# Oklahoma Water Resources Bulletin & Summary of Current Conditions

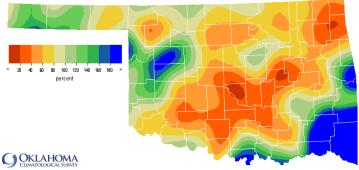


August 30, 2016

## **PRECIPITATION**

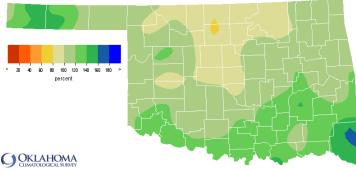
## **Statewide Precipitation**

	Last 30 Days July 31, 2016 – August 29, 2016					Last 365 Days August 31, 2015 – August 29, 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	3.07"	+0.36"	113%	26th wettest	24.00"	+3.50"	117%	13th wettest	
N. CENTRAL	2.48"	-0.58"	81%	48th driest	29.74"	-1.58"	95%	41st wettest	
NORTHEAST	1.73"	-1.42"	55%	23rd driest	43.59"	+1.03"	102%	33rd wettest	
W. CENTRAL	3.93"	+1.04"	136%	19th wettest	30.80"	+2.49"	109%	19th wettest	
CENTRAL	1.50"	-1.48"	50%	24th driest	38.86"	+1.34"	104%	29th wettest	
E. CENTRAL	2.32"	-0.59"	80%	39th driest	54.38"	+8.35"	118%	9th wettest	
SOUTHWEST	1.85"	-0.77"	70%	42nd driest	36.75"	+6.58"	122%	11th wettest	
S. CENTRAL	1.74"	-0.74"	70%	39th driest	50.83"	+10.22"	125%	9th wettest	
SOUTHEAST	5.95"	+3.26"	221%	7th wettest	68.66"	+18.17"	136%	2nd wettest	
STATEWIDE	2.59"	-0.25"	91%	44th wettest	41.54"	+5.17"	114%	17th wettest	



Percentage of 1981-2010 Normal Rainfall
Last 30 Days

Jul 31, 2016 through Aug 29, 2016
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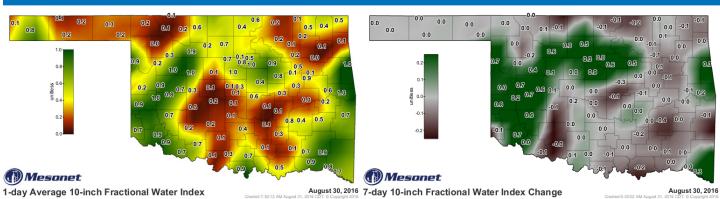


Percentage of 1981-2010 Normal Rainfall Last 365 Days

Aug 31, 2015 through Aug 29, 2016

# **SOIL MOISTURE**

## Fractional Water Index August 30, 2016



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)				OSI)	Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI)  Through July 2016				
Status Climate Division 8/30/16		Value 7/23 8/30		Change in Value	3-month	12-month	24-month		
NORTHWEST Unusual Moist Spell		1.93	2.26	-0.33	Near Normal	Moderately Moist	Moist Extremely Moist		
NORTH CENTRAL	NORTH CENTRAL Near Normal		0.06	-0.1	Near Normal	Near Normal	Abnormally Moist		
NORTHEAST	NORTHEAST Near Normal		-1.72	1.03	Near Normal	Abnormally Moist	Moderately Moist		
WEST CENTRAL	VEST CENTRAL Near Normal		-0.31	0.16	Near Normal Near Normal		Very Moist		
CENTRAL	CENTRAL Near Normal		-1.14	0.74	Near Normal Abnormally Moist		Extremely Moist		
EAST CENTRAL Near Normal		0.6	-0.41	1.01	Abnormally Dry Moderately Moist		<b>Exceptionally Moist</b>		
SOUTHWEST Unusual Moist Spel		3.12	2.11	1.01	Abnormally Moist Moderately Moist		<b>Exceptionally Moist</b>		
SOUTH CENTRAL Near Normal		1.57	-0.2	1.77	Near Normal Very Moist		Exceptionally Moist		
SOUTHEAST Near Normal		-0.07	1.04	-1.11	Moderately Dry Extremely Moist		Exceptionally Moist		
extreme drought drought -4.0 or less -3.0 to -3.9	drought normal mois	t spell mo	very bist spell 0 to +3.9	extremely moist +4.0 and above	exceptionally extremely dry dry dry dry 2-2.00 and below -1.60 -1.59 to -1.59 to -0.80	dry normal moist -0.79 to -0.50 to +0.51 to +0	October 20   Oct		

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 regions in the state are classified as Near Normal except the Northwest and Southwest, which are classified as experiencing Unusual Moist Spells.

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 Near Normal precipitation or wetter for the 3 time periods shown except the East Central and Southeast, which had Abnormally Dry and Moderately Dry conditions, respectively, during the 3-month time period.

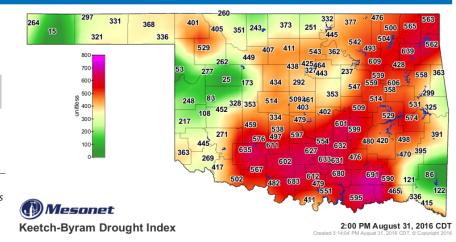
### **Keetch-Byram Drought Fire Index**

Fifteen stations are currently above 600 (Aug. 31). The three stations with the highest values are Lane, Ringling, and Tishomingo.

MESONET STATION	CLIMATE DIVISION	CURRENT VALUE
Lane	South Central	691
Ringling	South Central	683
Tishomingo	South Central	680

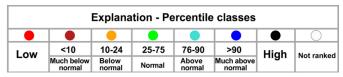
Five stations were above 600 on July 28.

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.

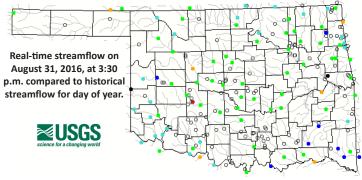


## **STREAMFLOW CONDITIONS**

#### August 31, 2016

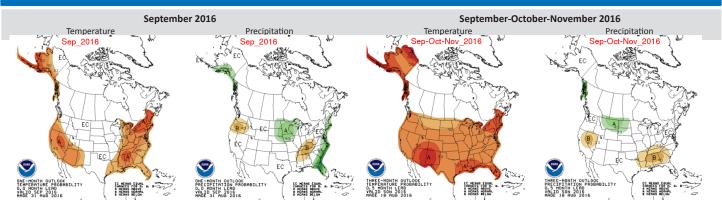


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# WEATHER/DROUGHT FORECAST

#### **Seasonal Outlook**

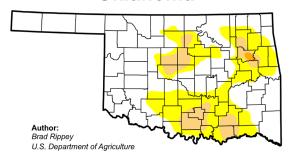


The contours on the maps show the total probability of three categories—above, indicated by the letter "A"; below, indicated by the letter "B"; and the middle category, indicated by the letter "N". "EC" stands for "Equal Chances" for A, N, or B

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

# U.S. Drought Monitor

#### Oklahoma











http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/

# August 23, 2016

(Released Thursday, Aug. 25, 2016) Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	DU-D4	D1-D4	02-04	D3-D4	D4
Current	64.06	35.94	9.31	0.30	0.00	0.00
Last Week 8/16/2016	63.40	36.60	8.32	0.58	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 5/24/2016	97.16	2.84	0.00	0.00	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 8/25/2015	81.86	18.14	8.85	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:





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

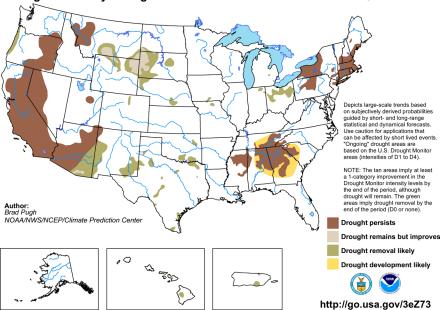
According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, the number of Oklahomans affected by drought has fallen to 491,184 in the past month, with 9.3% of the state (in area) now in Moderate Drought (D1), and 0.3% of the state in Severe Drought (D2) this includes most of the eastern half of Wagoner county.

Rainfall totals varied widely across the state in the past month. While the Central region received only 50% of normal precipitation, the Southeast region received 221% of normal. The statewide average was 91% of

According to the seasonal drought outlook, from mid August through the end of November, drought conditions are unlikely to remain or persist in any part of Oklahoma.

Drought is likely to persist in almost all of California, extending through eastern Oregon, western Nevada, and much of Arizona. There are also large areas of the southeastern and New England states, along with other isolated pockets across the nation, where drought is likely to develop or persist.

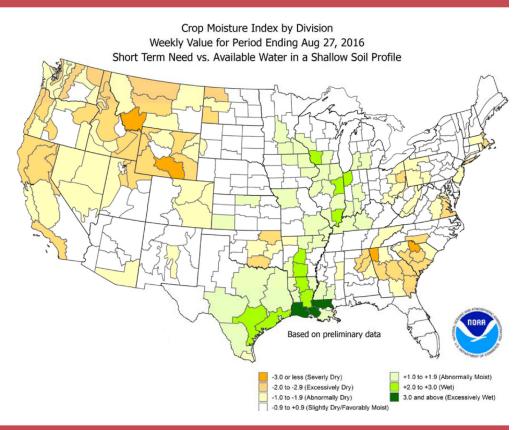




# **CROP MOISTURE INDEX**

According to the NOAA Crop Moisture Index by Division, for the period ending August 27, the Panhandle, North Central, West Central, Southwest, and Southeast regions remain Slightly Dry/Favorably Moist (-0.9 to +0.9). The Central and East Central Regions are Abnormally Dry (-1.0 to -1.9), and the South Central region is Excessively Dry (-2.0 to -2.9).

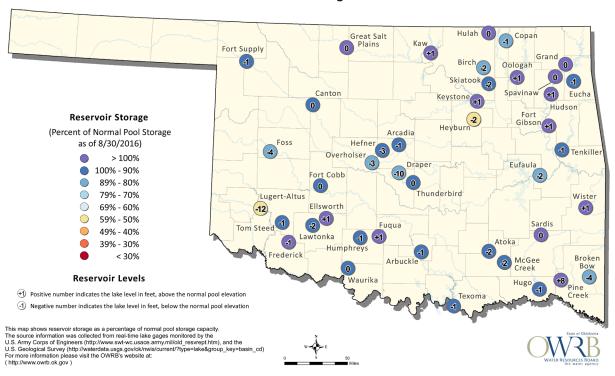
Derived from the Palmer Drought Severity Index (PDSI), the Crop Moisture Index reflects moisture supply in the short-term across major crop-producing regions. It identifies potential agricultural droughts. It is not intended to assess long-term droughts.



# **RESERVOIR STORAGE**

#### Oklahoma Surface Water Resources

Reservoir Levels and Storage as of 8/30/2016



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