



DROUGHT CONDITIONS

IN CENTRAL OKLAHOMA

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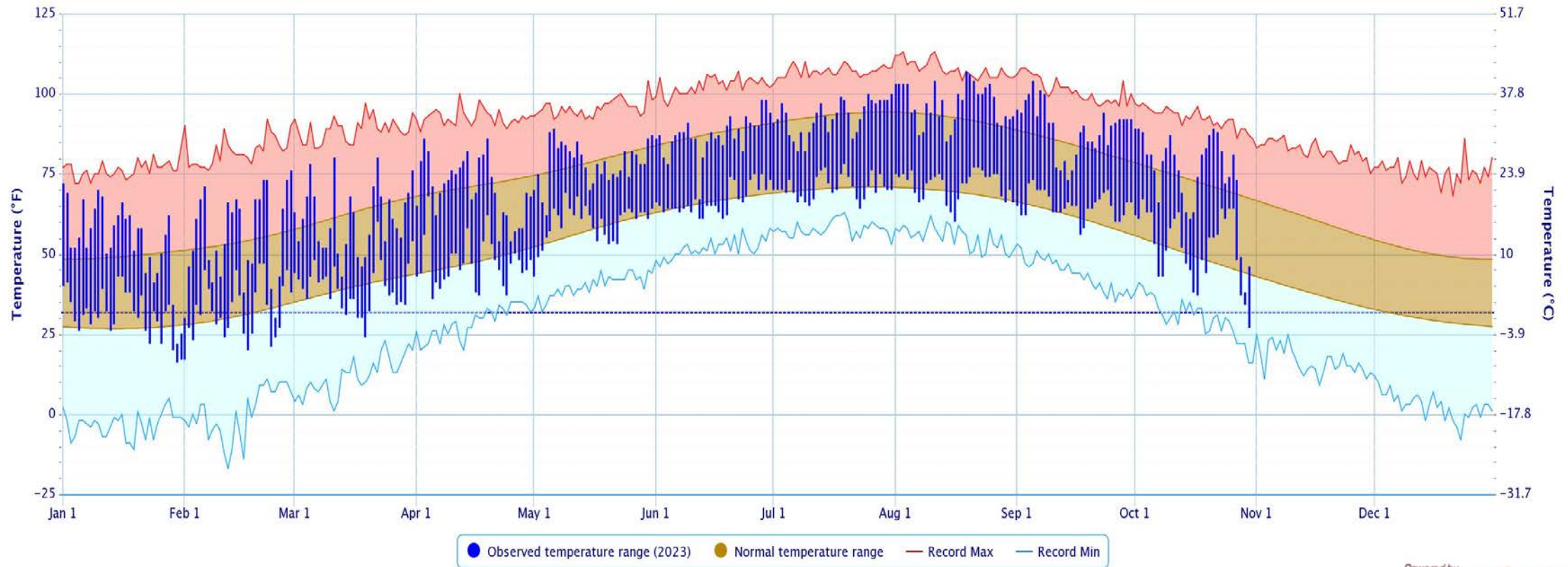
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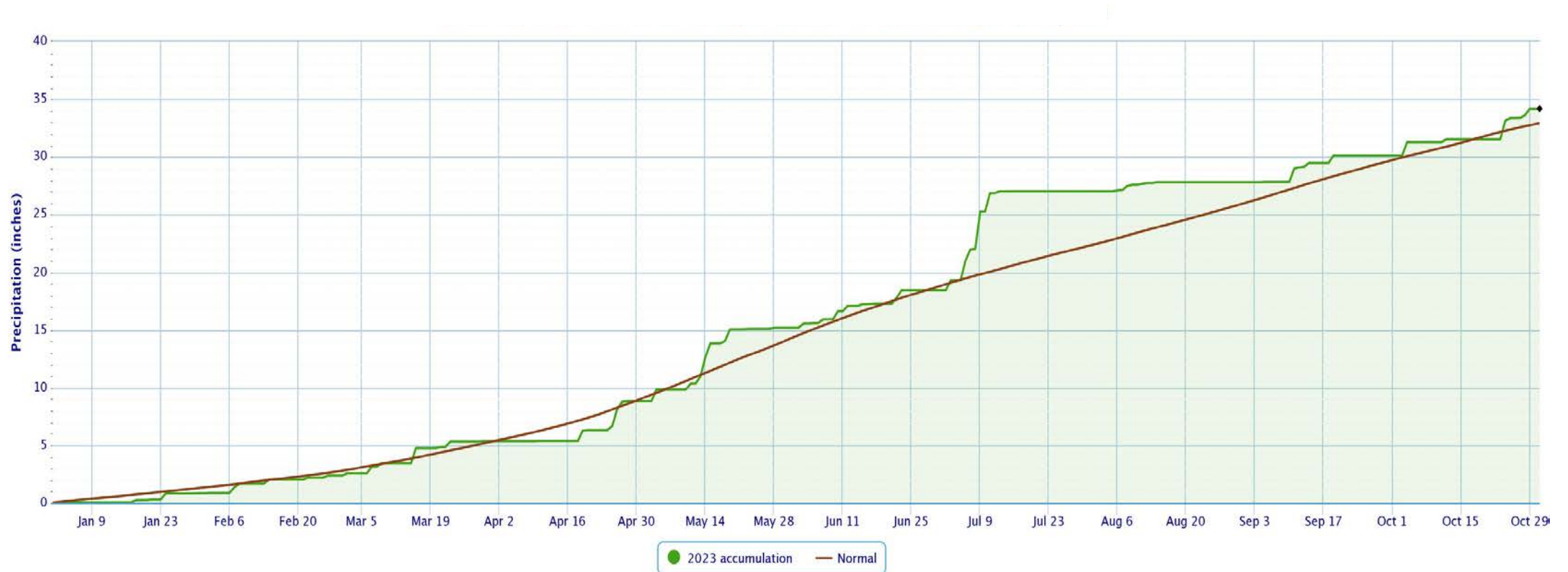
November 1, 2023

TEMPERATURE PLOT FOR OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA FOR 2023



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PRECIPITATION PLOT FOR OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA FOR 2023



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RAINFALL SUMMARIES BY OKLAHOMA CLIMATE DIVISION



Calendar Year 01-Jan-2023 through			30-Oct-2023			
Climate Division	Total Rainfall	Departure from Normal	Pct of Normal	Rank since 1921 (88 periods)	Driest on Record	Wettest on Record
W. Central	28.00"	+2.39"	109%	22nd wettest	11.03" (2011)	39.94" (1941)
Central	32.75"	-0.39"	99%	37th wettest	17.02" (1956)	50.80" (2007)
S. Central	33.09"	-2.10"	94%	50th wettest	16.26" (1963)	55.78" (2015)
Statewide	32.01"	+0.20"	101%	39th wettest	16.95" (1956)	43.62" (1957)

Water Year: 01-Oct-2023 through			30-Oct-2023			
Climate Division	Total Rainfall	Departure from Normal	Pct of Normal	Rank since 1921 (88 periods)	Driest on Record	Wettest on Record
W. Central	2.25"	-0.50"	82%	39th wettest	0.00" (1952)	8.86" (1923)
Central	4.01"	+0.39"	111%	26th wettest	0.03" (1952)	12.66" (1941)
S. Central	6.92"	+2.75"	166%	10th wettest	0.05" (1921)	14.88" (1981)
Statewide	3.87"	+0.45"	113%	28th wettest	0.13" (1952)	10.35" (1941)

Autumn Sep 01 through			30-Oct-2023			
Climate Division	Total Rainfall	Departure from Normal	Pct of Normal	Rank since 1921 (88 periods)	Driest on Record	Wettest on Record
W. Central	3.90"	-1.65"	70%	38th driest	0.26" (1952)	17.16" (1923)
Central	6.14"	-1.32"	82%	51st driest	0.57" (1952)	19.10" (1923)
S. Central	8.77"	+0.63"	108%	33rd wettest	0.59" (1952)	19.51" (2018)
Statewide	6.83"	-0.13"	98%	39th wettest	0.82" (1952)	15.72" (1923)



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.

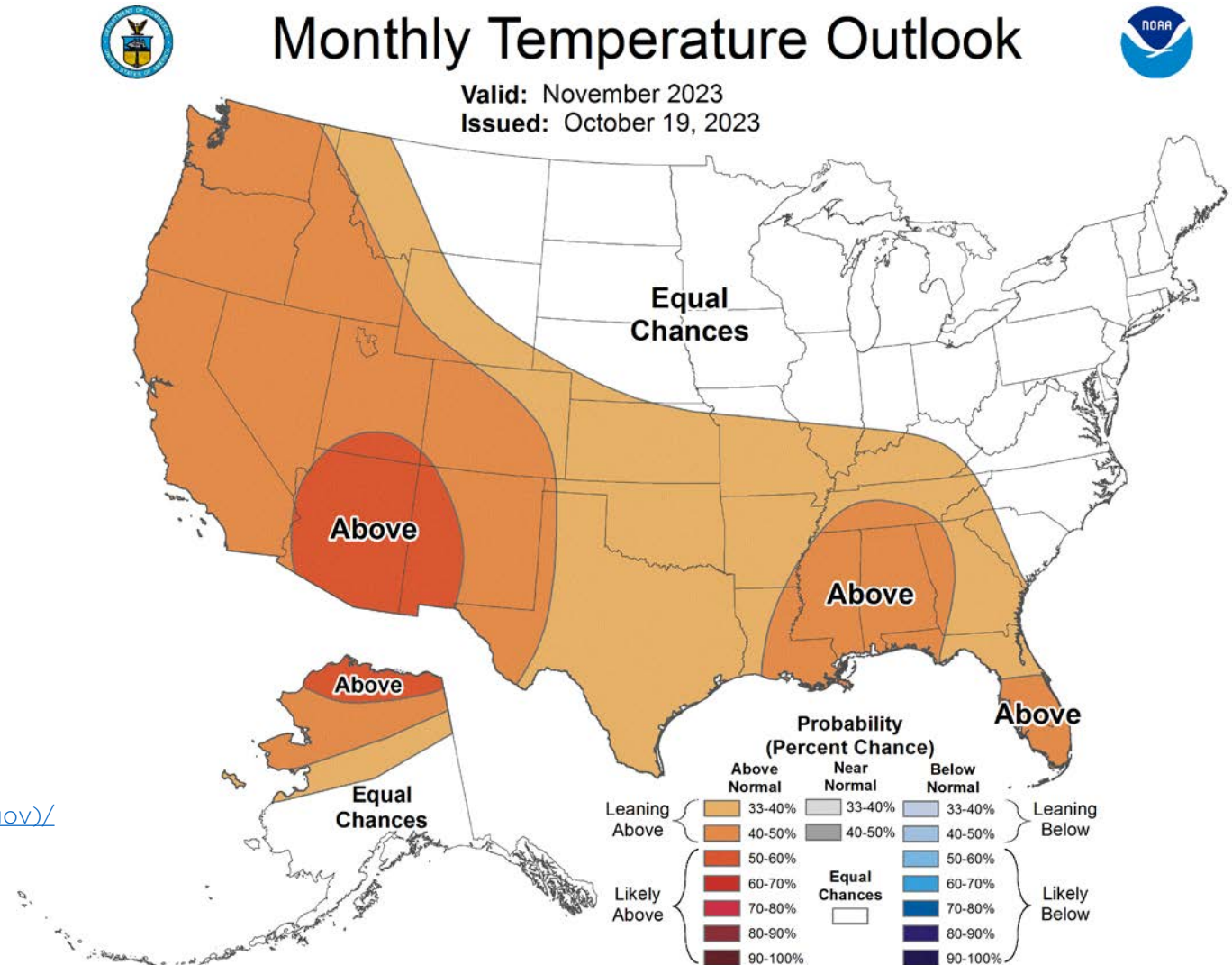
NOAA ONE-MONTH TEMPERATURE OUTLOOK



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.

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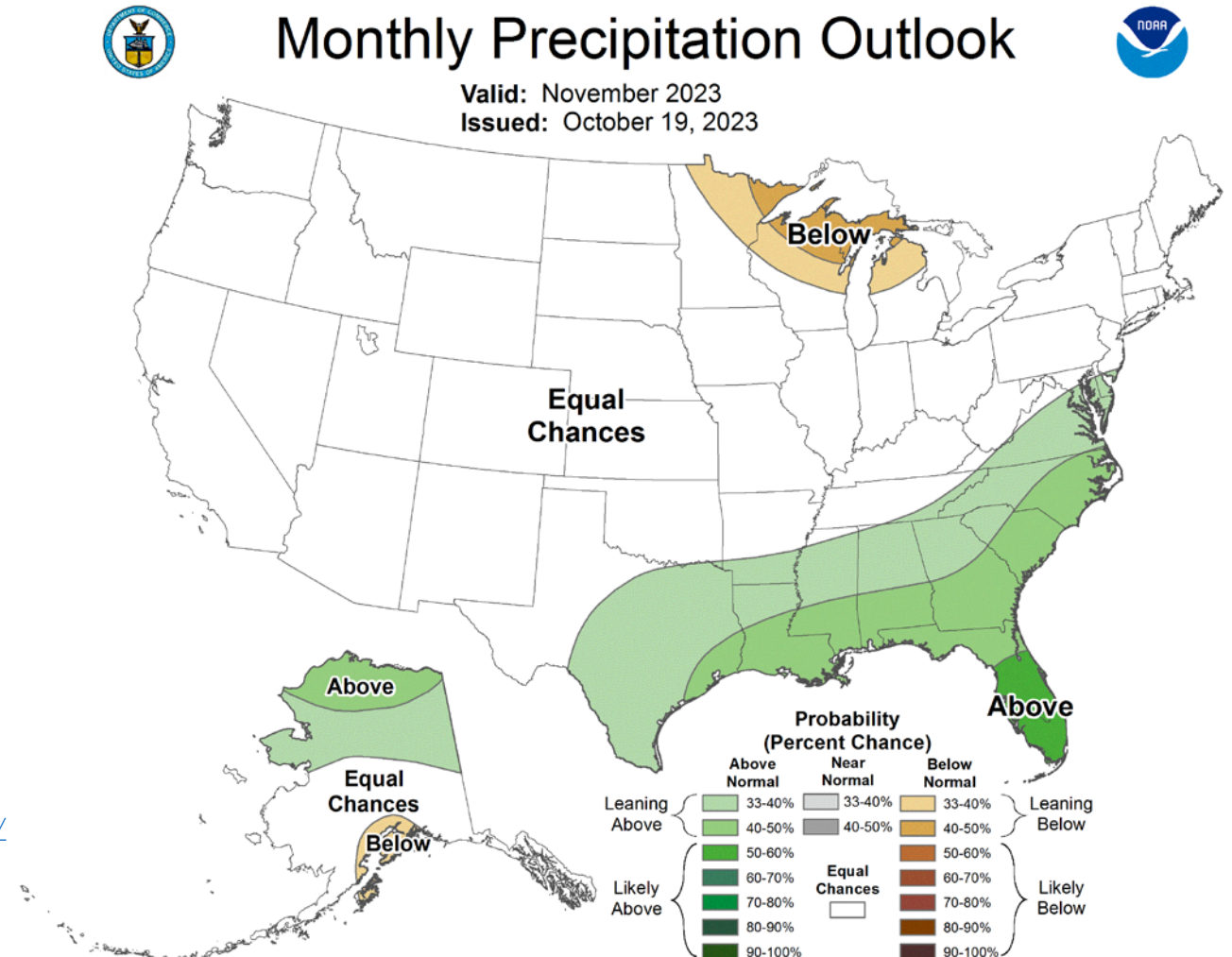
NOAA ONE-MONTH PRECIPITATION OUTLOOK



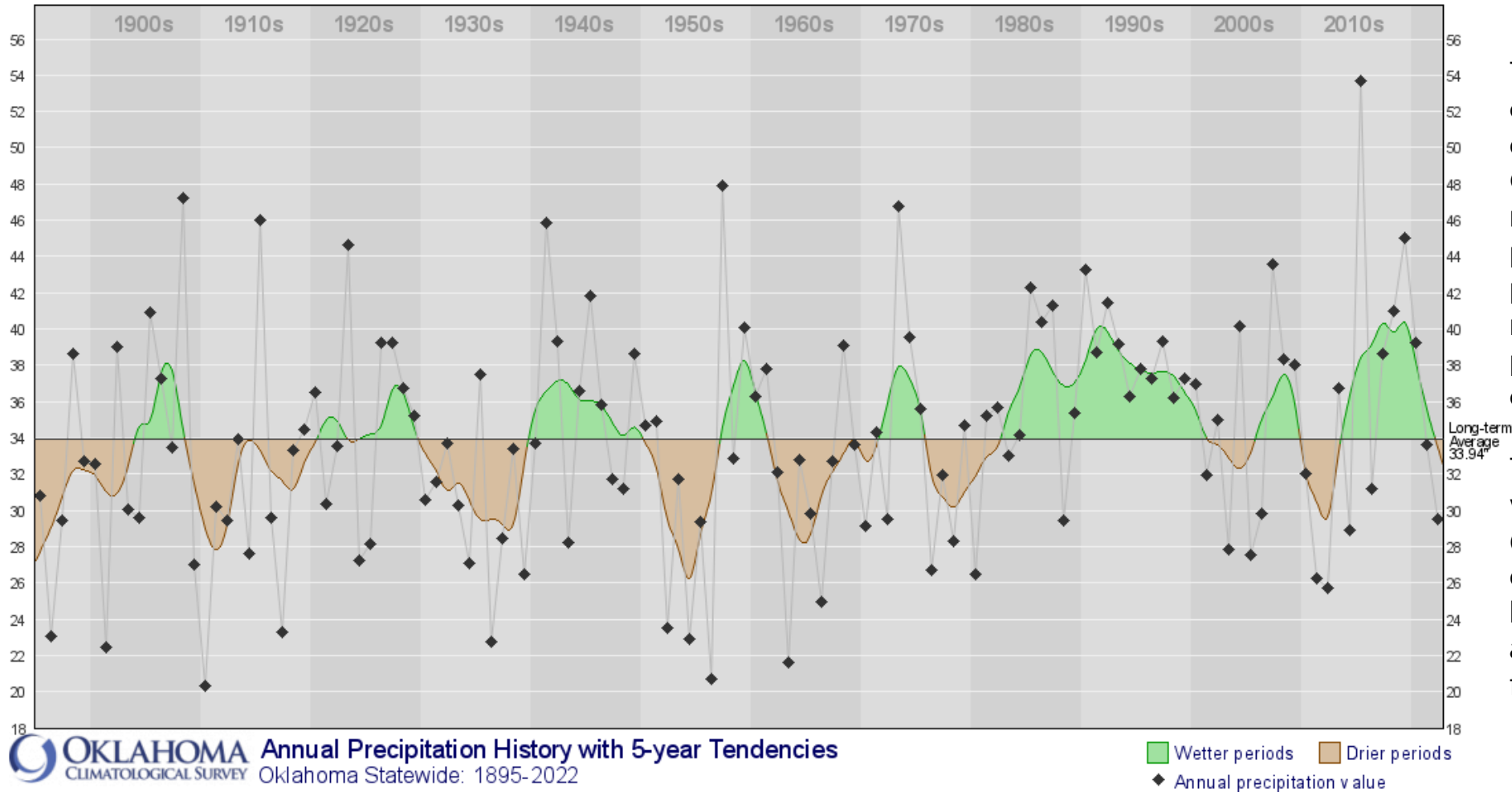
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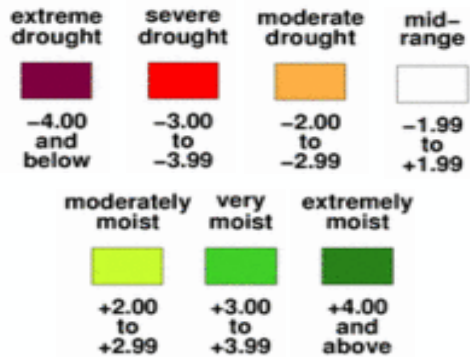
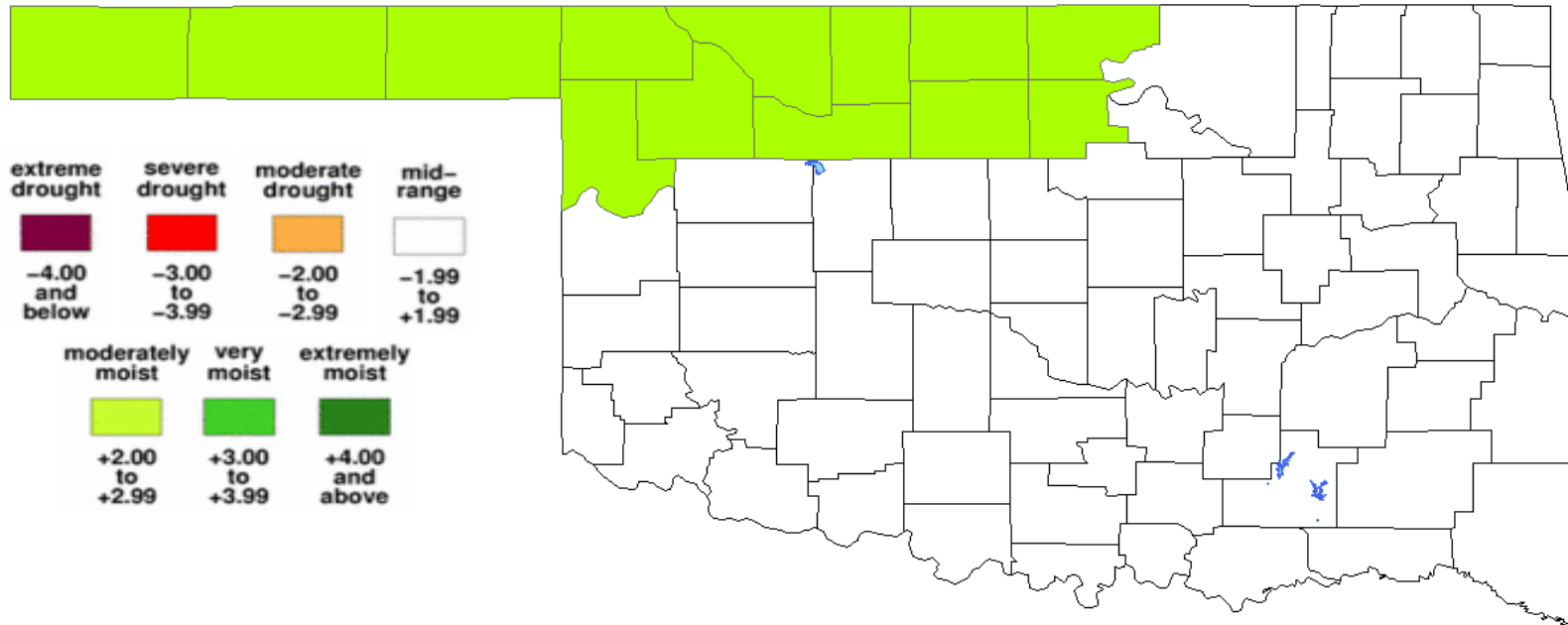
Annual Precipitation History with 5-Year Tendencies



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
28 OCT 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.

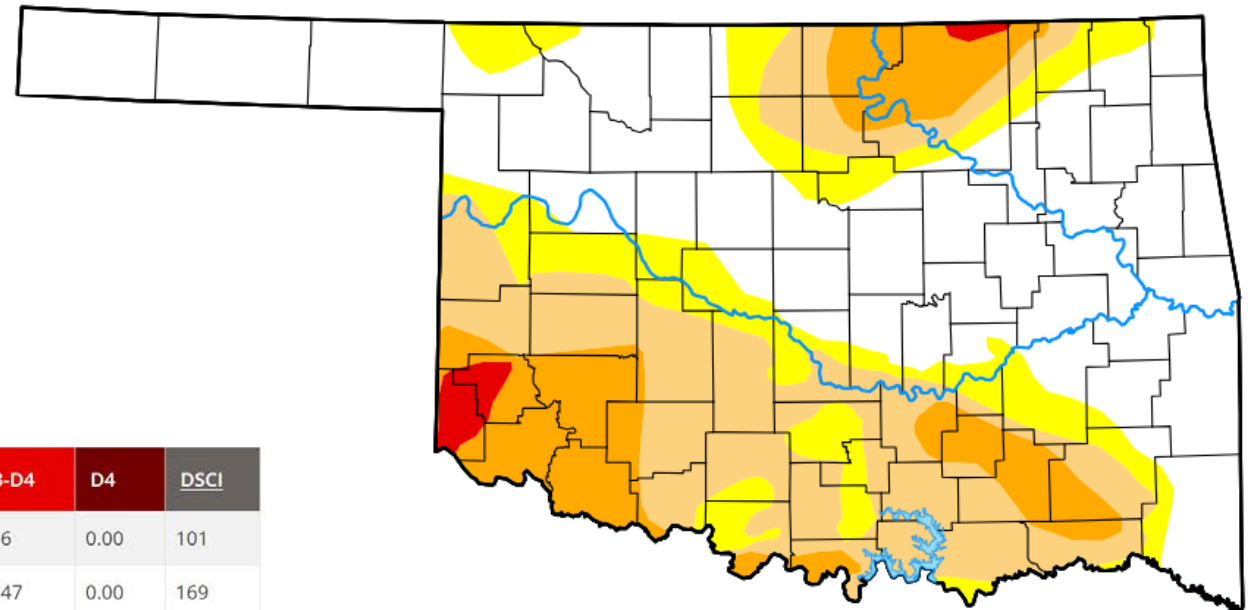
On these maps, the red shading denotes drought conditions while the green shading indicates wet conditions.

U.S. DROUGHT MONITOR - OKLAHOMA



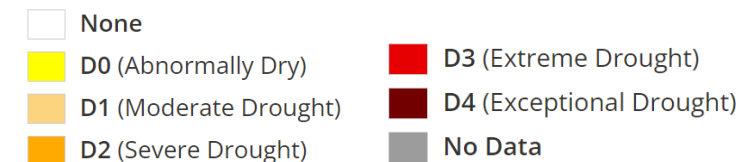
October 31, 2023

Abnormal dryness or drought are currently affecting approximately 794709 people in Oklahoma.



Week	Date	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4	DSCI
Current	2023-10-31	49.73	50.27	35.82	13.68	1.16	0.00	101
Last Week to Current	2023-10-24	27.88	72.12	49.29	33.91	13.47	0.00	169
3 Months Ago to Current	2023-08-01	52.33	47.67	17.90	7.58	2.58	0.00	76
Start of Calendar Year to Current	2022-12-27	1.82	98.18	89.73	80.92	56.13	11.65	337
Start of Water Year to Current	2023-09-26	34.29	65.71	46.76	30.93	12.91	0.00	156
One Year Ago to Current	2022-11-01	0.00	100.00	100.00	97.43	66.77	21.06	385

Intensity



U.S. DROUGHT MONITOR NATIONWIDE MAP



Map released: November 2, 2023

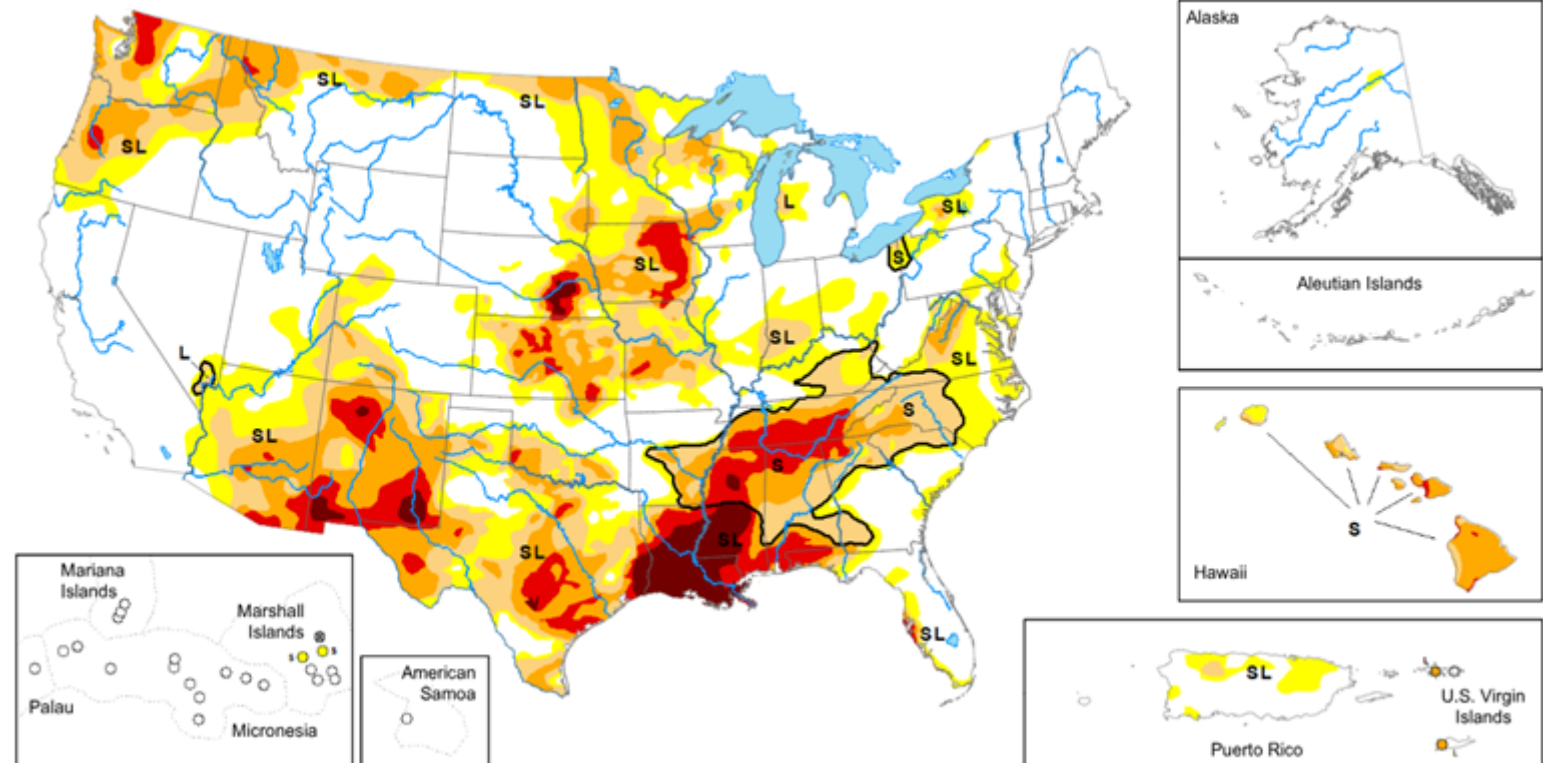
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Intensity and Impacts



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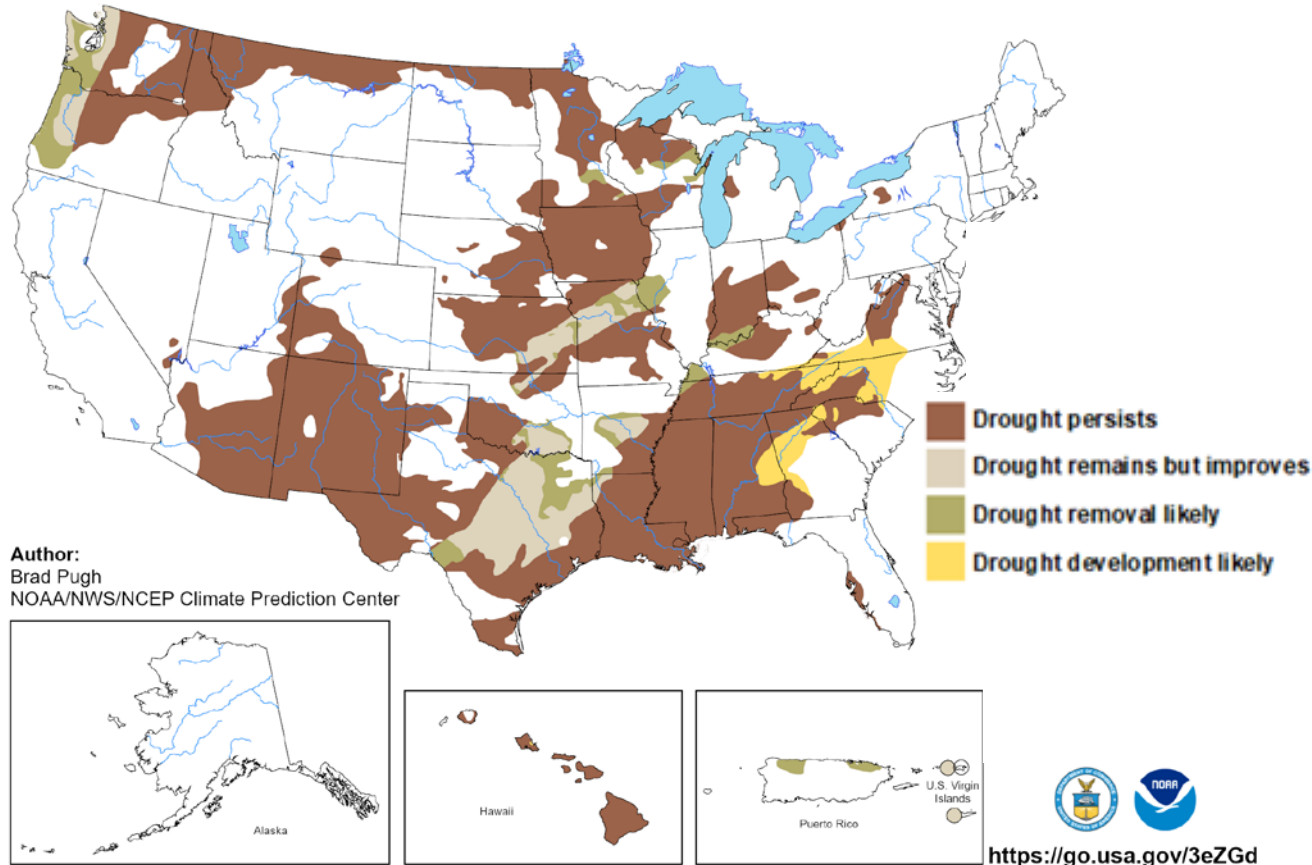


U.S. DROUGHT MONITOR MONTHLY DROUGHT OUTLOOK MAP



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

Valid for November 2023
Released October 31, 2023



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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).

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

U.S. DROUGHT MONITOR SEASONAL DROUGHT OUTLOOK MAP

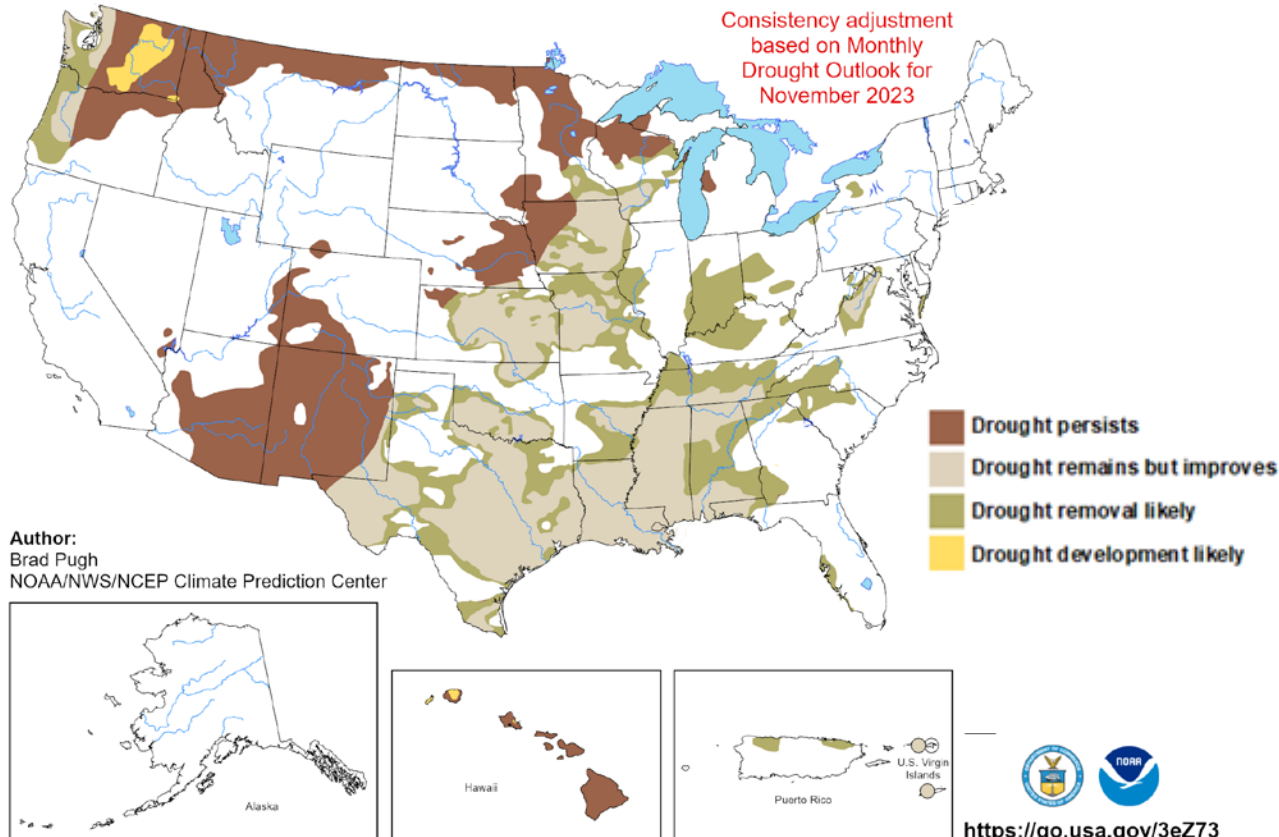


U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

Valid for November 1, 2023 - January 31, 2024

Released October 31, 2023

Consistency adjustment
based on Monthly
Drought Outlook for
November 2023



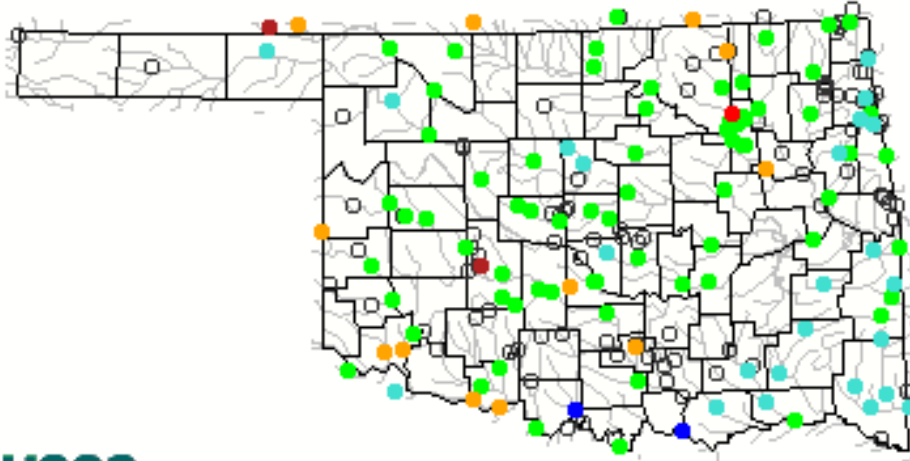
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USGS STREAMFLOW DATA



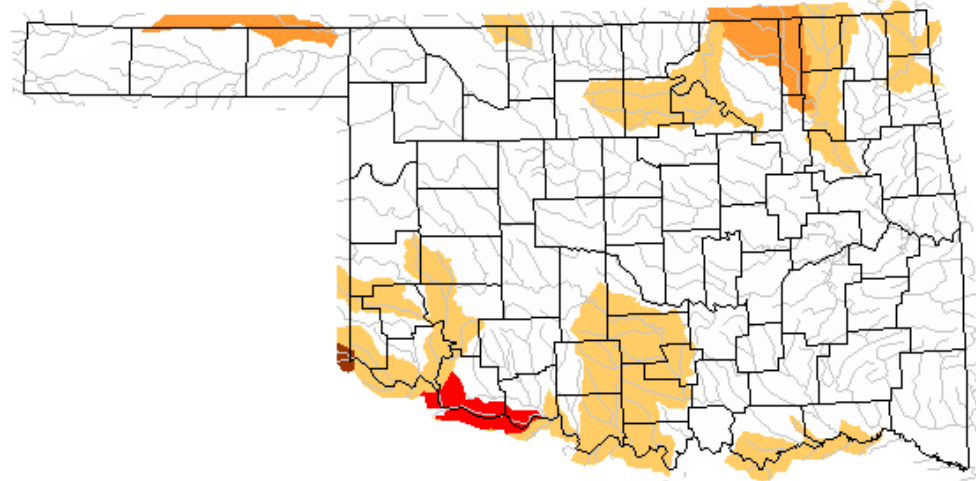
Tuesday, October 31, 2023 10:30ET



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		

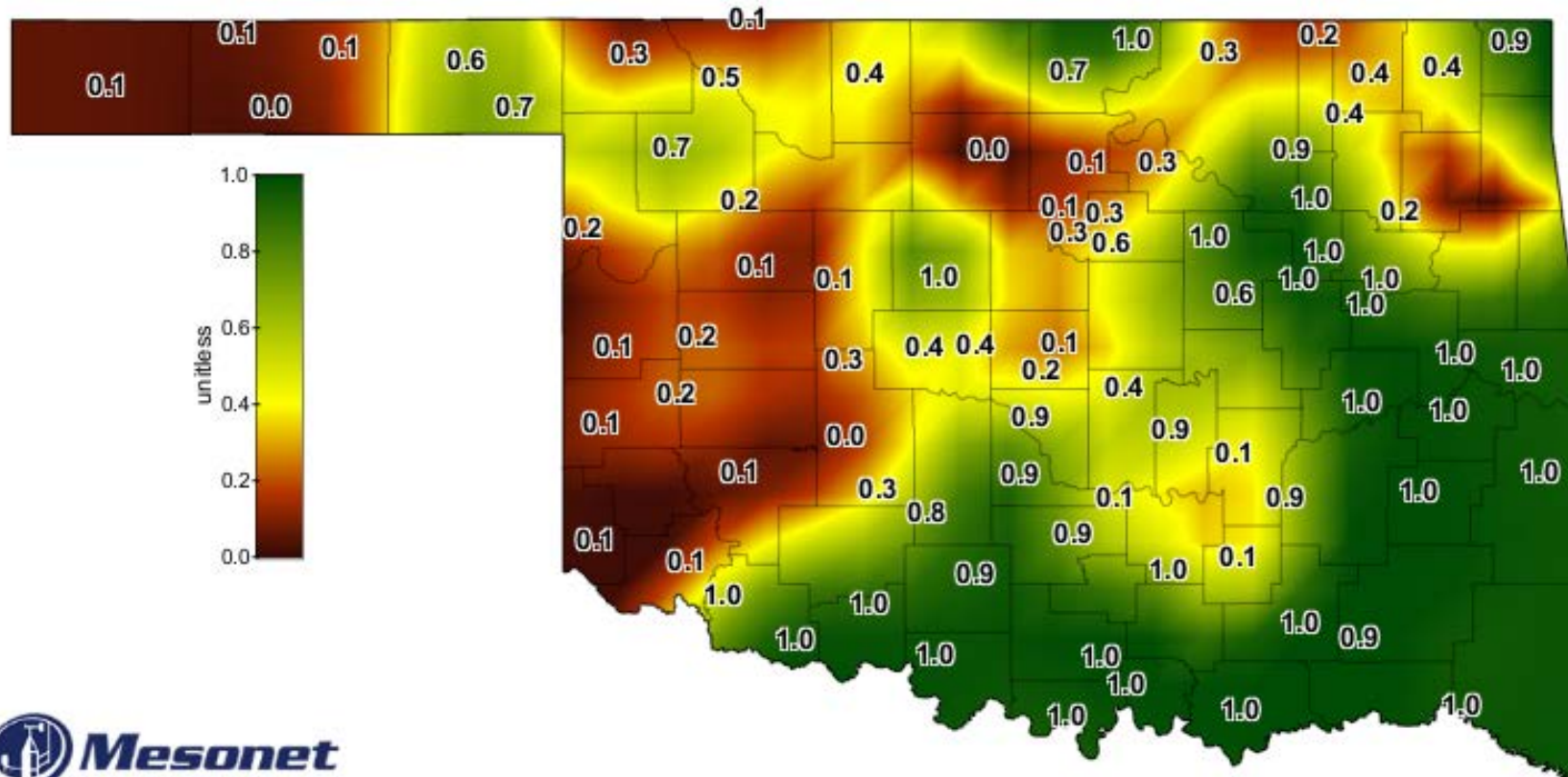
Below normal 28-day average streamflow

Monday, October 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

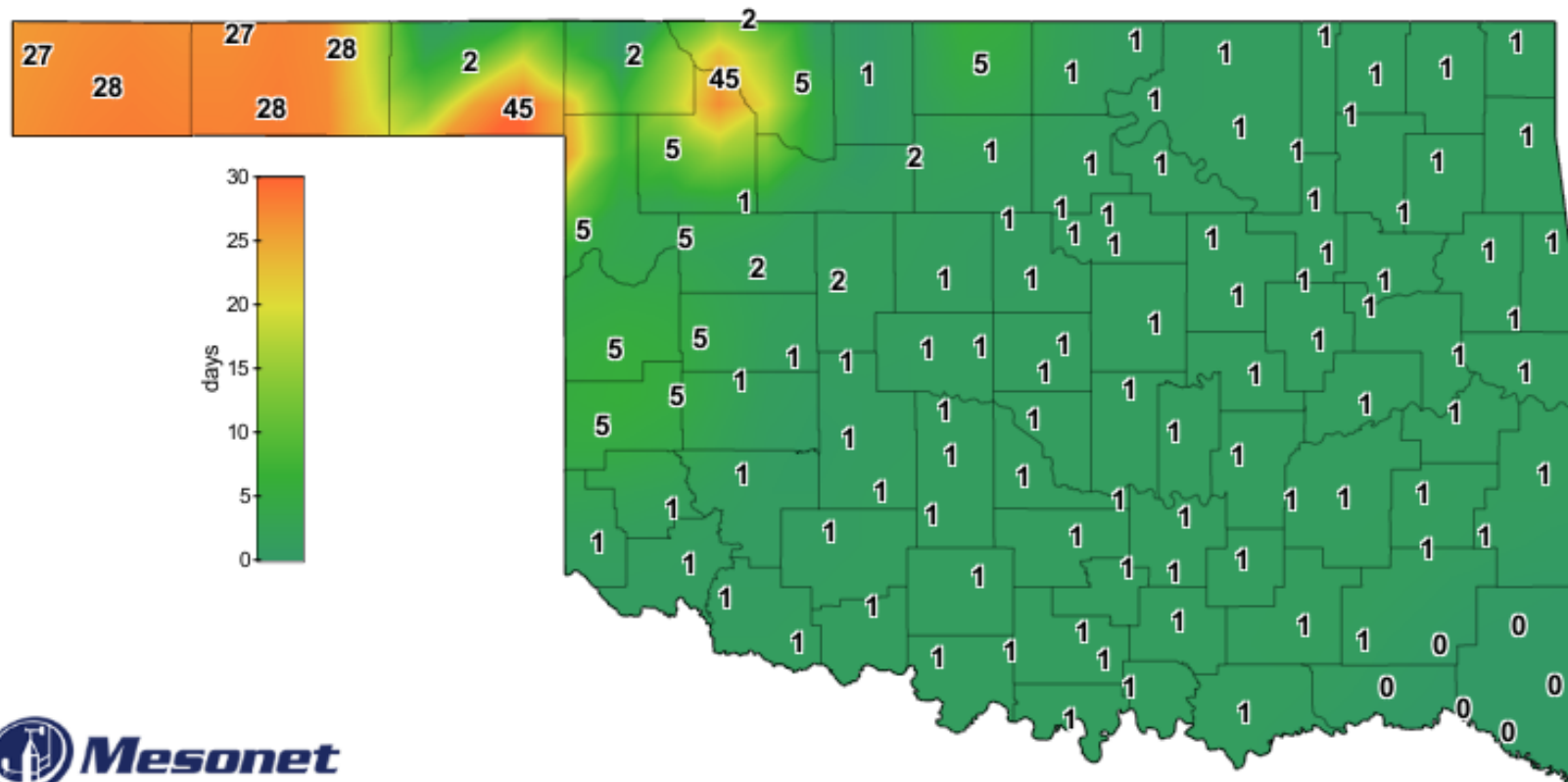


1-day Average 24-inch Fractional Water Index

October 30, 2023

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CONSECUTIVE DAYS WITHOUT RAINFALL MAP



CONSECUTIVE
DAYS WITH LESS
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RAINFALL

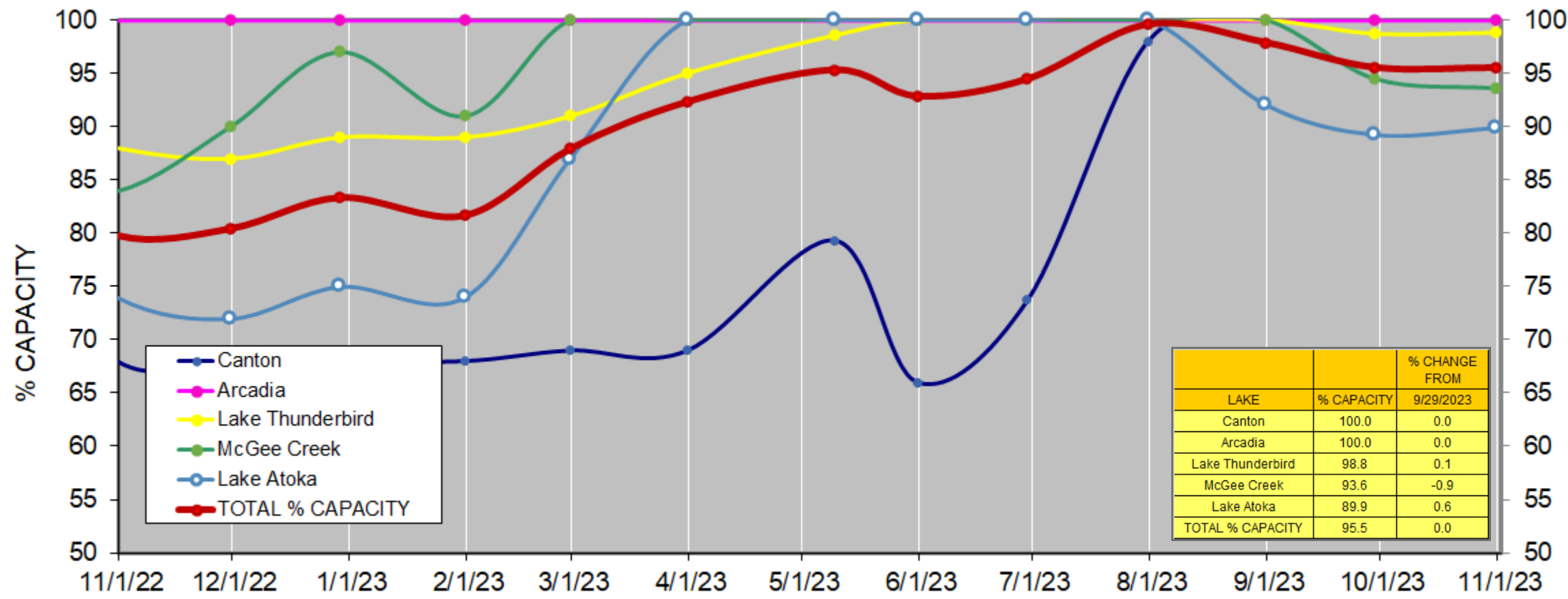


Consecutive Days With Less Than 0.25" Rainfall

October 30, 2023

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PERCENTAGE OF SURFACE WATER CONSERVATION CAPACITY IN CENTRAL OK RESERVOIRS



LAKE	% CAPACITY	% CHANGE FROM 9/29/2023
Canton	100.0	0.0
Arcadia	100.0	0.0
Lake Thunderbird	98.8	0.1
McGee Creek	93.6	-0.9
Lake Atoka	89.9	0.6
TOTAL % CAPACITY	95.5	0.0

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 09/25/2023

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 ([USGS Current Conditions for USGS 07333010 Atoka Reservoir near Stringtown, OK](https://www.usgs.gov/monitoring/products-reports/70000173nowater/usgs-07333010-atoka-reservoir-near-stringtown-ok)). For more information, please visit the OWRB's website: (<https://www.owrb.ok.gov>).

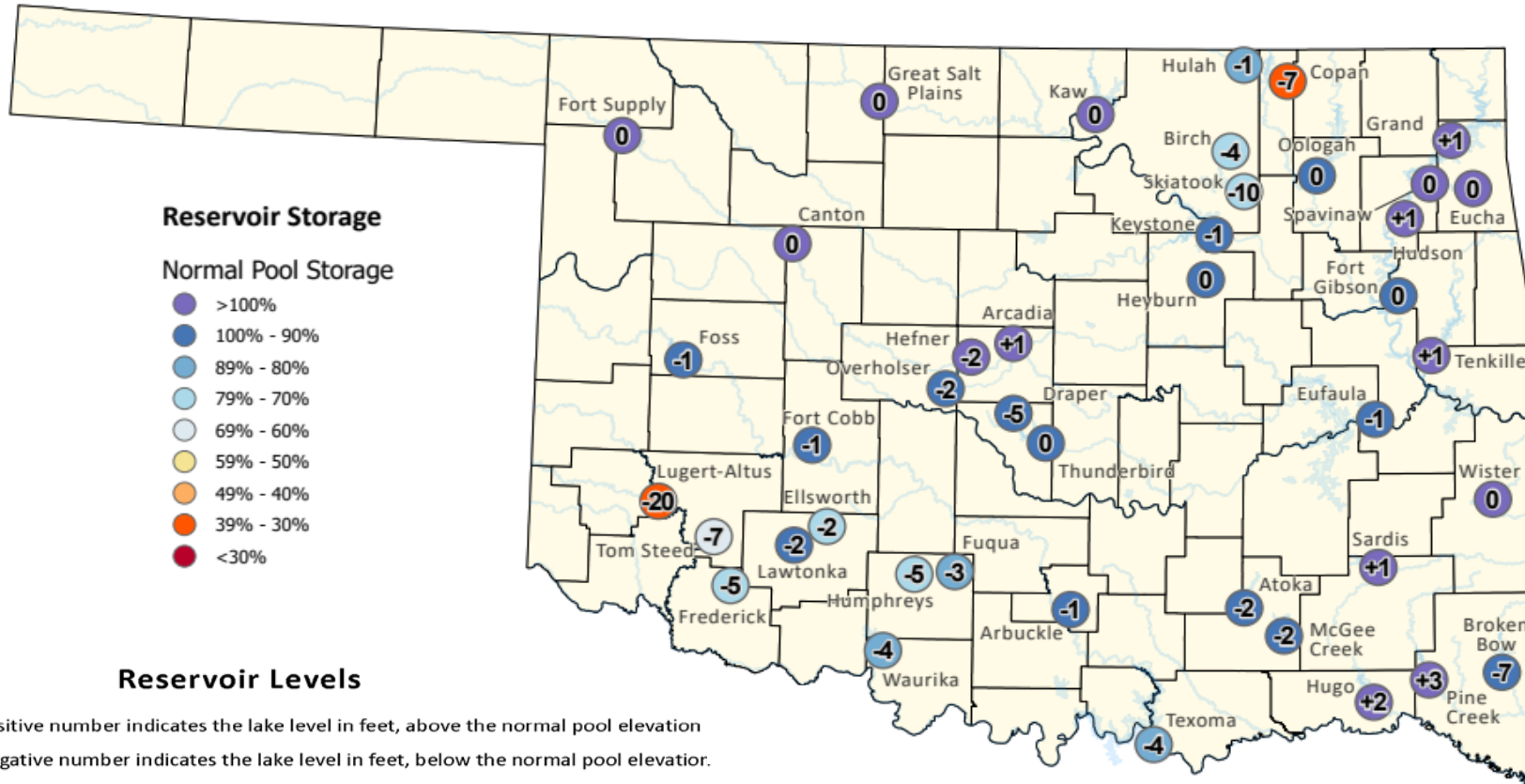
Reservoir Storage

Normal Pool Storage

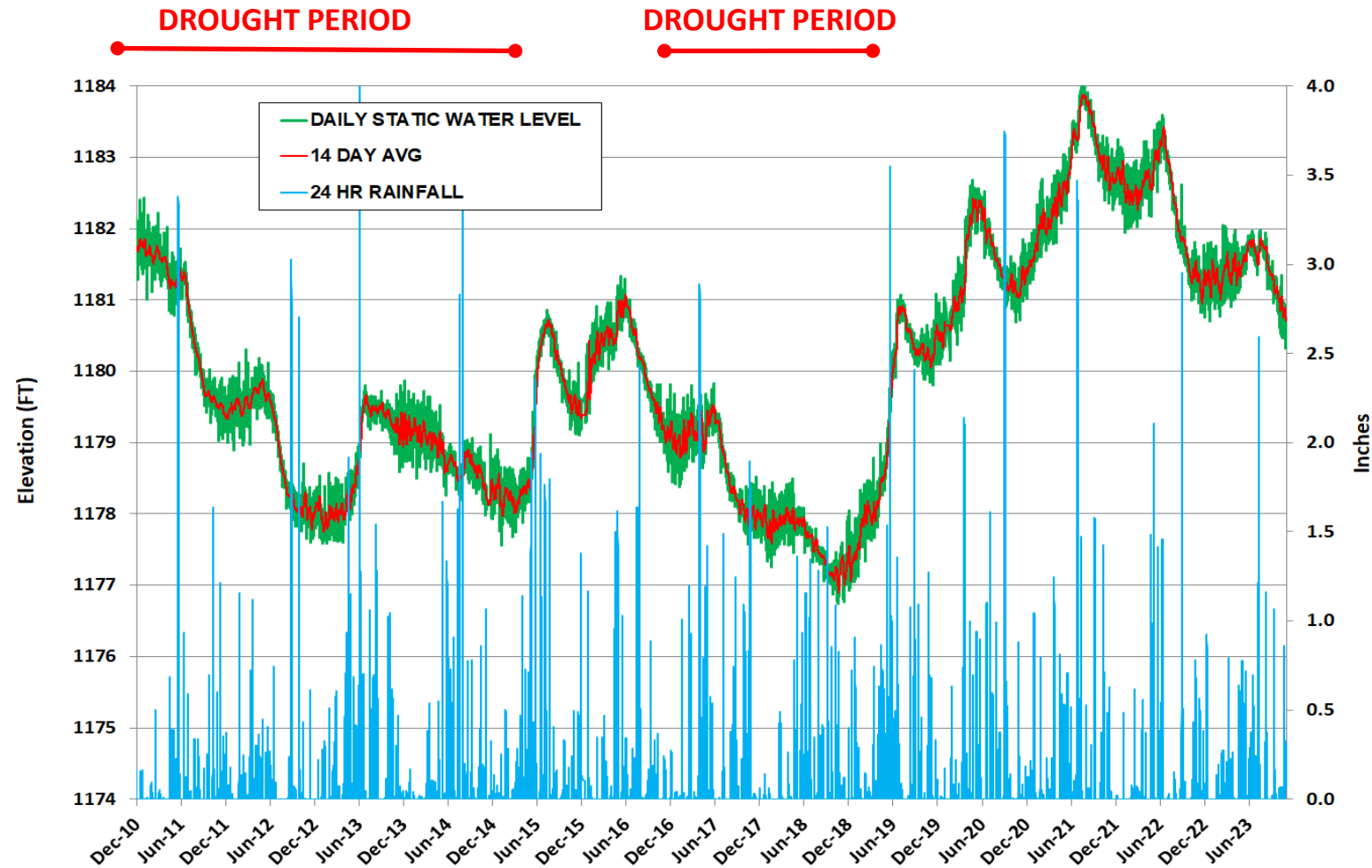


Reservoir Levels

- +1 Positive number indicates the lake level in feet, above the normal pool elevation
- 1 Negative number indicates the lake level in feet, below the normal pool elevation.



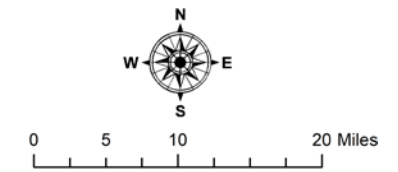
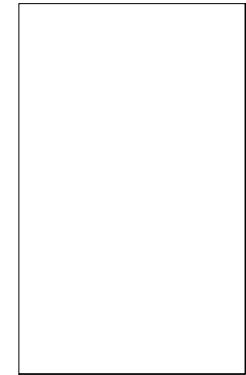
GROUNDWATER LEVELS SPENCER MESONET STATION



AQUIFER RECHARGE – Aug 2023



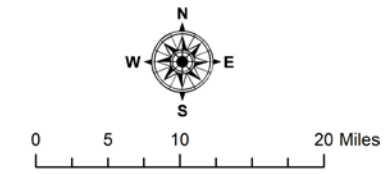
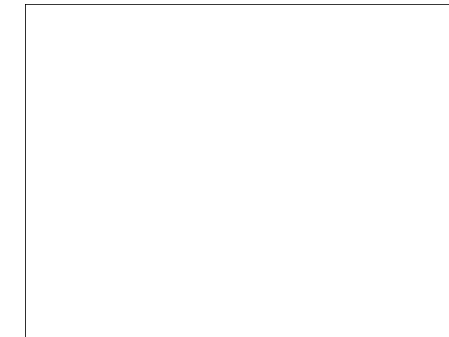
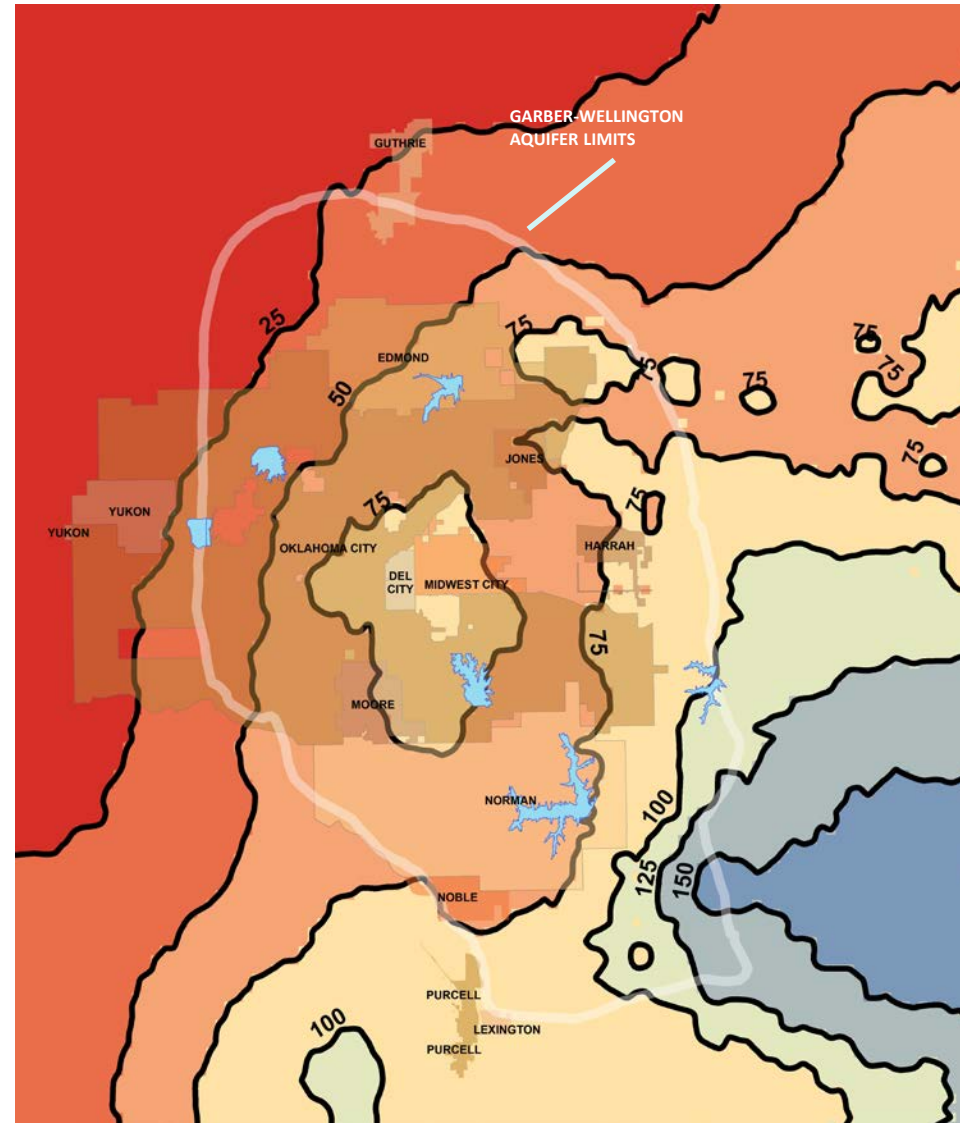
- Mean aquifer recharge in October 2023 was 0.01 inches.
- Normal average recharge for October is 0.26 inches.
- The 2023 cumulative yearly average is 1.29 inches less than normal at this time.



PERCENT TOTAL CUMULATIVE AQUIFER RECHARGE – Jan-Oct 2023



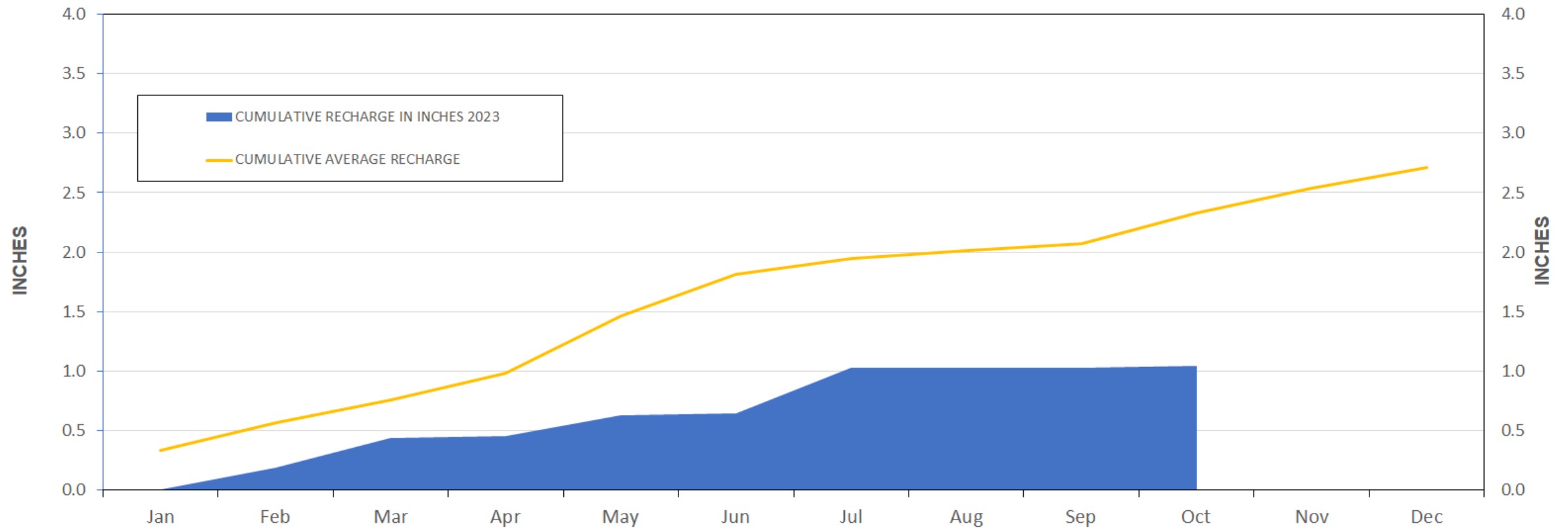
- Most of the recharge for 2023 so far this year is south and east of Shawnee.
- There was 0.01 inches of recharge to the aquifer in the month of October 2023.
- Normal average cumulative recharge for Jan-Oct is 2.33 inches.



RECHARGE CHARTS CENTRAL OKLAHOMA AQUIFER SYSTEM



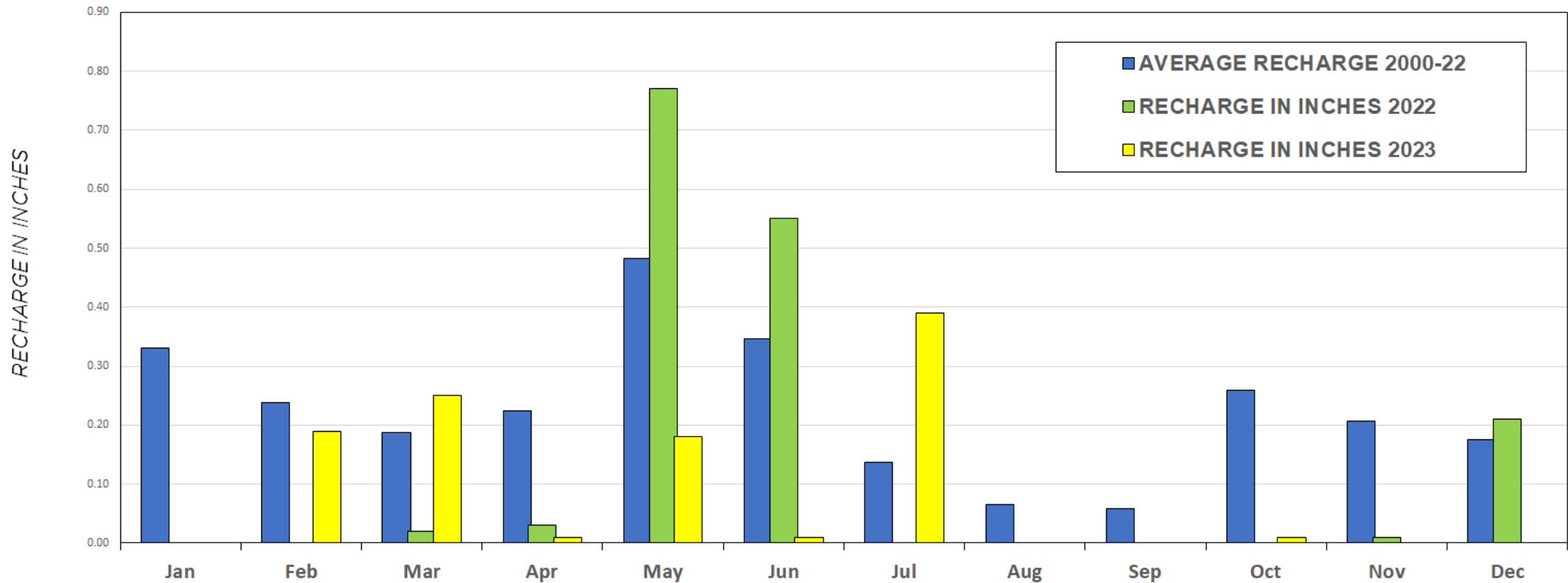
ACCUMULATED CENTRAL OKLAHOMA AQUIFER SYSTEM RECHARGE 2023



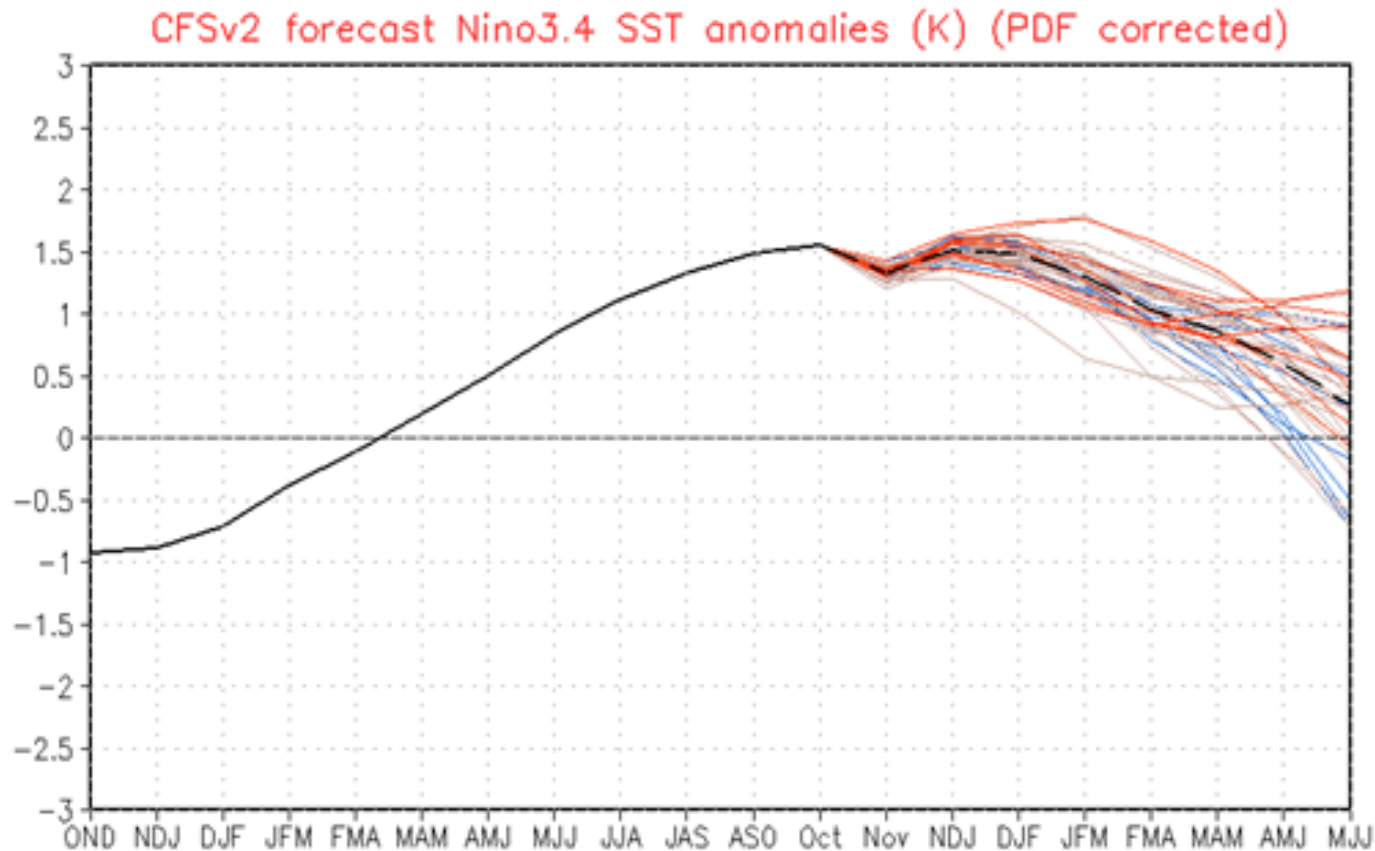
RECHARGE CHARTS CENTRAL OKLAHOMA AQUIFER SYSTEM CONTINUED



MONTHLY AQUIFER RECHARGE 2023



ENSO CYCLE - RECENT EVOLUTION, CURRENT STATUS AND PREDICTIONS



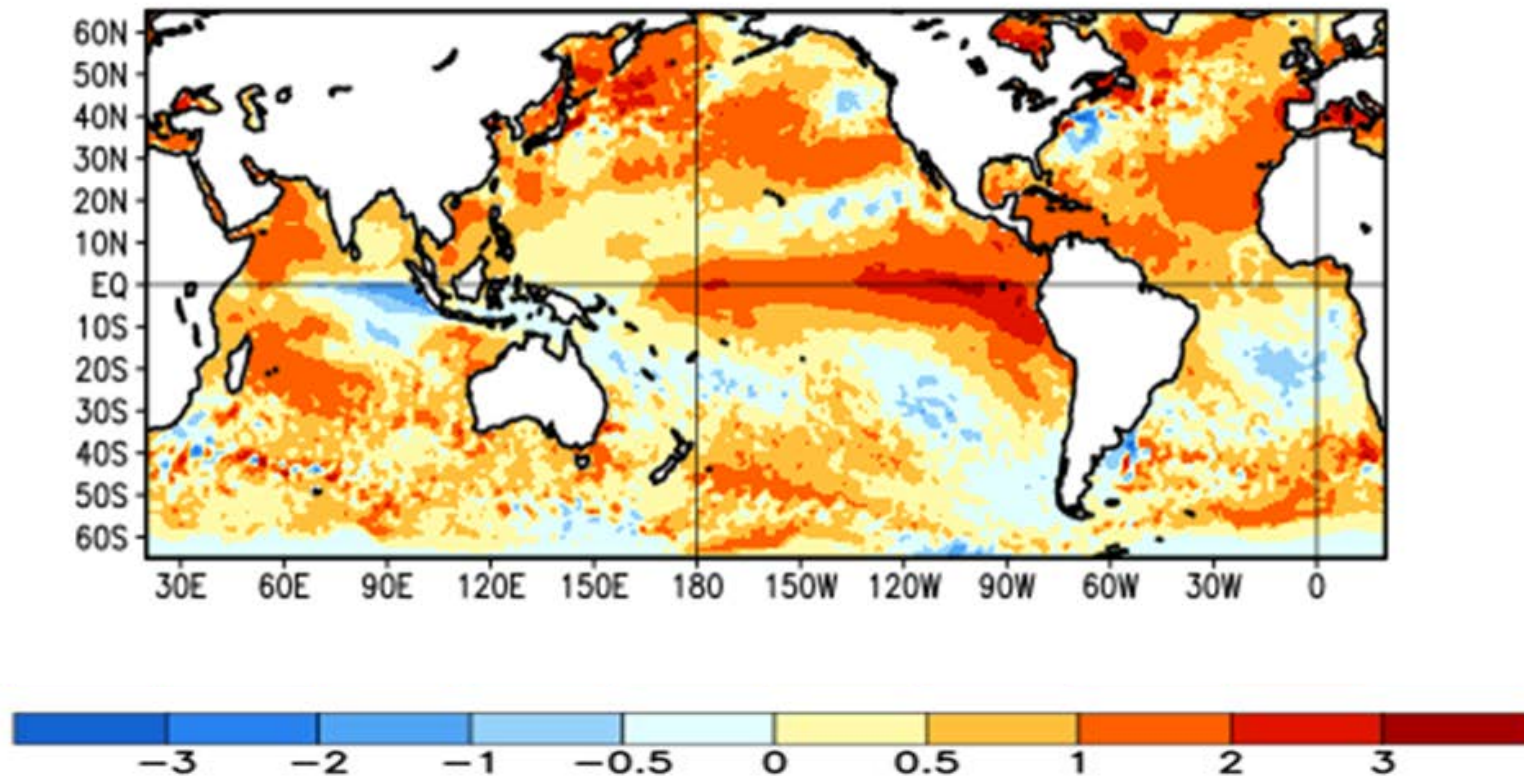
- Latest 8 forecast members
 - Earliest 8 forecast members
 - Other forecast members
- (Climatology base period: 1991–2020)
- Forecast ensemble mean
 - NCEP OIv2.1 daily analysis



ENSO CYCLE - RECENT EVOLUTION, CURRENT STATUS AND PREDICTIONS



Average SST Anomalies
1 OCT 2023 – 28 OCT 2023





ENSO ALERT SYSTEM STATUS: El Niño Advisory

- El Niño conditions are observed.
- Equatorial sea surface temperatures (SSTs) are above average across the central and eastern Pacific Ocean.
- The tropical Pacific atmospheric anomalies are consistent with El Niño.
- El Niño is anticipated to continue through the Northern Hemisphere spring (with an 80% chance during March-May 2024).



QUESTIONS?

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