Oklahoma Water Resources Bulletin & Summary of Current Conditions



PRECIPITATION

Statewide Precipitation								
	Last 30 Days				Last 365 Days			
Climate	Total Rainfall	Departure From Normal	Percent of	Rank Since	Total Rainfall	Departure From Normal	Percent of	RANK SINCE
Division	(inches)	(inches)	Normal	1921	(inches)	(inches)	Normal	1921
PANHANDLE	0.50"	-0.27"	65%	45th wettest	18.27"	-2.29"	89%	33rd driest
NORTH CENTRAL	0.46"	-0.78"	37%	26th driest	27.72"	-3.67"	88%	39th driest
NORTHEAST	0.66"	-1.68"	28%	15th driest	32.80"	-9.81"	77%	18th driest
WEST CENTRAL	0.85"	-0.34"	71%	42nd wettest	28.89"	+0.52"	102%	34th wettest
CENTRAL	0.68"	-1.26"	35%	22nd driest	30.38"	-7.20"	81%	27th driest
EAST CENTRAL	1.06"	-1.97"	35%	19th driest	33.40"	-12.65"	73%	12th driest
SOUTHWEST	1.05"	-0.35"	75%	45th wettest	34.81"	+4.58"	115%	19th wettest
SOUTH CENTRAL	0.88"	-1.64"	35%	18th driest	37.06"	-3.58"	91%	43rd driest
SOUTHEAST	1.44"	-2.46"	37%	11th driest	44.52"	-5.97"	88%	33rd driest
STATEWIDE	0.82"	-1.19"	41%	21st driest	31.70"	-4.71"	87%	33rd driest





Percentage of 1981-2010 Normal Rainfall Last 30 Days Dec 1, 2016 through Dec 30, 2016

SOIL MOISTURE



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

				Through November 2016			
Climate Division	Status 12/24/16	Value 11/26 12/24	Change in Value	3-month	12-month	24-month	
NORTHWEST	Near Normal	-1.32 -1.38	0.06	Moderately Dry	Near Normal	Extremely Moist	
NORTH CENTRAL	Near Normal	-0.01 -0.75	0.74	Near Normal	Near Normal	Moderately Moist	
NORTHEAST	Near Normal	-1.51 -1.84	0.33	Near Normal	Near Normal	Abnormally Moist	
WEST CENTRAL	Near Normal	-0.49 -0.82	0.33	Near Normal Near Normal		Extremely Moist	
CENTRAL	Moderate Drought	-1.76 -1.98	0.22	Abnormally Dry	Near Normal	Extremely Moist	
EAST CENTRAL	Moderate Drought	-2.34 -2.53	0.19	Moderately Dry	Near Normal	Extremely Moist	
SOUTHWEST	Near Normal	1.33 1.02	0.31	Near Normal	Moderately Moist	Exceptionally Moist	
SOUTH CENTRAL	Near Normal	-1.41 -1.77	0.36	Near Normal	Abnormally Moist	Exceptionally Moist	
SOUTHEAST	Near Normal	-1.65 -1.76	0.11	Moderately Dry	Abnormally Moist	Extremely Moist	
extreme severe drought drought -4.0 or less -3.0 to -3.9	moderate near unu drought normal moisi -2.0 to -2.9 -1.9 to +1.9 +2.0	usual very t spell moist spell to +2.9 +3.0 to +3.9 +4	extremely moist .0 and above	exceptionally extremely severely moderately dry dry dry dry -2.00 and -1.99 to -1.59 to -1.29 to -0.80	abnormally near abnormally mo dry normal moist -0.79 to -0.50 to +0.51 to + -0.51 +0.50 +0.79	oderately very extremely exceptionally moist moist moist 0.80 to +1.30 to +1.60 to +2.0 and +1.29 +1.59 +1.99 above	

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 Central and East Central regions, which are experiencing Moderate Drought conditions.

Palmer Drought Severity Index (PDSI)

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 12-month and 24-month time periods, but the Central region was Abnormally Dry during the 3-month period, and the Northwest, East Central, and Southeast were Moderately dry.

Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI)

Keetch-Byram Drought Fire Index

December 31, 1:00 p.m.--2 stations are above 600.

MESONET STATION	CLIMATE DIVISION	CURRENT VALUE
Buffalo	Panhandle	650
Durant	South Central	626

Three stations were above 600 on November 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

December 31, 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

Drought Summary & Outlook



According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, the number of Oklahomans currently affected by drought is 2,876,612, up by almost 700,000 in the last month. More than 72% of the state in area is now in Moderate Drought (D1)or worse. More than 45% of the state is now in Severe Drought (D2) or worse, and more than 3% is in Extreme Drought, which includes large portions of Atoka, Pushmataha, Bryan, and Choctaw counties, and extends into southeastern Coal and southern Pittsburg counties.

According to the seasonal drought outlook, from mid December through the end of March, drought conditions are likely to persist in most of the state. This is shown as a large swathe running from the northwest corner to the southeast corner.

Drought is also likely to persist and develop in many other areas across the southern half of the U.S. and a small portion of New England along the coast.

CROP MOISTURE INDEX

According to the NOAA Crop Moisture Index by Division, for the period ending December 24, all regions of the state are Slightly Dry/ Favorably Moist (-0.9 to +0.9).

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 12/21/2016



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