



DROUGHT CONDITIONS

IN CENTRAL OKLAHOMA

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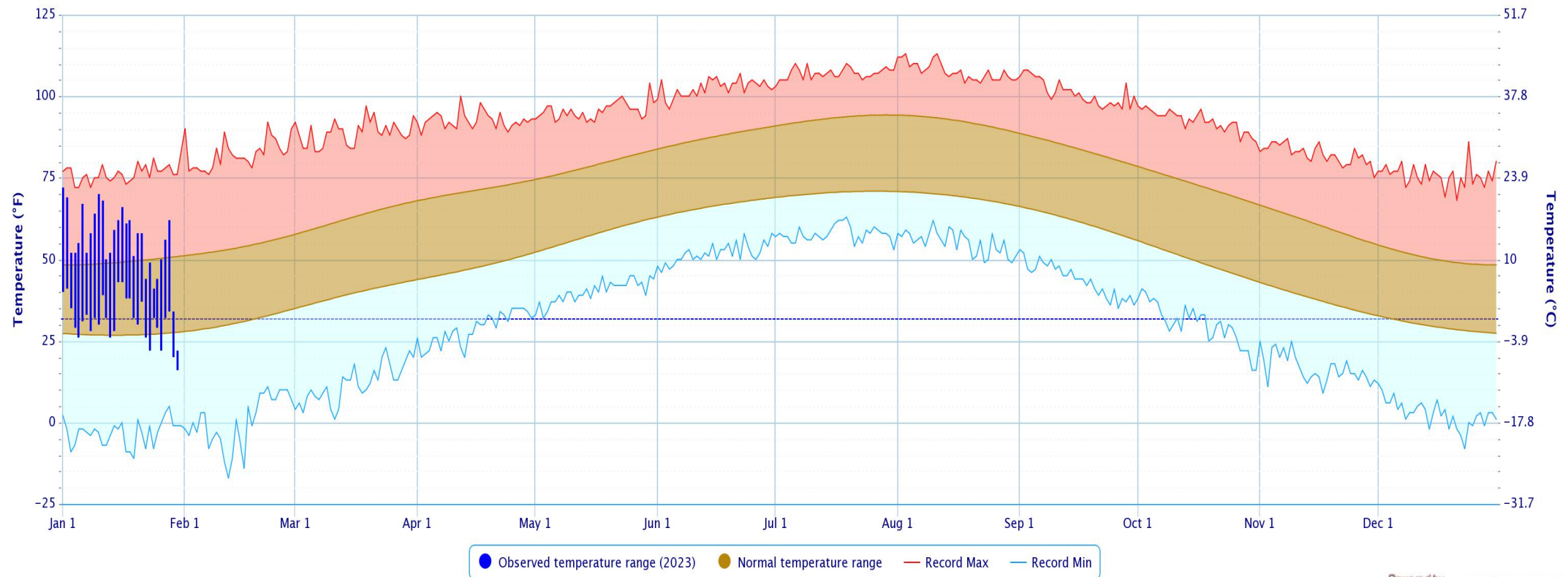
FEBRUARY 1, 2023

TEMPERATURE PLOT FOR OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA FOR 2023



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

Period of Record – 1890–11–01 to 2023–01–30. Normals period: 1991–2020. Click and drag to zoom chart.

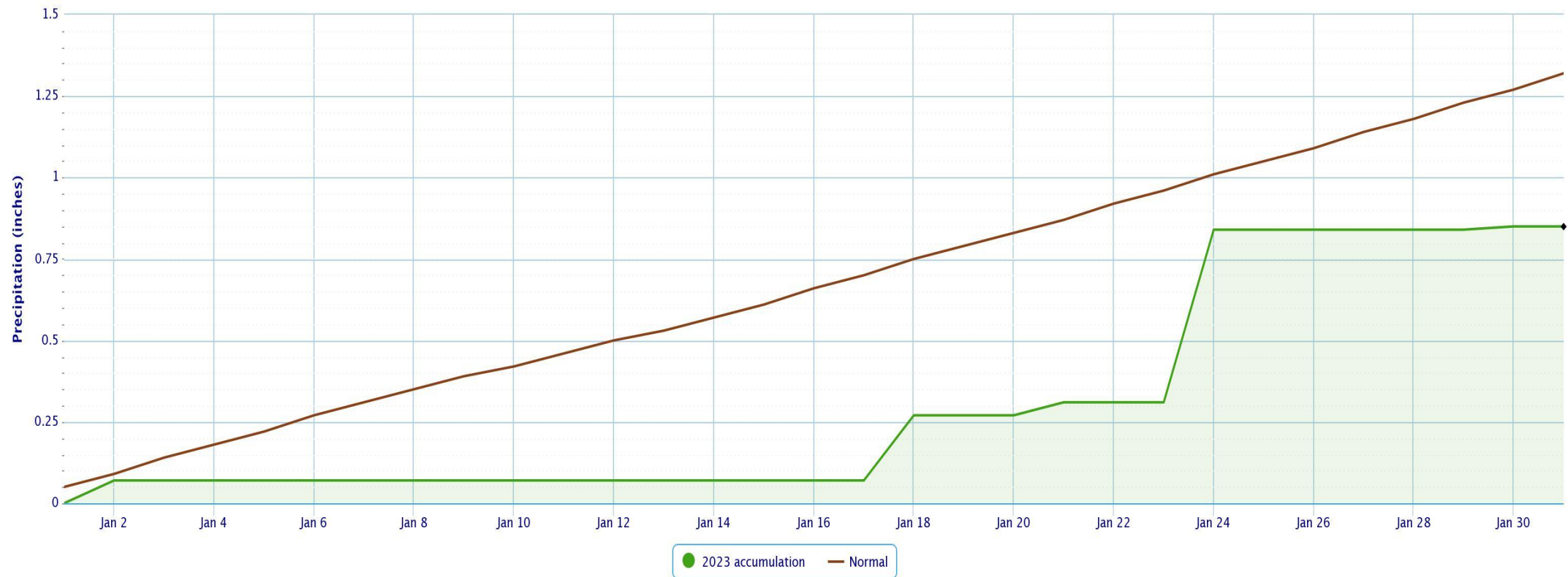


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PRECIPITATION PLOT FOR OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA FOR 2023



Accumulated Precipitation – Oklahoma City Area, OK (ThreadEx)



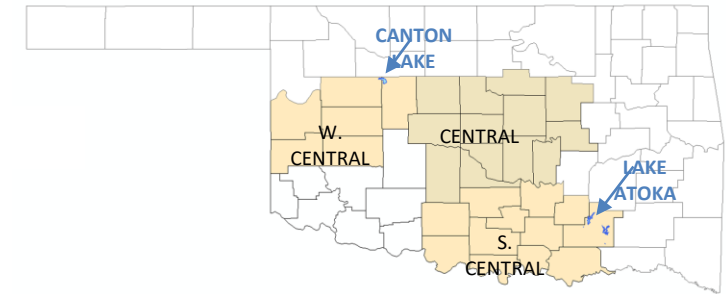
RAINFALL SUMMARIES BY OKLAHOMA CLIMATE DIVISION



| Calendar Year 01-Jan-2022 through | | 30-Jan-2023 | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|---------------|------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Climate Division | Total Rainfall | Departure from Normal | Pct of Normal | Rank since 1921 (88 periods) | Driest on Record | Wettest on Record |
| W. Central | 0.66" | -0.25" | 72% | 51st driest | 0.00" (1986) | 3.92" (1949) |
| Central | 1.10" | -0.28" | 79% | 48th driest | 0.00" (1986) | 5.71" (1949) |
| S. Central | 1.25" | -0.70" | 64% | 41st driest | 0.02" (2003) | 6.86" (1932) |
| Statewide | 1.17" | -0.35" | 77% | 49th driest | 0.04" (1986) | 5.27" (1949) |

| Water Year: 01-Oct-2021 through | | 30-Jan-2023 | | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|---------------|------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Climate Division | Total Rainfall | Departure from Normal | Pct of Normal | Rank since 1921 (88 periods) | Driest on Record | Wettest on Record |
| W. Central | 5.79" | -0.66" | 90% | 44th wettest | 1.10" (1950-51) | 13.41" (1986-87) |
| Central | 8.04" | -1.45" | 85% | 47th wettest | 2.39" (1921-22) | 17.17" (1984-85) |
| S. Central | 11.03" | -0.61" | 95% | 41st wettest | 2.10" (1950-51) | 22.55" (2015-16) |
| Statewide | 8.61" | -0.99" | 90% | 44th wettest | 2.44" (1950-51) | 15.80" (2015-16) |

| Winter Dec 01 through | | 30-Jan-2023 | | | | |
|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|---------------|------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Climate Division | Total Rainfall | Departure from Normal | Pct of Normal | Rank since 1921 (88 periods) | Driest on Record | Wettest on Record |
| W. Central | 1.81" | -0.32" | 85% | 42nd wettest | 0.07" (2017-18) | 5.20" (1984-85) |
| Central | 3.20" | -0.17" | 95% | 37th wettest | 0.49" (2010-11) | 9.11" (1984-85) |
| S. Central | 3.23" | -1.31" | 71% | 40th driest | 0.93" (1951-52) | 10.95" (1997-98) |
| Statewide | 3.02" | -0.57" | 84% | 49th driest | 0.99" (1955-56) | 7.43" (1997-98) |



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.

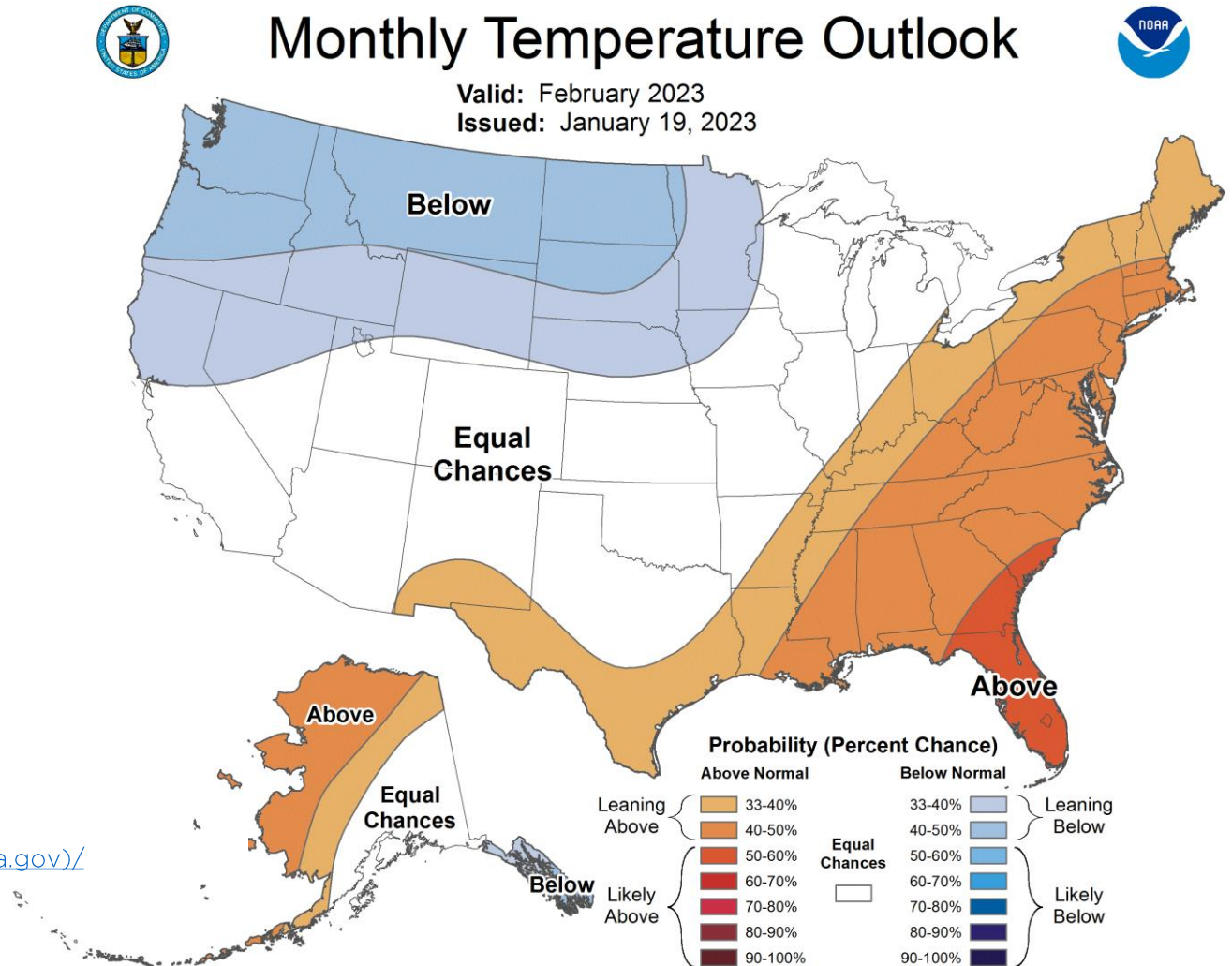
NOAA ONE-MONTH TEMPERATURE OUTLOOK



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.

[Climate Prediction Center - Updated OFFICIAL 30-Day Forecasts \(noaa.gov\)/](https://www.noaa.gov/climate-prediction-center)



NOAA ONE-MONTH PRECIPITATION OUTLOOK



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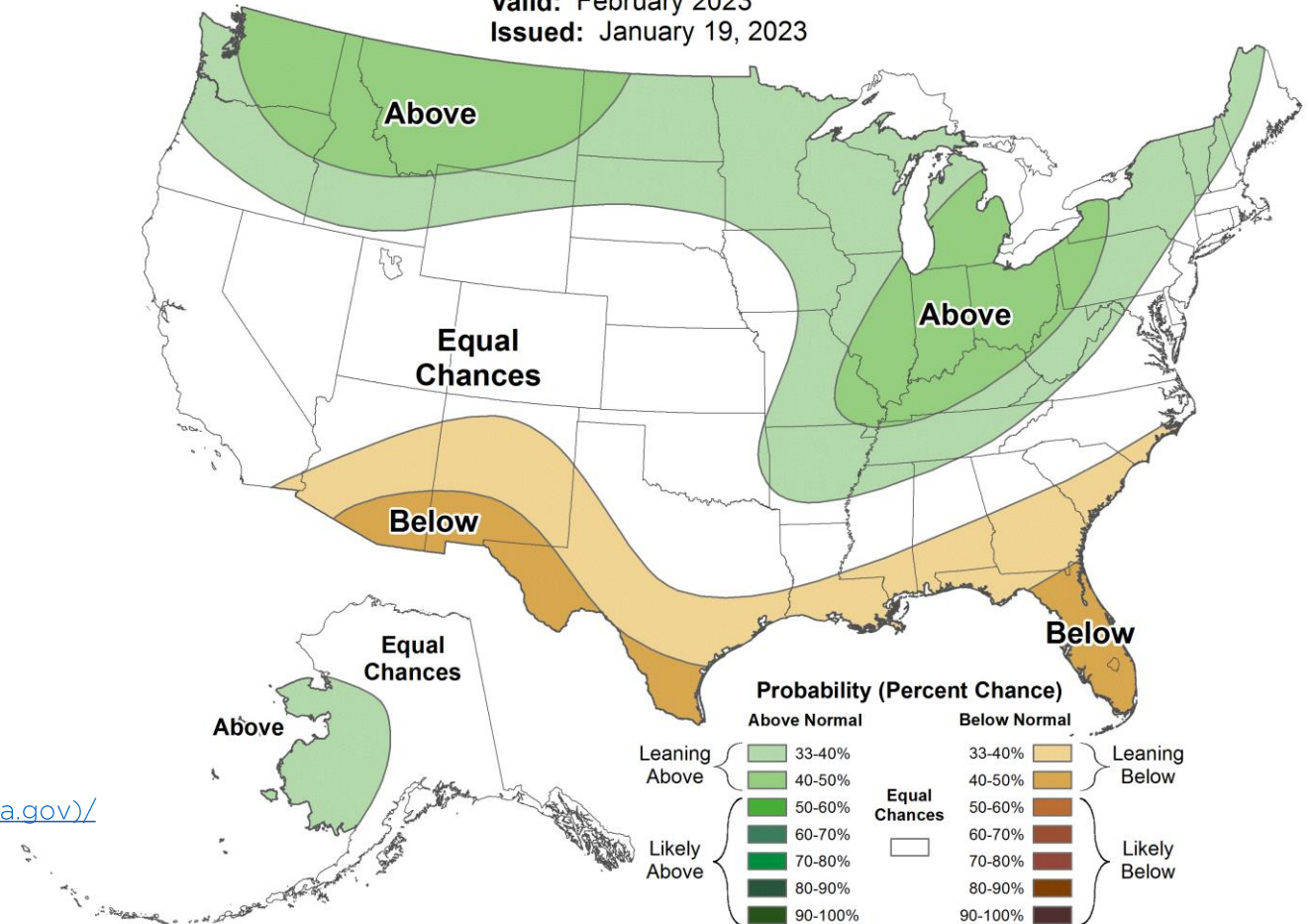
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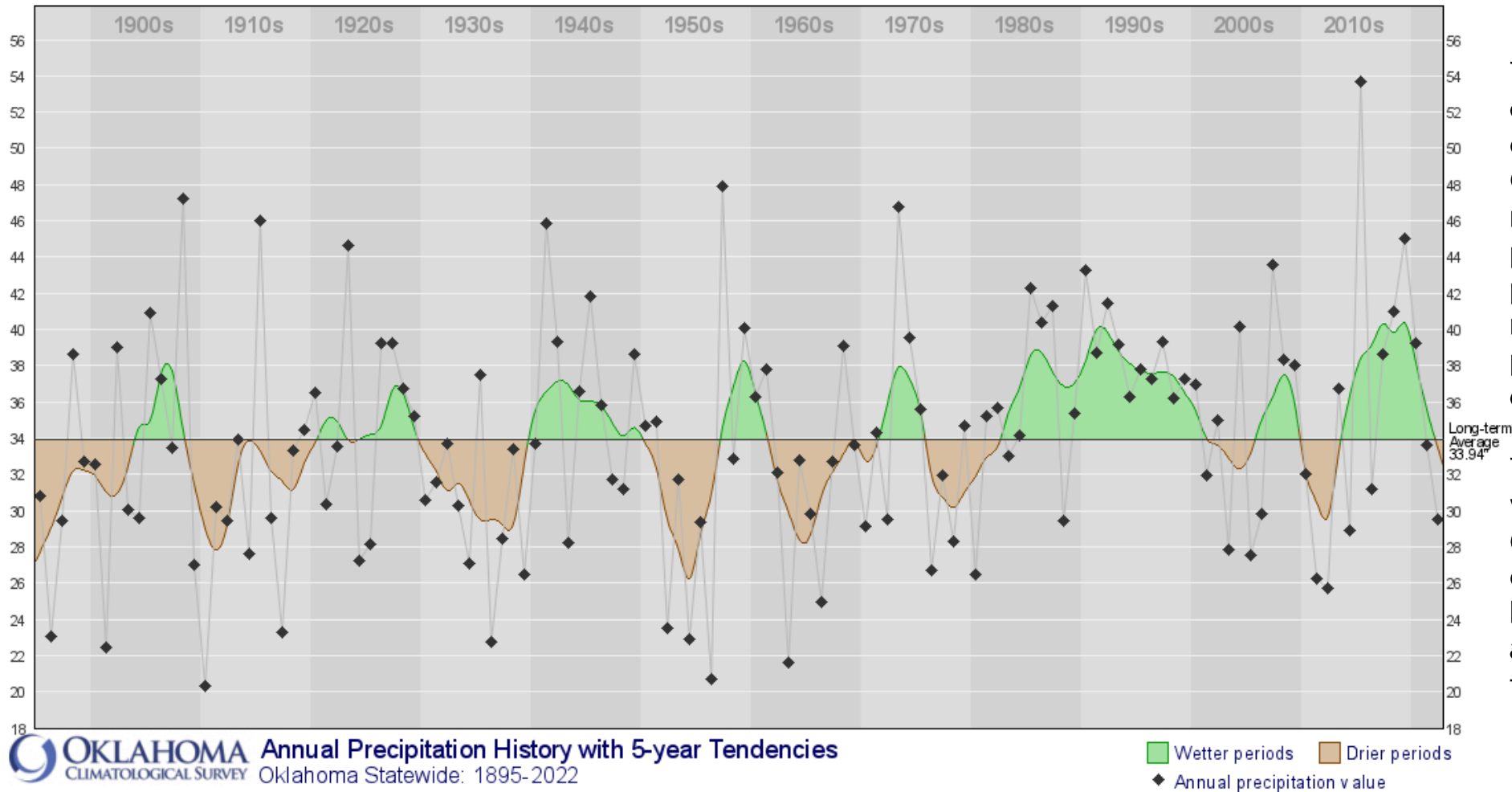


Monthly Precipitation Outlook

Valid: February 2023
Issued: January 19, 2023



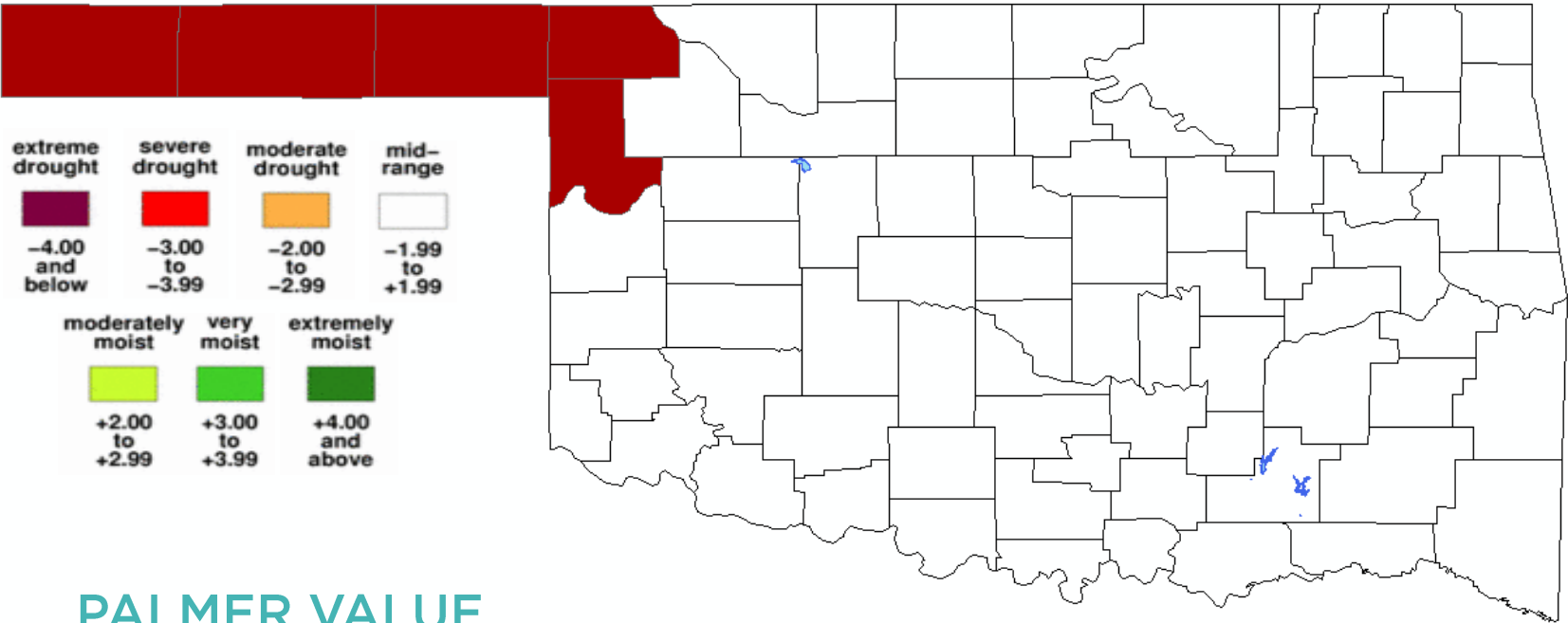
Annual Precipitation History with 5-Year Tendencies










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



| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| extreme drought | severe drought | moderate drought | mid-range |
|  |  |  |  |
| -4.00 and below | -3.00 to -3.99 | -2.00 to -2.99 | -1.99 to +1.99 |
| moderately moist | very moist | extremely moist | |
|  |  |  | |
| +2.00 to +2.99 | +3.00 to +3.99 | +4.00 and above | |

PALMER VALUE
28 JAN 2023

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 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.

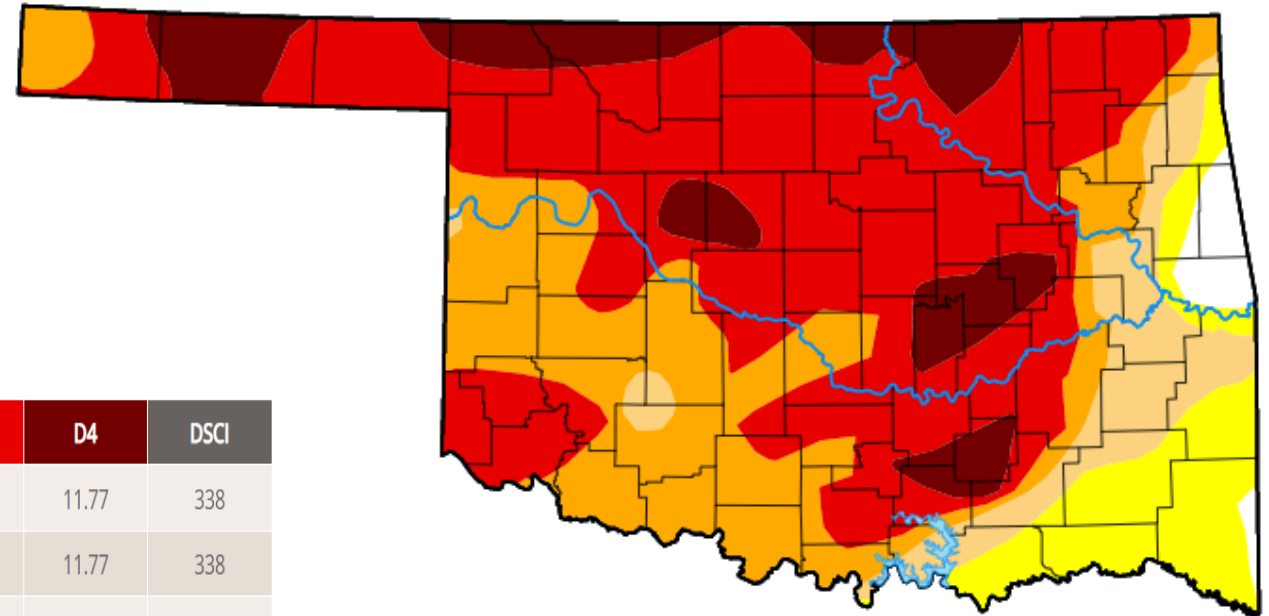
U.S. DROUGHT MONITOR - OKLAHOMA



January 24, 2023

Abnormal dryness or drought are currently affecting approximately 3,522,506 people in Oklahoma.

| Week | Date | None | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4 | DSCI |
|------------------------|------------|------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Current | 2023-01-24 | 2.04 | 97.96 | 89.12 | 81.01 | 57.90 | 11.77 | 338 |
| Last Week | 2023-01-17 | 2.04 | 97.96 | 89.12 | 81.01 | 57.90 | 11.77 | 338 |
| 3 Months Ago | 2022-10-25 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 99.82 | 70.29 | 21.05 | 391 |
| Start of Calendar Year | 2022-12-27 | 1.82 | 98.18 | 89.73 | 80.92 | 56.13 | 11.65 | 337 |
| Start of Water Year | 2022-09-27 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 99.88 | 94.44 | 64.44 | 17.25 | 376 |
| One Year Ago | 2022-01-25 | 3.91 | 96.09 | 88.23 | 77.66 | 49.17 | 2.90 | 314 |



Intensity:

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

D3 - Extreme Drought
 D4 - Exceptional Drought



U.S. DROUGHT MONITOR NATIONWIDE MAP



Map released: January 26, 2023

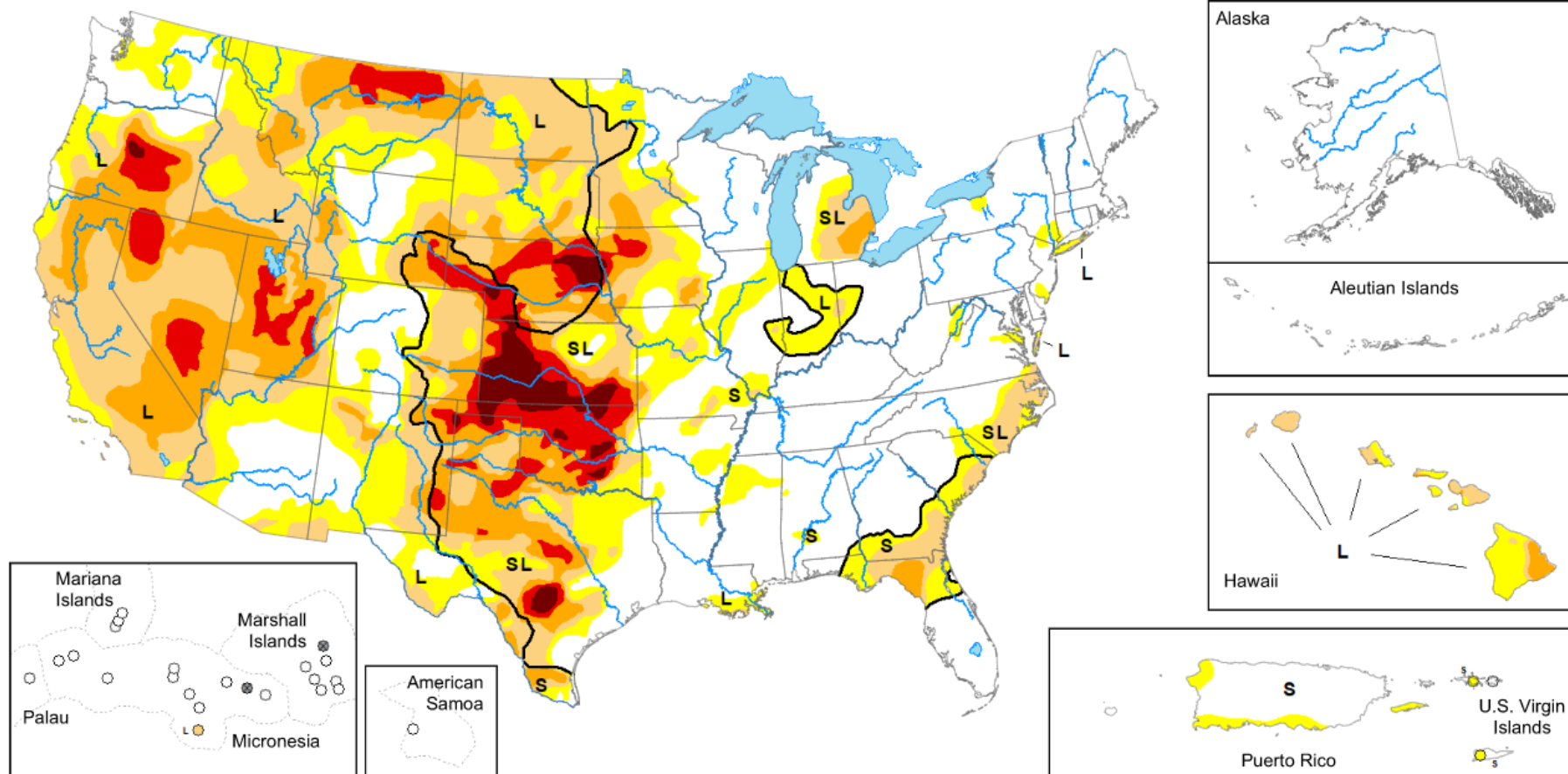
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Intensity and Impacts



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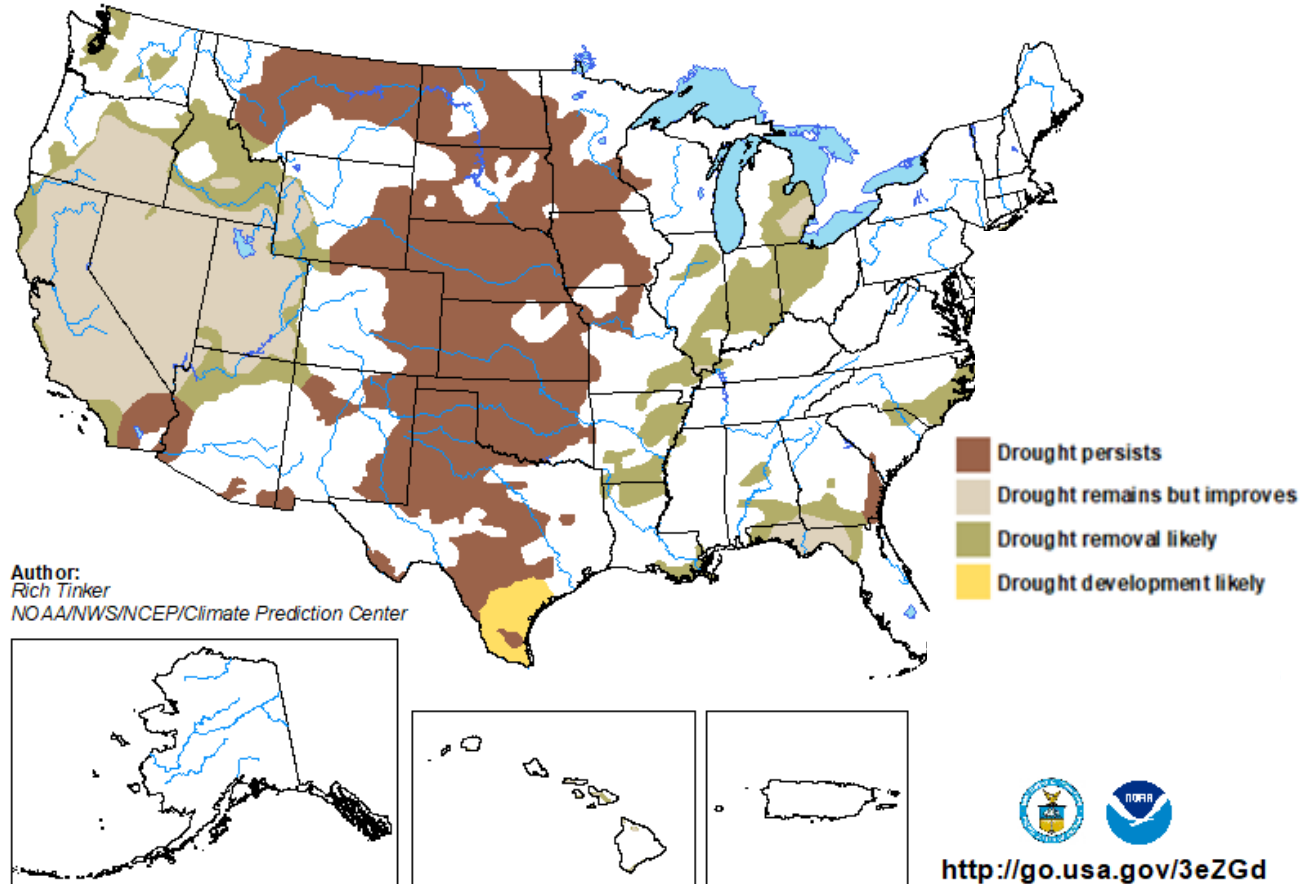


U.S. DROUGHT MONITOR MONTHLY DROUGHT OUTLOOK MAP



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

Valid for January 2023
Released December 31, 2022



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).

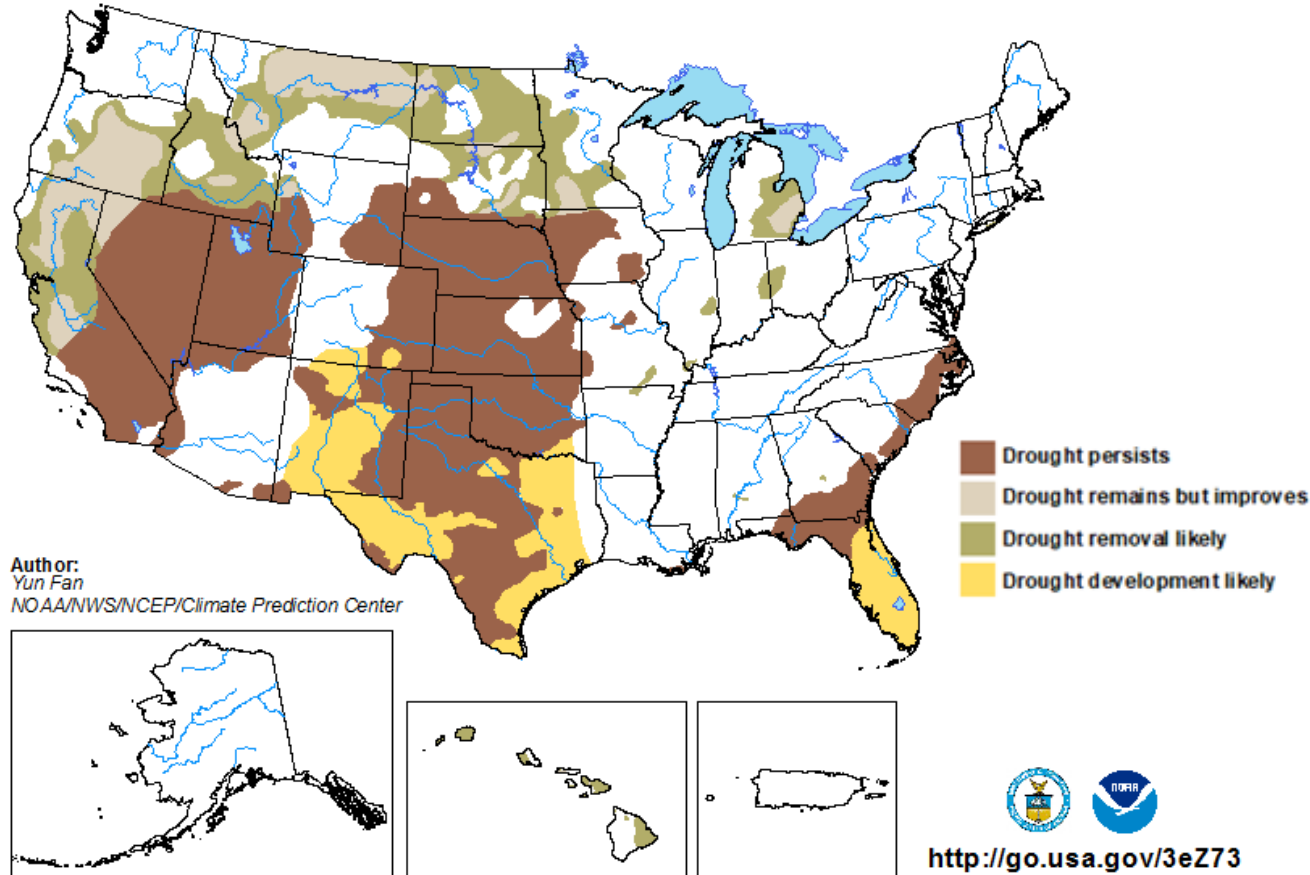
NOTE: The tan areas imply at least a 1-category improvement in the Drought Monitor intensity levels by the end of the period, although drought will remain. The green areas imply drought removal by the end of the period (D0 or none).

U.S. DROUGHT MONITOR SEASONAL DROUGHT OUTLOOK MAP



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

Valid for January 19 - April 30, 2023
Released January 19



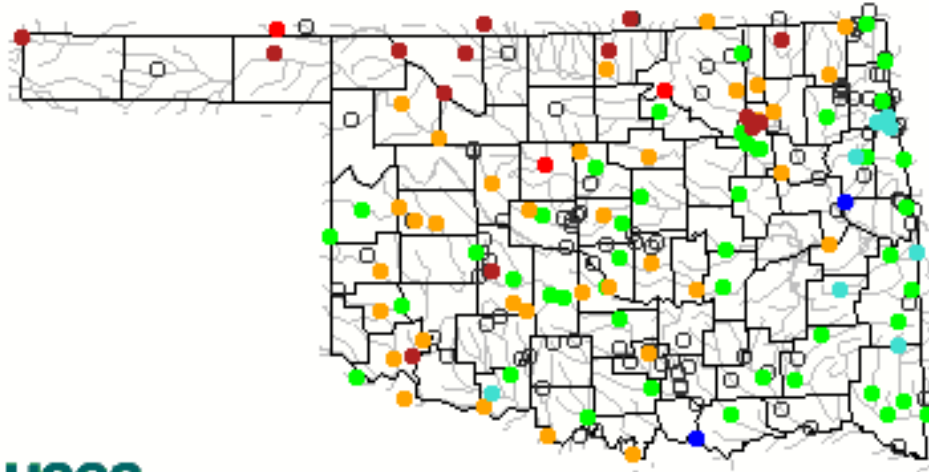
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USGS STREAMFLOW DATA



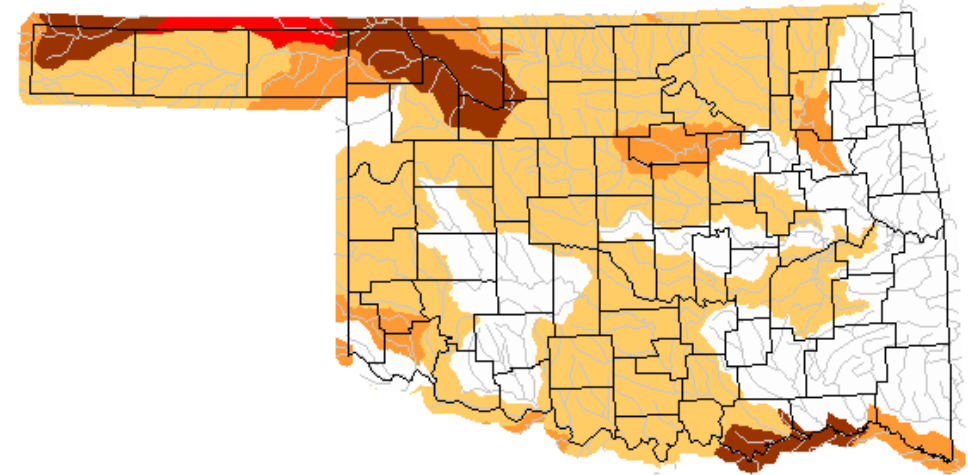
Tuesday, January 31, 2023 10:30ET



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

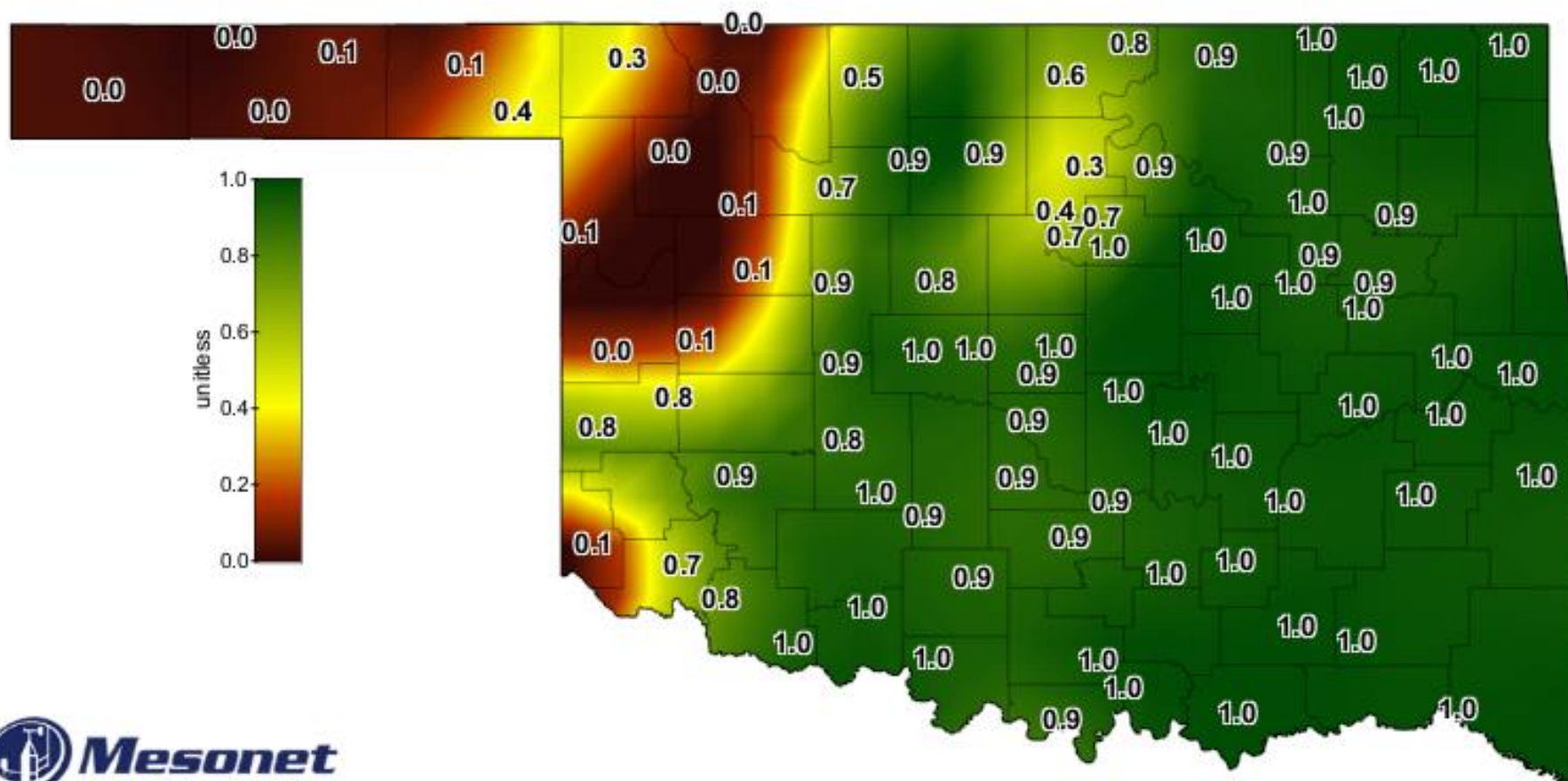
Below normal 28-day average streamflow

Monday, January 30, 2023



| Explanation - Percentile classes | | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|---|
| | | | | |
| Low | <=5 | 6-9 | 10-24 | Insufficient data for a hydrologic region |
| Extreme hydrologic drought | Severe hydrologic drought | Moderate hydrologic drought | Below normal | |

SOIL MOISTURE MAP



1-DAY AVERAGE
24-INCH
FRACTIONAL
WATER INDEX



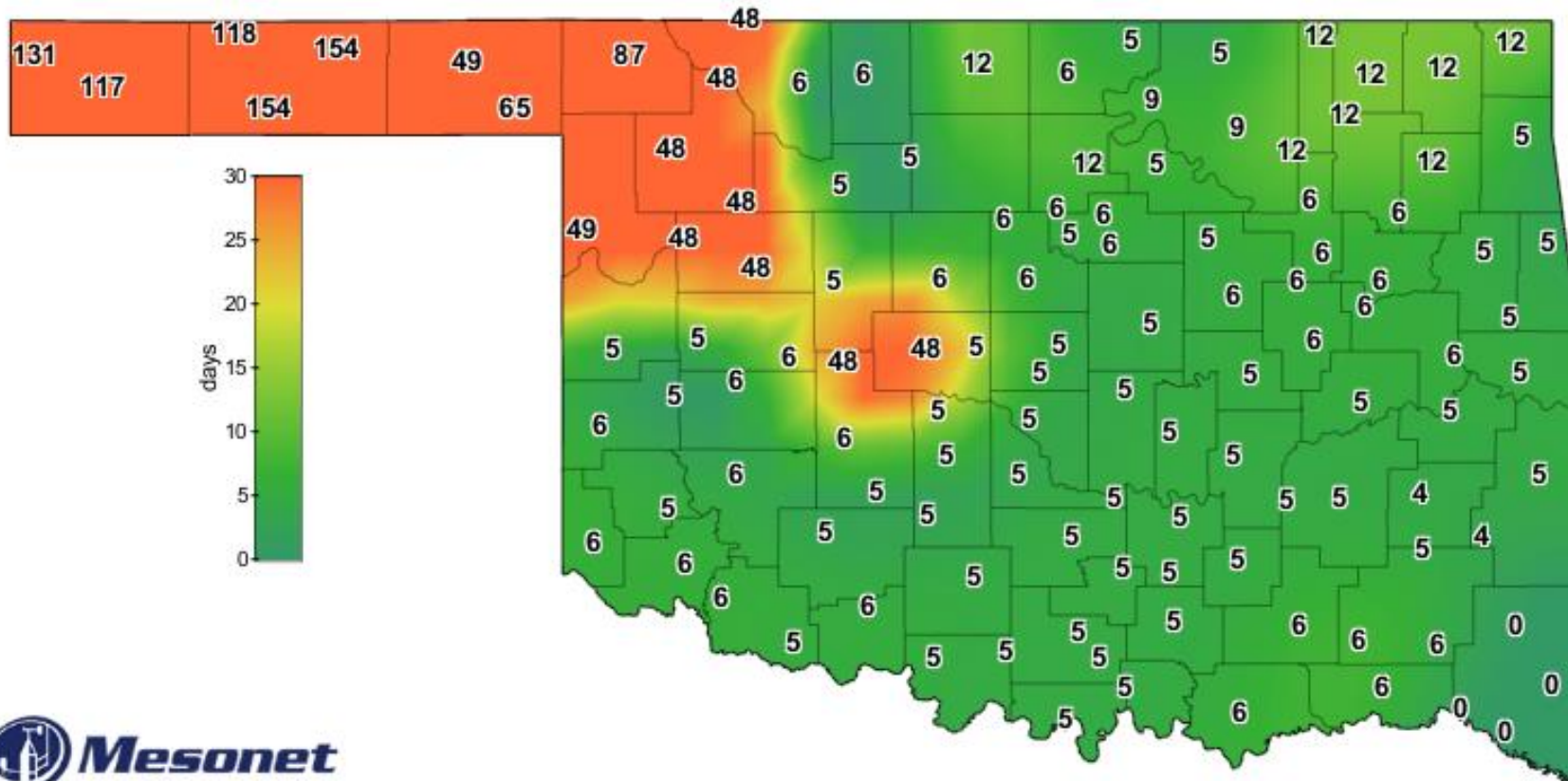
1-day Average 24-inch Fractional Water Index

January 30, 2023

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CONSECUTIVE DAYS WITHOUT RAINFALL MAP



CONSECUTIVE
DAYS WITH LESS
THAN 0.25"
RAINFALL



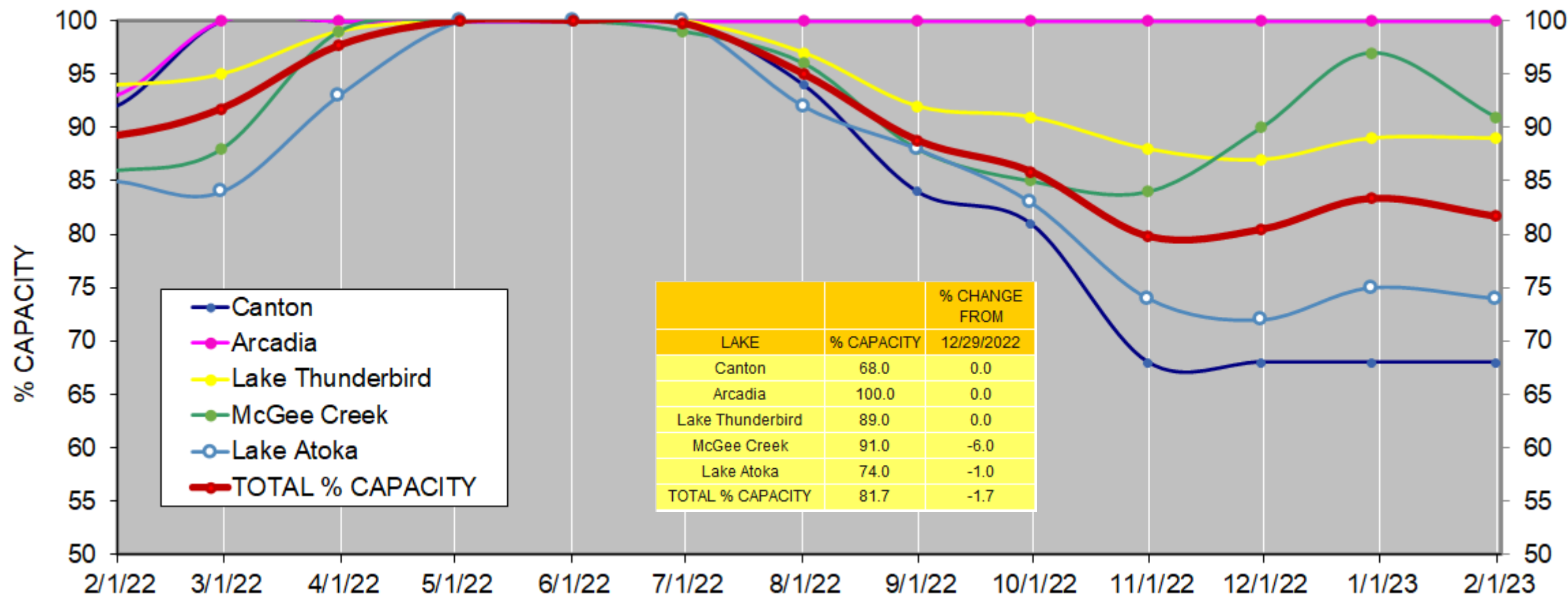
Consecutive Days With Less Than 0.25" Rainfall

January 30, 2023

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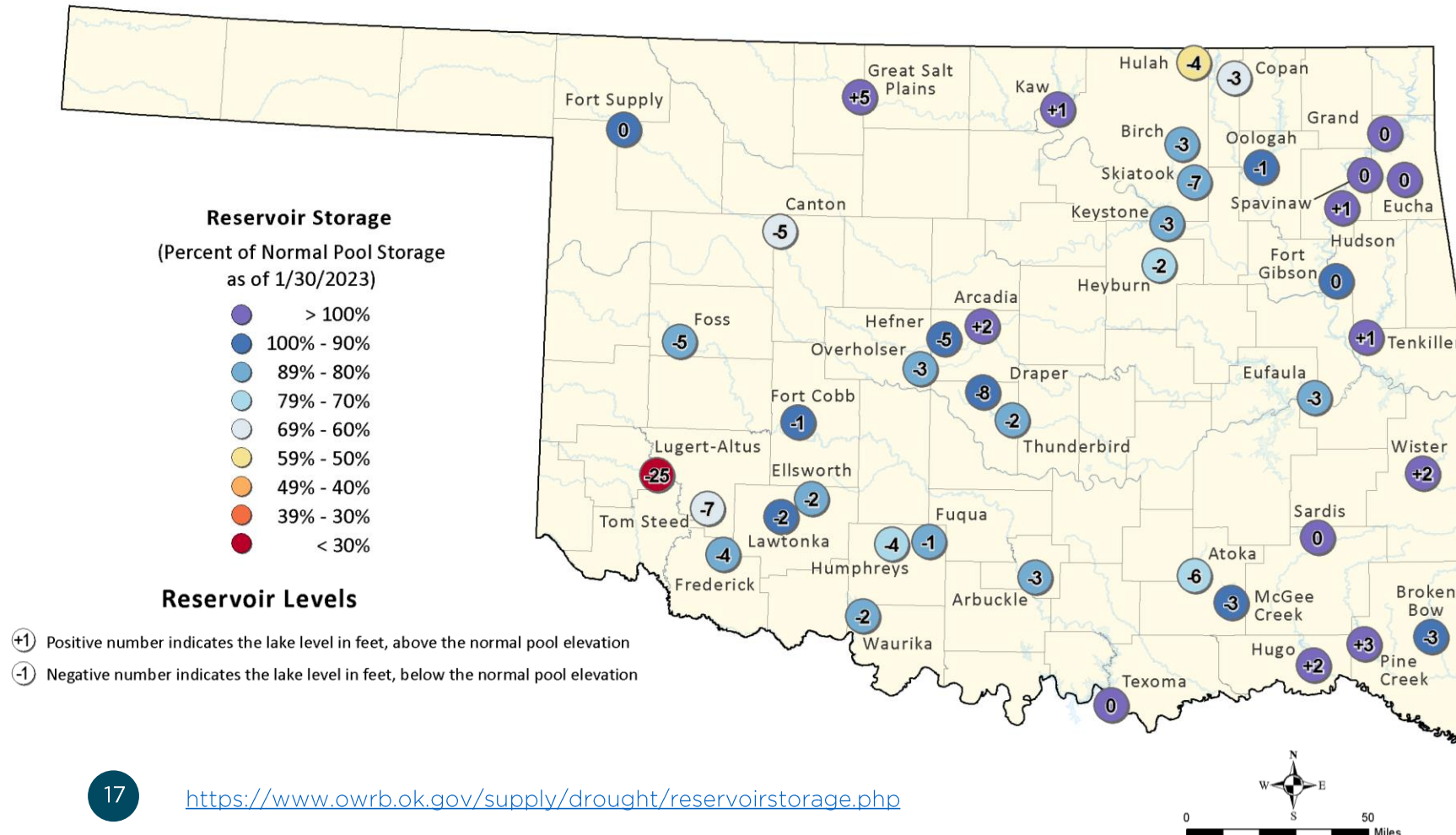


PERCENTAGE OF SURFACE WATER CONSERVATION CAPACITY IN CENTRAL OK RESERVOIRS



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

OKLAHOMA RESERVOIR LEVELS AND STORAGE

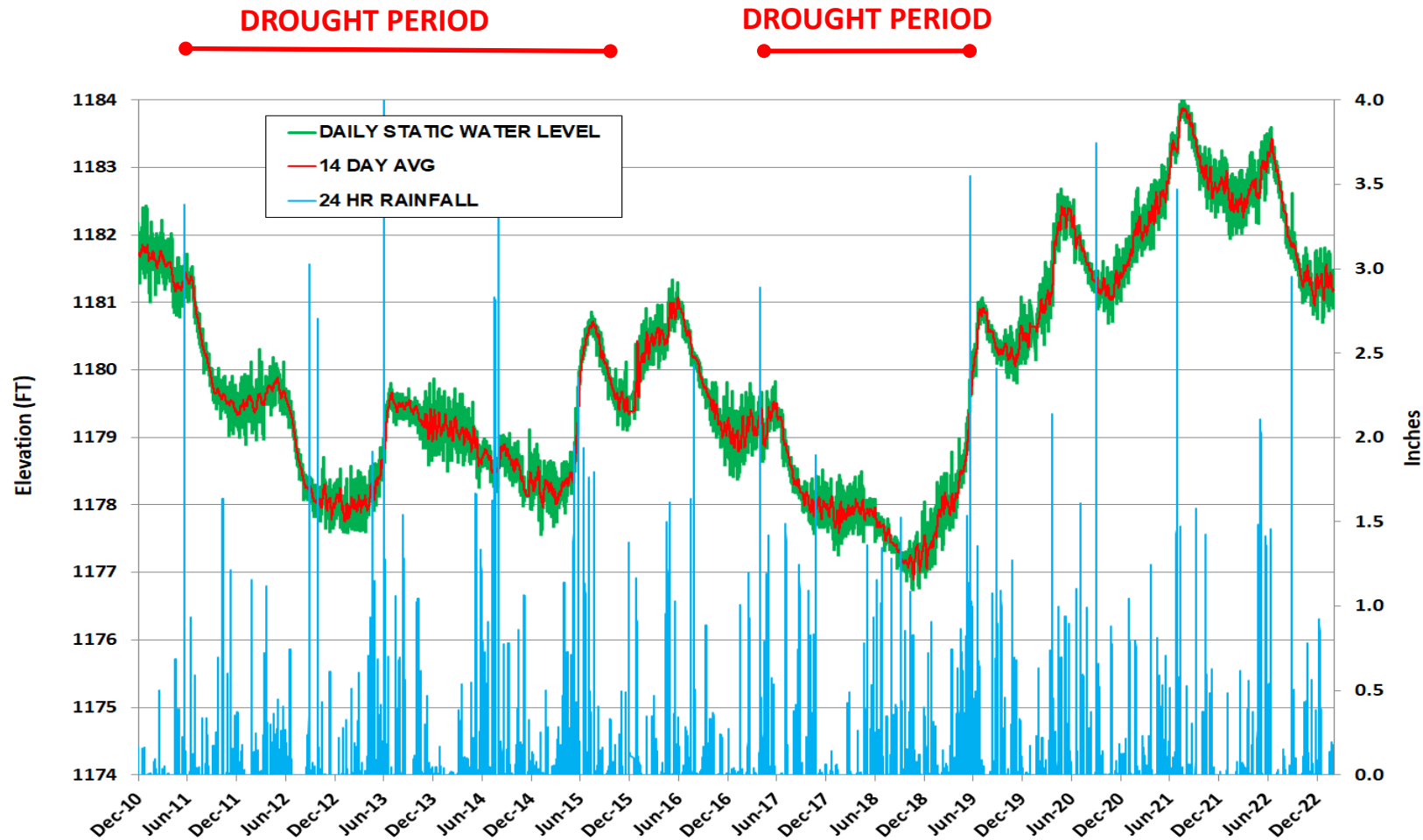


OKLAHOMA RESERVOIR LEVELS AND STORAGE AS OF 1/30/2023

This map shows reservoir storage as a percentage of normal pool storage capacity. The source information was collected from real-time lake gages monitored by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (https://www.swt-wc.usace.army.mil/Daily_Morning_Reservoir_Report.pdf), and the U.S. Geological Survey (https://www.waterdata.usgs.gov/ok/nwis/current/?type=lake&group_key=basin_cd). For more information, please visit the OWRB's website: (<https://www.owrb.ok.gov>).



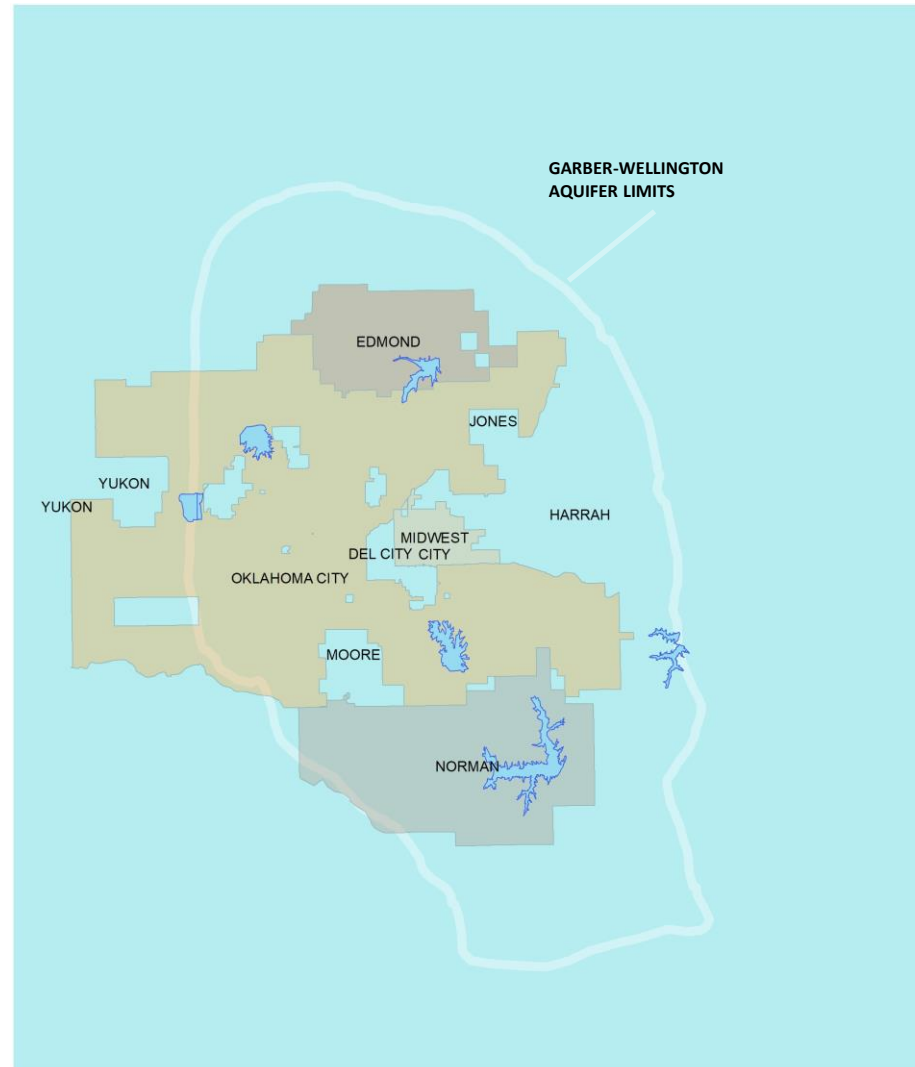
GROUNDWATER LEVELS SPENCER MESONET STATION



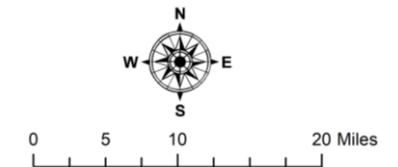
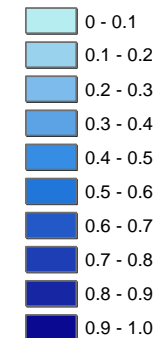
AQUIFER RECHARGE – January 2023



- Aquifer recharge in January 2023 was 0.00 inches.
- Normal recharge for January is 0.33 inches.
- This is two Januarys in a row where there has been no recharge.



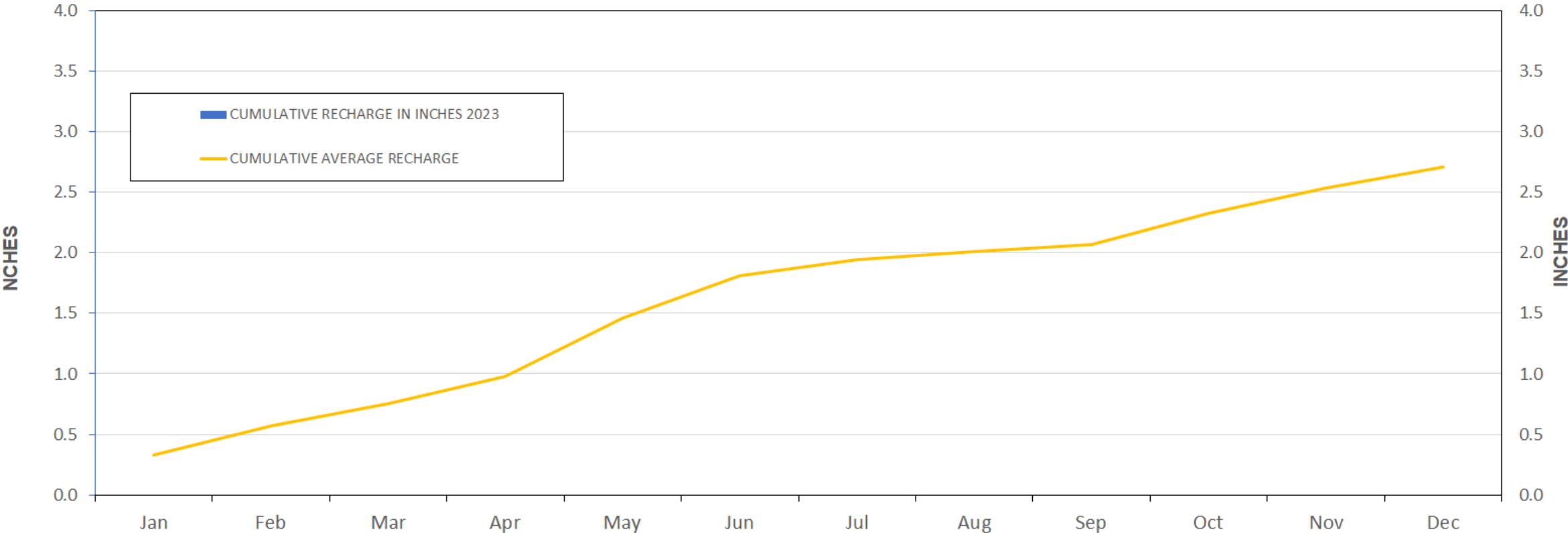
Recharge in Inches



RECHARGE CHARTS CENTRAL OKLAHOMA AQUIFER SYSTEM



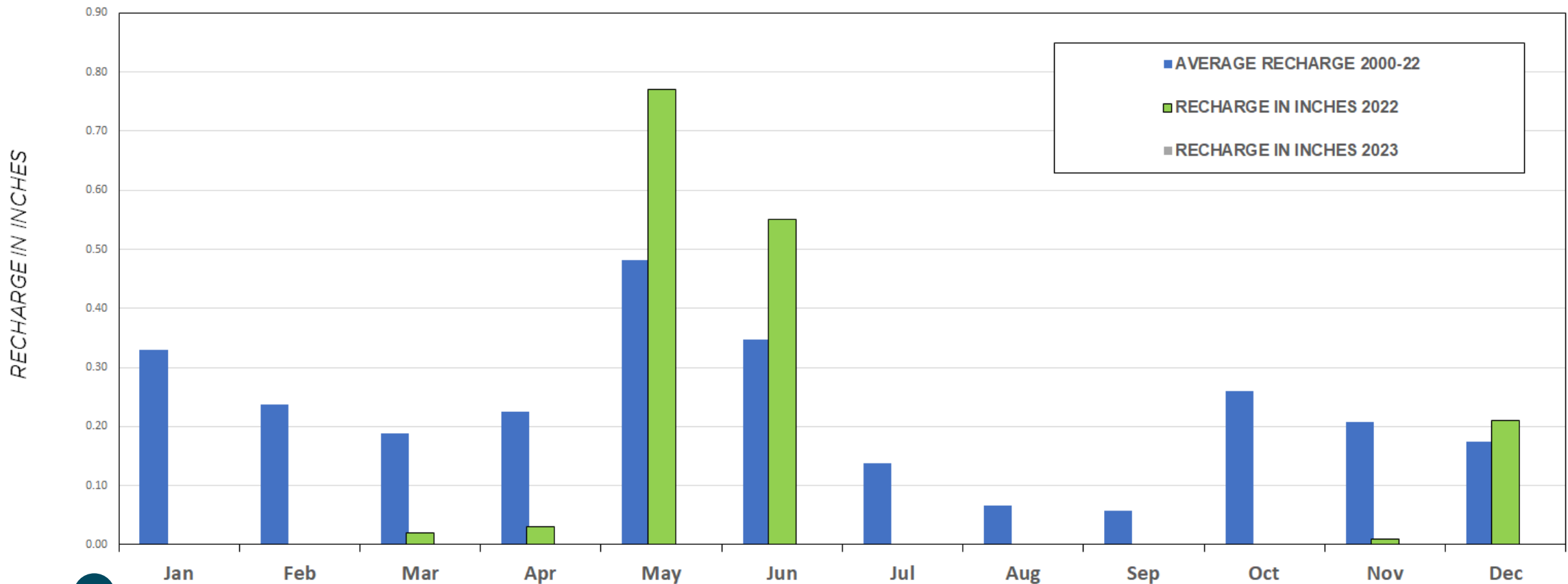
ACCUMULATED CENTRAL OKLAHOMA AQUIFER SYSTEM RECHARGE 2022



RECHARGE CHARTS CENTRAL OKLAHOMA AQUIFER SYSTEM CONTINUED



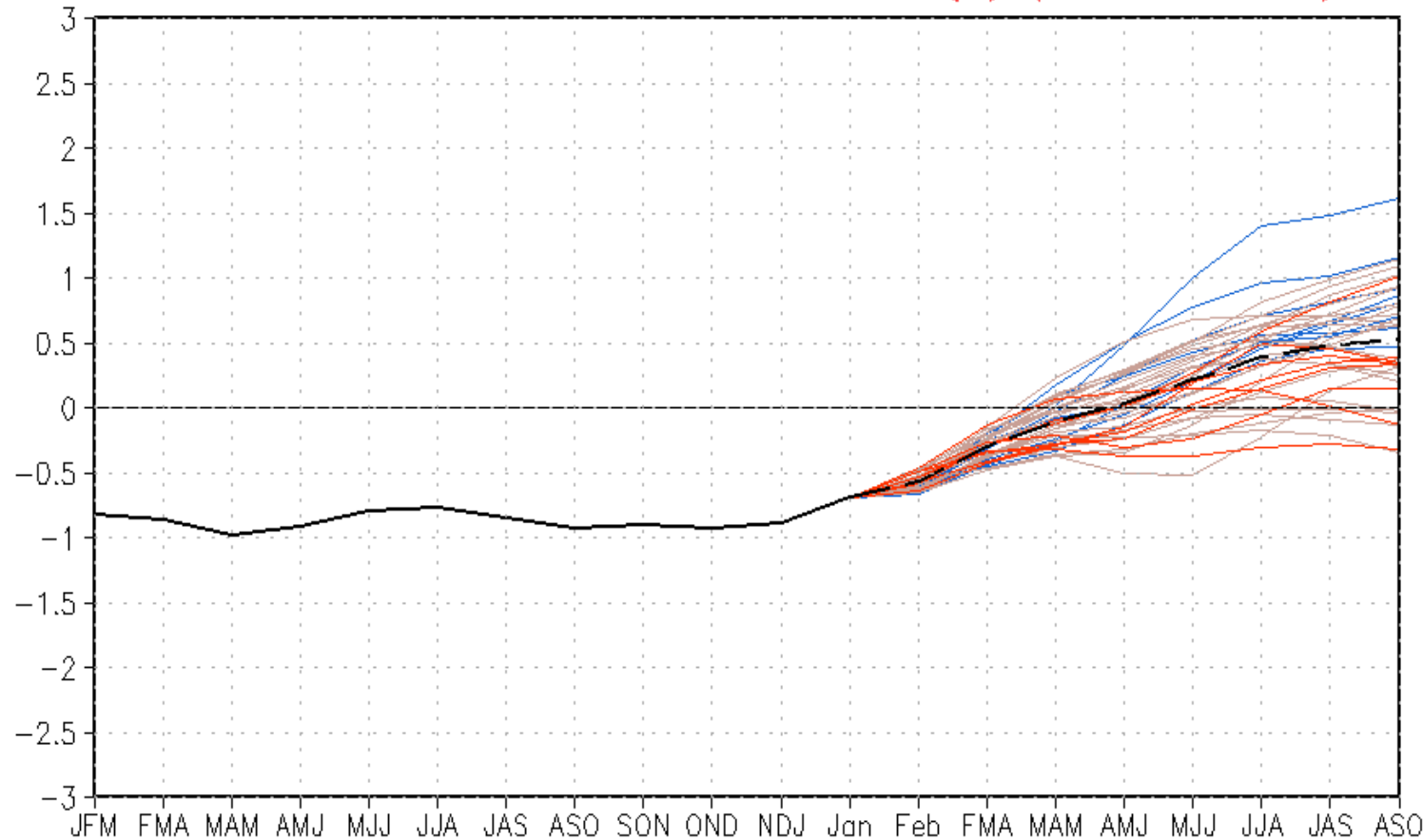
MONTHLY AQUIFER RECHARGE



ENSO CYCLE - RECENT EVOLUTION, CURRENT STATUS AND PREDICTIONS



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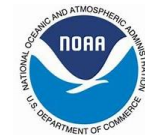
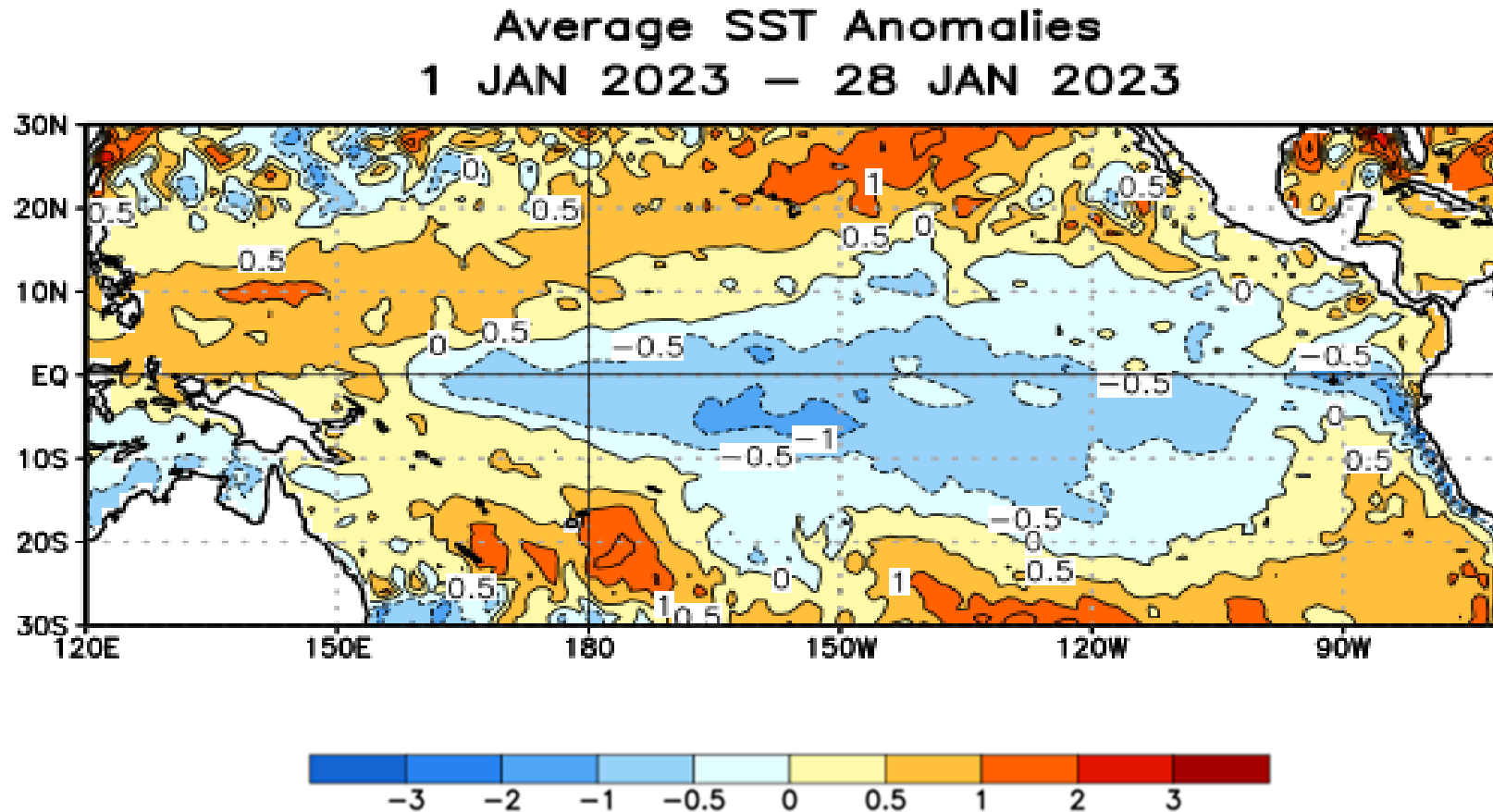


— Latest 8 forecast members
— Earliest 8 forecast members
— Other forecast members
(Climatology base period: 1991–2020)

— Forecast ensemble mean
— NCEI Olv2.1 daily analysis



ENSO CYCLE - RECENT EVOLUTION, CURRENT STATUS AND PREDICTIONS





ENSO ALERT SYSTEM STATUS: LA NIÑA ADVISORY

- La Niña is present.
- Equatorial sea surface temperatures (SSTs) are below average across most of the Pacific Ocean.
- The tropical Pacific atmosphere is consistent with La Niña.
- A transition from La Niña to ENSO-neutral is anticipated during the February-April 2023 season. By Northern Hemisphere spring (March-May 2023), the chance for ENSO-neutral is 82%.



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