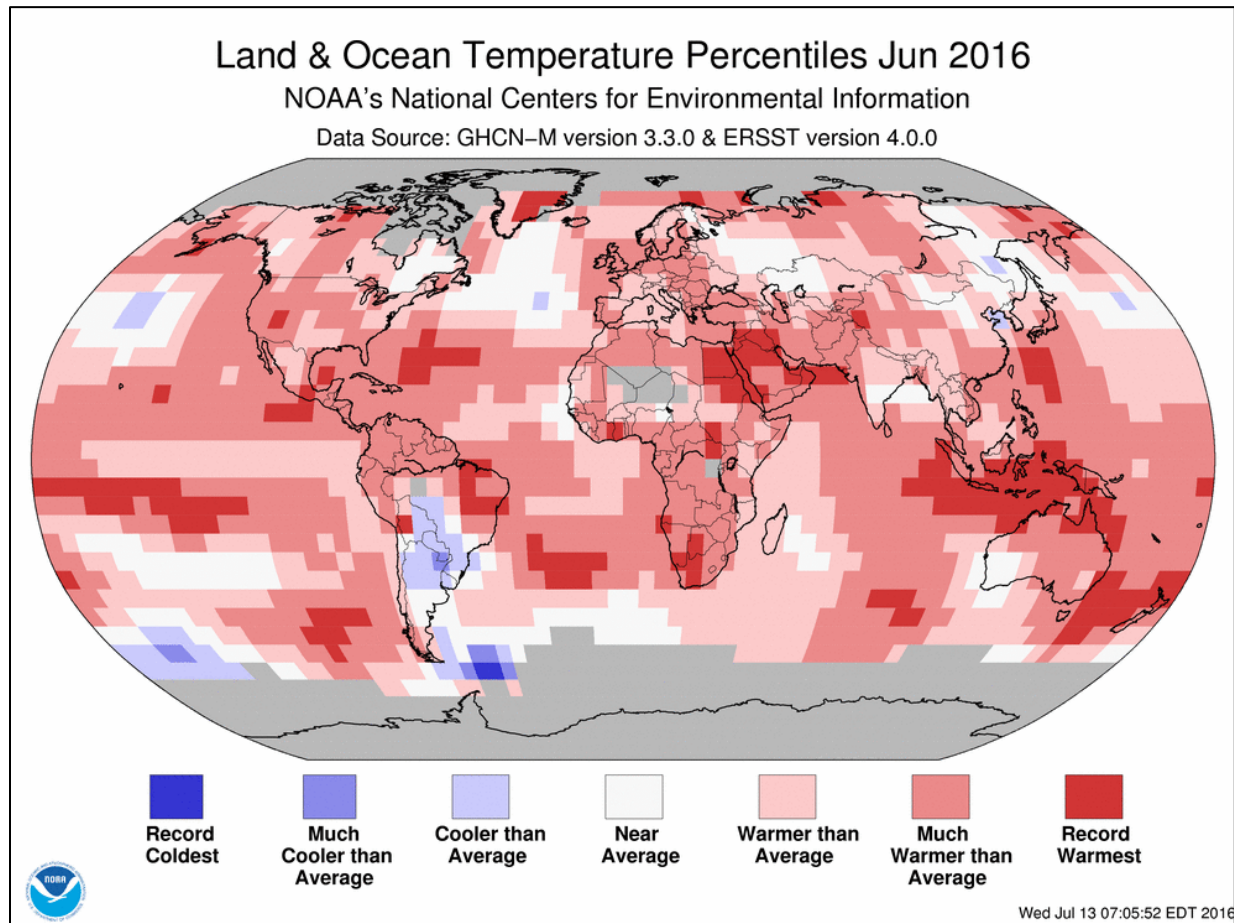
Water and Climate Update

July 21, 2016

The Natural Resources Conservation Service produces this weekly report using data and products from the [National Water and Climate Center](#) and other agencies. The report focuses on seasonal snowpack, precipitation, temperature, and drought conditions in the U.S.

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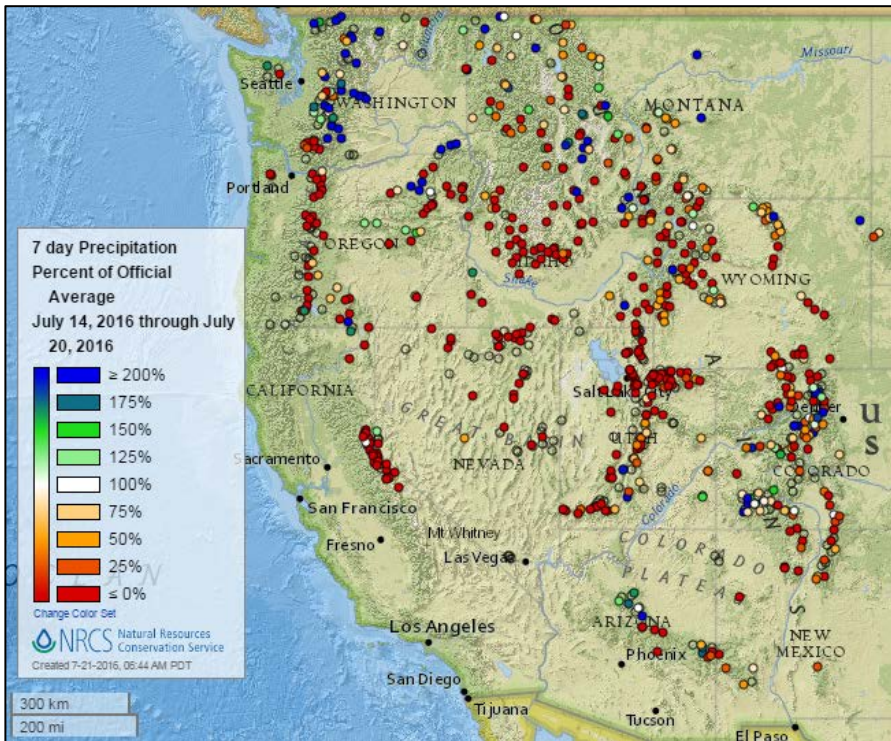
NOAA: June marks 14 consecutive months of record heat



July 19, 2016: According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), June 2016 was 1.62 degrees F above the 20th century average, breaking last year's record for the warmest June by 0.04 degrees F. The average sea surface temperature was also at a record high in June. Thus far in 2016, the average global temperature was 1.89 degrees F above the 20th century average. In addition, this was the highest temperature for this 6-month period, surpassing the 2015 record by 0.36 degrees F. The period of record for the NOAA global temperature data is 137 years (1880). [Full Report >>](#)

Precipitation

Last 7 Days, Western Mountain Sites (NRCS SNOTEL Network)

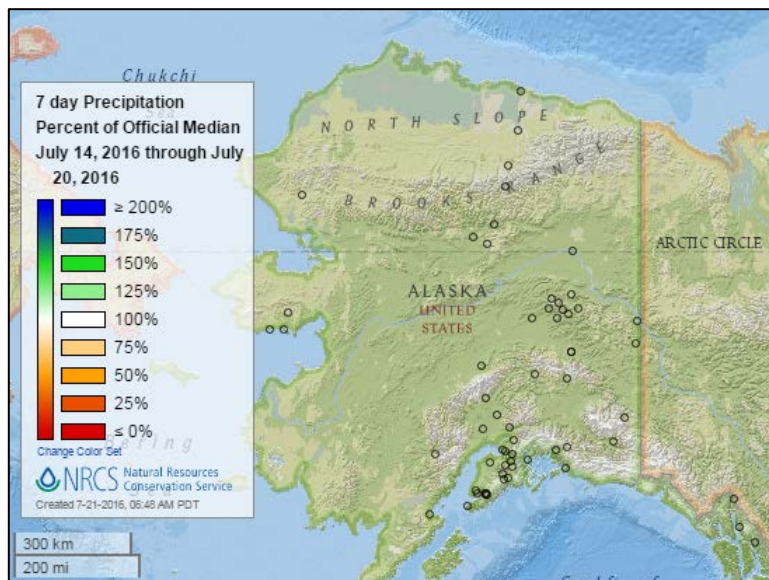


[7-day precipitation percent of average map](#)

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[Alaska 7-day precipitation percent of average map](#)

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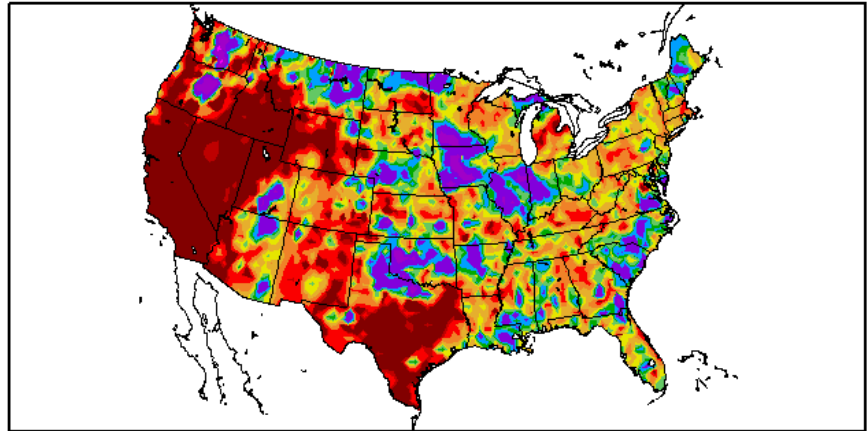
Last 7 Days, National Weather Service (NWS) Networks Centers

Source: Regional Climate

[7-day precipitation percent
of normal map](#) for the
continental U.S.

See also: [7-day total
precipitation values
\(inches\) map](#)

Percent of Normal Precipitation (%)
7/14/2016 – 7/20/2016



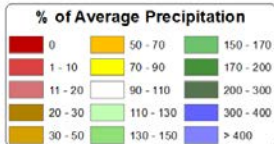
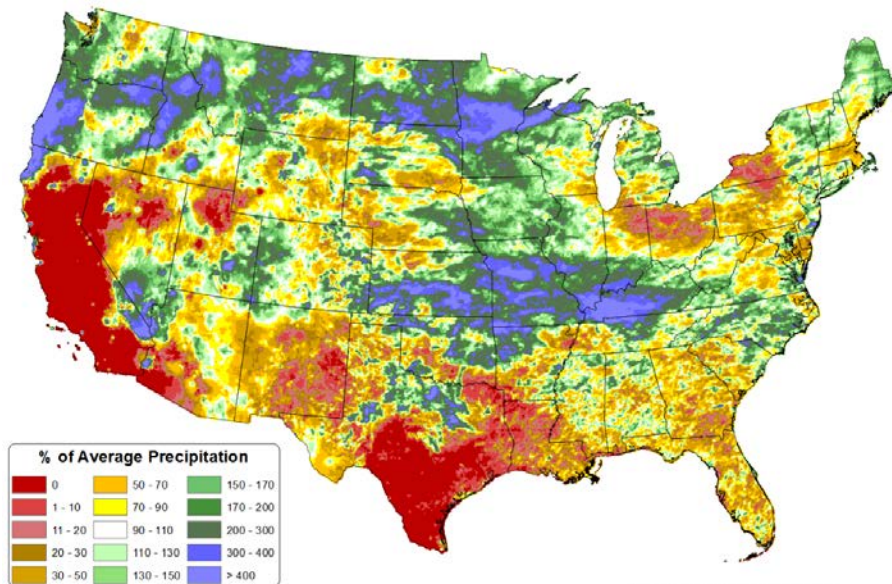
Generated 7/21/2016 at HPRCC using provisional data.

Regional Climate Centers

Month-to-Date, All Available Data Including SNOTEL and NWS Networks

Source: PRISM

Total Precipitation Anomaly: 01 July 2016 - 12 July 2016
Period ending 7 AM EST 12 Jul 2016
Base period: 1961-2010
(Map created 12 Jul 2016)

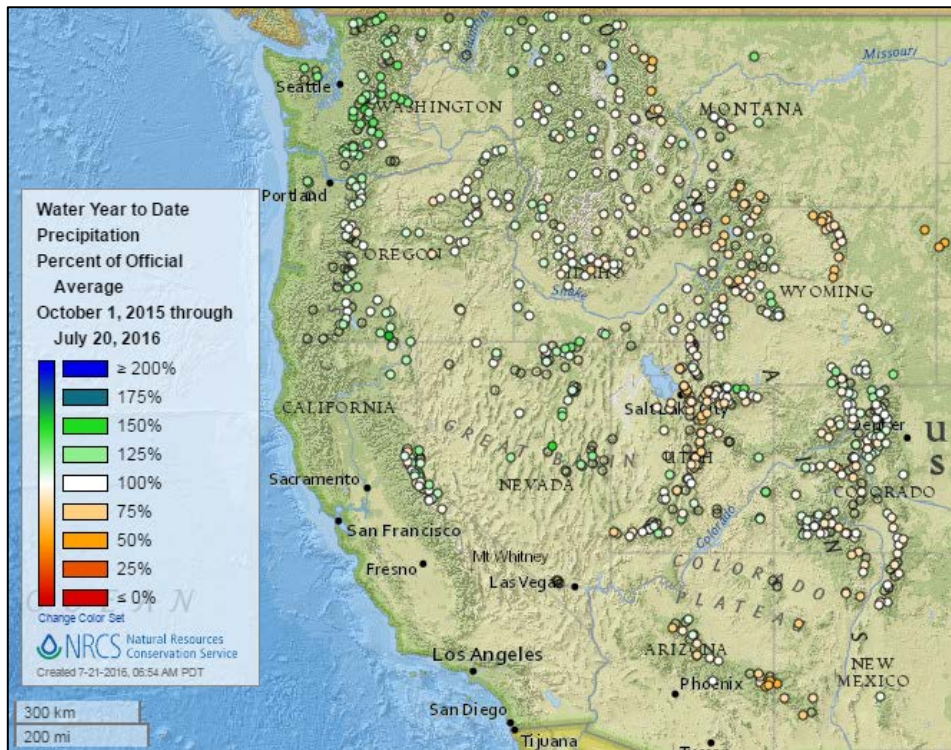


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[Month-to-date national
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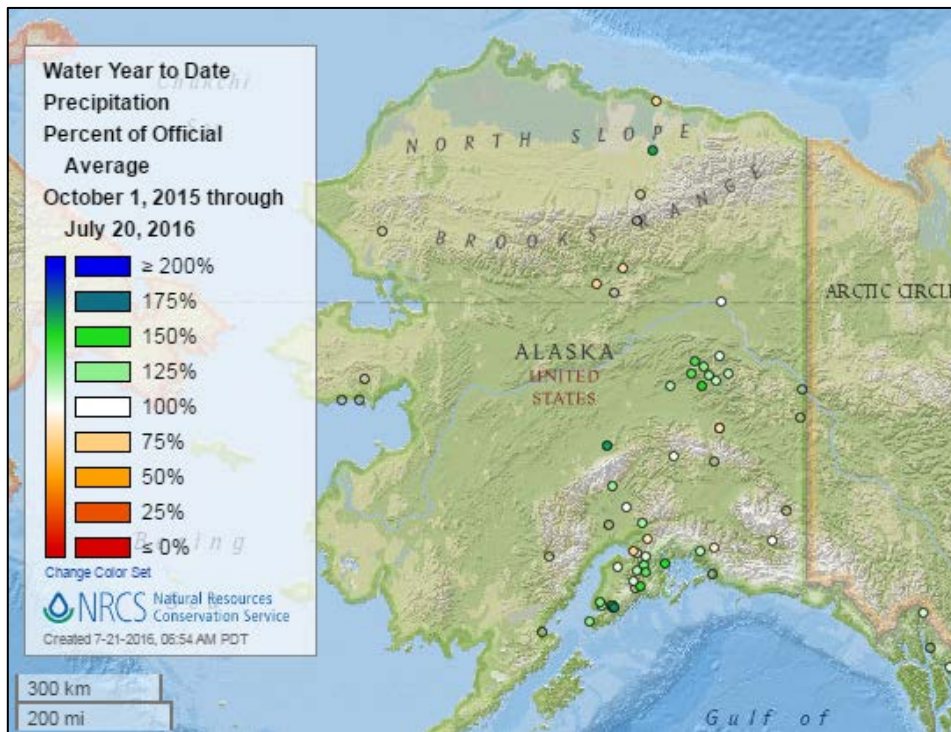
See also: [Month-to-Date
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Water Year-to-Date, Western Mountain Sites (NRCS SNOTEL Network)



[2016 water year-to-date precipitation percent of average map](#)

See also: [2016 water year-to-date precipitation values \(inches\)](#)



[Alaska 2016 water year-to-date precipitation percent of average map](#)

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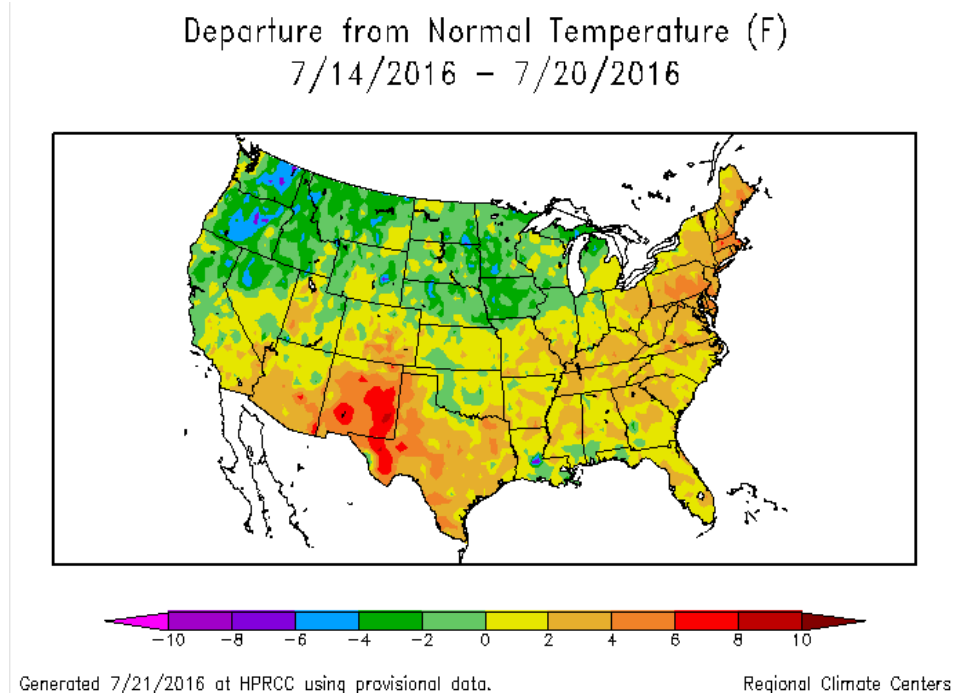
Temperature

Last 7 Days, National Weather Service (NWS) Networks
Centers

Source: Regional Climate

[7-day temperature anomaly map](#)

See also: [7-day temperature \(° F\) map](#)

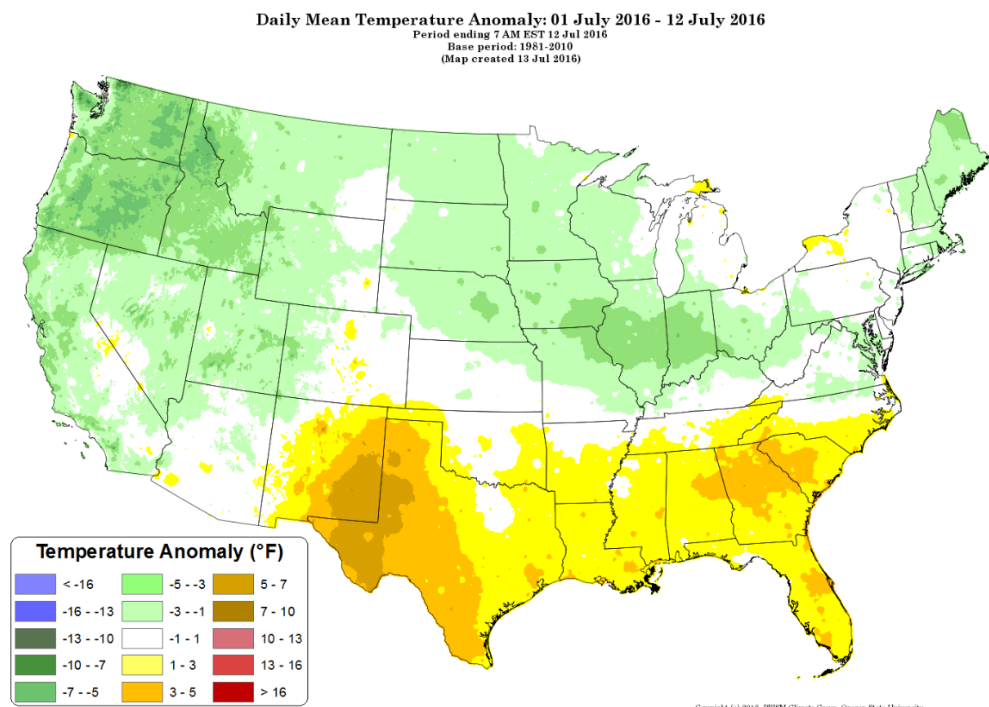


Month-to-Date, All Available Data Including SNOTEL and NWS Networks

Source: PRISM

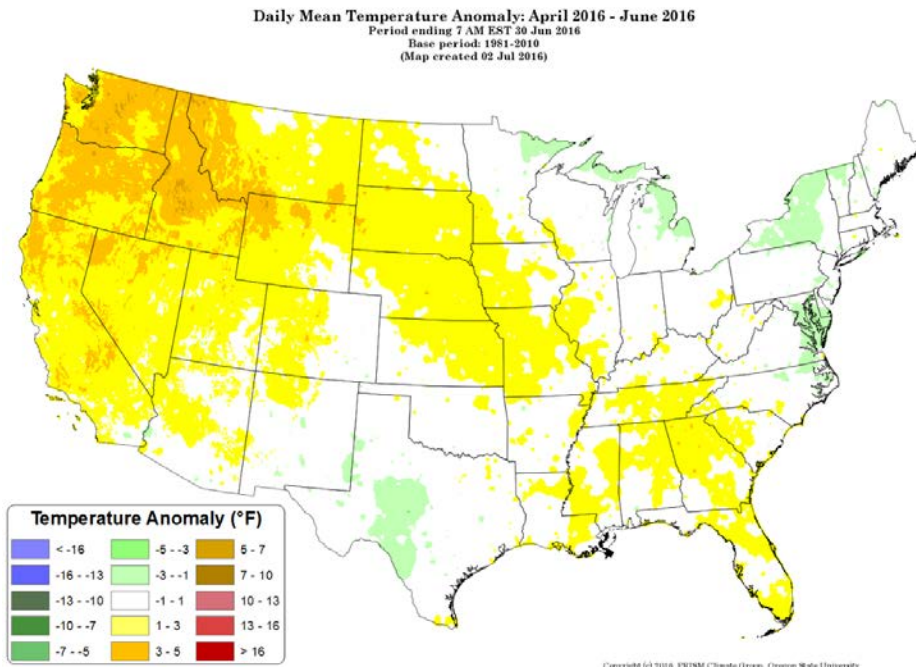
[Month-to-date national daily mean temperature anomaly map](#)

See also: [Month-to-date national daily mean temperature \(° F\) map](#)



Last 3 Months, All Available Data Including SNOTEL and NWS Networks

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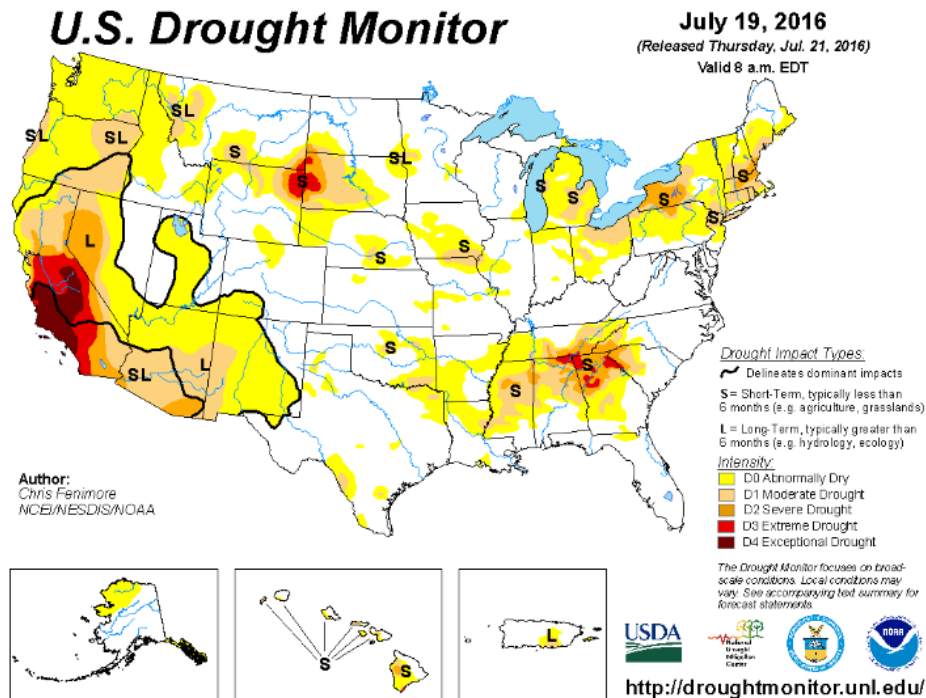


[April through June daily mean temperature anomaly map](#)

Drought

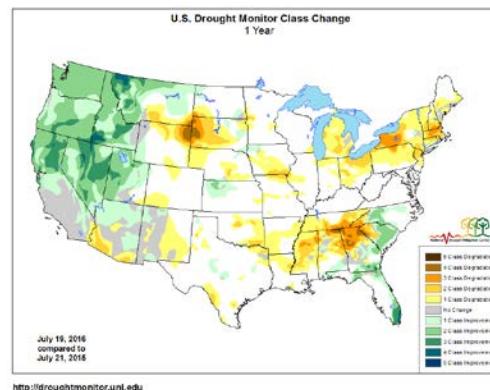
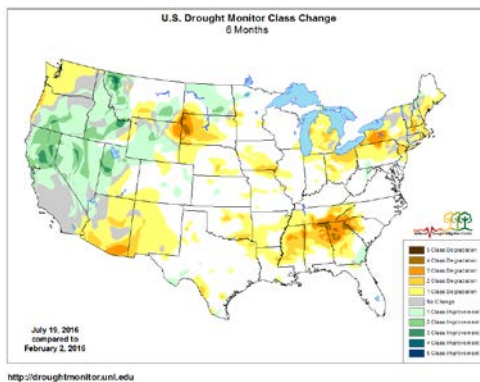
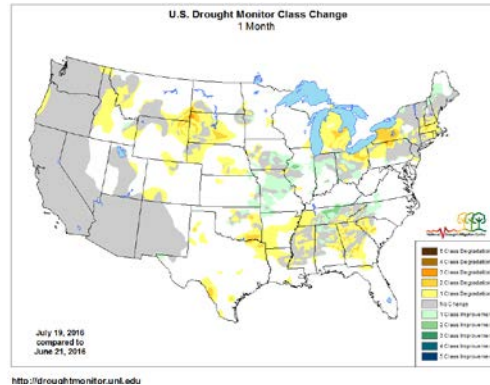
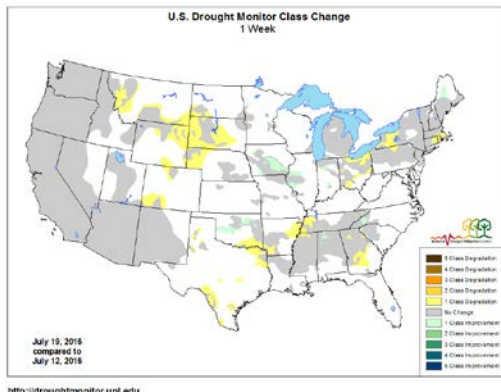
[U.S. Drought Monitor](#) See map below.

[U.S. Drought Portal](#) Comprehensive drought resource.



Changes in Drought Monitor Categories over Time

Click any map to enlarge



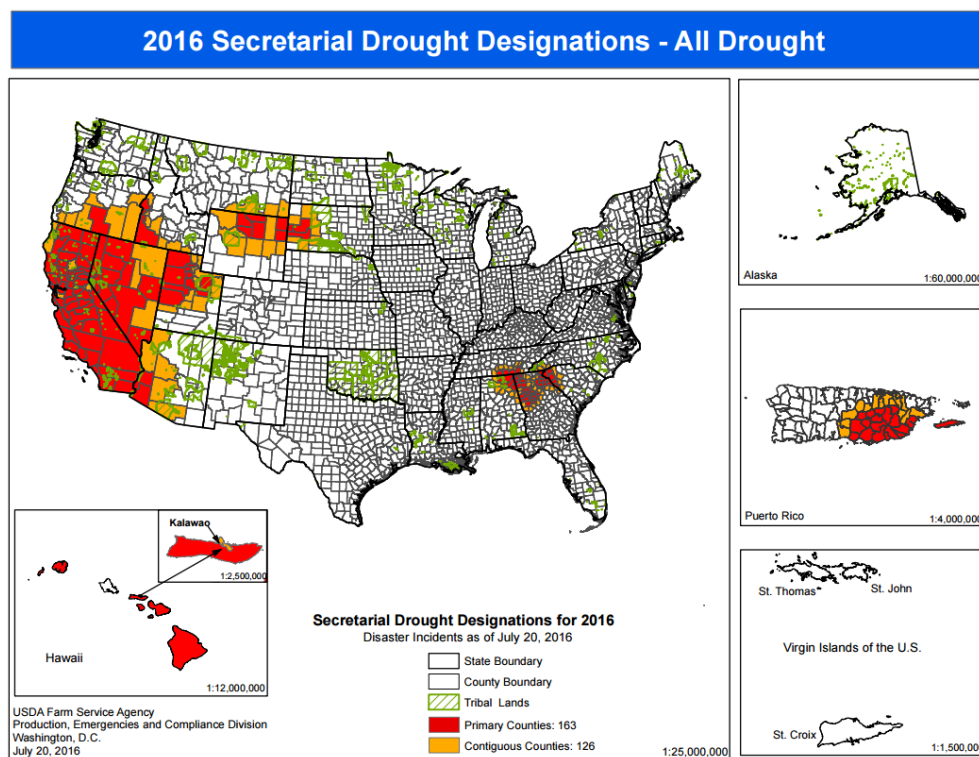
[Changes in drought conditions over the last 12 months](#)

Current National [Drought Summary](#), July 19, 2016

Author: Chris Fenimore, NOAA/NESIS/NCEI

“This week’s USDM period (ending on July 19) was characterized by typical hit and miss summer-time shower activity across the country, punctuated by extreme heat in the Southern Plains and the Northeast. The heaviest rains fell in southern Minnesota, southwest Iowa, much of Indiana and eastern Illinois, western Kentucky, eastern North Carolina, along the Gulf Coast and Florida. Below normal precipitation was observed in eastern Texas, northern Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, and New England. A strong ridge over the southern Plains contributed to abnormally warm temperatures in New Mexico and Texas during the period. Daily maximum temperatures soared well into the triple digits, as much as 10 degrees F above normal in the area. While not as intense, temperatures 6-8 degrees F above normal were observed in the Northeast. Cooler-than-normal temperatures encapsulated much of the Northwest and High Plains.”

USDA 2016 Secretarial [Drought Designations](#)

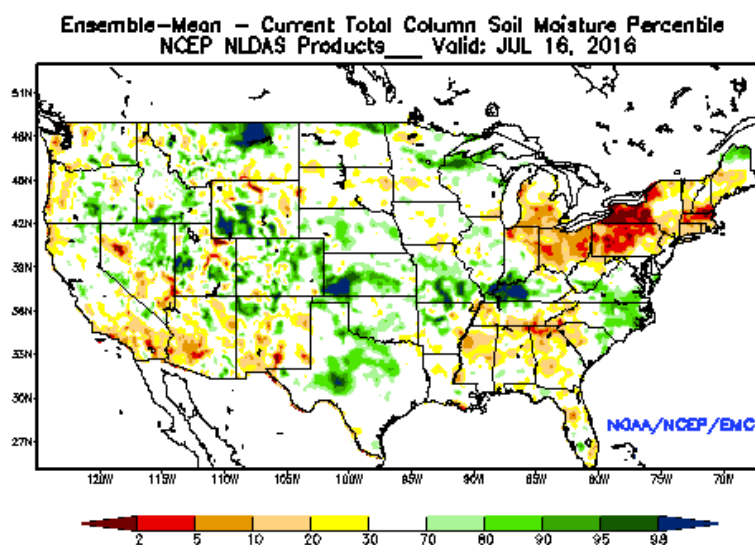


Highlighted Drought Resources

- [Drought Impact Reporter](#)
- [Quarterly Regional Climate Impacts and Outlook](#)
- [U.S. Drought Portal Indicators and Monitoring](#)
- [U.S. Population in Drought, Weekly Comparison](#)
- [USDA Disaster and Drought Information](#)

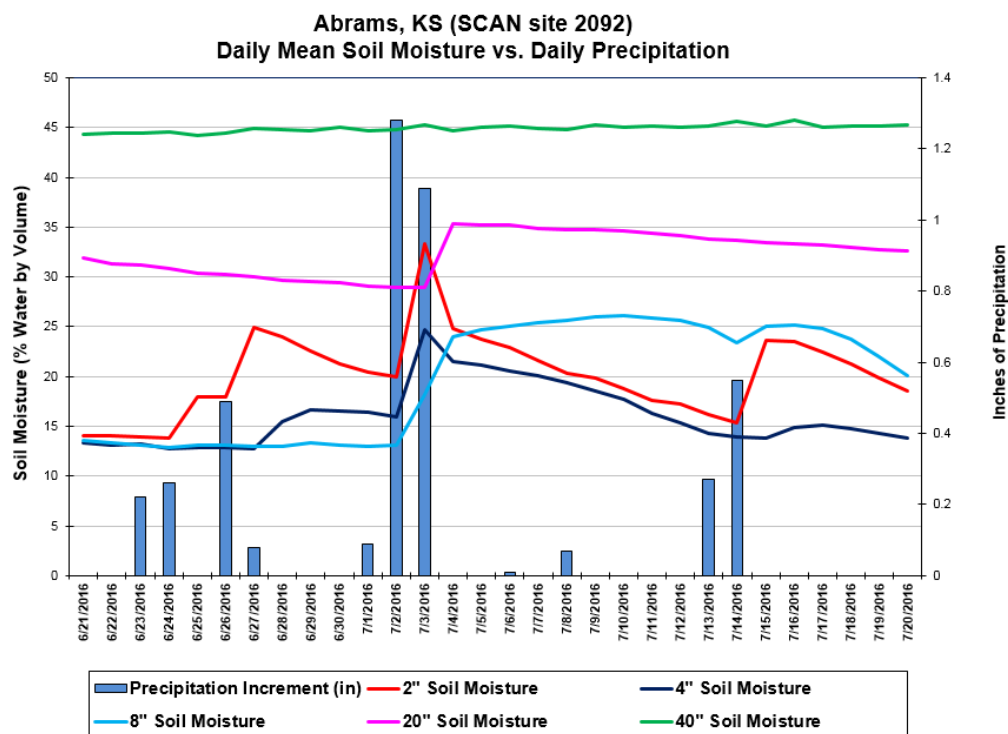
Other Climatic and Water Supply Indicators

Soil Moisture



[Modeled soil moisture percentiles](#) as of July 16, 2016.

Soil Moisture Data: NRCS [Soil Climate Analysis Network \(SCAN\)](#)



Soil moisture (at 2-, 4-, 8-, 20-, and 40-inch depths) and precipitation for the past 30 days at the [Abrams SCAN site 2092](#) in Kansas. The precipitation events over the last month have had no impact on the 40-inch volumetric water content. Smaller precipitation events did not affect the 8-inch and 20-inch sensors, but the large precipitation event on July 2-3 did increase soil moisture at these depths. Sensors at 2 inches and 4 inches were impacted by most precipitation events over the month.

Soil Moisture Data Portals

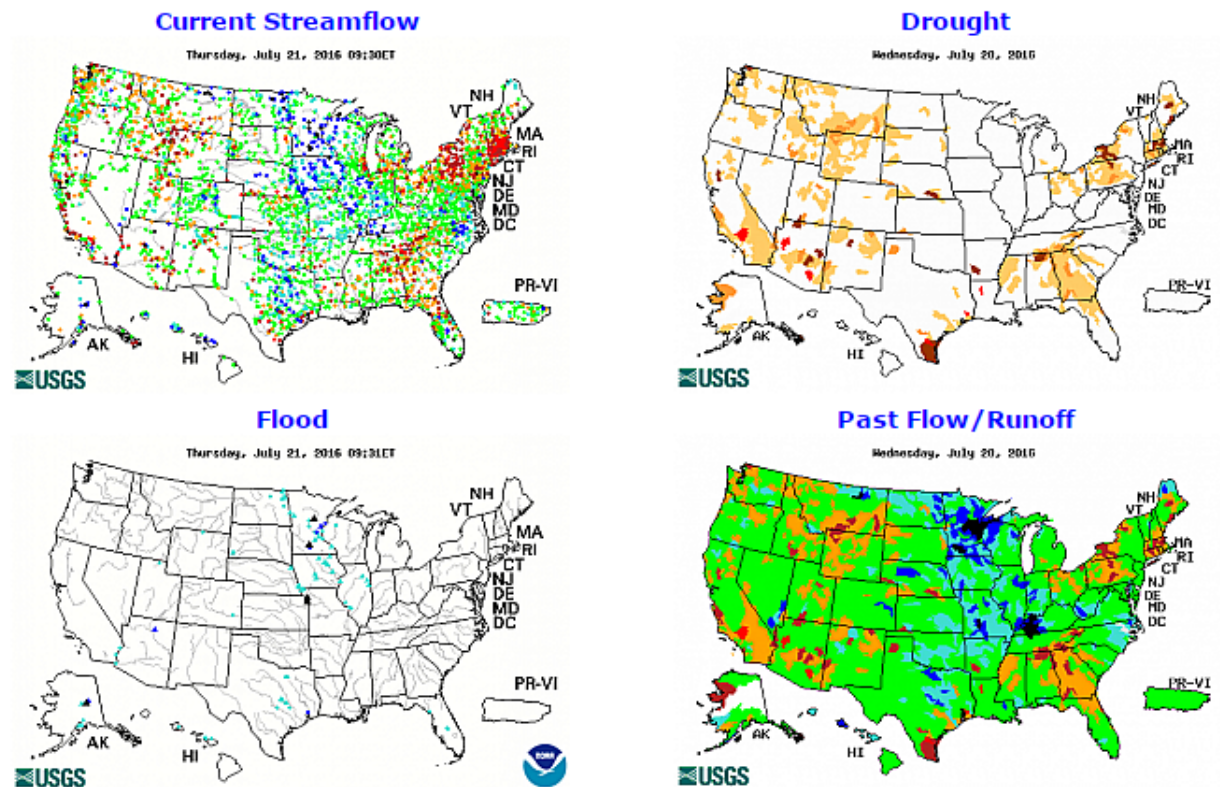
[CRN Soil Moisture](#)

[Texas A&M University North American Soil Moisture Database](#)

[University of Washington Experimental Modeled Soil Moisture](#)

Streamflow

Source: USGS



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[Current streamflow maps](#)

Current Reservoir Storage

[National Water and Climate Center Reservoir Data](#)

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Hydromet Tea Cup Reservoir Depictions:

[Upper Colorado](#)

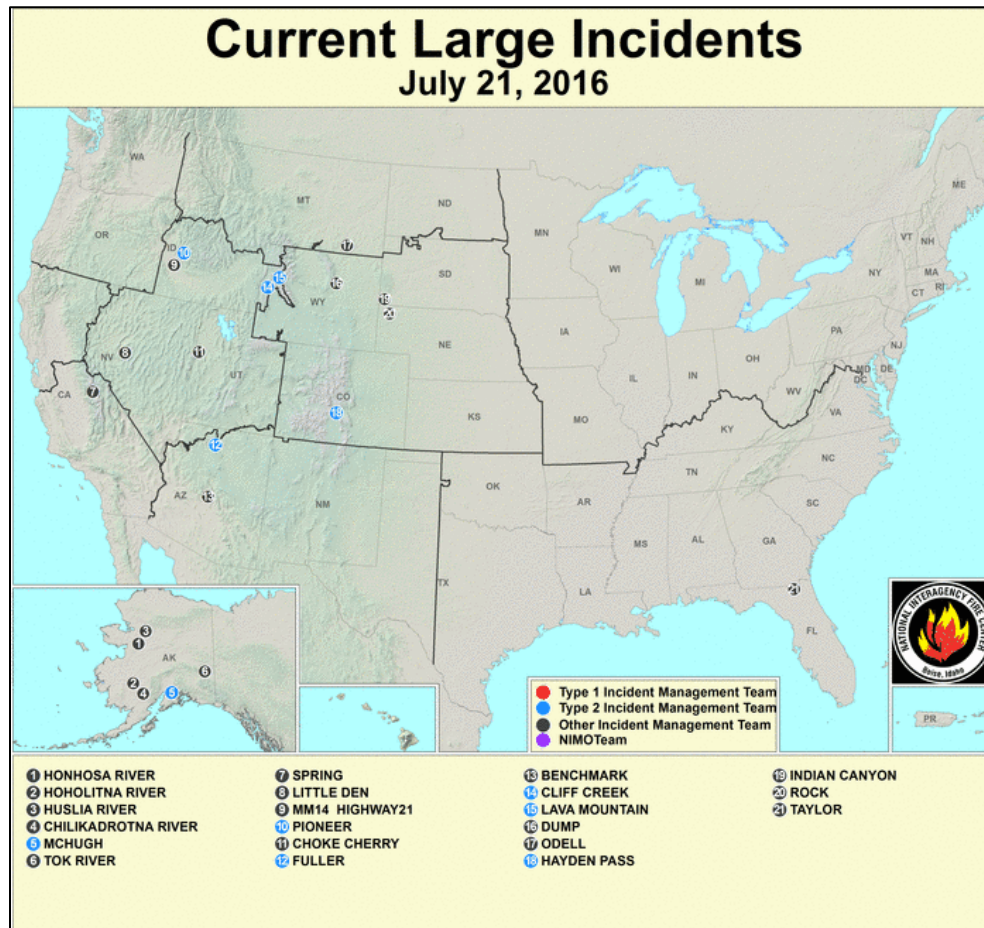
[Pacific Northwest/Snake/Columbia](#)

[Sevier River Water, Utah](#)

[Upper Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas](#)

[California Reservoir Conditions](#)

Wildfires: [USDA Forest Service Active Fire Mapping](#)



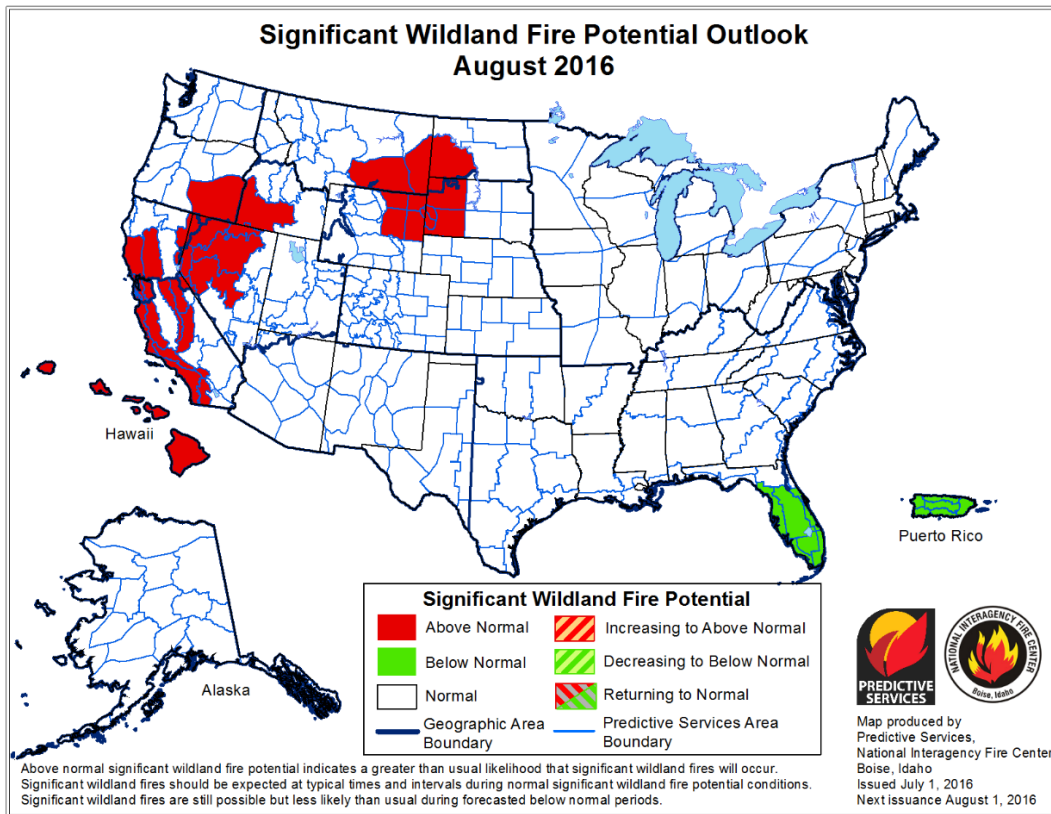
Short- and Long-Range Outlooks

Agricultural Weather Highlights

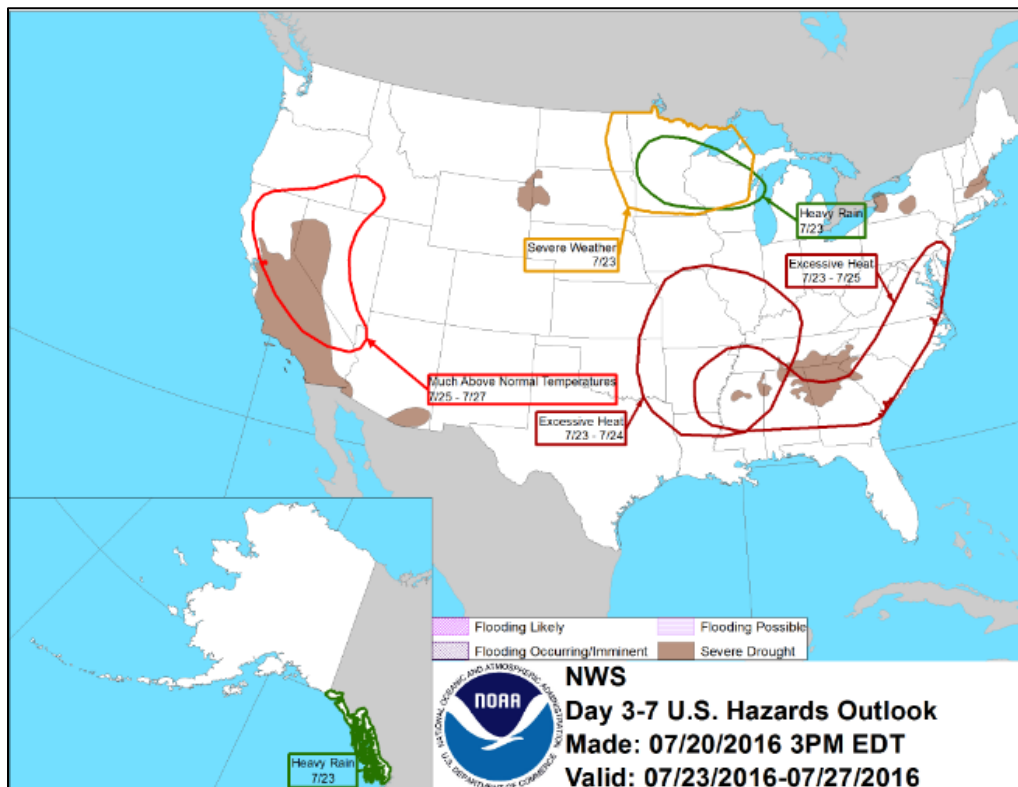
Author: Brad Rippey, Agricultural Meteorologist, USDA/OCE/WAOB

National Outlook, July 21, 2016: “Following a brief bout with heat and humidity, the northern Plains and Midwest should experience temperatures mostly below 90°F next week. The relief, in the wake of a cold front’s passage, will include lower temperatures and humidity levels—starting during the weekend across the northern Plains and upper Midwest and spreading throughout the Midwest early next week. Heat will linger, however, in the South and further build across the West. Meanwhile, 5-day rainfall totals could reach 1 to 3 inches, with locally higher amounts, in the Midwest. Locally heavy showers will also dot the Southeast and Southwest, while mostly dry weather will cover California, the Northwest, and the south-central U.S. The NWS 6- to 10-day outlook for July 26 – 30 calls for near- to above normal temperatures nationwide, with the greatest likelihood of hot conditions occurring in the eastern and western U.S. Meanwhile, below-normal rainfall across the lower Southeast and most areas from the High Plains westward will contrast with wetter-than-normal weather in the Desert Southwest; a broad area stretching from the mid-South into the Mid-Atlantic States; and the north-central U.S., including the Dakotas.”

Fire Potential Outlook: [August 2016](#)



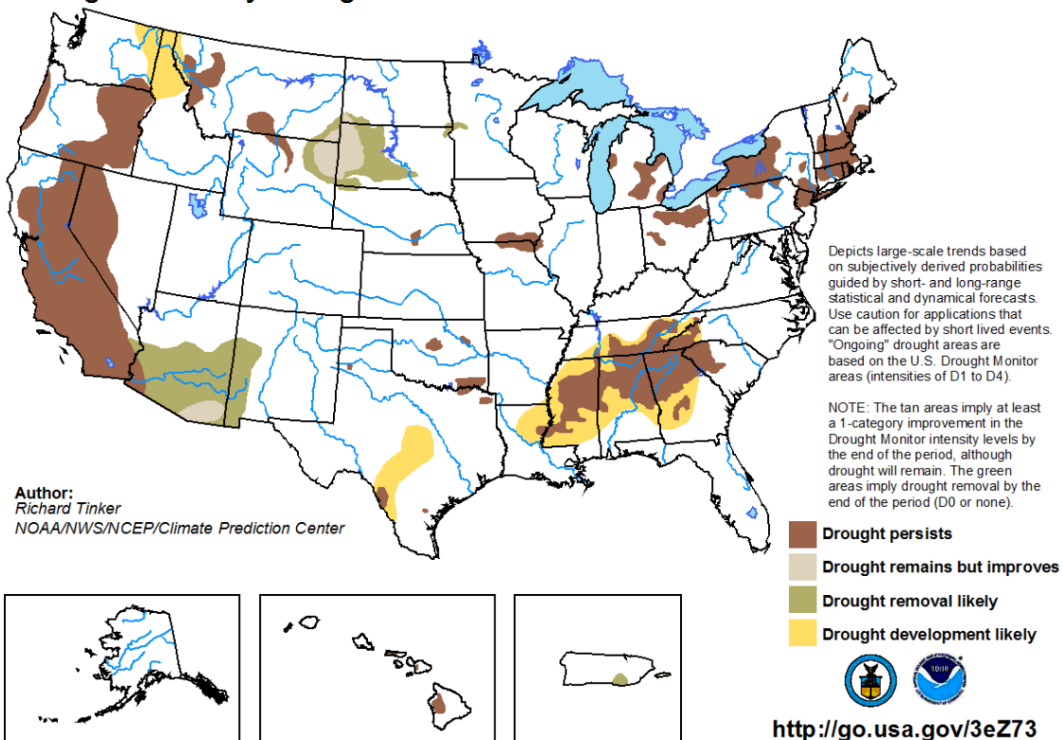
NWS Climate Prediction Center [Weather Hazard Outlook: July 23 - 27, 2016](#)



Seasonal Drought Outlook: [July 21 – October 31, 2016](#)

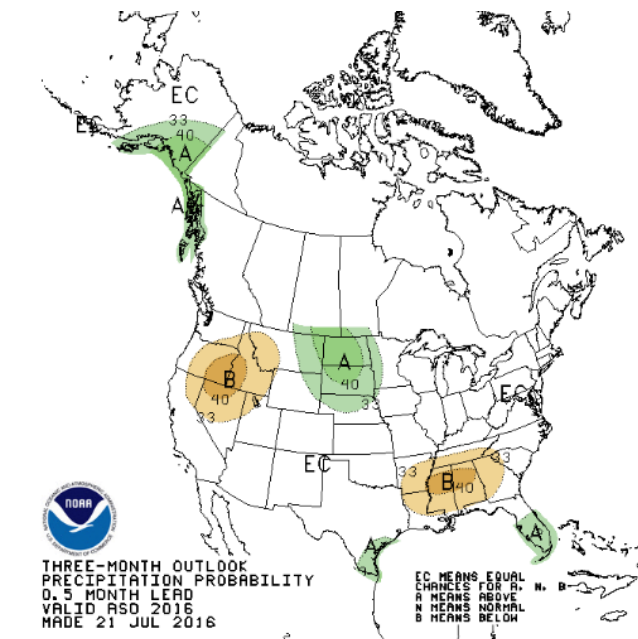
U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook
Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

Valid for July 21 - October 31, 2016
Released July 21, 2016



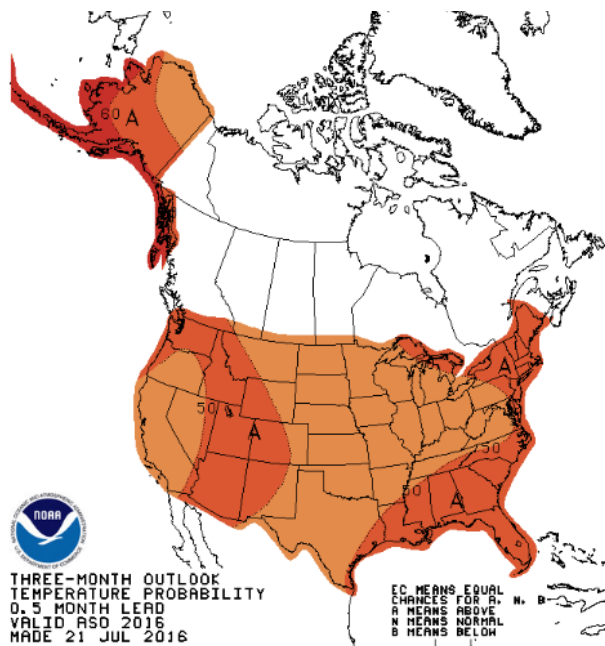
NWS Climate Prediction Center 3-Month Outlook

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