



# **Drought Conditions in Central Oklahoma**

**Water Resources Division  
Association of Central Oklahoma Governments  
July 1, 2020**

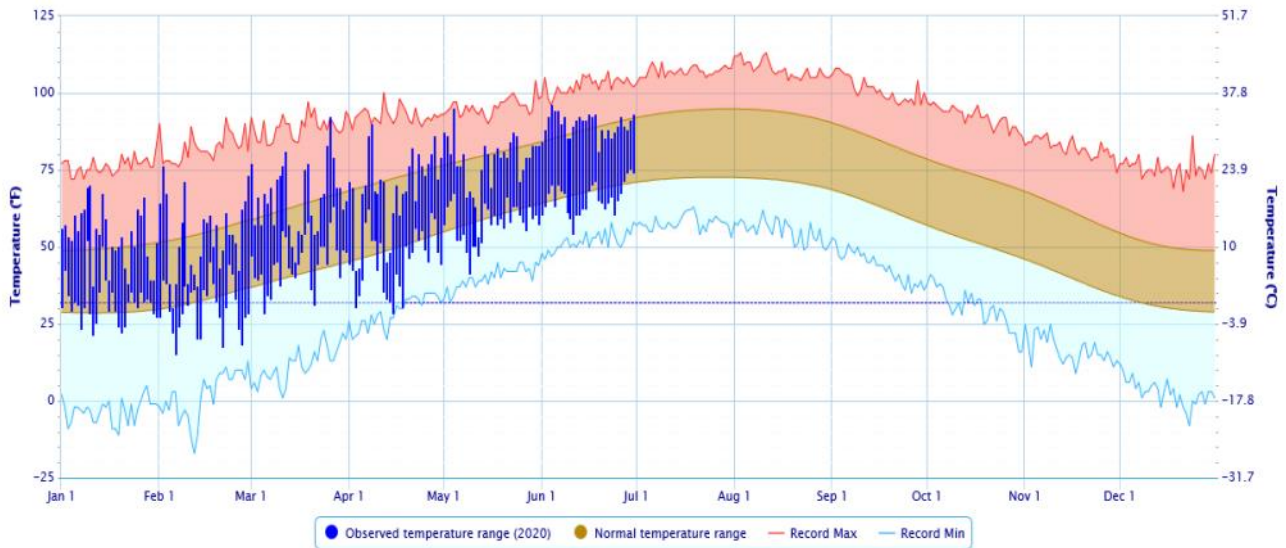


# Temperature and Precipitation Plot for Oklahoma City, Oklahoma for 2020

## Daily Temperature Data – Oklahoma City Area, OK

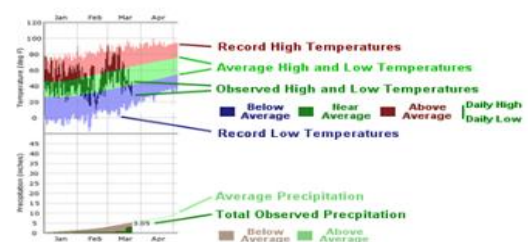
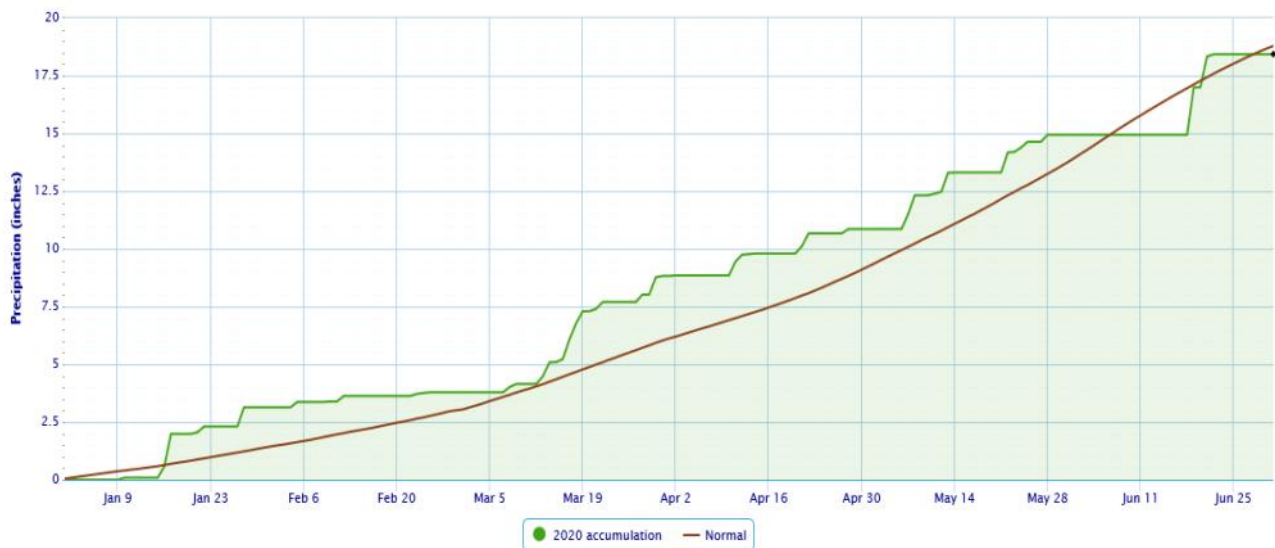
Daily Temperature Data – Oklahoma City Area, OK (ThreadEx)

Period of Record – 1890-11-01 to 2020-06-30. Normals period: 1981-2010. Click and drag to zoom chart.



## Accumulated Precipitation – Oklahoma City Area, OK

Click and drag to zoom to a shorter time interval; green/black diamonds represent subsequent/missing values



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

# Rainfall Summaries by Oklahoma Climate Division

Calendar Year 01-Jan-2020 through 30-Jun-2020

Climate Division	Total Rainfall	Departure from Normal	Pct of Normal	Rank since 1921 (88 periods)	Driest on Record	Wettest on Record
W. Central	10.11"	-4.82"	68%	14th driest	4.83" (2011)	25.58" (1957)
Central	18.48"	-1.27"	94%	48th wettest	8.23" (1936)	34.14" (1957)
S. Central	26.50"	+4.83"	122%	13th wettest	9.88" (1963)	42.09" (2015)
Statewide	19.92"	+0.90"	105%	35th wettest	8.91" (1936)	32.56" (1957)

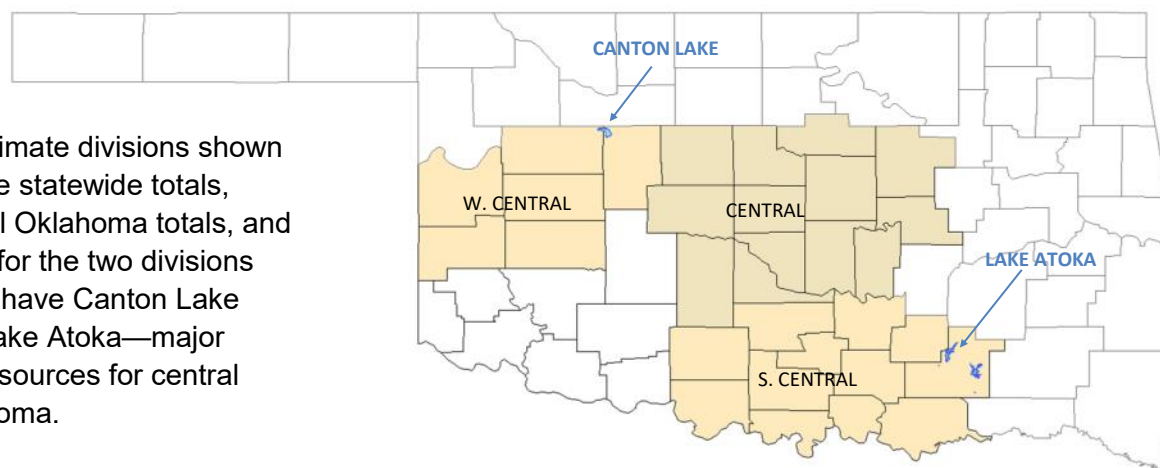
Water Year: 01-Oct-2019 through 30-Jun-2020

Climate Division	Total Rainfall	Departure from Normal	Pct of Normal	Rank since 1921 (88 periods)	Driest on Record	Wettest on Record
W. Central	13.57"	-6.90"	66%	14th driest	9.37" (2010-11)	33.92" (2018-19)
Central	25.80"	-2.06"	93%	46th wettest	14.17" (1995-96)	43.44" (1984-85)
S. Central	36.44"	+5.08"	116%	18th wettest	13.18" (1924-25)	50.91" (2014-15)
Statewide	28.40"	+1.30"	105%	29th wettest	14.45" (1955-56)	38.50" (1956-57)

Summer 01-Jun through 30-Jun-2020

Climate Division	Total Rainfall	Departure from Normal	Pct of Normal	Rank since 1921 (88 periods)	Driest on Record	Wettest on Record
W. Central	1.87"	-2.25"	45%	19th driest	0.33" (1933)	8.84" (1962)
Central	2.15"	-2.79"	44%	20th driest	0.35" (1933)	13.26" (2007)
S. Central	2.92"	-1.88"	61%	29th driest	0.19" (1933)	10.63" (2007)
Statewide	1.98"	-2.55"	44%	11th driest	0.47" (1933)	9.88" (2007)

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.

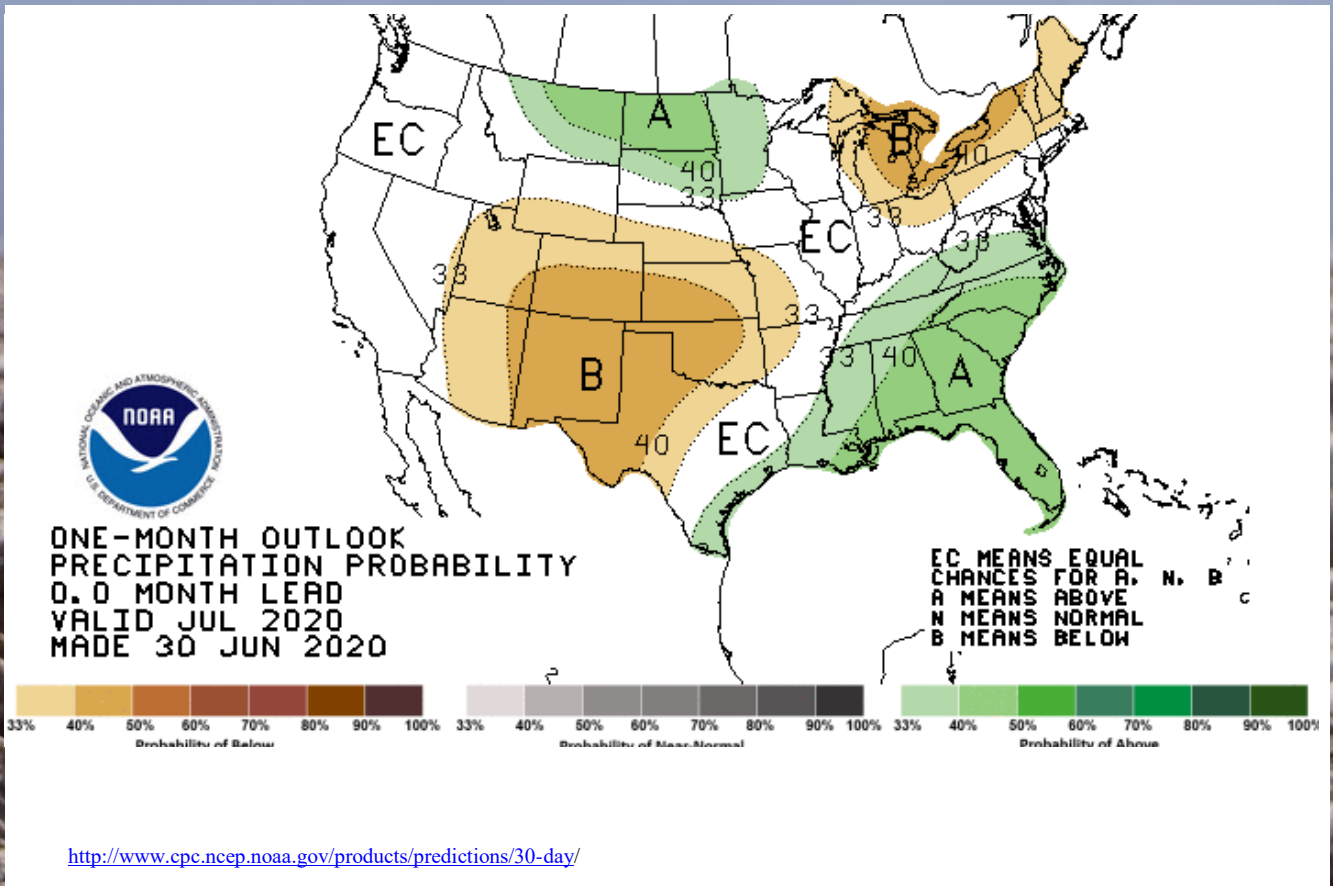


[http://climate.ok.gov/index.php/drought/last\\_30\\_days/](http://climate.ok.gov/index.php/drought/last_30_days/)

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# NOAA One-Month Outlook

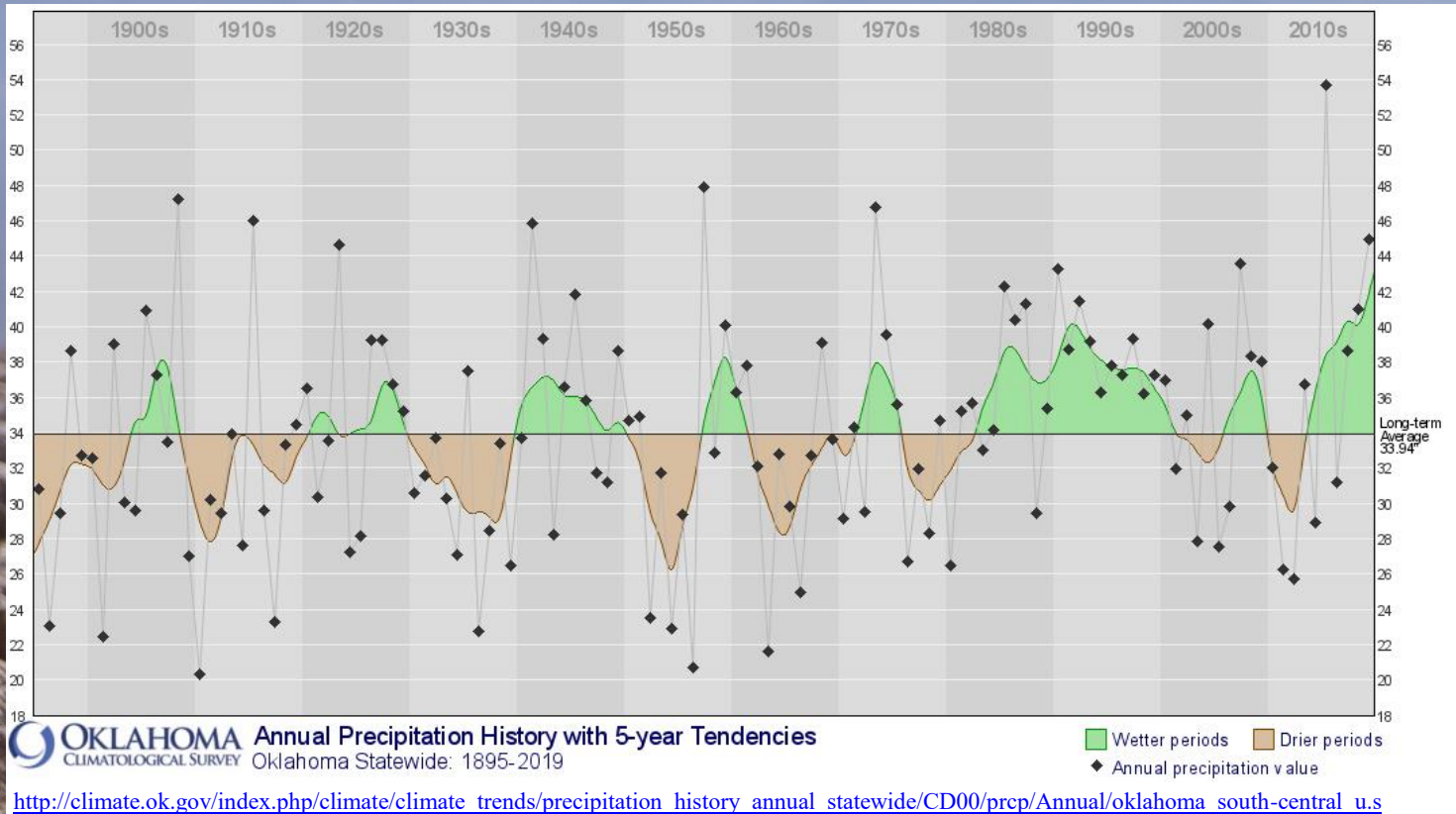


White areas are shown as EC (Equal Chance) on these maps represent areas where there are no strong climate signals from the climate tools to have skill in preferring one category over another.

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



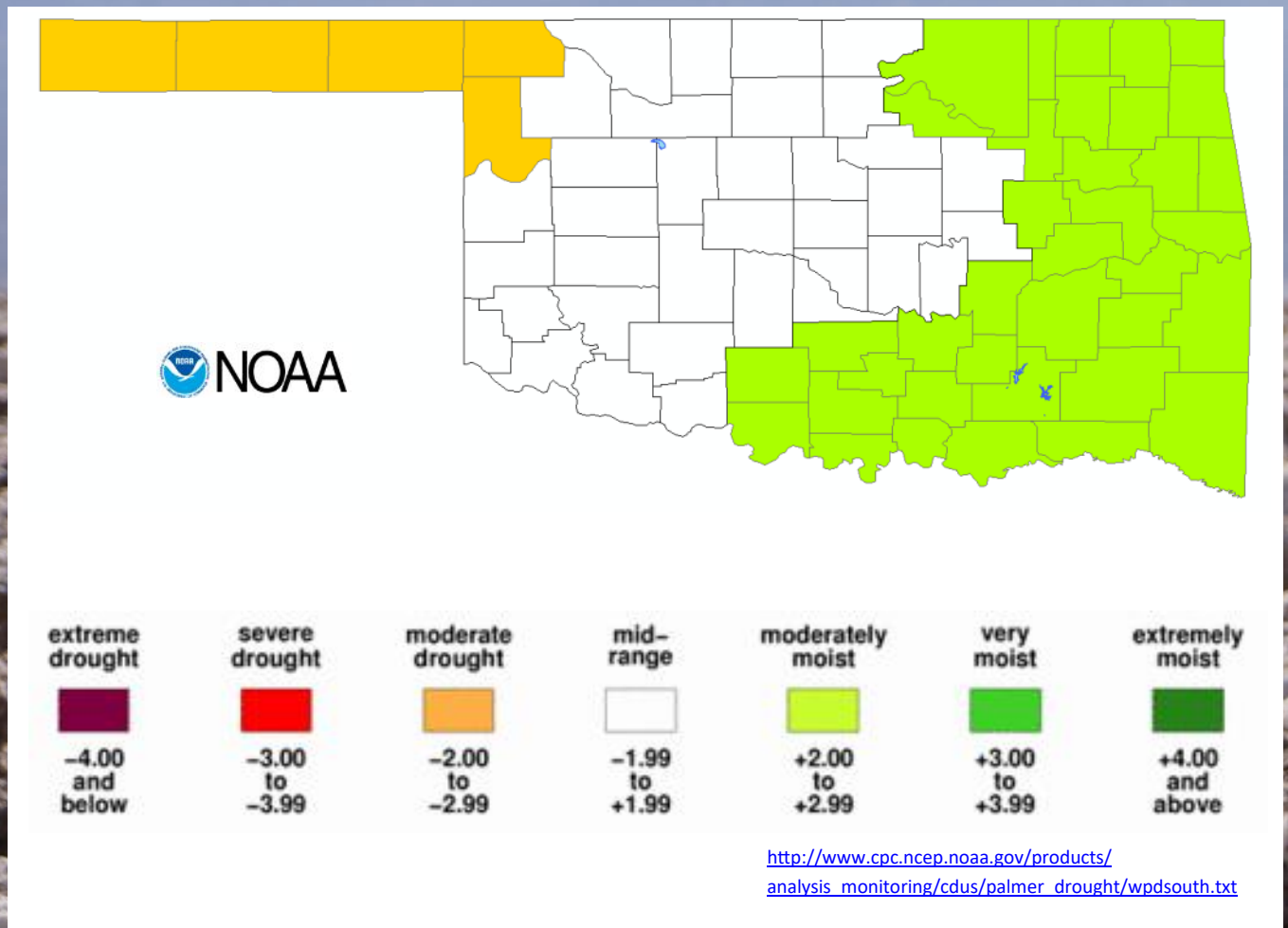
This graph shows the cyclical nature of wet and drought periods in Oklahoma. The black dots represent the annual precipitation for that particular year. The line represents the annual precipitation data smoothed over five years.

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 27 JUN 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.

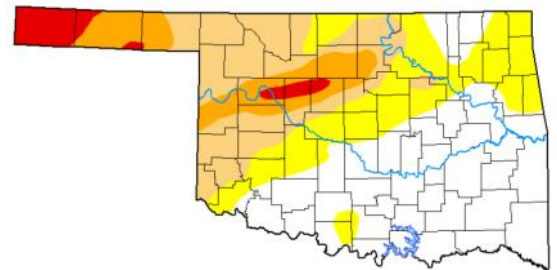
On these maps, the red shading denotes drought conditions while the green shading indicates wet conditions.

# U.S. Drought Monitor

Week	Date	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	<a href="#">2020-06-23</a>	43.25	56.75	34.75	13.95	4.26	0.00
Last Week	<a href="#">2020-06-16</a>	48.82	51.18	39.84	14.64	4.26	0.00
3 Months Ago	<a href="#">2020-03-24</a>	93.64	6.36	3.11	0.84	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="#">2019-06-25</a>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

## U.S. Drought Monitor Oklahoma

Abnormal dryness or drought are currently affecting approximately 420,933 people in Oklahoma.



Intensity:

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

■ D3 - Extreme Drought  
■ D4 - Exceptional Drought

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U.S. Drought Portal

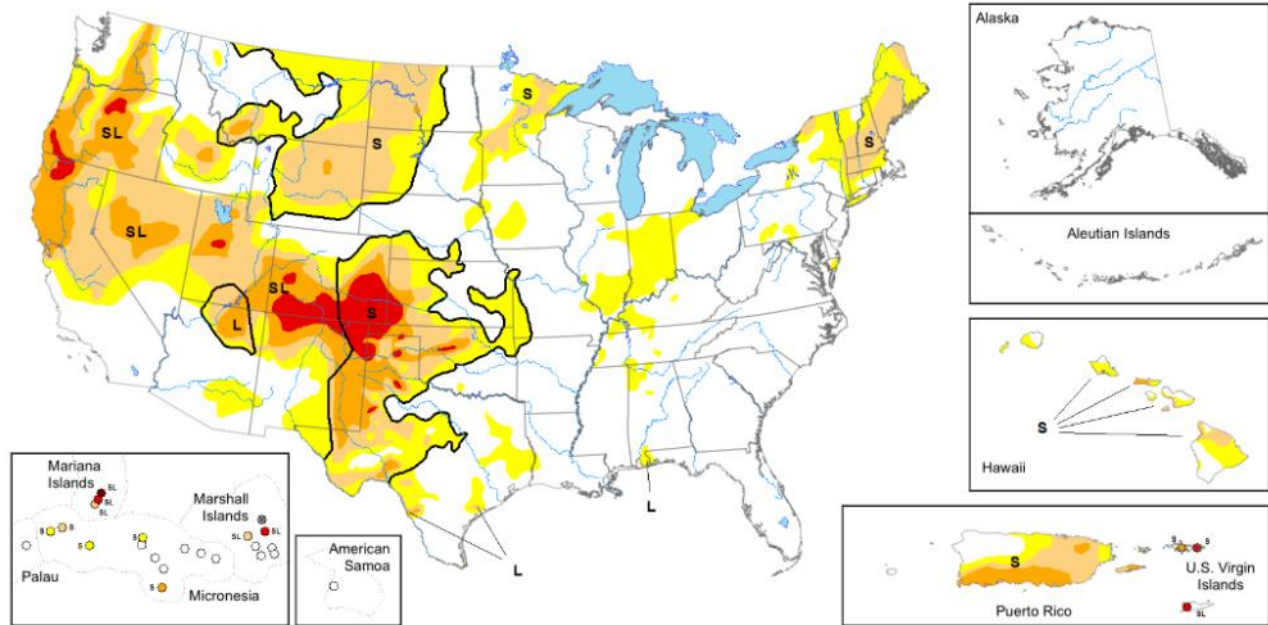
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# U.S. Drought Monitor Nationwide Map

Map released: June 25, 2020

Data valid: June 23, 2020



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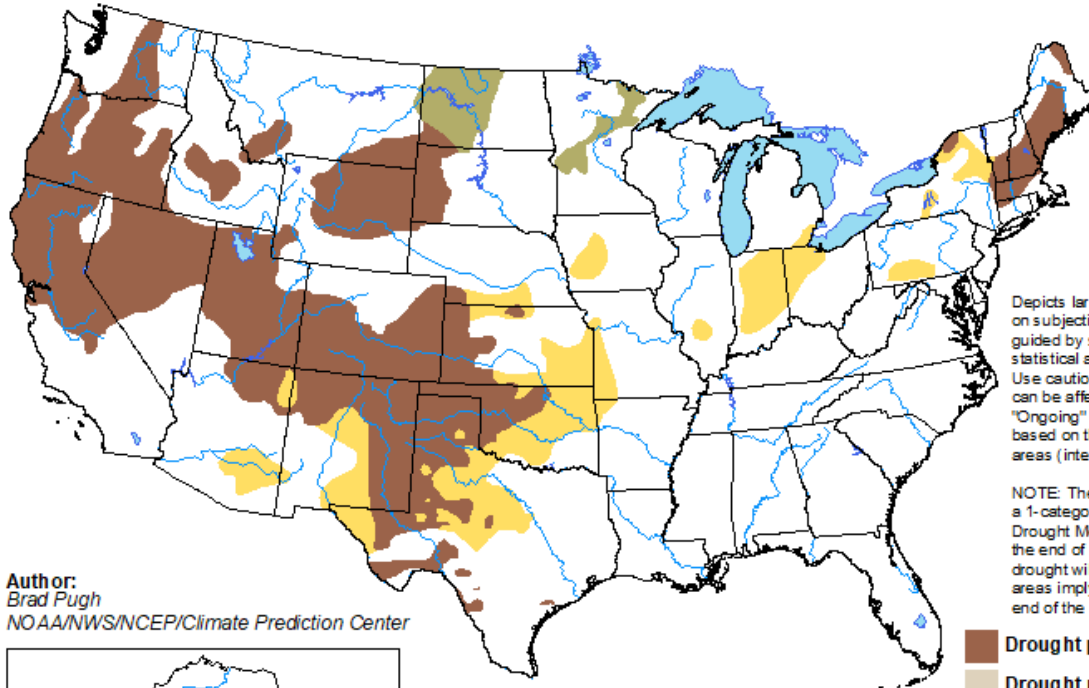


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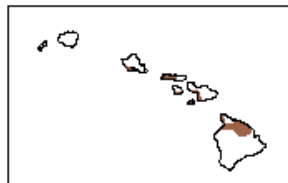
## Monthly Drought Outlook Map

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

Valid for July 2020  
Released June 30, 2020



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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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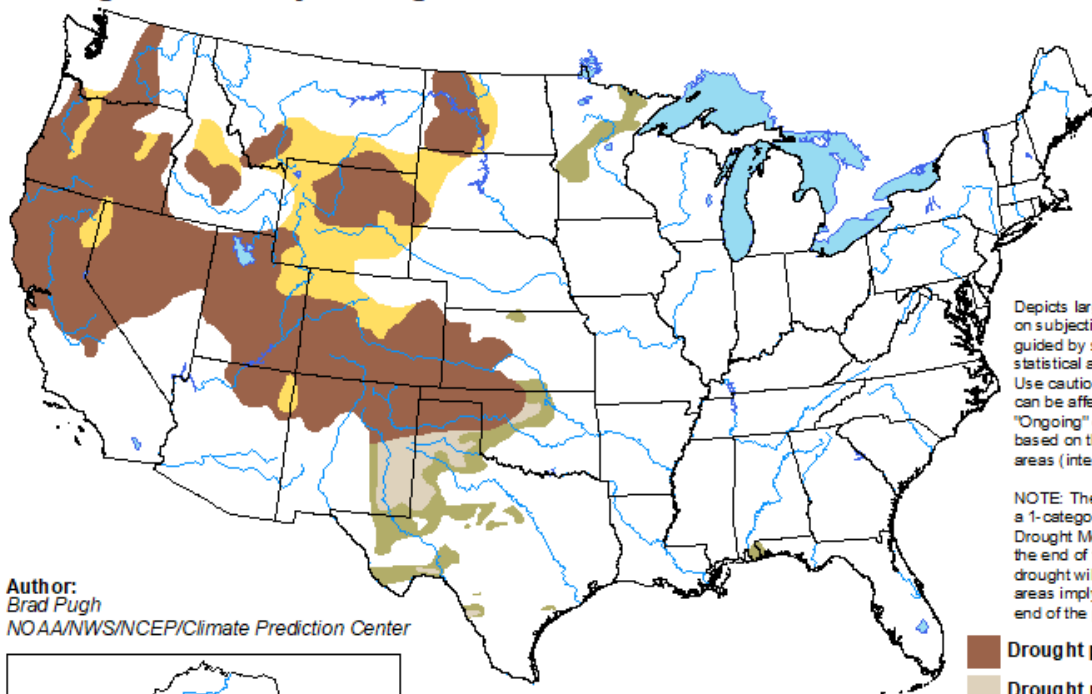


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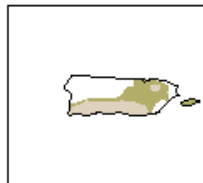
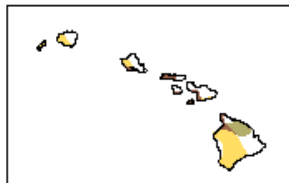
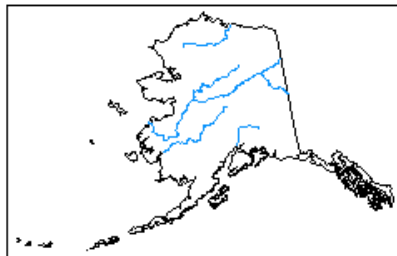
## Seasonal Drought Outlook Map

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

Valid for June 18 - September 30, 2020  
Released June 18



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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).

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- Drought persists
- Drought remains but improves
- Drought removal likely
- Drought development likely



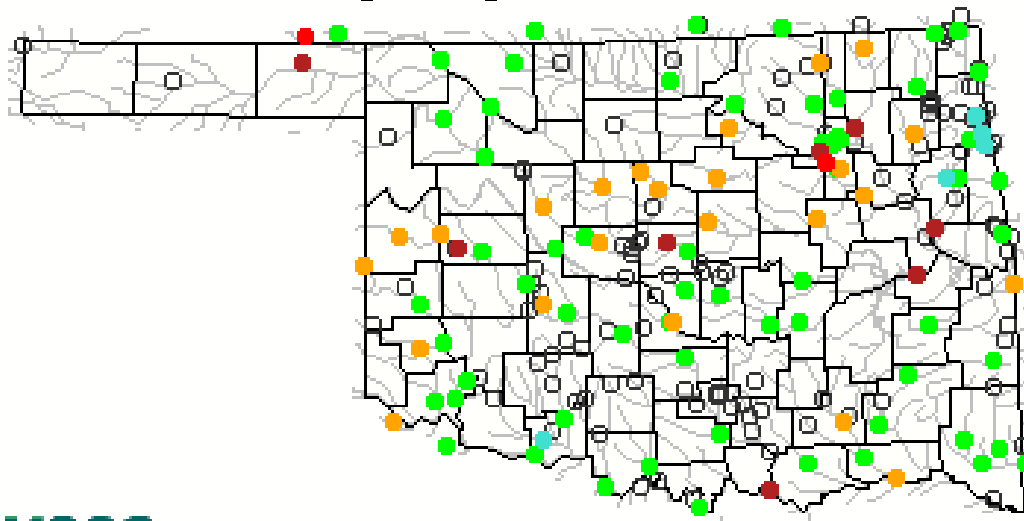
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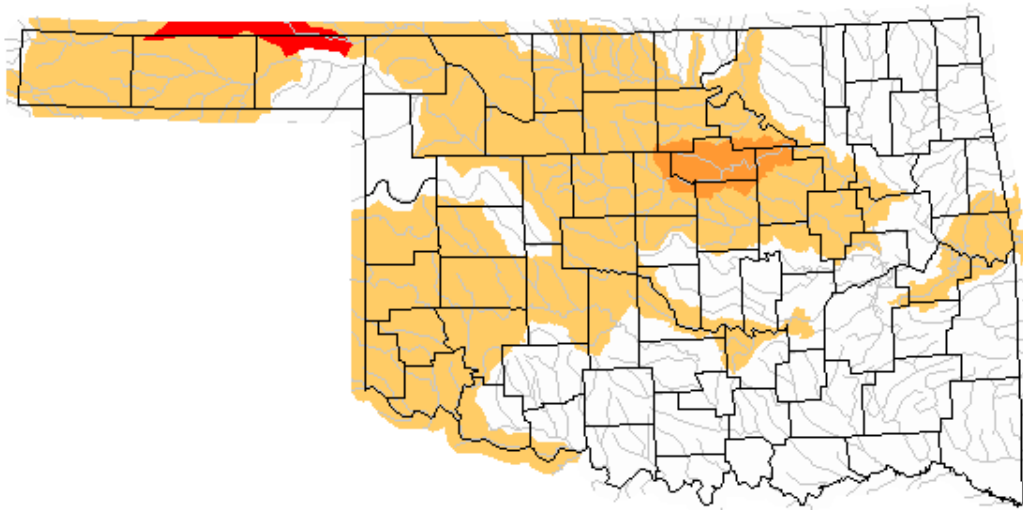
# USGS Streamflow Data

Wednesday, July 01, 2020 09:30ET



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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

Tuesday, June 30, 2020



**Below normal 28-day average streamflow**

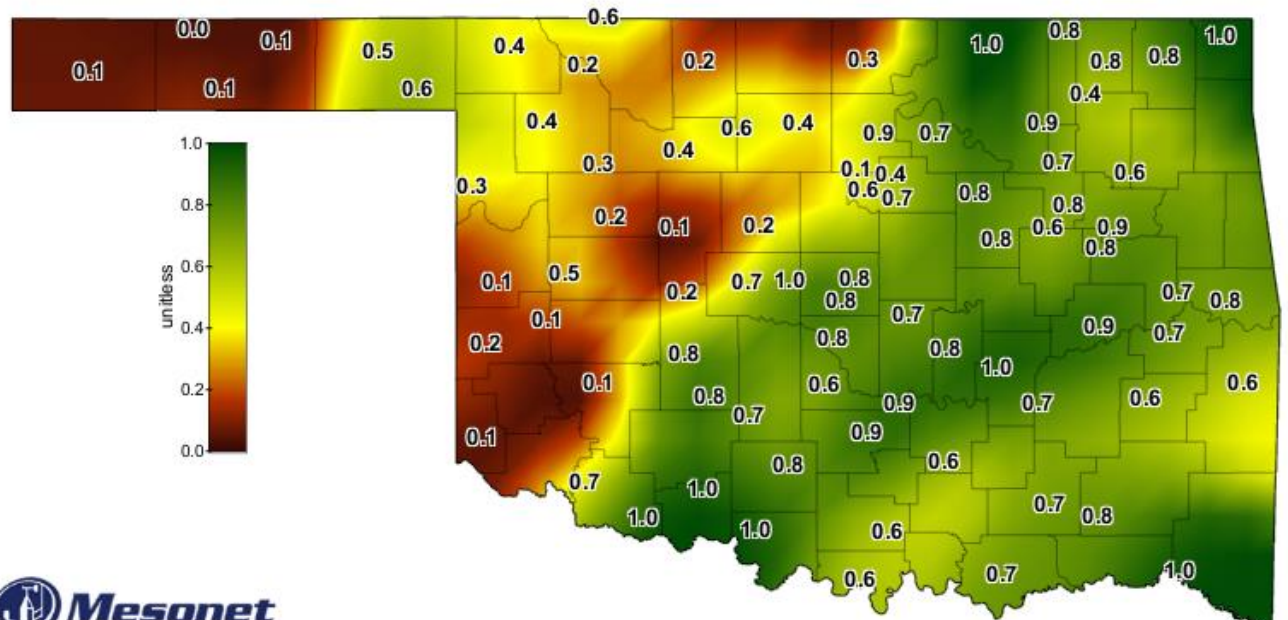
Explanation - Percentile classes				
<span style="background-color: red; color: black;">Low</span>	<span style="background-color: darkred; color: black;">≤5</span>	<span style="background-color: orange; color: black;">6-9</span>	<span style="background-color: yellow; color: black;">10-24</span>	<span 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**

**June 30, 2020**

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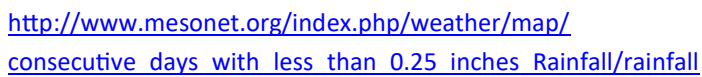


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## CONSECUTIVE DAYS WITHOUT RAINFALL MAP

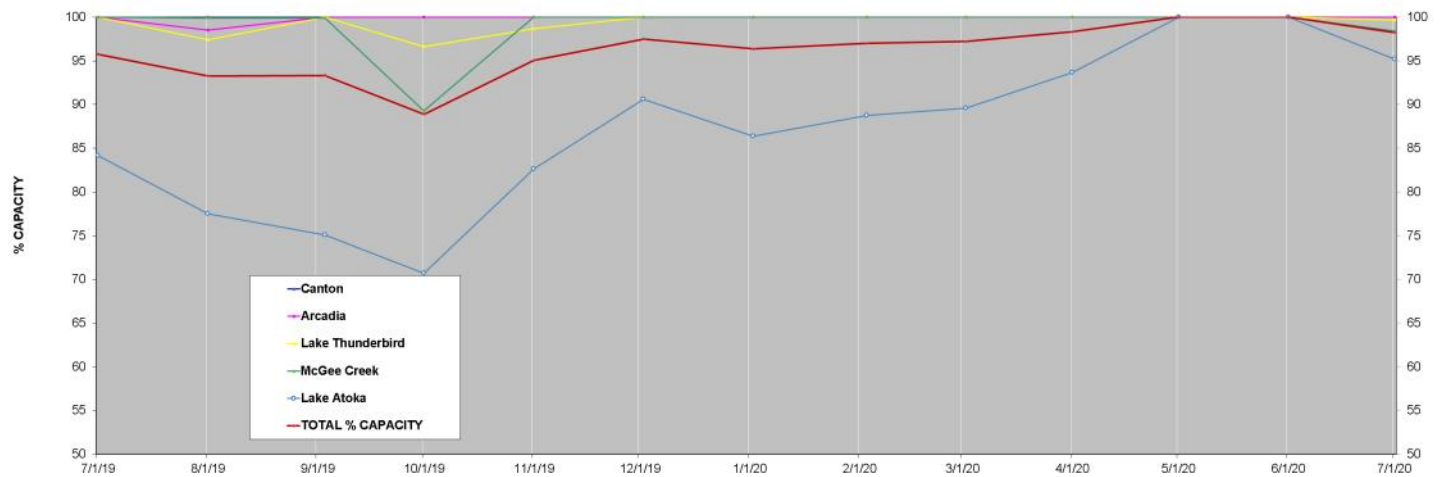
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Consecutive Days With Less Than 0.25" Rainfall  
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# Percent of Surface Water Conservation Storage Central OK Reservoirs



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 6/1/2020
Canton	99.9	-0.1
Arcadia	100.0	0.0
Lake Thunderbird	99.7	-0.3
McGee Creek	98.4	-1.6
Lake Atoka	95.2	-4.8
TOTAL % CAPACITY	98.3	-1.7

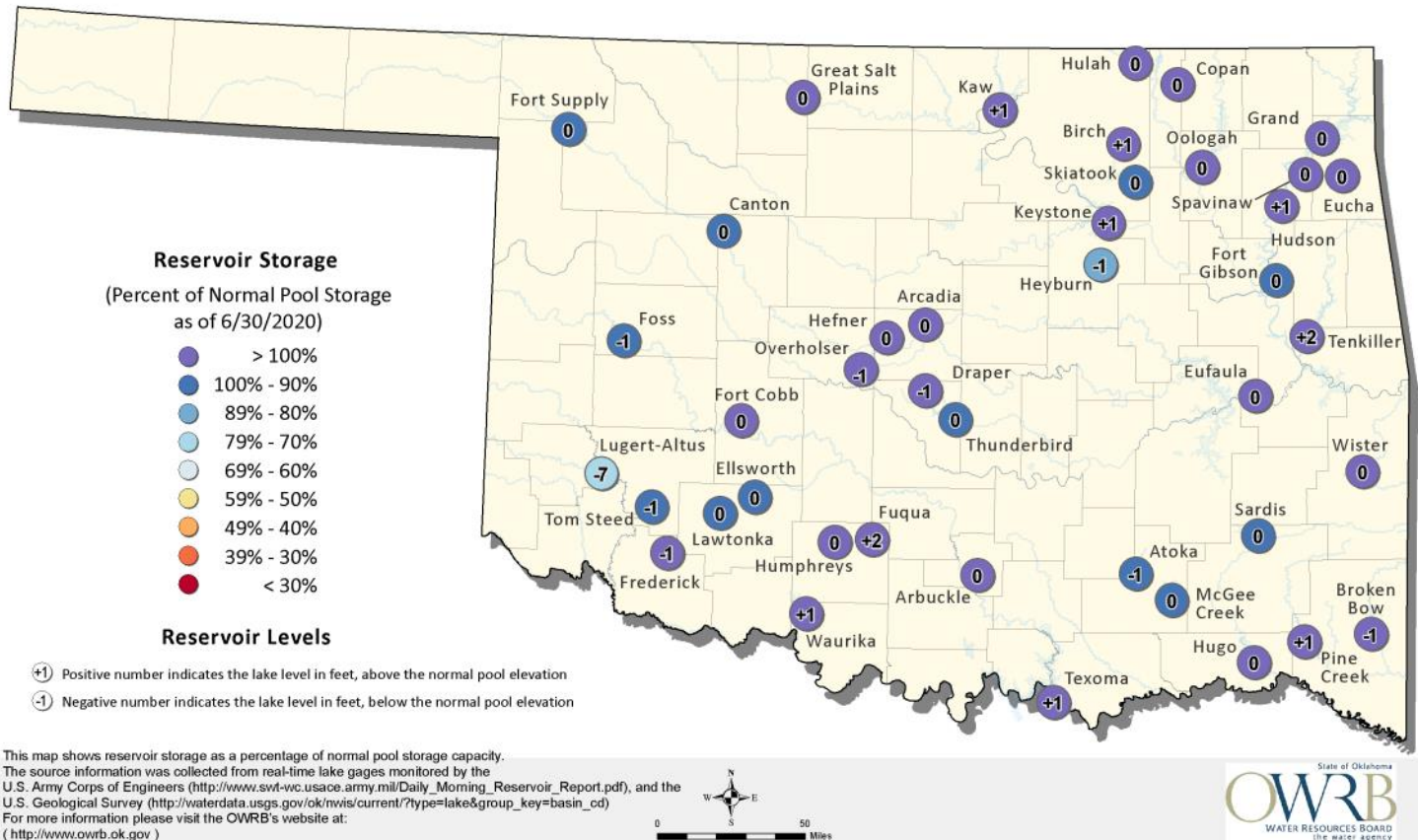
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The graph is the amount of water stored in five major lakes that supply water to central Oklahoma as a percent of capacity over the past year.

# Oklahoma Surface Water Resources

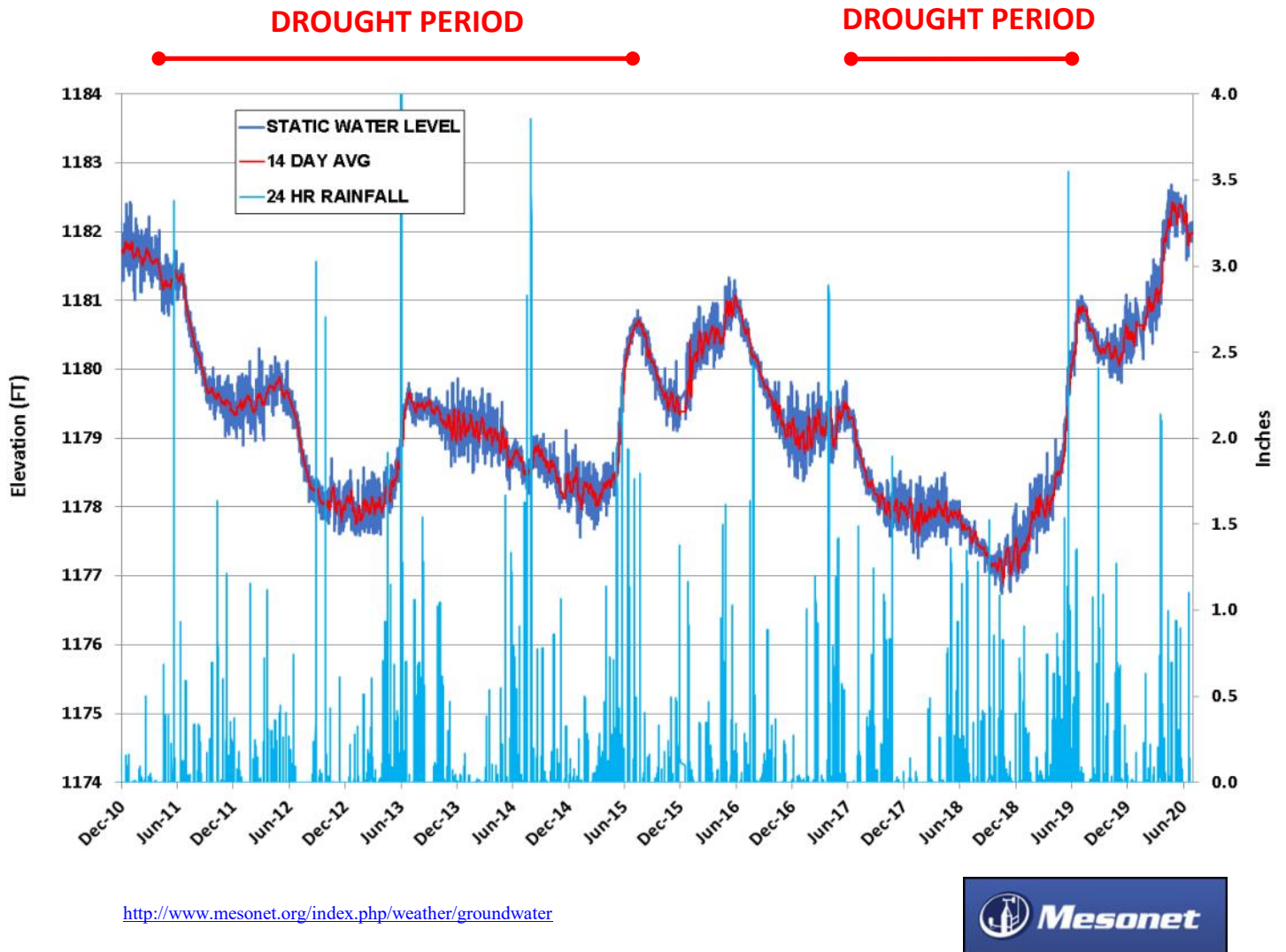
## Reservoir Levels and Storage as of 6/30/2020



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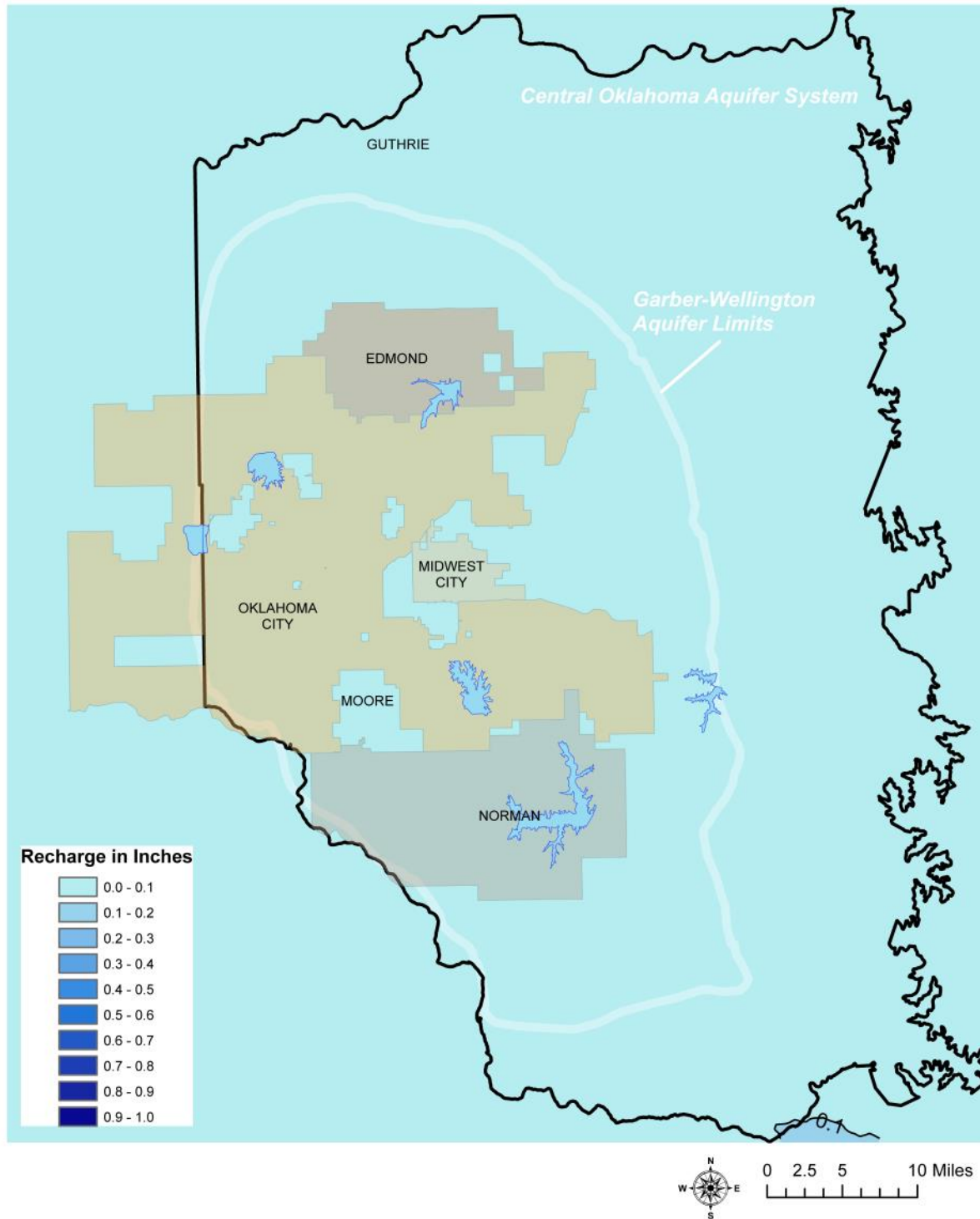
# Groundwater Levels Spencer Mesonet Station





# Recharge Map Central Oklahoma Aquifer System

AQUIFER RECHARGE JUN 2020

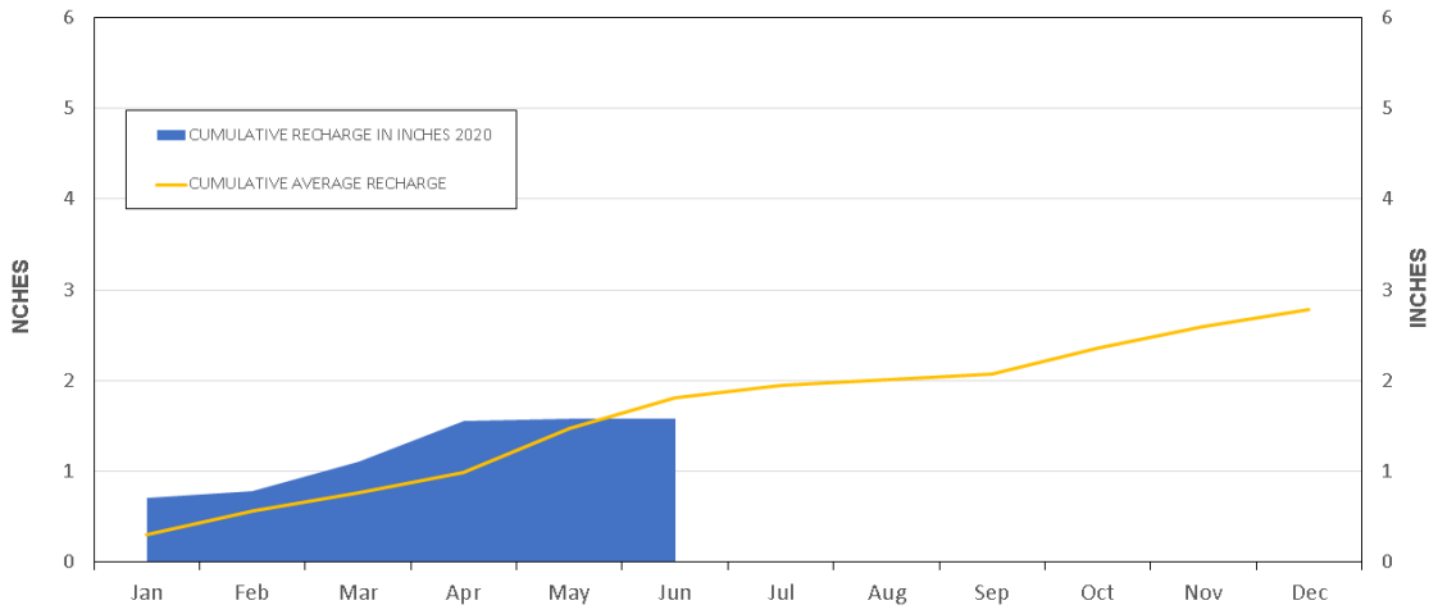




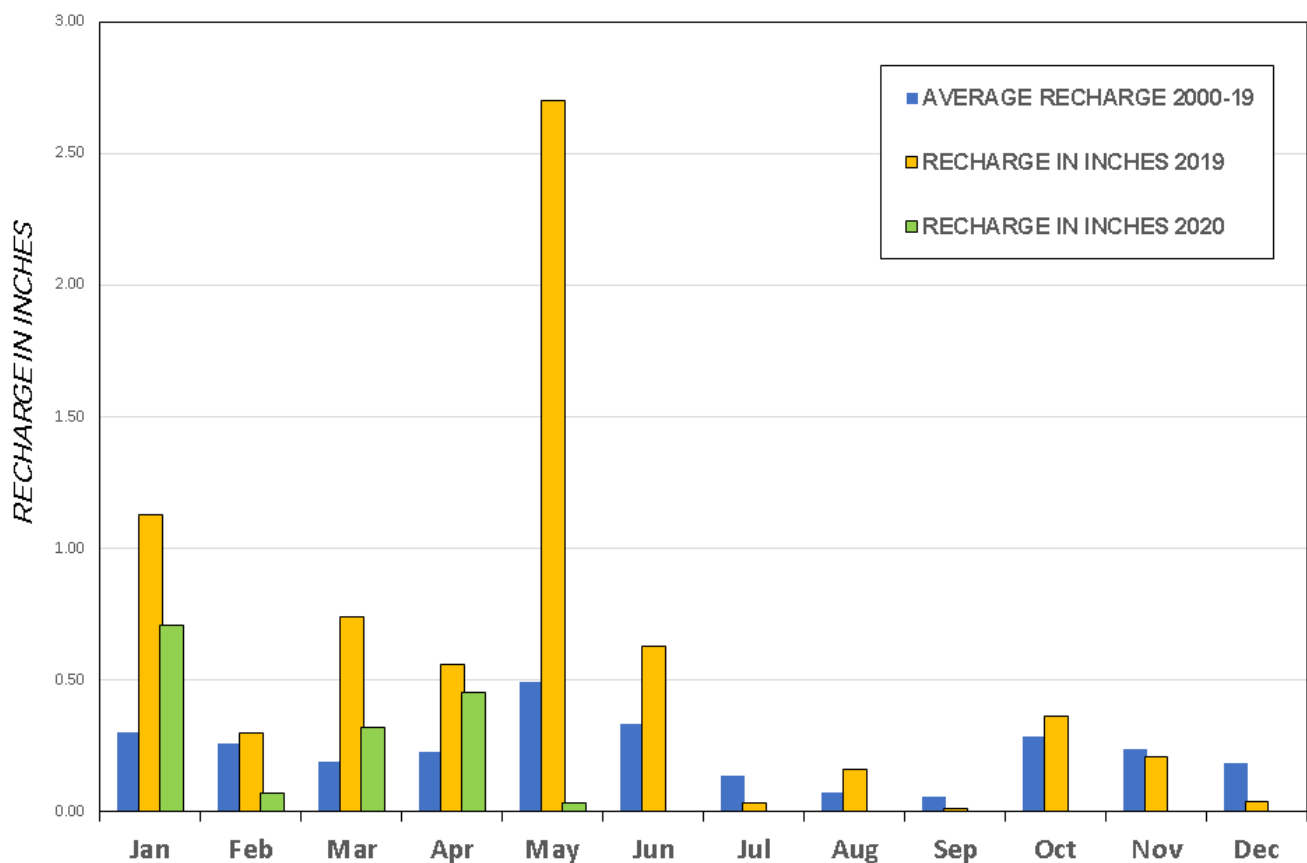
# Recharge Charts

## Central Oklahoma Aquifer System

### ACCUMULATED RECHARGE 2020

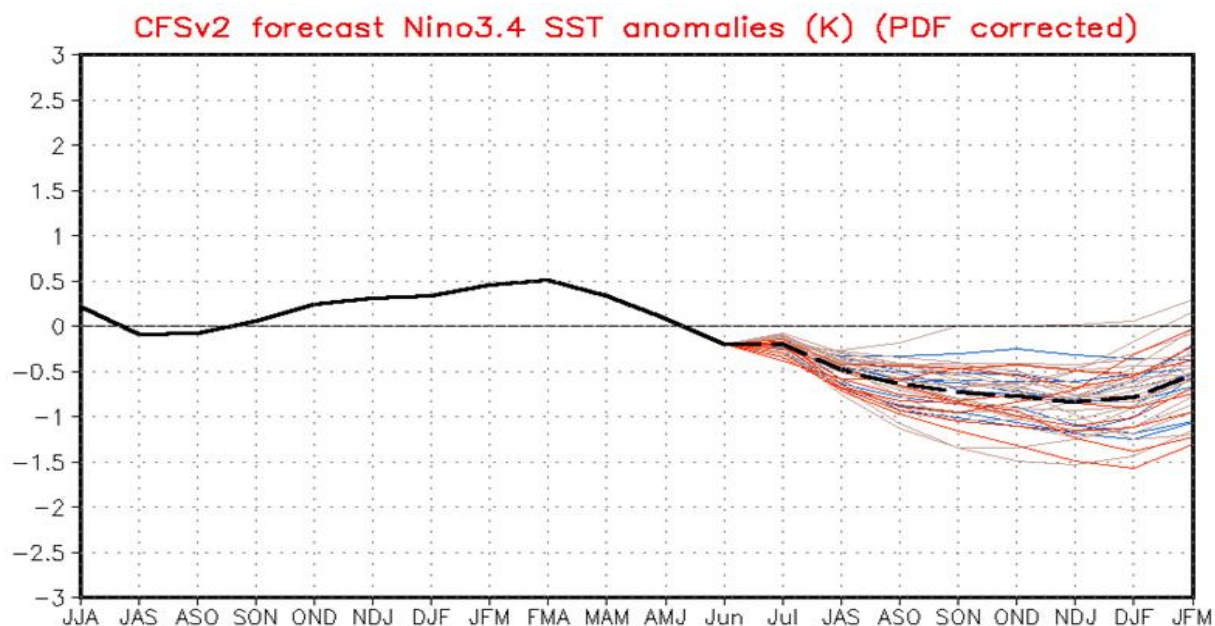


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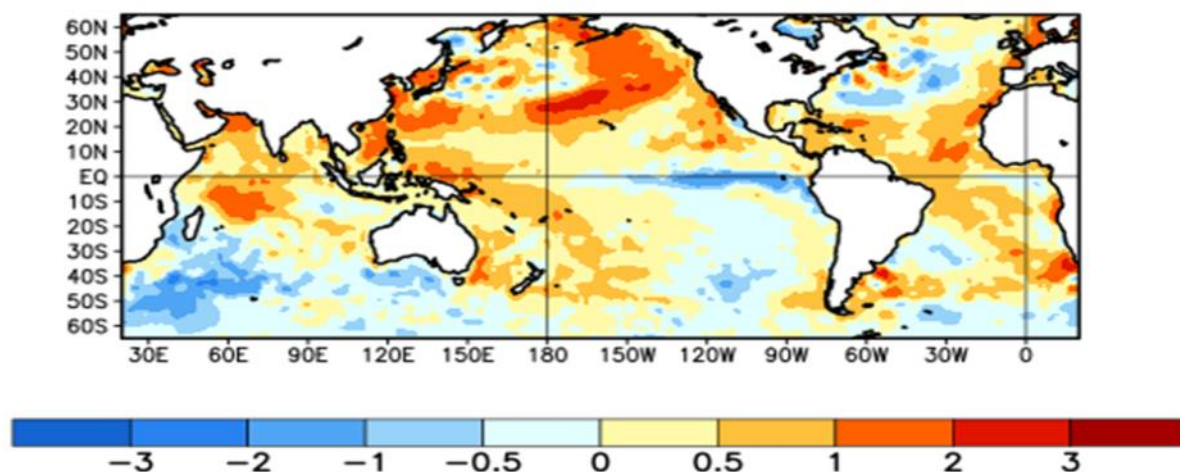


# ENSO Cycle

## Recent Evolution, Current Status and Predictions



Average SST Anomalies  
31 MAY 2020 – 27 JUN 2020



## Summary

ENSO Alert System Status: Not Active

- ENSO-neutral conditions are present.
- Equatorial sea surface temperatures (SSTs) are near-to-below average across the east-central and eastern Pacific Ocean.
- The tropical atmospheric circulation is consistent with ENSO-neutral.
- There is a ~60% chance of ENSO-neutral during Northern Hemisphere summer 2020, with roughly equal chances (~40-50%) of La Niña or ENSO-neutral during the autumn and winter 2020-21.