



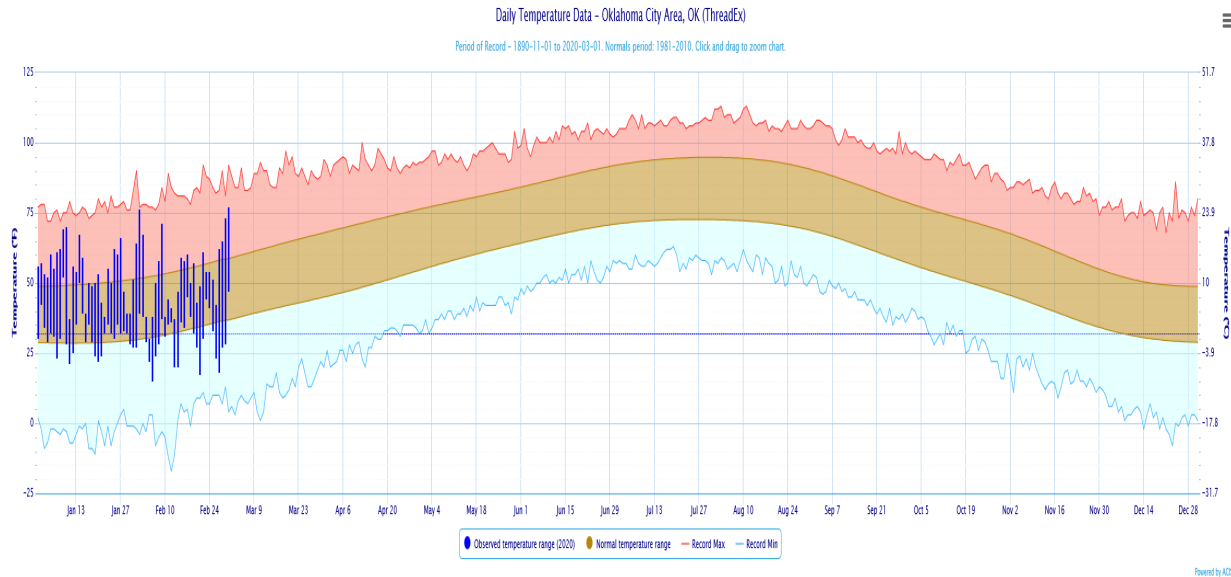
# **Drought Conditions in Central Oklahoma**

**Water Resources Division  
Association of Central Oklahoma Governments  
March 3, 2020**

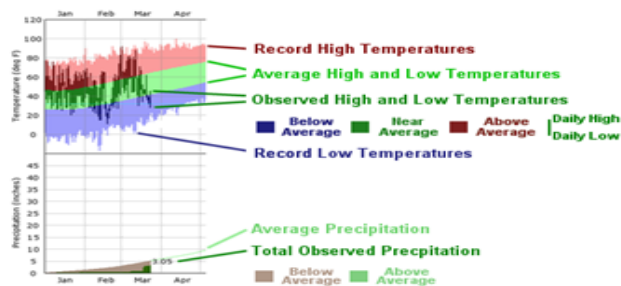
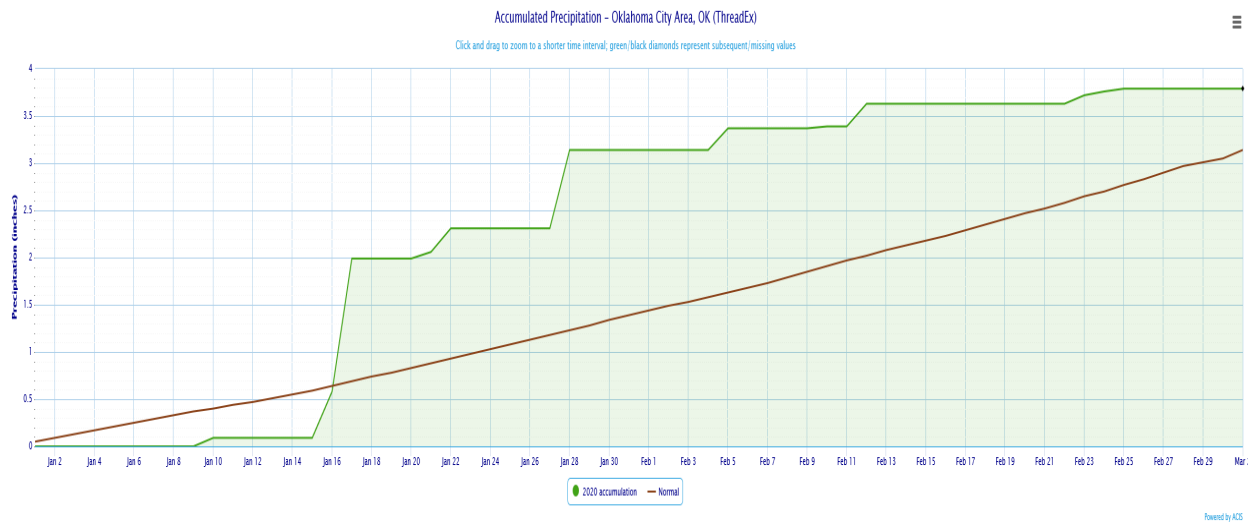


# Temperature and Precipitation Plot for Oklahoma City, Oklahoma for 2020

## Daily Temperature Data – Oklahoma City Area, OK



## Accumulated Precipitation – Oklahoma City Area, OK



<http://xmacis.rcc-acis.org/>

# Rainfall Summaries by Oklahoma Climate Division

Calendar Year 01-Jan-2020 through

01-Mar-2020

Climate Division	Total Rainfall	Departure from Normal	Pct of Normal	Rank since 1921 (88 periods)	Driest on Record	Wettest on Record
W. Central	2.41"	+0.28"	113%	29th wettest	0.13" (1970)	5.11" (1949)
Central	4.75"	+1.43"	143%	15th wettest	0.44" (1976)	7.84" (1949)
S. Central	7.93"	+3.49"	179%	6th wettest	0.65" (1976)	11.02" (1932)
Statewide	5.28"	+1.81"	152%	10th wettest	0.59" (1976)	7.63" (1949)

Water Year: 01-Oct-2019 through

01-Mar-2020

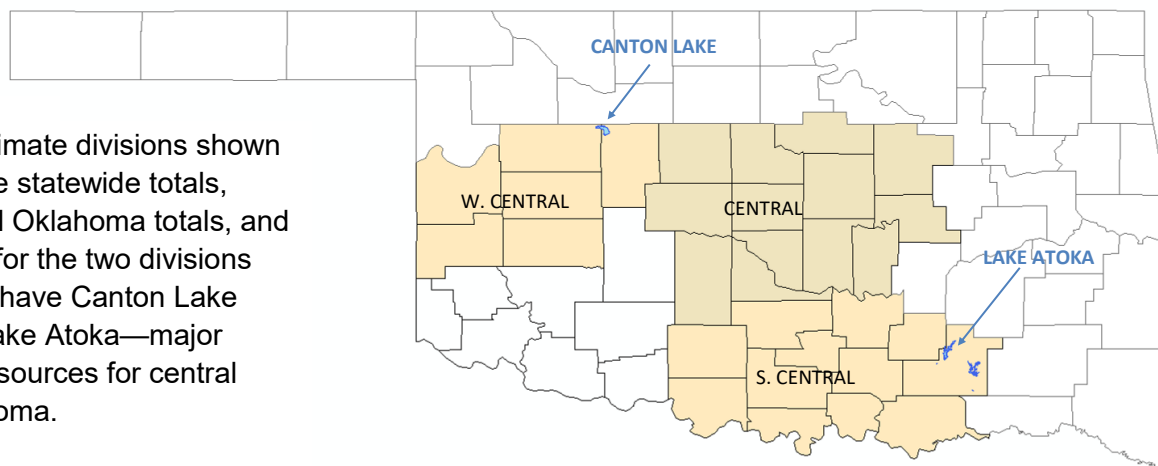
Climate Division	Total Rainfall	Departure from Normal	Pct of Normal	Rank since 1921 (88 periods)	Driest on Record	Wettest on Record
W. Central	5.87"	-1.80"	77%	41st driest	1.48" (1966-67)	15.99" (1986-87)
Central	12.07"	+0.64"	106%	26th wettest	3.05" (2005-06)	22.16" (1984-85)
S. Central	17.87"	+3.74"	126%	16th wettest	3.74" (1966-67)	26.55" (2000-01)
Statewide	13.75"	+2.20"	119%	18th wettest	3.57" (1966-67)	19.06" (1984-85)

Winter 01-Dec through

01-Mar-2020

Climate Division	Total Rainfall	Departure from Normal	Pct of Normal	Rank since 1921 (88 periods)	Driest on Record	Wettest on Record
W. Central	3.47"	+0.12"	103%	34th wettest	0.54" (2005-06)	8.12" (1959-60)
Central	5.61"	+0.30"	106%	29th wettest	0.90" (2005-06)	14.09" (1984-85)
S. Central	8.93"	+1.90"	127%	21st wettest	1.99" (1966-67)	13.14" (1937-38)
Statewide	6.40"	+0.86"	116%	23rd wettest	1.52" (2005-06)	10.52" (1984-85)

The climate divisions shown include statewide totals, central Oklahoma totals, and totals for the two divisions which have Canton Lake and Lake Atoka—major water sources for central Oklahoma.

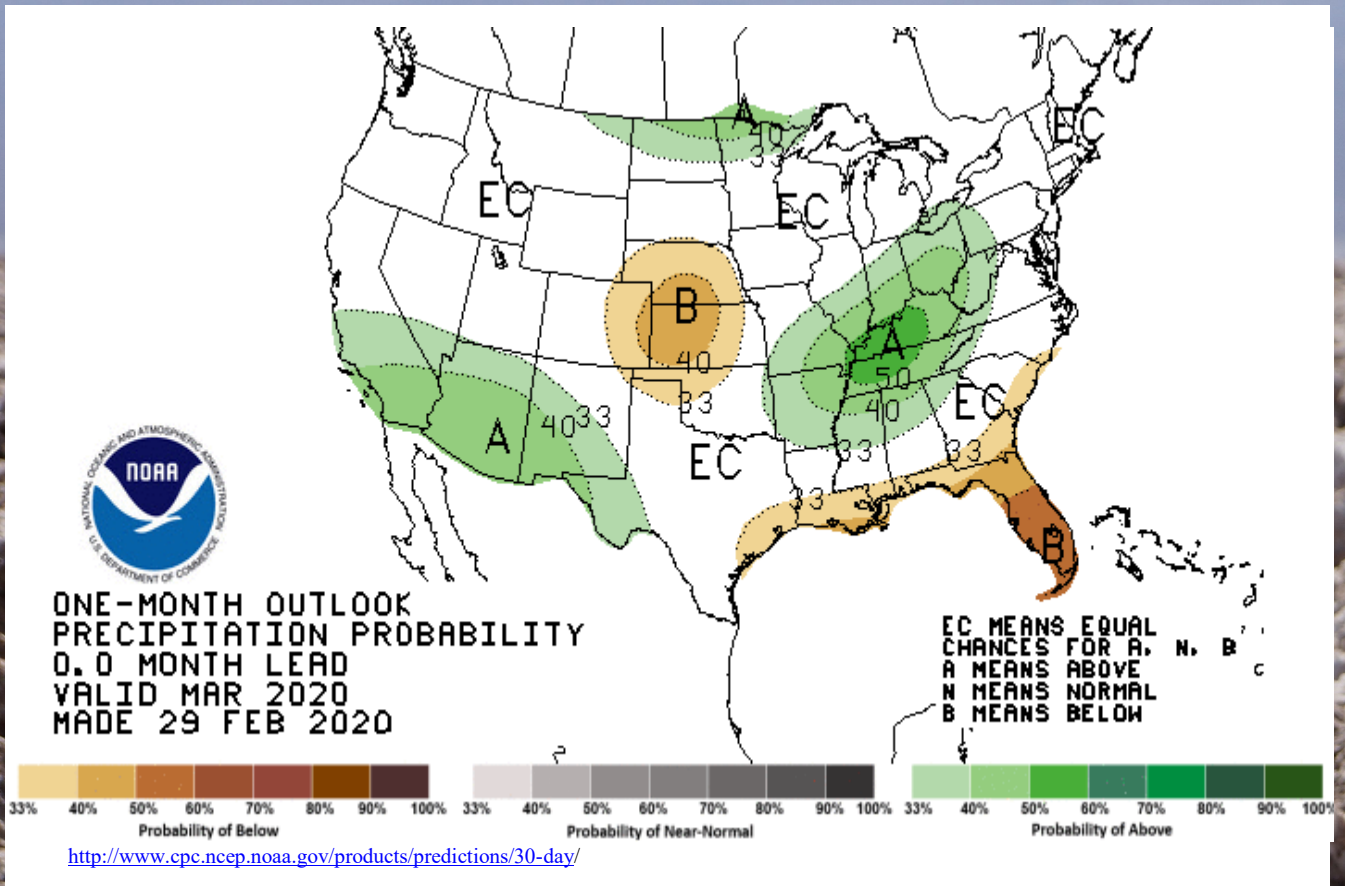


[http://climate.ok.gov/index.php/drought/last\\_30\\_days/](http://climate.ok.gov/index.php/drought/last_30_days/)

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# NOAA One-Month Outlook

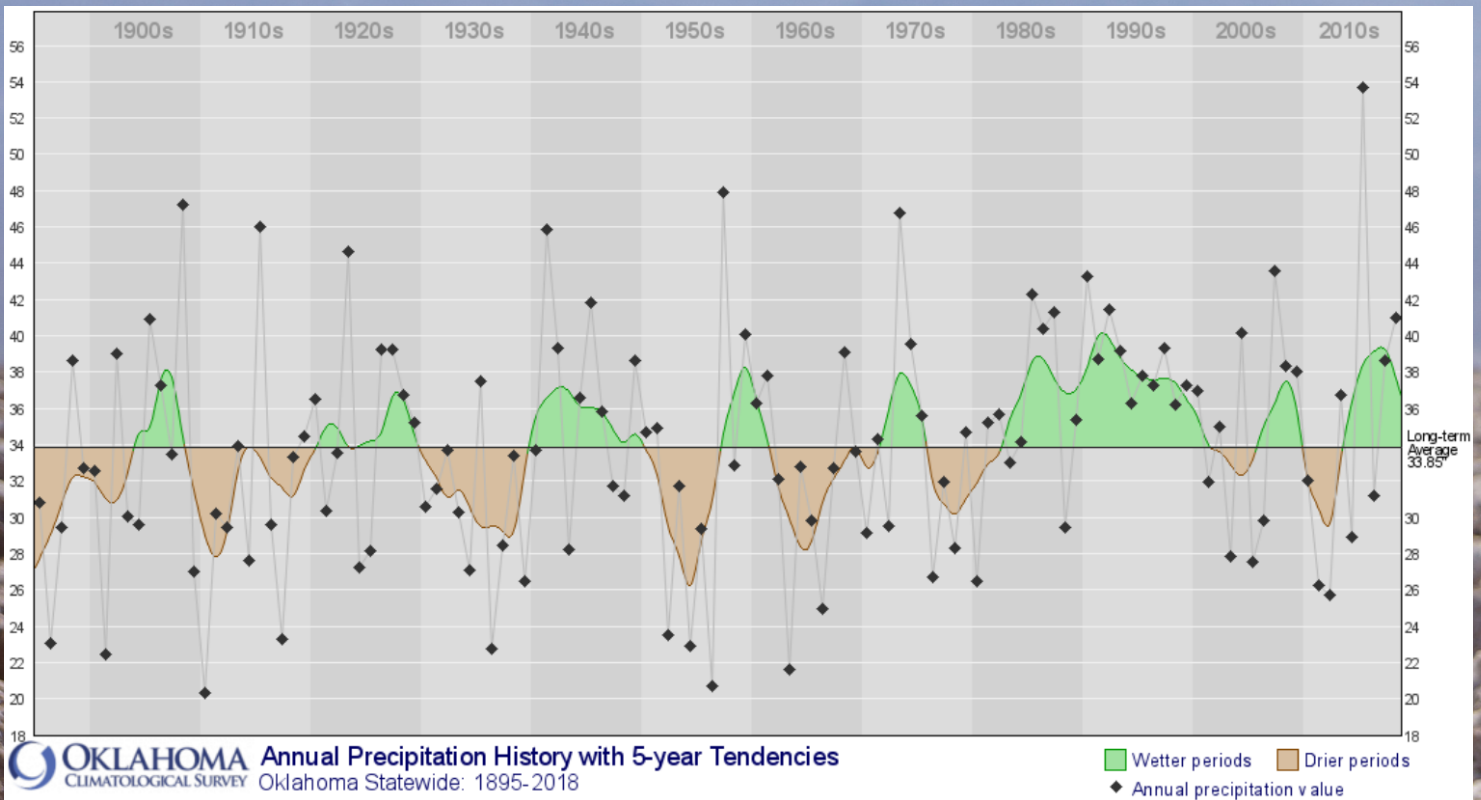


White areas are shown as EC (Equal Chance) on these maps represent areas where there are no strong climate signals from the climate tools to have skill in preferring one category over another.

That doesn't mean that there are equal chances of each of the categories occurring – it means that currently there is no skill in identifying the most likely category. In these areas, it is best to be prepared for all possibilities.



# Annual Precipitation History with 5-Year Tendencies



[http://climate.ok.gov/index.php/climate/climate\\_trends/precipitation\\_history\\_annual\\_statewide/CD00/prec/Annual/oklahoma\\_south-central\\_u.s](http://climate.ok.gov/index.php/climate/climate_trends/precipitation_history_annual_statewide/CD00/prec/Annual/oklahoma_south-central_u.s)

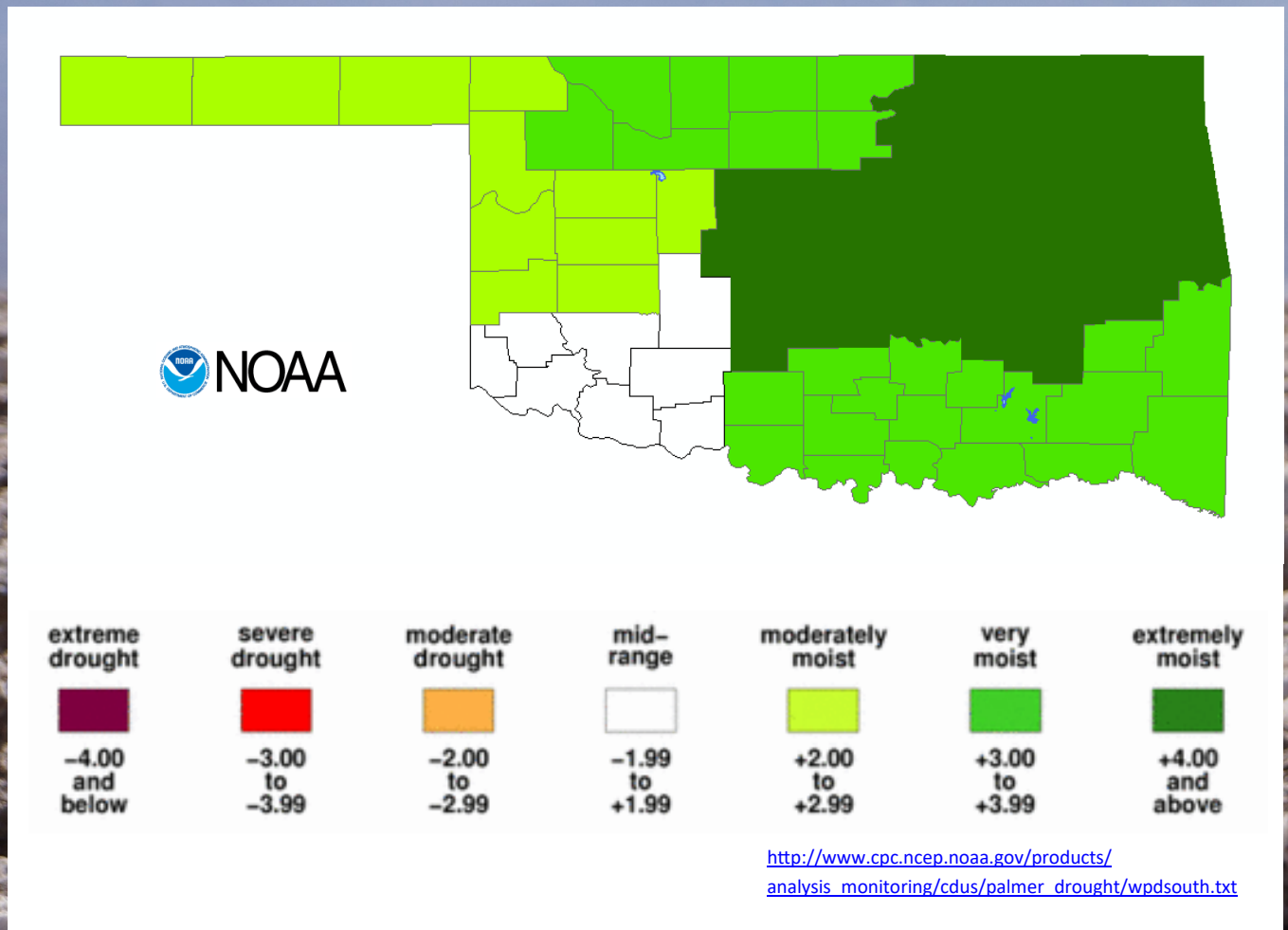
This graph shows the cyclical nature of wet and drought periods in Oklahoma. The black dots represent the annual precipitation for that particular year. The line represents the annual precipitation data smoothed over five years.

This smoothed line shows well the wet periods (shaded green) and the drought periods (shaded brown). The drought cycles appear to average about five to eight years in length.



# Drought Severity Index by Climate Division

## Palmer Value Ending 29 FEB 2020



The Palmer Drought Index (PDI) maps show long-term (cumulative) meteorological drought and wet conditions. The maps show how the geographical pattern of the long-term (meteorological) moisture conditions has changed over the last 12 months.

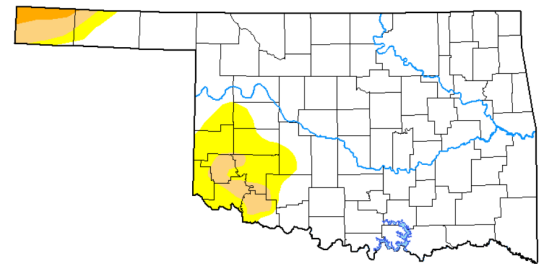
On these maps, the red shading denotes drought conditions while the green shading indicates wet conditions.

# U.S. Drought Monitor

Week	Date	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	<a href="#">2020-02-25</a>	86.53	13.47	4.66	0.84	0.00	0.00
Last Week	<a href="#">2020-02-18</a>	85.83	14.17	4.66	0.85	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago	<a href="#">2019-11-26</a>	76.05	23.95	12.58	3.67	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year	<a href="#">2019-12-31</a>	76.45	23.55	10.47	3.64	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year	<a href="#">2019-10-01</a>	71.94	28.06	11.08	1.01	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago	<a href="#">2019-02-26</a>	88.61	11.39	0.98	0.00	0.00	0.00

## U.S. Drought Monitor Oklahoma

Abnormal dryness or drought are currently affecting approximately 29,485 people in Oklahoma.



### Intensity:

■ D0 - Abnormally Dry  
■ D1 - Moderate Drought  
■ D2 - Severe Drought

■ D3 - Extreme Drought  
■ D4 - Exceptional Drought

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**Drought.gov**  
U.S. Drought Portal

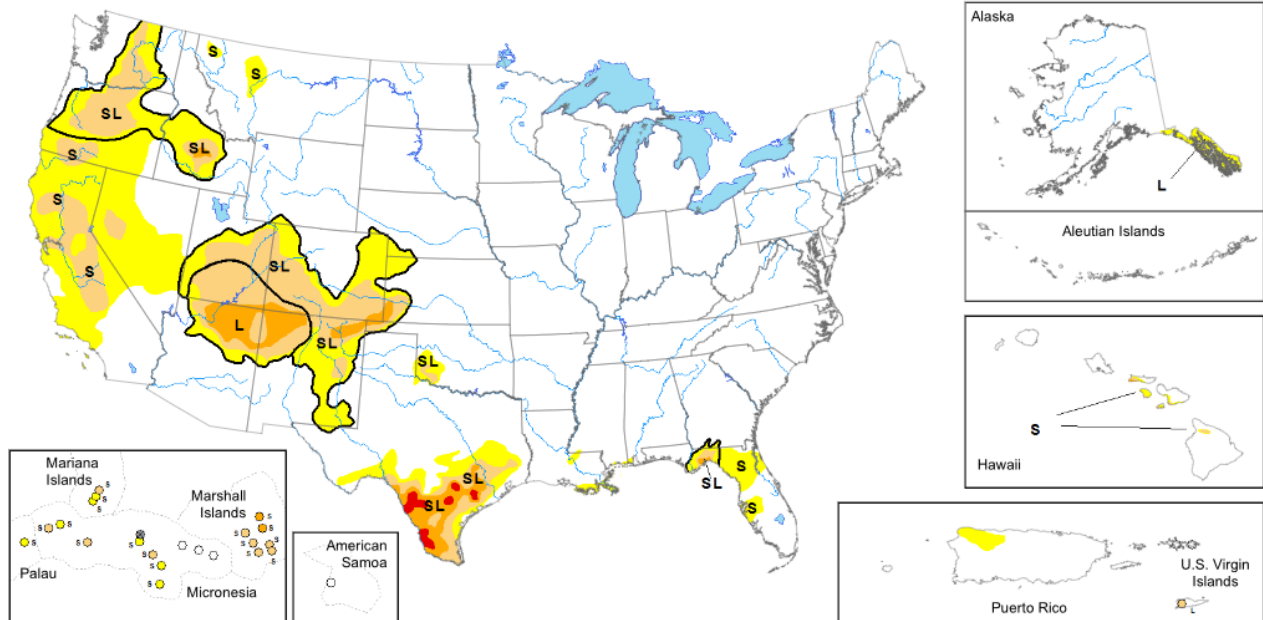
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# U.S. Drought Monitor Nationwide Map

Map released: February 27, 2020

Data valid: February 25, 2020



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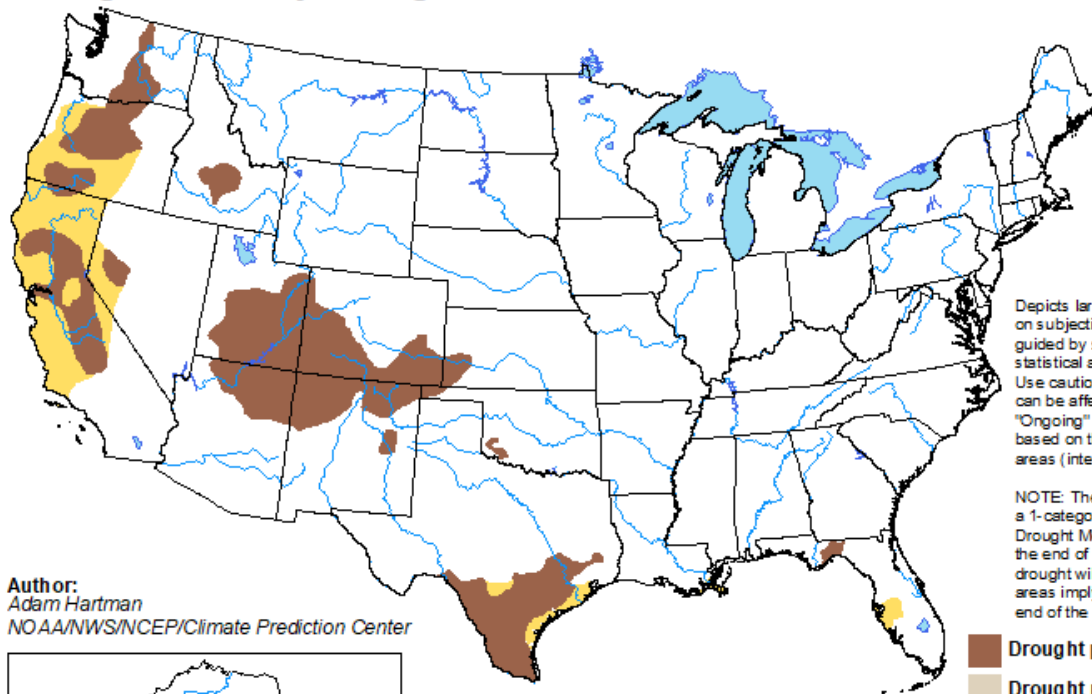


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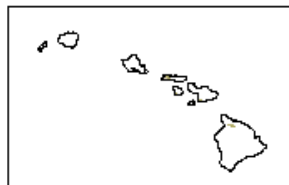
## Monthly Drought Outlook Map

### U.S. Monthly Drought Outlook Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

Valid for March 2020  
Released February 29, 2020



Author:  
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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



<http://go.usa.gov/3eZGd>

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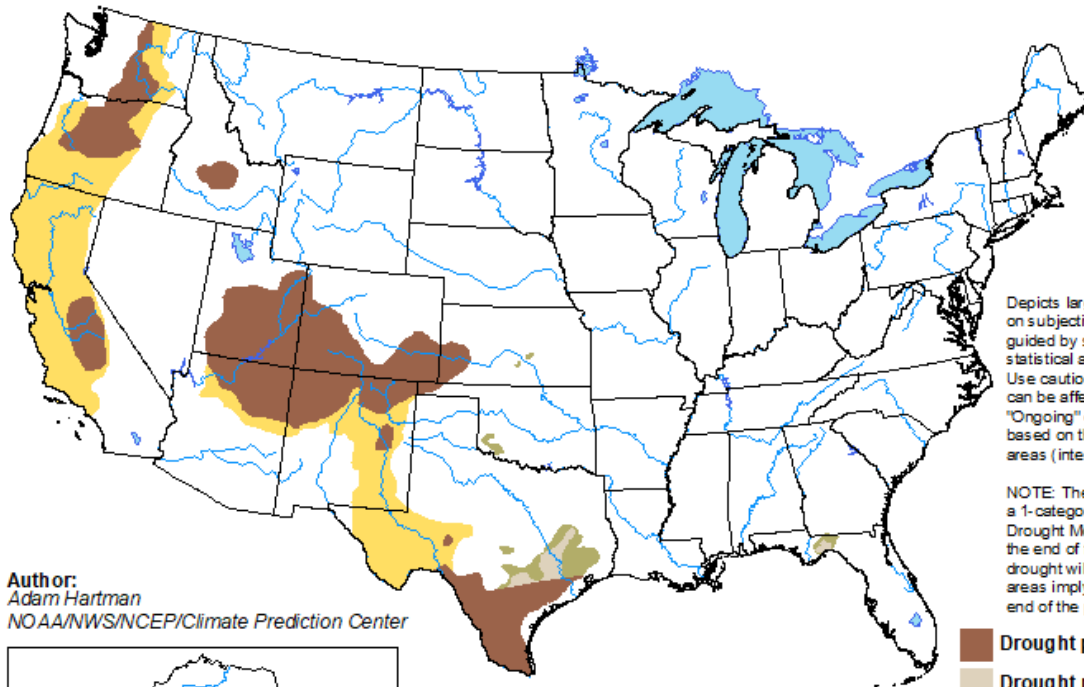


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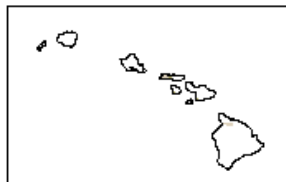
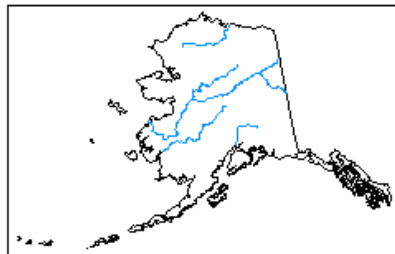
## Seasonal Drought Outlook Map

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

Valid for February 20 - May 31, 2020  
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- Drought development likely



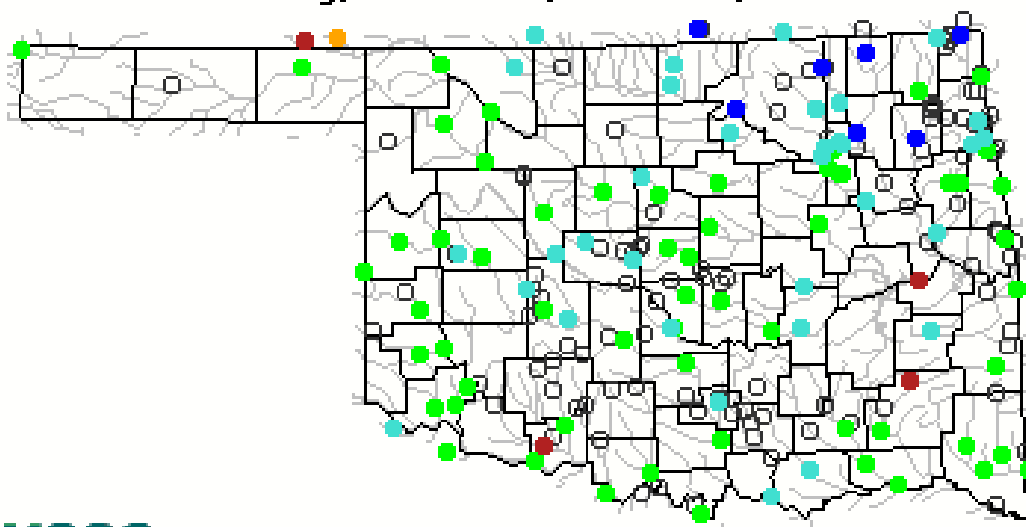
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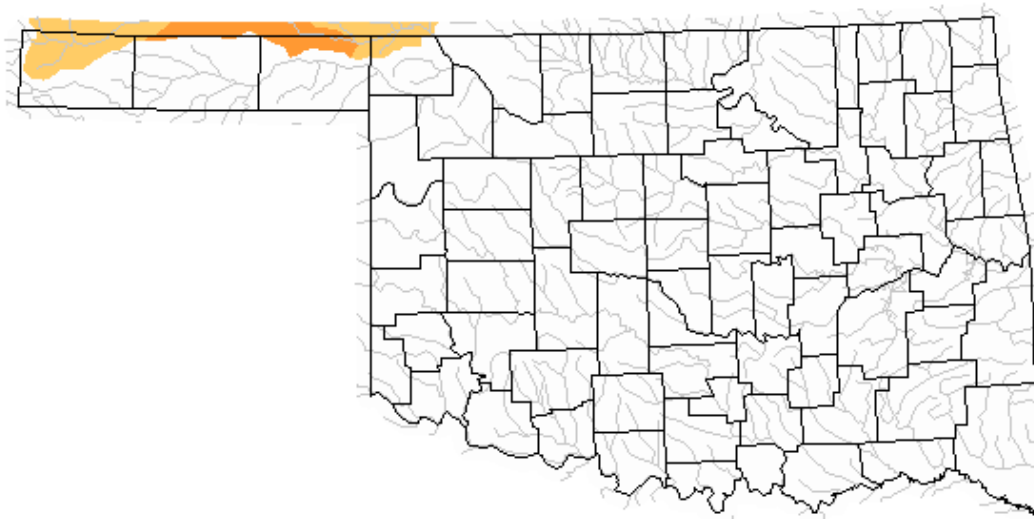
# USGS Streamflow Data

Monday, March 02, 2020 15:30ET



Explanation - Percentile classes							
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Low	<10 Much below normal	10-24 Below normal	25-75 Normal	76-90 Above normal	>90 Much above normal	High	Not-ranked

Sunday, March 01, 2020



**Below normal 28-day average streamflow**

Explanation - Percentile classes				
<span style="background-color: red; color: black;">Low</span>	<span style="background-color: brown; color: black;">≤5</span>	<span style="background-color: orange; color: black;">6-9</span>	<span style="background-color: yellow; color: black;">10-24</span>	<span style="background-color: lightgray; color: black;">Insufficient data for a hydrologic region</span>
Extreme hydrologic drought	Severe hydrologic drought	Moderate hydrologic drought	Below normal	

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# SOIL MOISTURE MAP

**Mesonet**  
1-day Average 24-inch Fractional Water Index

March 1, 2020  
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**Legend:**

- 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

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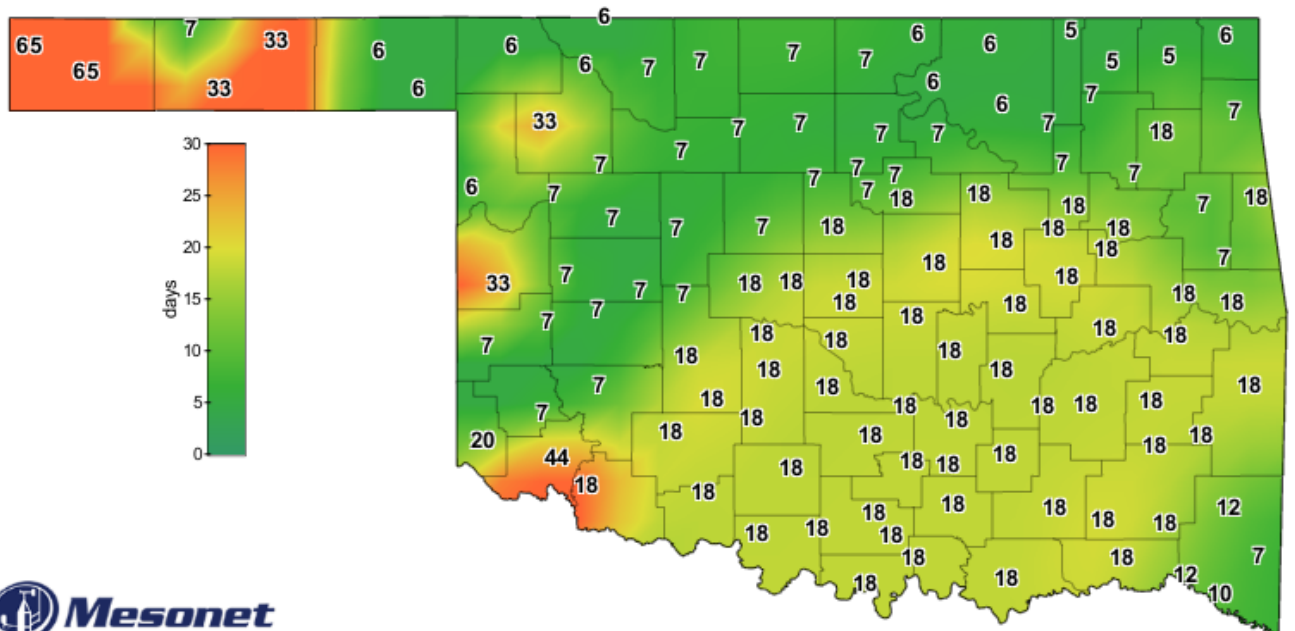
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# CONSECUTIVE DAYS WITHOUT RAINFALL MAP



Consecutive Days With Less Than 0.25" Rainfall

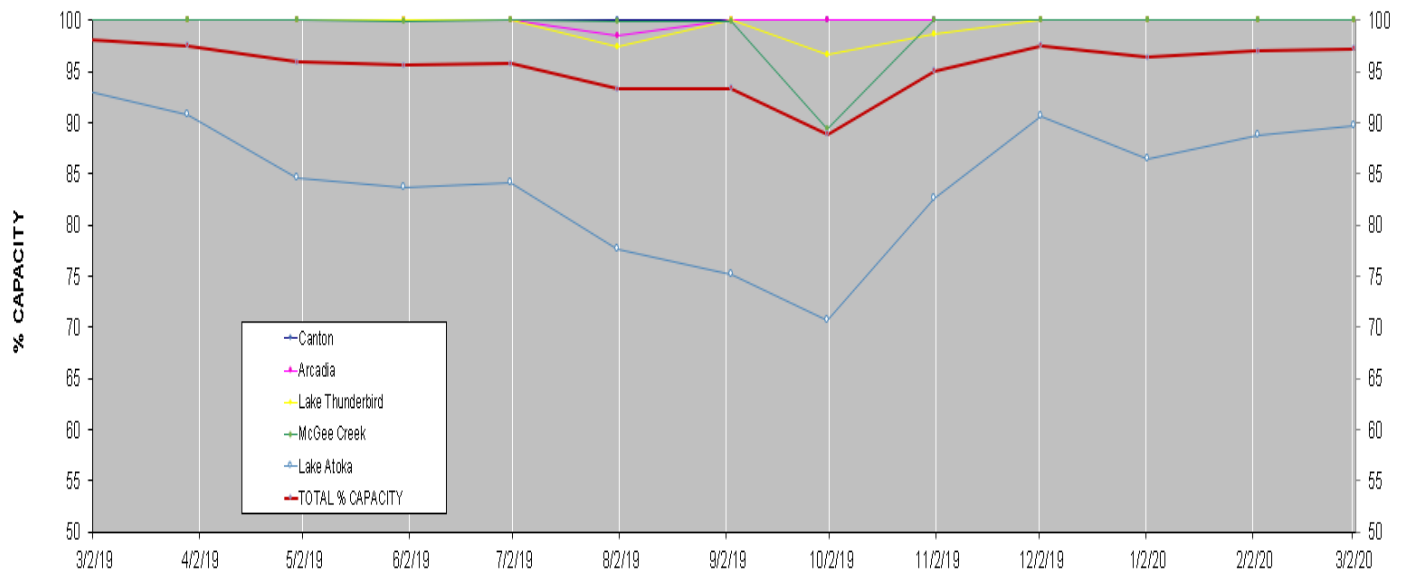
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## Percent of Surface Water Conservation Storage Central OK Reservoirs



Lake Hefner and Lake Overholser are terminal storage for Canton Lake. Lake Draper is terminal storage for McGee Creek and Atoka Lakes.

LAKE	% CAPACITY	% CHANGE FROM 2/3/2020
Canton	100.0	0.0
Arcadia	100.0	0.0
Lake Thunderbird	100.0	0.0
McGee Creek	100.0	0.0
Lake Atoka	89.6	0.8
TOTAL % CAPACITY	97.2	0.2

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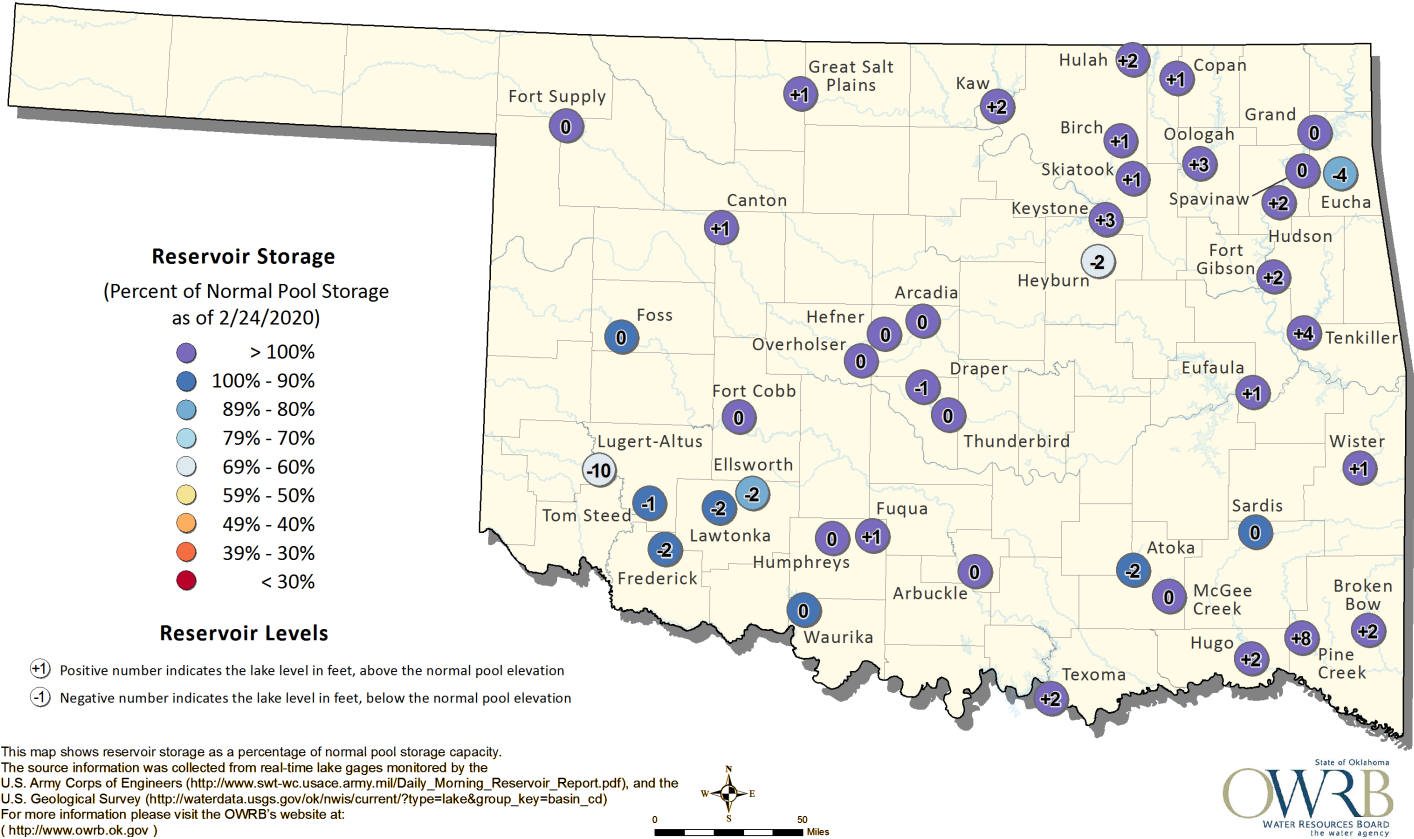
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The graph is the amount of water stored in five major lakes that supply water to central Oklahoma as a percent of capacity over the past year.



# Oklahoma Surface Water Resources

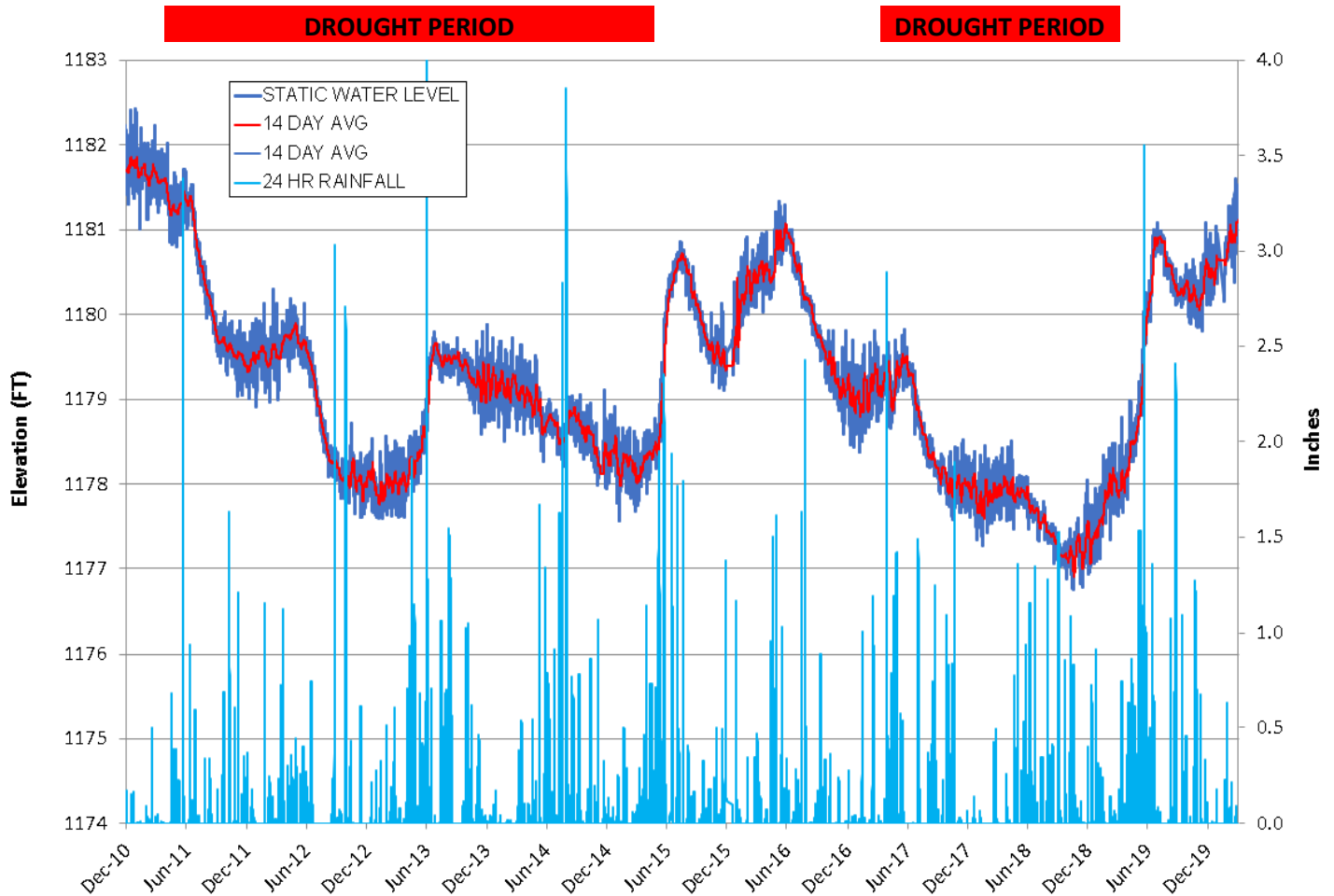
## Reservoir Levels and Storage as of 2/24/2020



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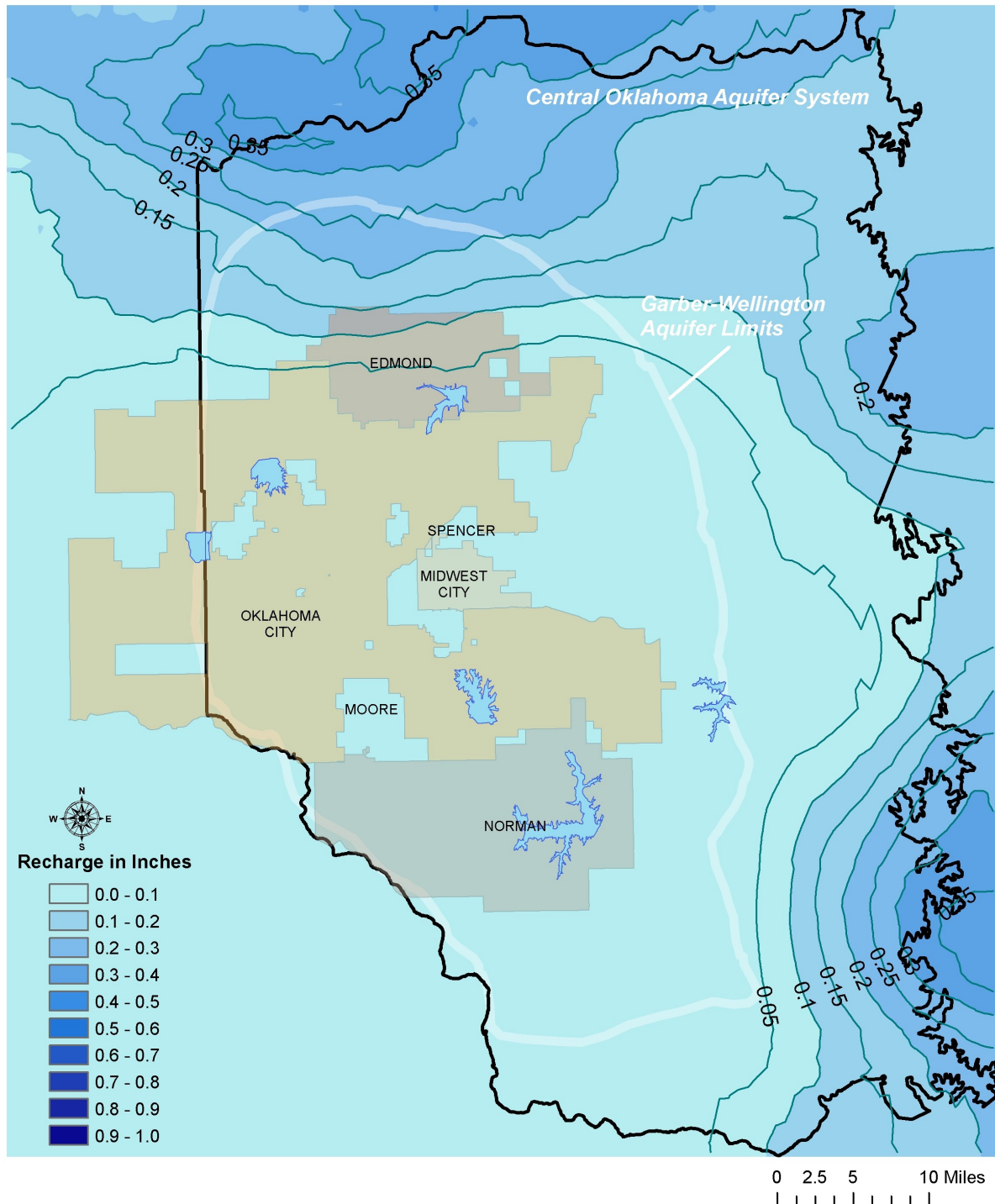
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# Recharge Map Central Oklahoma Aquifer System

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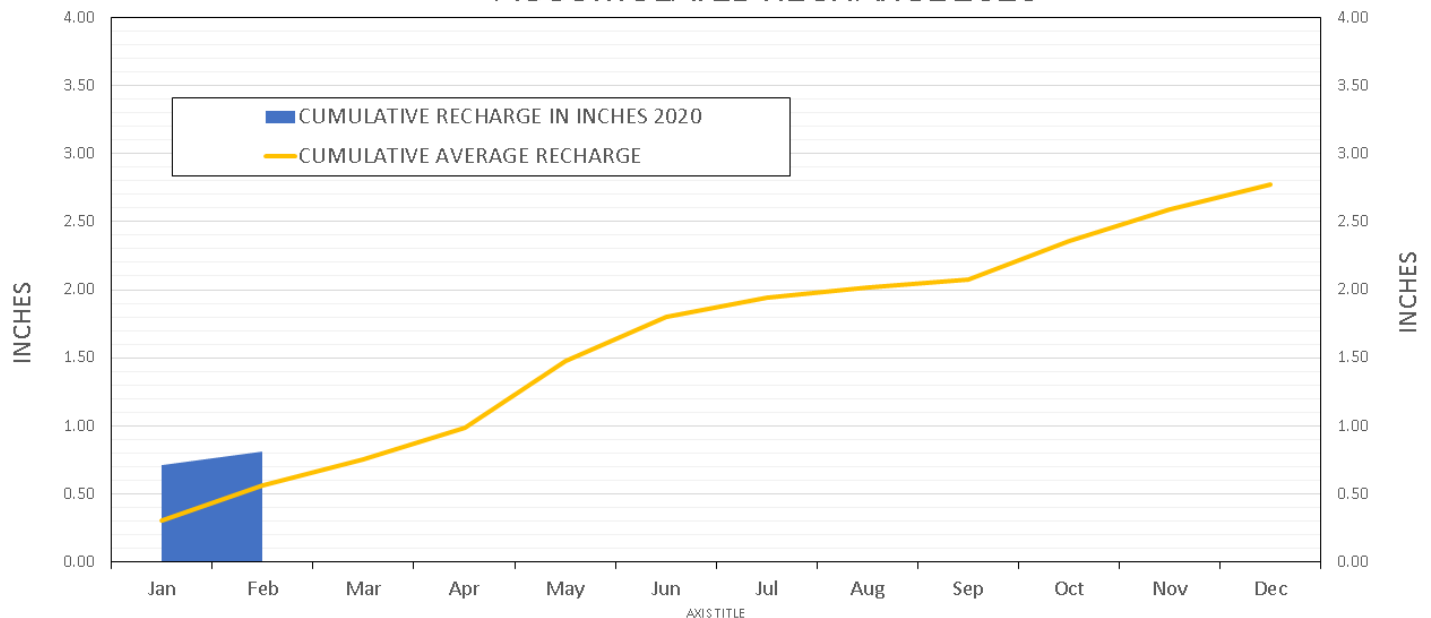




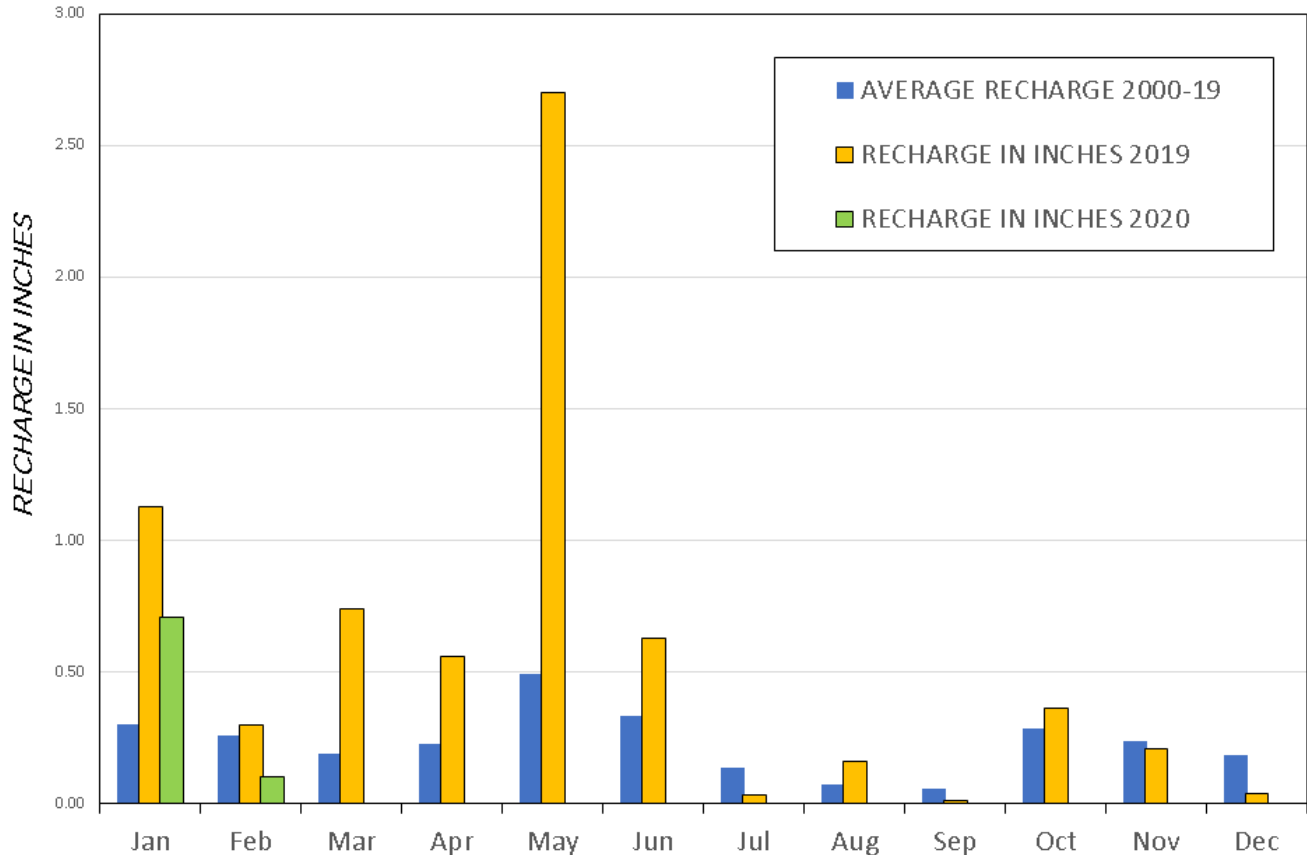
# Recharge Charts

## Central Oklahoma Aquifer System

### ACCUMULATED RECHARGE 2020



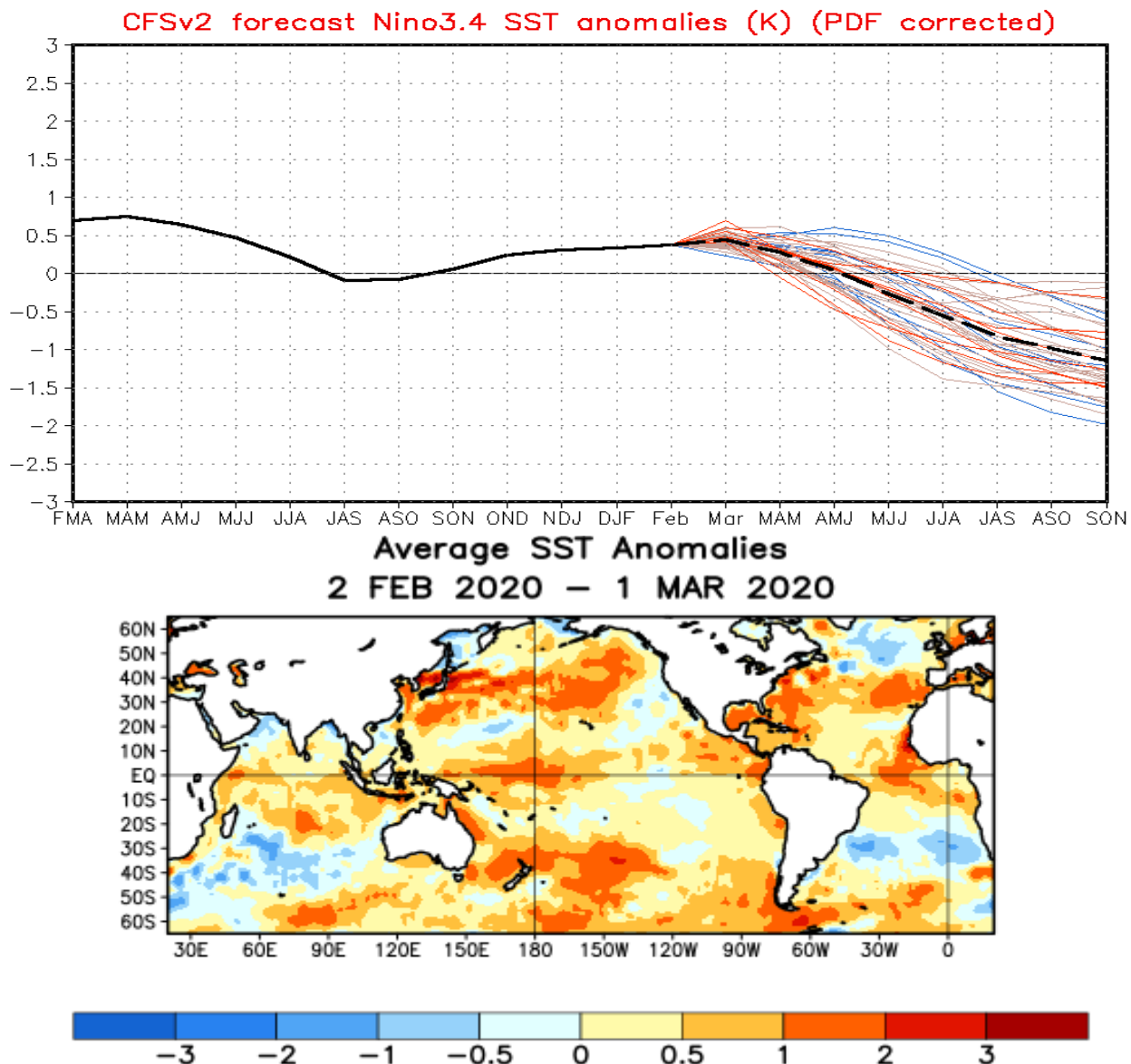
### MONTHLY AQUIFER RECHARGE





# ENSO Cycle

## Recent Evolution, Current Status and Predictions



### Summary

ENSO Alert System Status: Not Active

- ENSO-neutral conditions are present.
- Equatorial sea surface temperatures (SSTs) are near-to-above average across the Pacific Ocean.
- The tropical atmospheric circulation is generally consistent with ENSO-neutral.
- ENSO-neutral is favored through Northern Hemisphere spring 2020 (~60% chance), continuing through summer 2020 (~50% chance).