U.S. Drought Monitor

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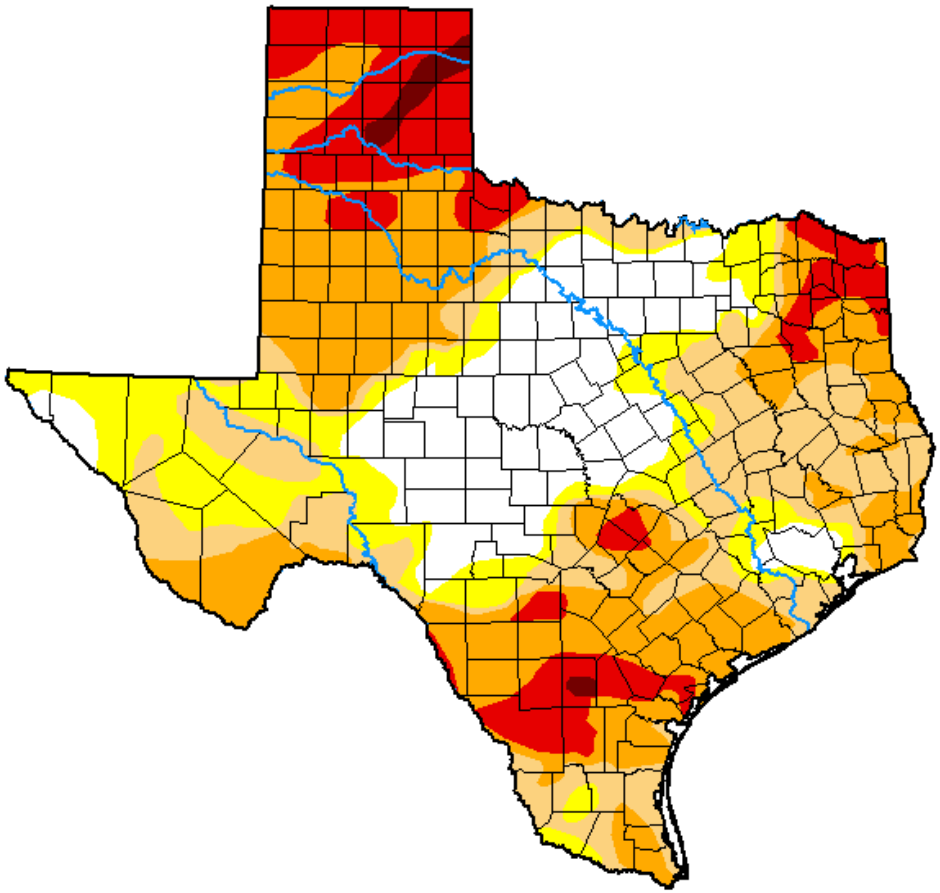

May 12, 2026

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	19.22	80.78	65.33	43.57	14.51	1.05
Last Week *05-05-2026*	18.01	81.99	68.54	47.31	16.31	0.48
3 Months Ago *02-10-2026*	1.99	98.01	73.60	40.80	17.07	0.36
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	11.66	88.34	57.31	27.77	9.33	0.36
Start of Water Year *09-30-2025*	37.15	62.85	23.67	13.00	3.33	0.29
One Year Ago *05-13-2025*	48.04	51.96	41.08	31.57	23.02	14.47

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

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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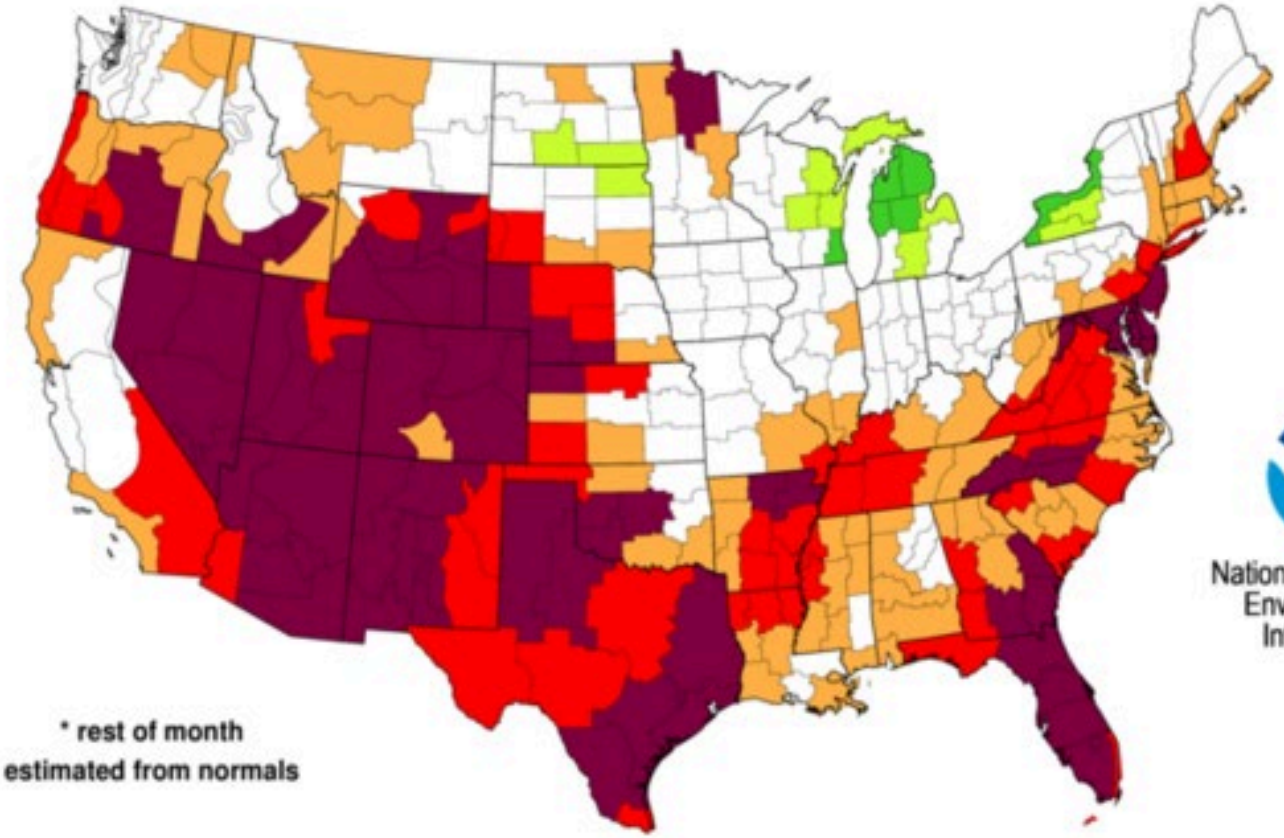
Palmer Drought Index
Long-Term (Meteorological) Conditions

May 2026: through May 9 2026*



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Palmer Hydrological Drought Index
Long-Term (Hydrological) Conditions

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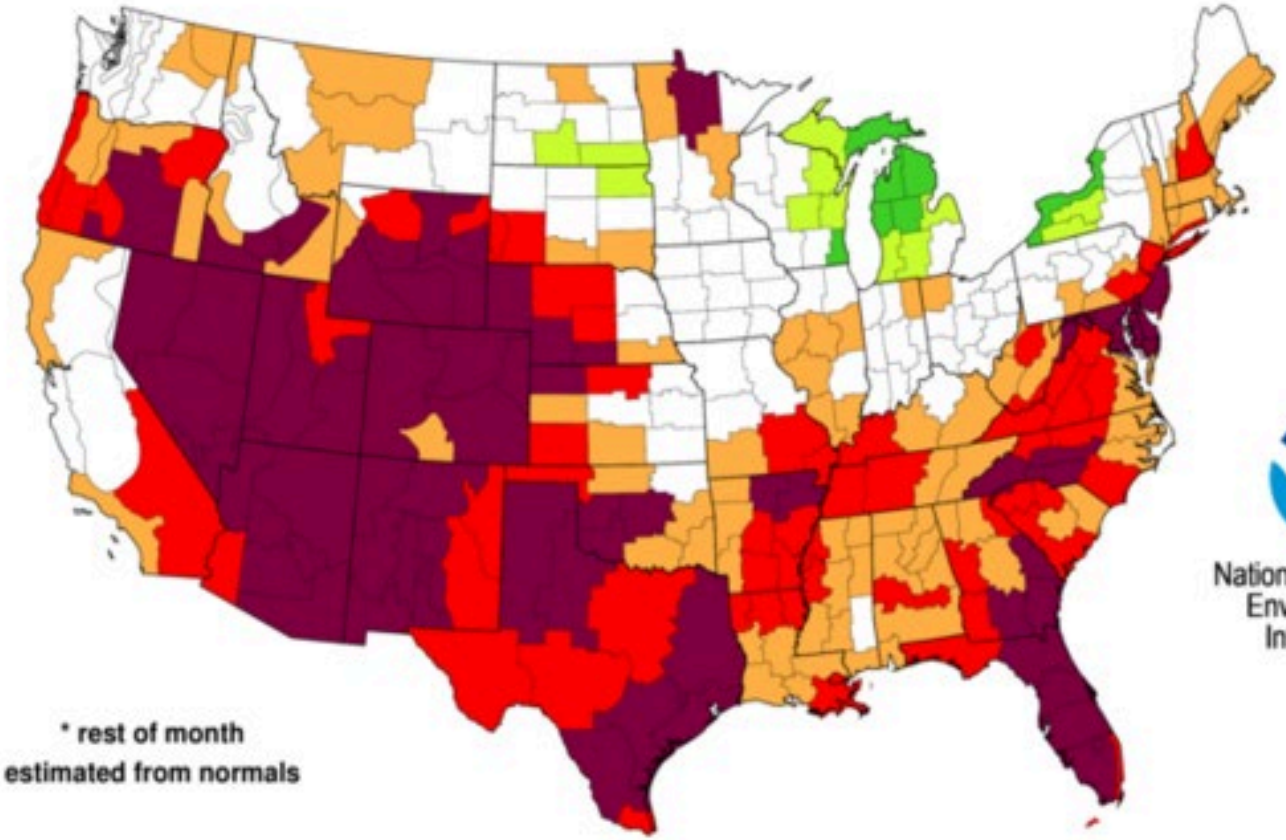

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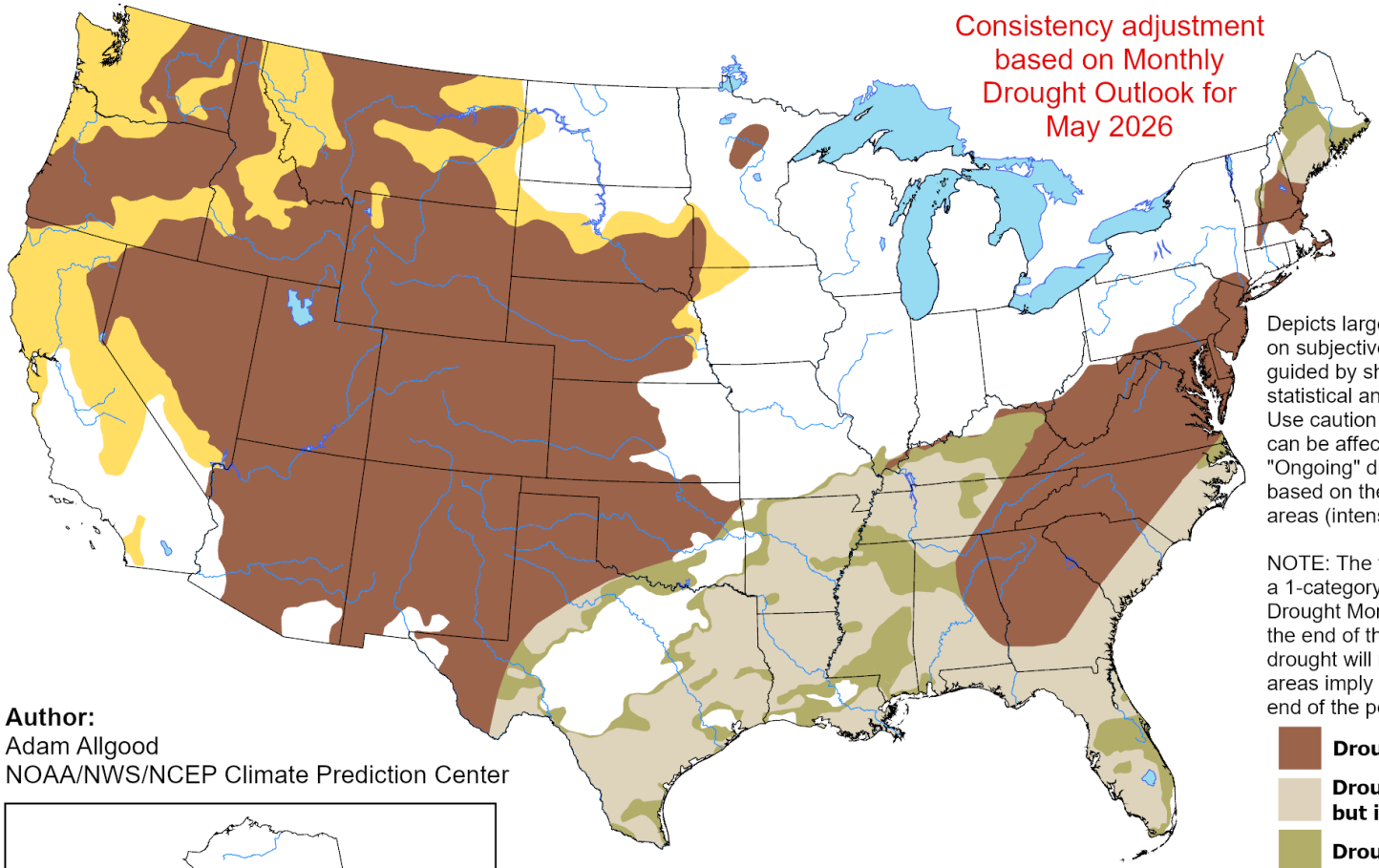
U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook

Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

Valid for May 1 - July 31, 2026
Released April 30, 2026



Depicts large-scale trends based on subjectively derived probabilities guided by short- and long-range statistical and dynamical forecasts. Use caution for applications that can be affected by short lived events. "Ongoing" drought areas are based on the U.S. Drought Monitor areas (intensities of D1 to D4).

NOTE: The tan areas imply at least a 1-category improvement in the Drought Monitor intensity levels by the end of the period, although drought will remain. The green areas imply drought removal by the end of the period (D0 or none).

- **Drought persists**
- **Drought remains, but improves**
- **Drought removal likely**
- **Drought development likely**
- **No drought**

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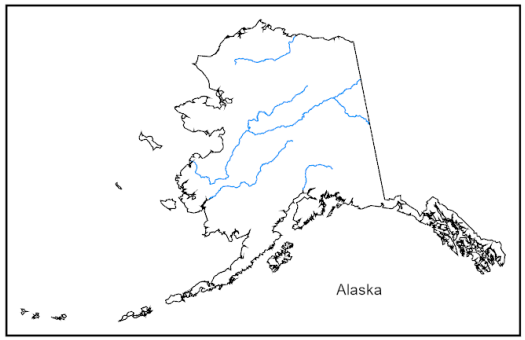

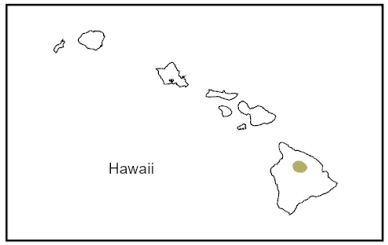

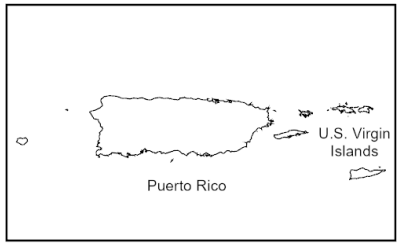

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