# Oklahoma Water Resources Bulletin & Summary of Current Conditions

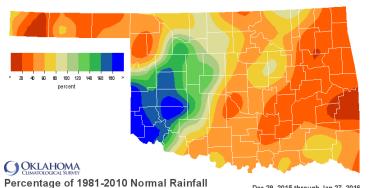


January 28, 2016

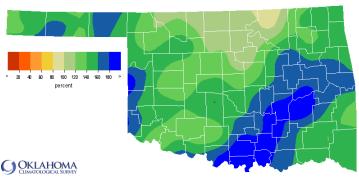
### **PRECIPITATION**

### **Statewide Precipitation**

	Last 30 Days				Last 365 Days			
	December 29, 2015 – January 27, 2016				January 28, 2015 – January 27, 2016			
Climate Division	Total Rainfall (inches)	Departure From Normal (inches)	Percent of Normal	Rank Since 1921	Total Rainfall (inches)	Departure From Normal (inches)	Percent of Normal	RANK SINCE 1921
PANHANDLE	0.24"	-0.35"	41%	37th driest	30.81"	+10.23"	150%	2nd wettest
N. CENTRAL	0.71"	-0.20"	78%	38th wettest	38.01"	+6.59"	121%	11th wettest
NORTHEAST	0.72"	-1.01"	42%	22nd driest	57.53"	+14.86"	135%	2nd wettest
W. CENTRAL	1.40"	+0.50"	155%	17th wettest	42.08"	+13.68"	148%	2nd wettest
CENTRAL	0.85"	-0.53"	61%	43rd driest	53.19"	+15.56"	141%	1st wettest
E. CENTRAL	0.75"	-1.62"	32%	16th driest	79.26"	+33.12"	172%	1st wettest
SOUTHWEST	1.49"	+0.43"	140%	22nd wettest	44.01"	+13.74"	145%	2nd wettest
S. CENTRAL	0.90"	-1.07"	46%	31st driest	71.55"	+30.84"	176%	1st wettest
SOUTHEAST	1.36"	-1.58"	46%	21st driest	76.19"	+25.60"	151%	1st wettest
STATEWIDE	0.90"	-0.62"	59%	36th driest	54.50"	+18.03"	149%	1st wettest



Dec 29, 2015 through Jan 27, 2016

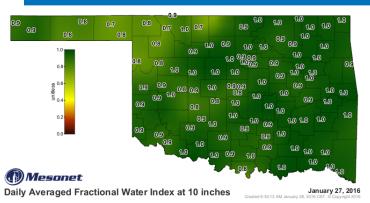


Percentage of 1981-2010 Normal Rainfall Last 365 Days

Jan 28, 2015 through Jan 27, 2016

### **SOIL MOISTURE**

### **Fractional Water Index** January 27, 2016



**Mesonet** January 27, 2016

7-Day Change in Fractional Water Index at 10 inches

The Fractional Water Index ranges from very dry soil having a value of 0 to soil at field capacity illustrated by a value of 1. [1.0-0.8 = Enhanced Growth; 0.8-0.5 = Limited Growth; 0.5-0.3 = Plants Wilting; 0.3-0.1 = Plants Dying; <0.1 = Barren Soil.]

### **DROUGHT INDICES**

Palmer Drought Severity Index (PDSI)					Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI)  Through December 2015			
Climate Division	Status 1/23/16	Value 12/19 1/23	Change in Value	3-month	12-month	24-month		
NORTHWEST	Very Moist Spell	4.75 3.94	0.81	Extremely Moist	Exceptionally Moist	Very Moist		
NORTH CENTRAL	Unusual Moist Spell	2.55 2.64	-0.09	Abnormally Moist	Very Moist	Abnormally Moist		
NORTHEAST	Extremely Moist	3.02 4.12	-1.1	Extremely Moist	Extremely Moist	Abnormally Moist		
WEST CENTRAL	Very Moist Spell	3.12 3.25	-0.13	Abnormally Moist	<b>Exceptionally Moist</b>	Moderately Moist		
CENTRAL	Very Moist Spell	3.35 3.94	-0.59	Extremely Moist	<b>Exceptionally Moist</b>	Moderately Moist		
EAST CENTRAL	Extremely Moist	5.11 6.46	-1.35	Exceptionally Moist	<b>Exceptionally Moist</b>	Extremely Moist		
SOUTHWEST	Very Moist Spell	3.21 3.66	-0.45	Abnormally Moist	<b>Exceptionally Moist</b>	Moderately Moist		
SOUTH CENTRAL	Extremely Moist	5.01 5.69	-0.68	Exceptionally Moist	<b>Exceptionally Moist</b>	<b>Exceptionally Moist</b>		
SOUTHEAST	Extremely Moist	4.2 5.15	-0.95	Exceptionally Moist	Exceptionally Moist	Extremely Moist		
extreme drought severe drought -4.0 or less -3.0 to -3.9	drought normal moisi	usual very moist spell to +2.9 +3.0 to +3.9 +	extremely moist +4.0 and above	exceptionally extremely dry dry dry dry -2.00 and below -1.60 -1.39 to -1.59 to -0.80	dry normal moist -0.79 to -0.50 to +0.51 to +	oderately moist very moist extremely exceptionally moist moist moist moist extremely exceptionally moist moist extremely exceptionally moist with the moist moist extremely exceptionally moist and the moist moist extremely exceptionally moist and the moist moist extremely exceptionally moist and the moist moist extremely exceptionally except		

The PDSI is based upon precipitation, temperature, and soil moisture, and is considered most effective for unirrigated cropland. According to the latest PDSI, all climate divisions in Oklahoma have undergone a moisture increase in the last month except the Northwest, which decreased slightly but still remains well above normal. All regions are classified as unusually moist, very moist, or extremely moist.

The SPI provides a comparison of precipitation over several specified periods with totals from the same periods for all years included in the historical record. All climate divisions had above normal precipitation for the 3-month, 12-month, and 24-month time periods. The South Central region was classified as exceptionally moist, the wettest category, for all three time periods.

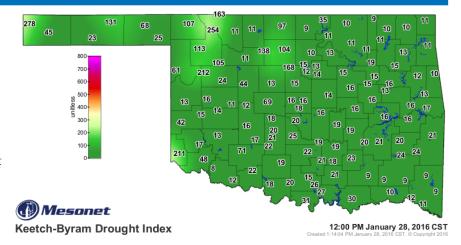
### **Keetch-Byram Drought Fire Index**

MESONET	CLIMATE	CURRENT
STATION	DIVISION	VALUE

No stations are currently near 600 (January 28).

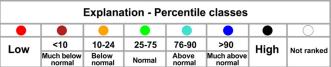
Stations above 600 on December 27 = 0

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 of 600 and above are often associated with more severe drought and increased wildfire occurrence.

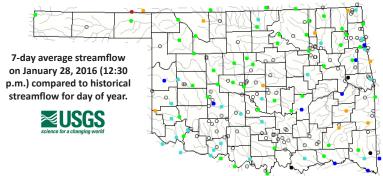


### STREAMFLOW CONDITIONS

### January 28, 2016

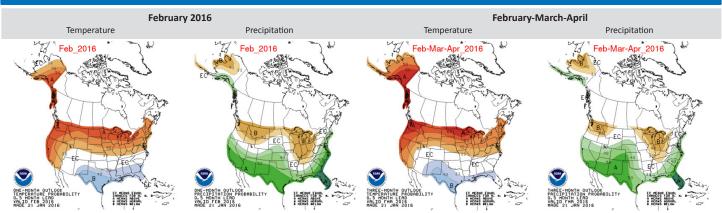


Visit waterwatch.usgs.gov for real-time streamflow information.



## WEATHER/DROUGHT FORECAST

#### Seasonal Outlook

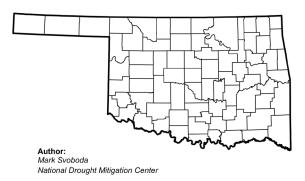


The contours on the maps show the total probability of three categories—above, indicated by the letter "A"; below, indicated by the letter "B"; and the middle category, indicated by the letter "N". "EC" stands for "Equal Chances" for A, N, or B

### **Regional Drought Summary & Outlook**

### U.S. Drought Monitor

### Oklahoma



**USDA** 







http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/

#### January 26, 2016 (Released Thursday, Jan. 28, 2016)

Valid 7 a.m. EST

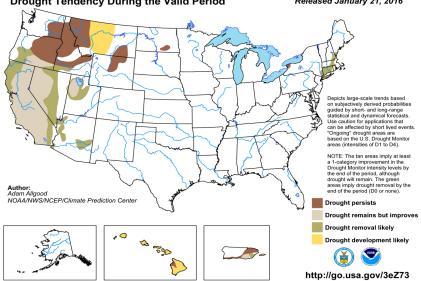
Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 1/19/2016	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 10/27/2015	33.36	66.64	17.68	2.79	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12/29/2015	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 9/29/2015	52.60	47.40	16.79	6.37	0.97	0.00
One Year Ago 1/27/2015	5.03	94.97	60.60	45.34	22.58	5.69

Intensity: D3 Extreme Drought D0 Abnormally Dry D1 Moderate Drought D4 Exceptional Drought D2 Severe Drought

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

#### U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook Valid for January 21 - April 30, 2016 **Drought Tendency During the Valid Period** Released January 21, 2016



According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, the number of Oklahomans currently affected by drought (category D1-D4) is still at 0. No regions are experiencing abnormally dry conditions. A year ago more than 60% of the state was suffering from drought, and nearly 6% of the state was in Exceptional Drought, the worst category.

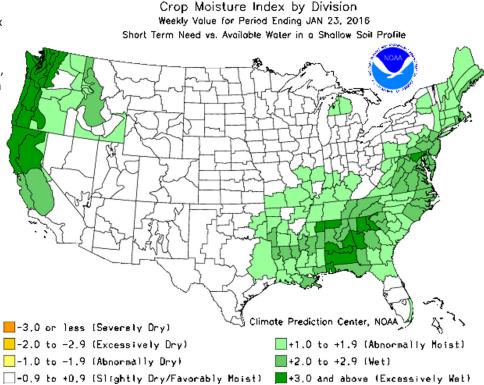
According to the seasonal drought outlook, from mid January through the end of April drought conditions are not likely to develop in any parts of Oklahoma.

Drought is likely to persist or intensify in northeastern parts of Oregon, southeastern Washington, and western Idaho and Montana, while conditions will likely improve in California, Nevada, and southern Oregon. Drought is likely to develop in central Montana.

### **CROP REPORT**

According to the NOAA Crop Moisture Index by Division, for the period ending January 23, the East Central and Southeast climate regions were classified as Abnormally Moist, while all other climate regions in Oklahoma were classified as Slightly Dry to Favorably Moist.

Derived from the Palmer Drought Severity Index (PDSI), the Crop Moisture Index reflects moisture supply in the short-term across major crop-producing regions. It identifies potential agricultural droughts. It is not intended to assess long-term droughts.



### **RESERVOIR STORAGE**

### Oklahoma Surface Water Resources

Reservoir Levels and Storage as of 1/27/2016

