



DROUGHT CONDITIONS

IN CENTRAL OKLAHOMA

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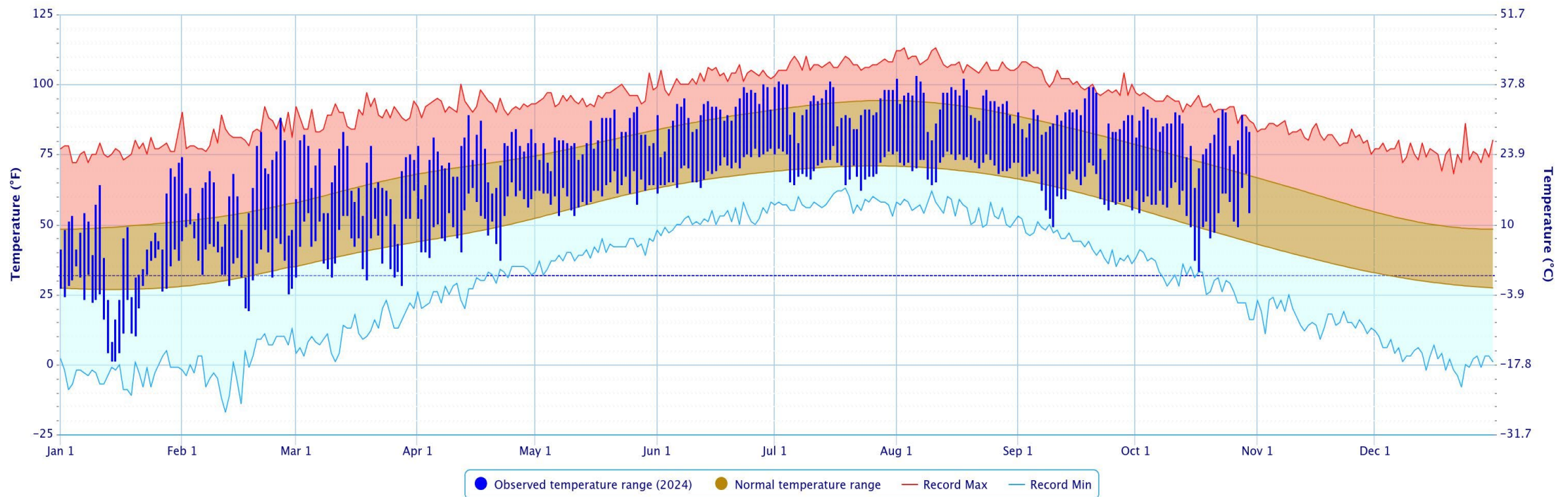
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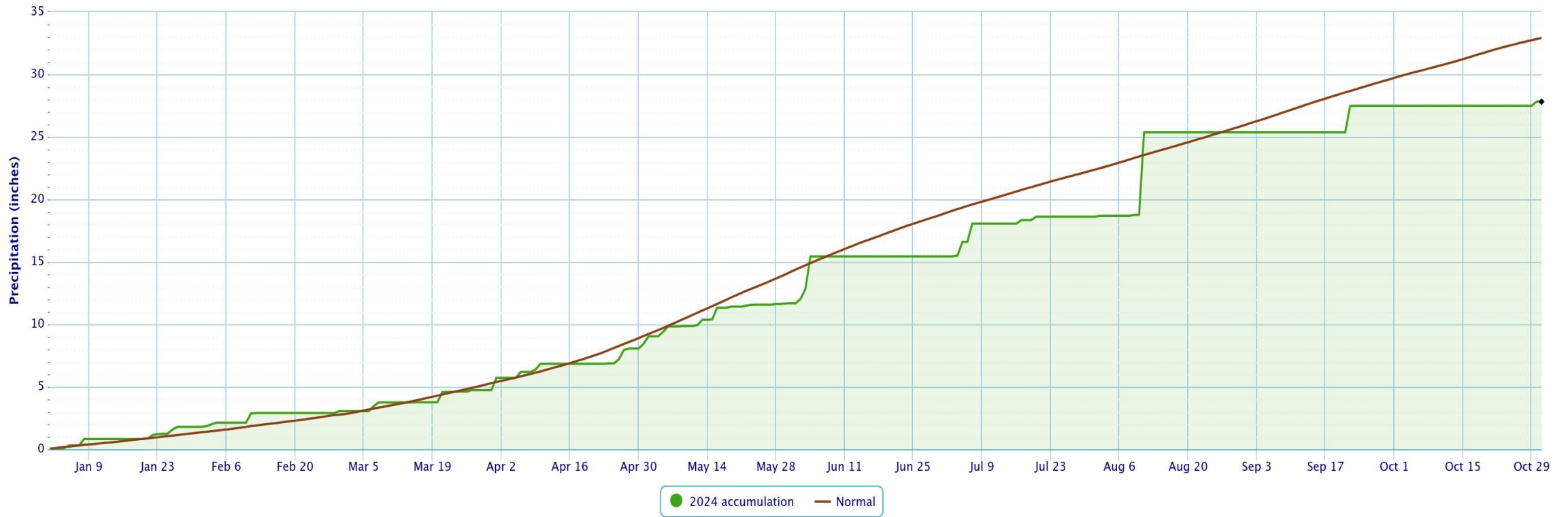
November 1, 2024

TEMPERATURE PLOT FOR OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA FOR 2024



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PRECIPITATION PLOT FOR OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA FOR 2024



RAINFALL SUMMARIES BY OKLAHOMA CLIMATE DIVISION



Calendar Year: Jan 1, 2024 – Oct 30, 2024

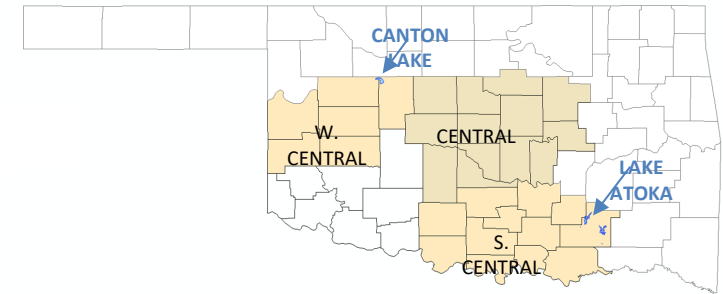
Climate Division	Total Rainfall	Departure from Normal	Pct of Normal	Rank since 1921 (88 periods)	Driest on Record	Wettest on Record
W. Central	17.85"	-7.76"	70%	12th driest	11.28"	39.94"
Central	26.34"	-6.80"	79%	24th driest	17.02"	50.80"
S. Central	30.66"	-4.53"	87%	36th driest	16.26"	55.78"
Statewide	26.21"	-5.60"	82%	25th driest	16.95"	43.62"

Water Year: Oct 1, 2024 – Oct 30, 2024

Climate Division	Total Rainfall	Departure from Normal	Pct of Normal	Rank since 1921 (88 periods)	Driest on Record	Wettest on Record
W. Central	0.26"	-2.49"	9%	9th driest	0.00" 1952	8.86" 1923
Central	0.92"	-2.70"	25%	13th driest	0.03" 1952	12.66" 1941
S. Central	0.32"	-3.85"	8%	5th driest	0.05" 1921	14.88" 1981
Statewide	0.63"	-2.79"	18%	7th driest	0.13" 1952	10.35" 1941

Autumn 2024: Sep 1, 2024 – Oct 30, 2024

Climate Division	Total Rainfall	Departure from Normal	Pct of Normal	Rank since 1921 (88 periods)	Driest on Record	Wettest on Record
W. Central	1.94"	-3.61"	35%	12th driest	0.26" 1952	17.16" 1923
Central	2.42"	-5.03"	33%	5th driest	0.57" 1952	19.10" 1923
S. Central	1.41"	-6.73"	17%	2nd driest	0.59" 1952	19.56" 2018
Statewide	2.12"	-4.84"	30%	4th driest	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.

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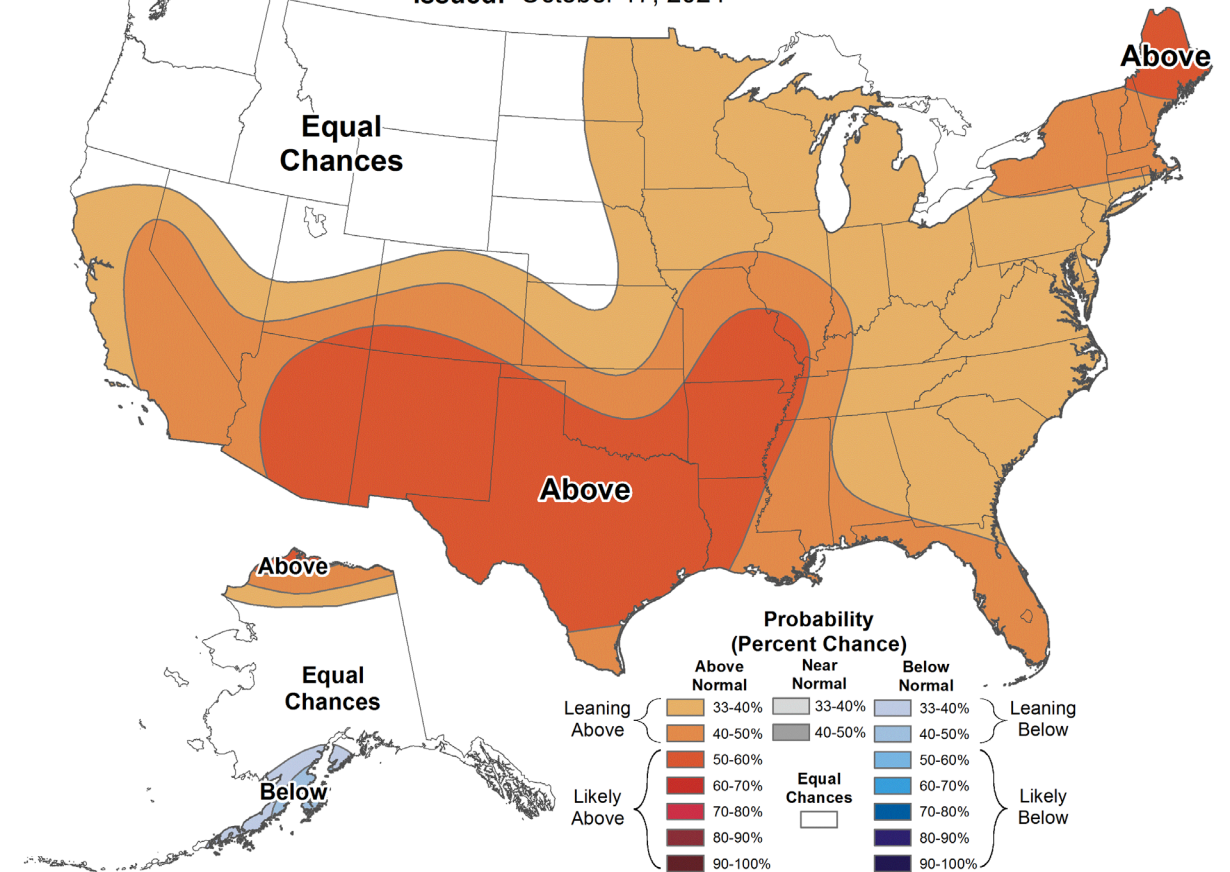
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Monthly Temperature Outlook



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NOAA ONE-MONTH PRECIPITATION OUTLOOK



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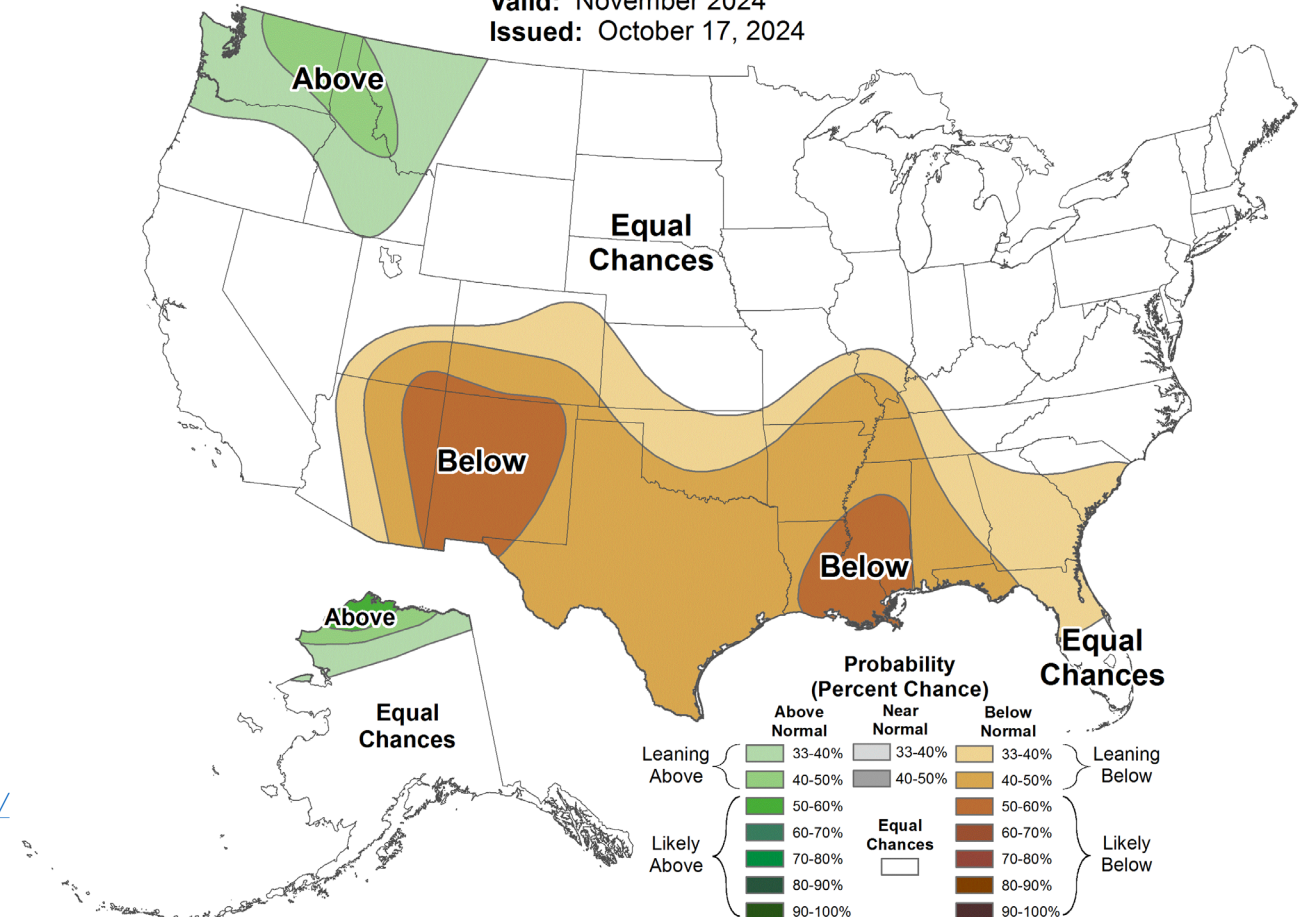
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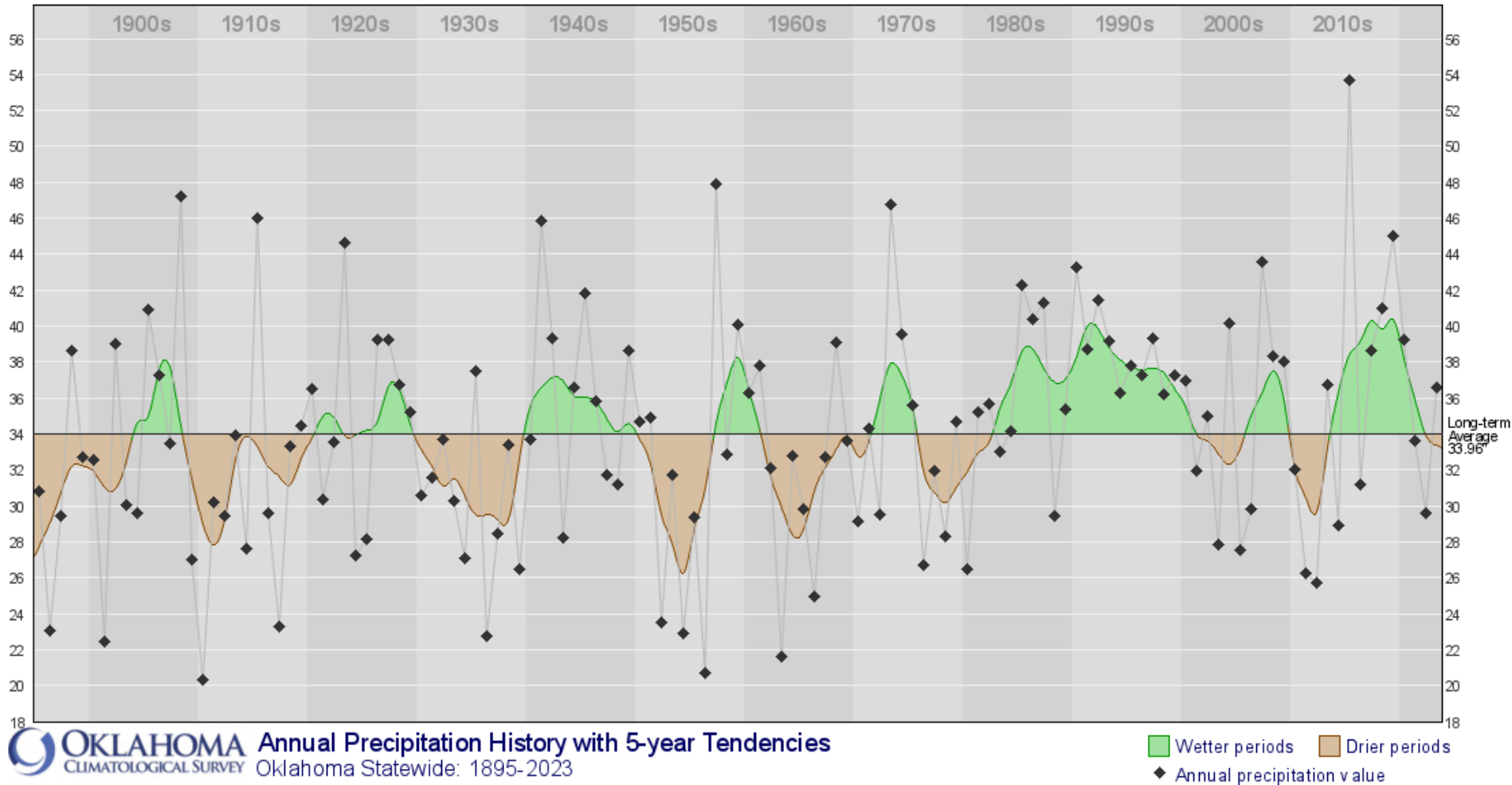
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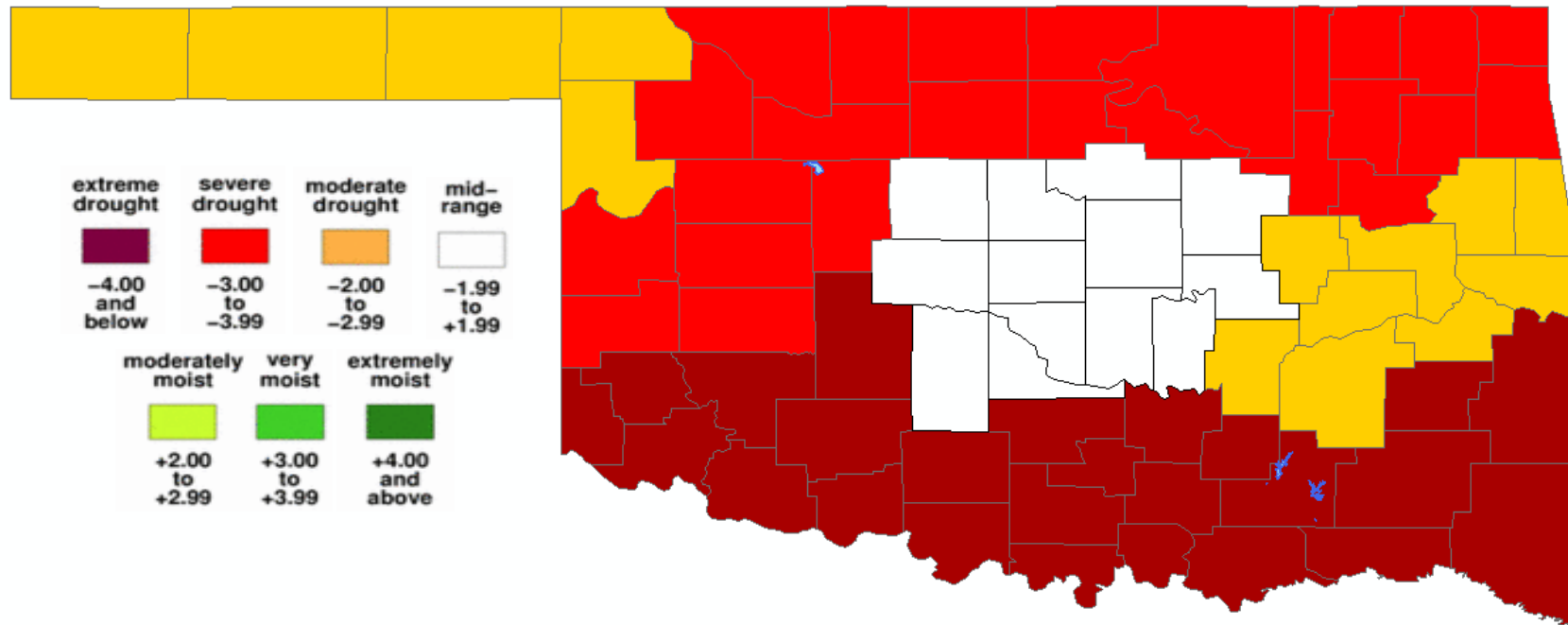
Annual Precipitation History with 5-Year Tendencies



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



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.

PALMER VALUE

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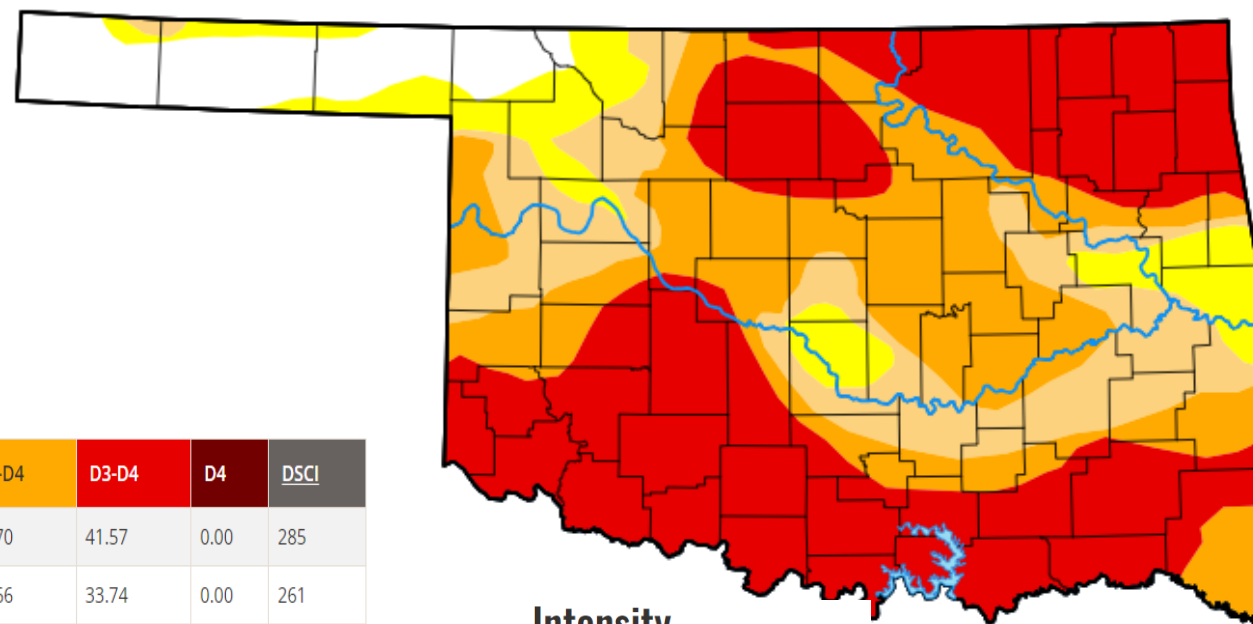
U.S. DROUGHT MONITOR - OKLAHOMA



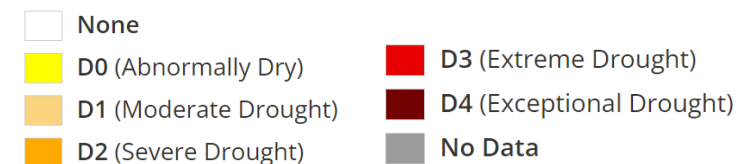
October 31, 2024

Abnormal dryness or drought is currently affecting approximately 3,225,910 people in Oklahoma.

Week	Date	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4	DSCI
Current	2024-10-29	7.73	92.27	83.54	67.70	41.57	0.00	285
Last Week to Current	2024-10-22	10.17	89.83	78.62	58.66	33.74	0.00	261
3 Months Ago to Current	2024-07-30	30.79	69.21	22.00	3.78	0.00	0.00	95
Start of Calendar Year to Current	2023-12-26	53.62	46.38	21.64	3.08	0.00	0.00	71
Start of Water Year to Current	2024-10-01	22.82	77.18	61.31	37.39	11.50	0.00	187
One Year Ago to Current	2023-10-31	49.73	50.27	35.82	13.68	1.16	0.00	101



Intensity



U.S. DROUGHT MONITOR NATIONWIDE MAP



Map released: October 31, 2024

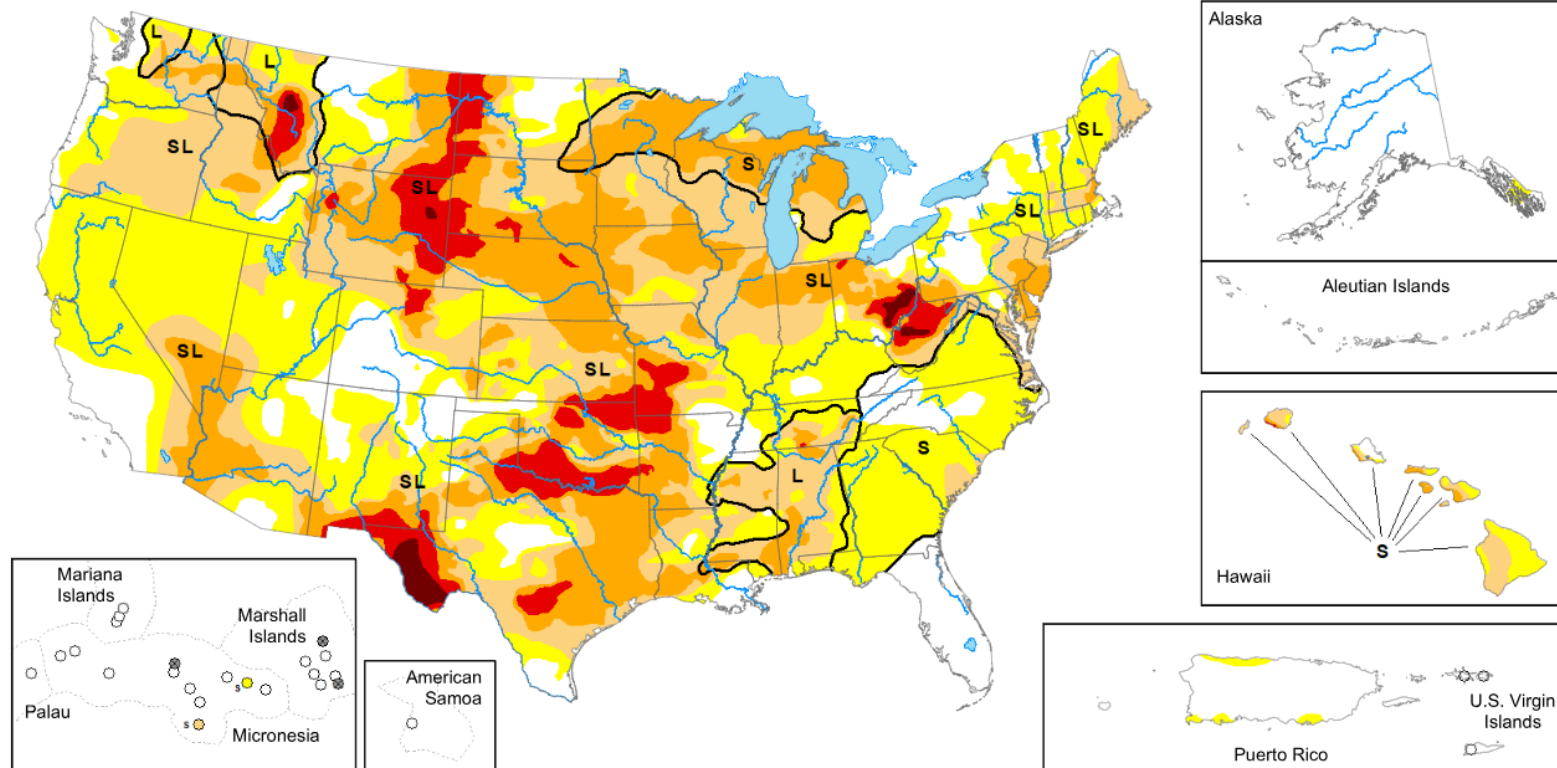
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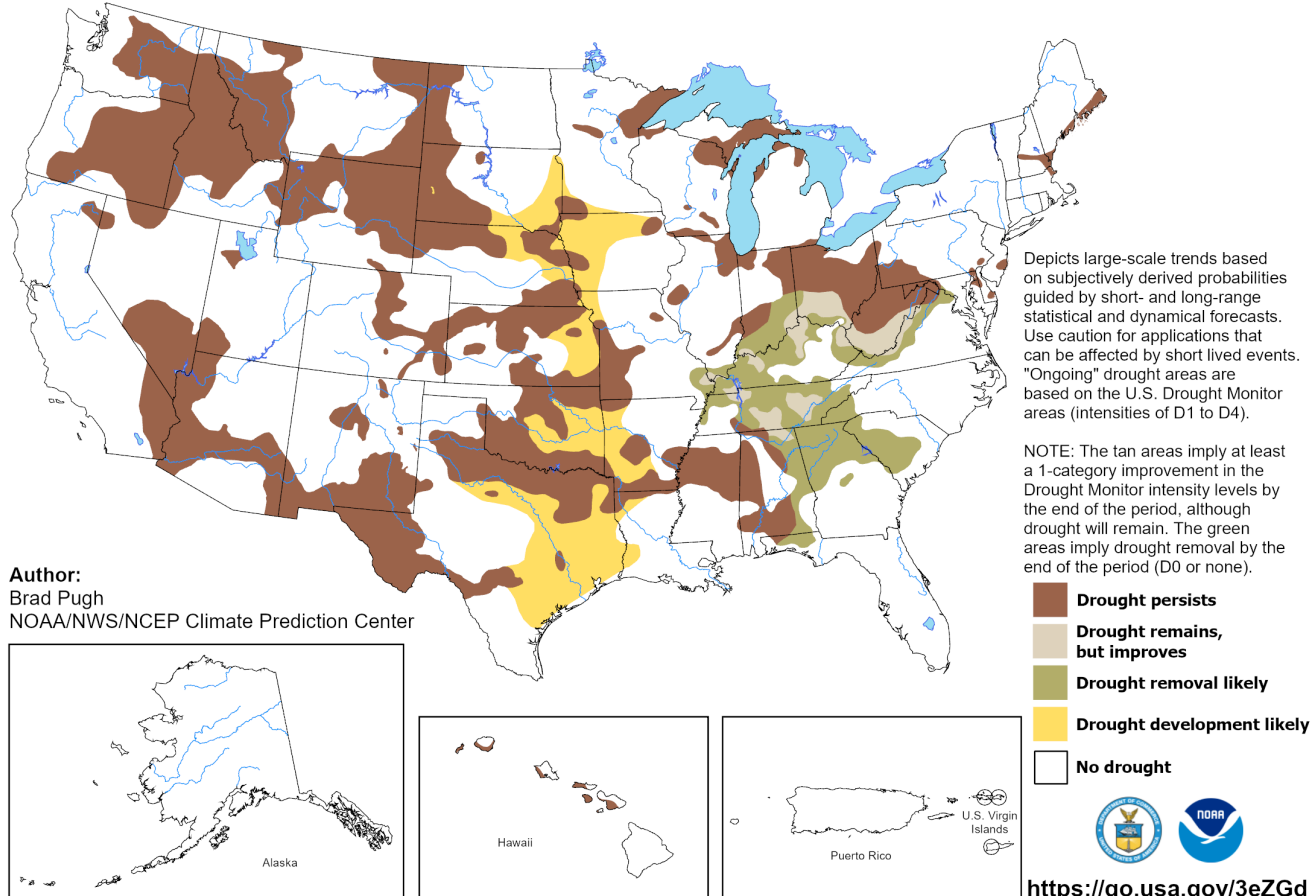


U.S. DROUGHT MONITOR MONTHLY DROUGHT OUTLOOK MAP



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

Valid for October 2024
Released September 30, 2024



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).

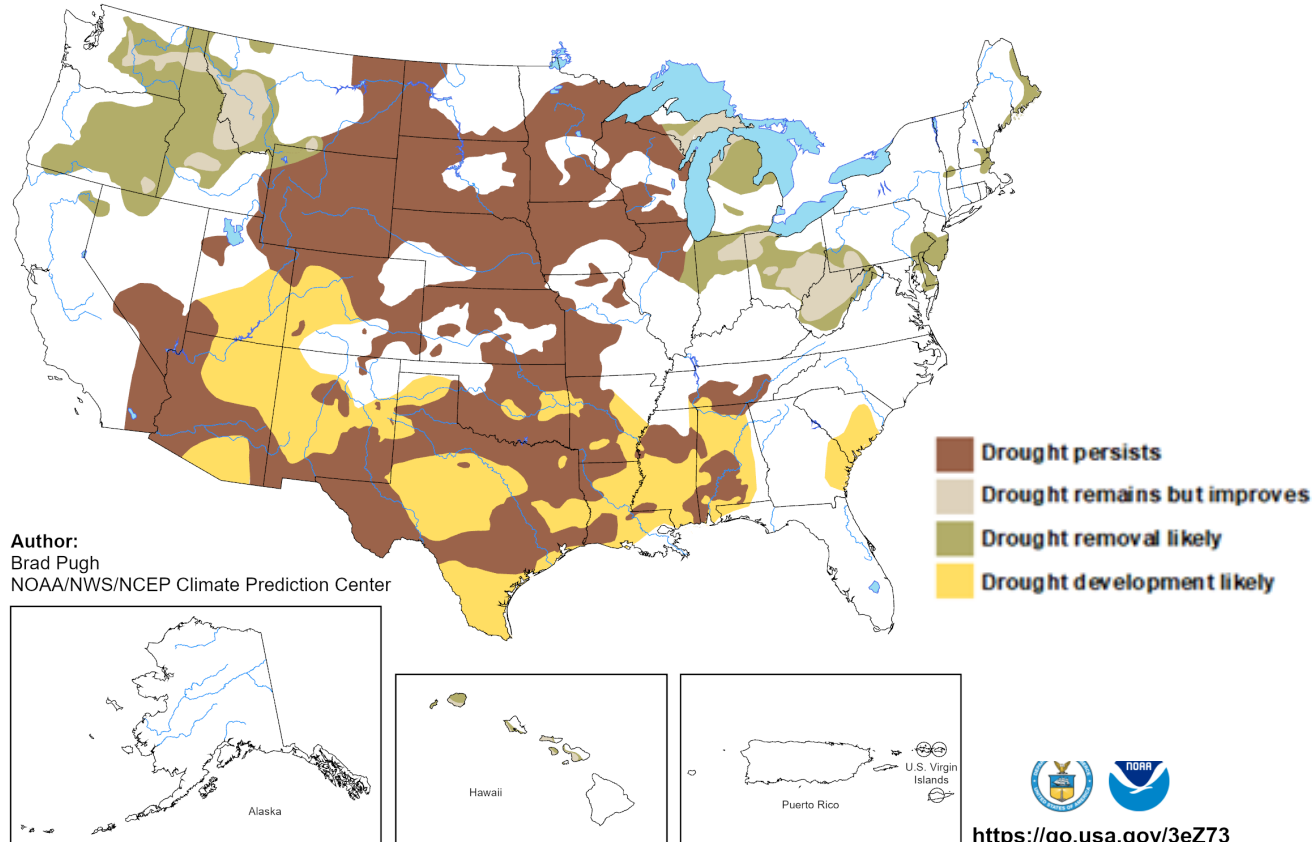
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U.S. DROUGHT MONITOR SEASONAL DROUGHT OUTLOOK MAP



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

Valid for October 17, 2024 - January 31, 2025
Released October 17, 2024



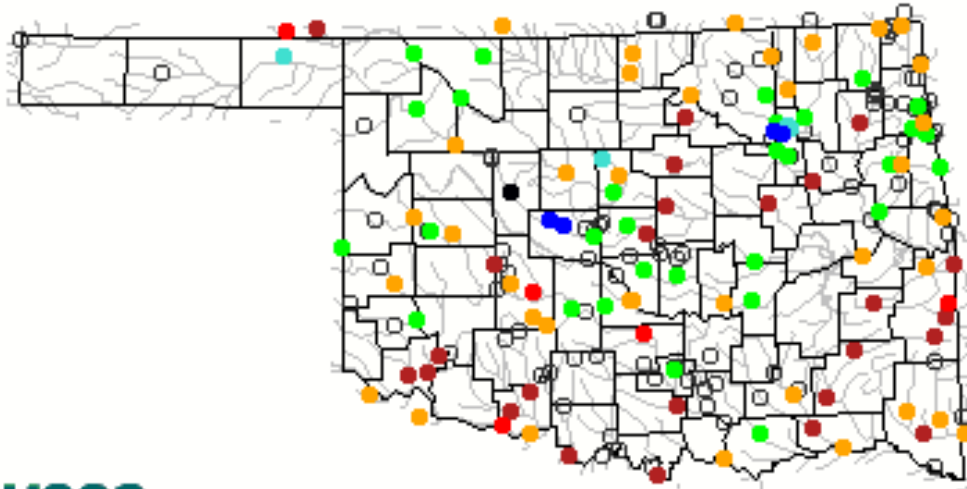
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USGS STREAMFLOW DATA

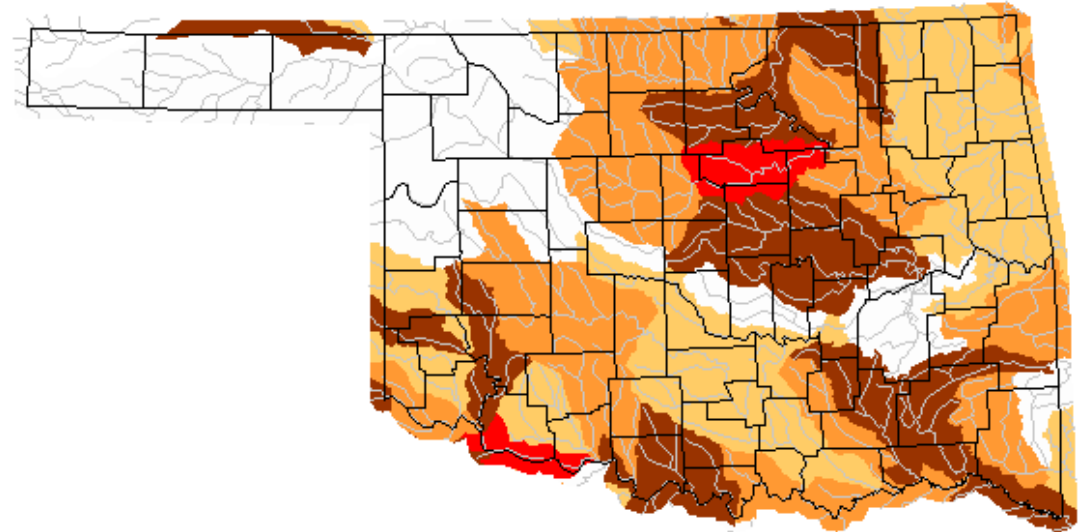


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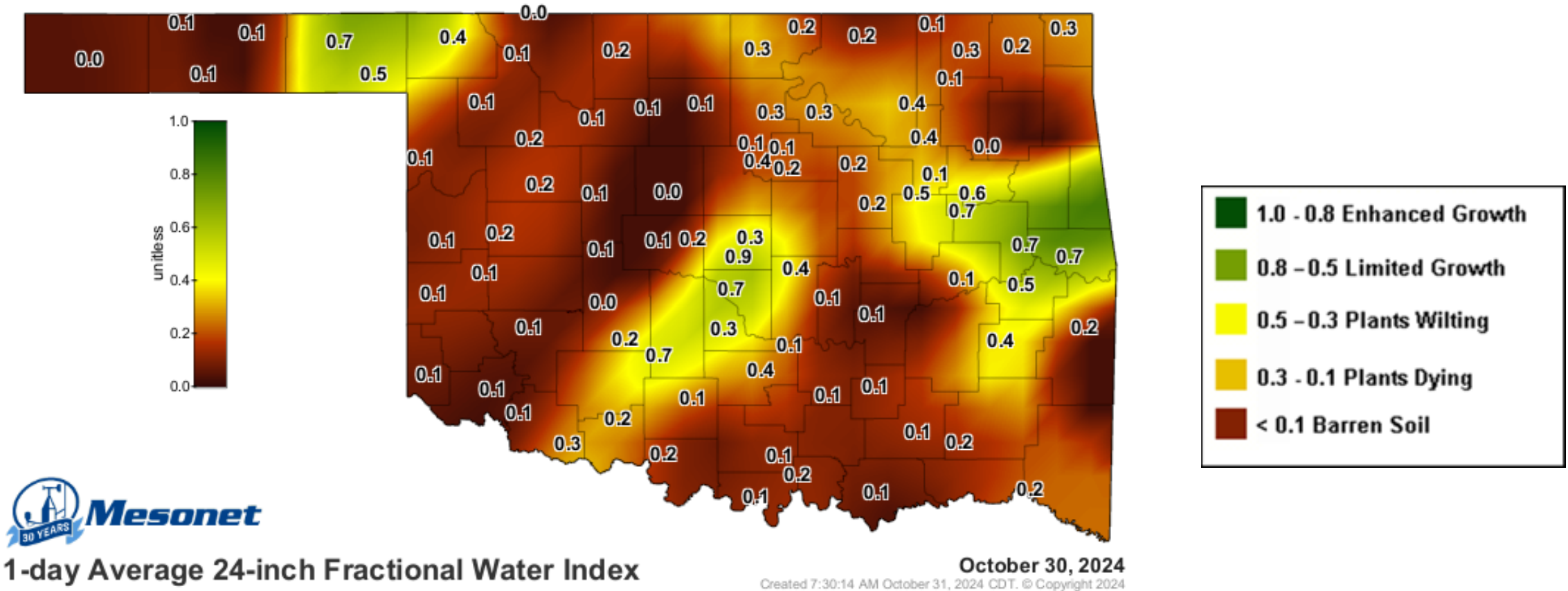
Explanation - Percentile classes							
Low	<10	10-24	25-75	76-90	>90	High	Not-ranked
	Much below normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal		

Below normal 28-day average streamflow



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

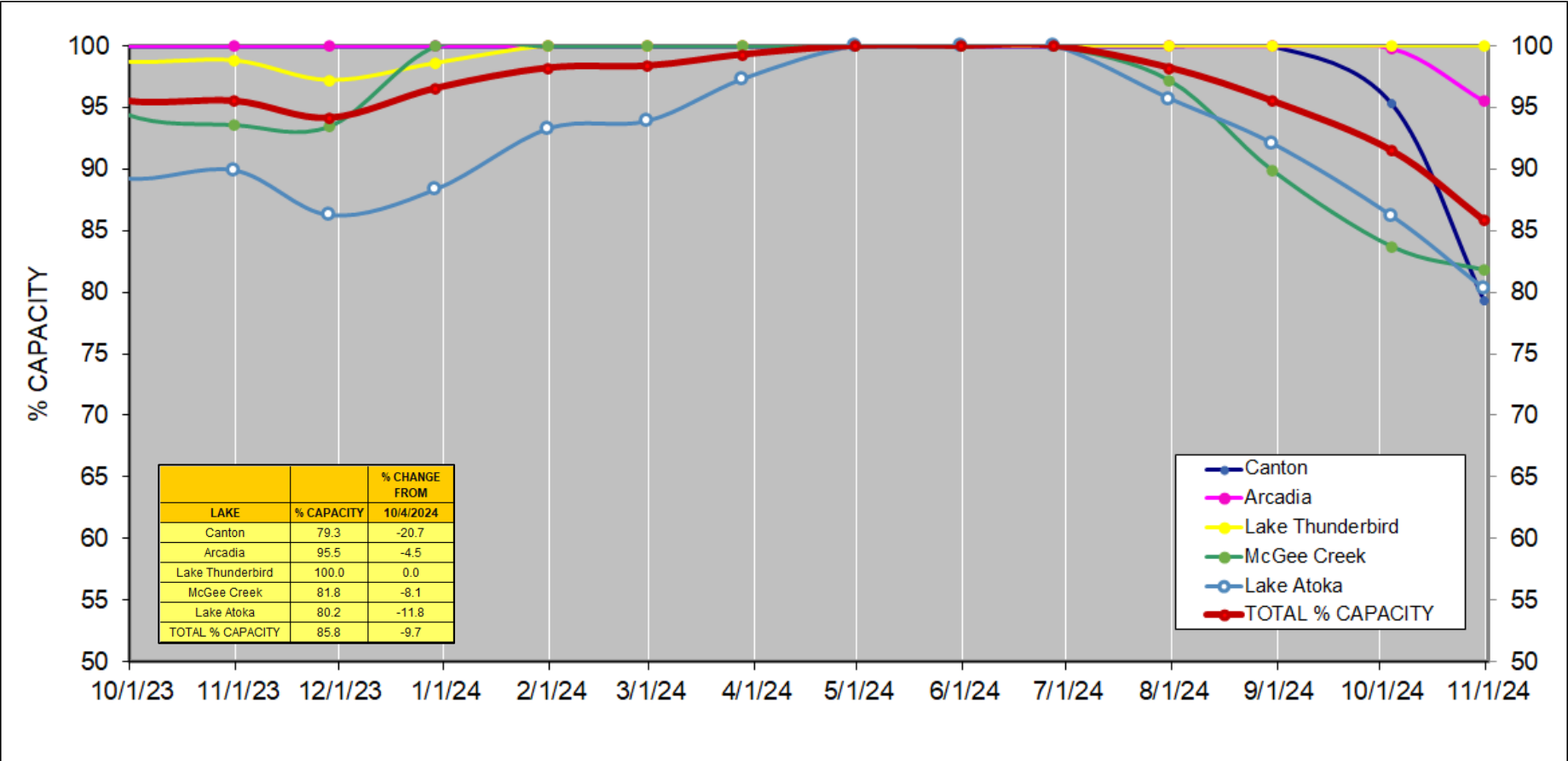




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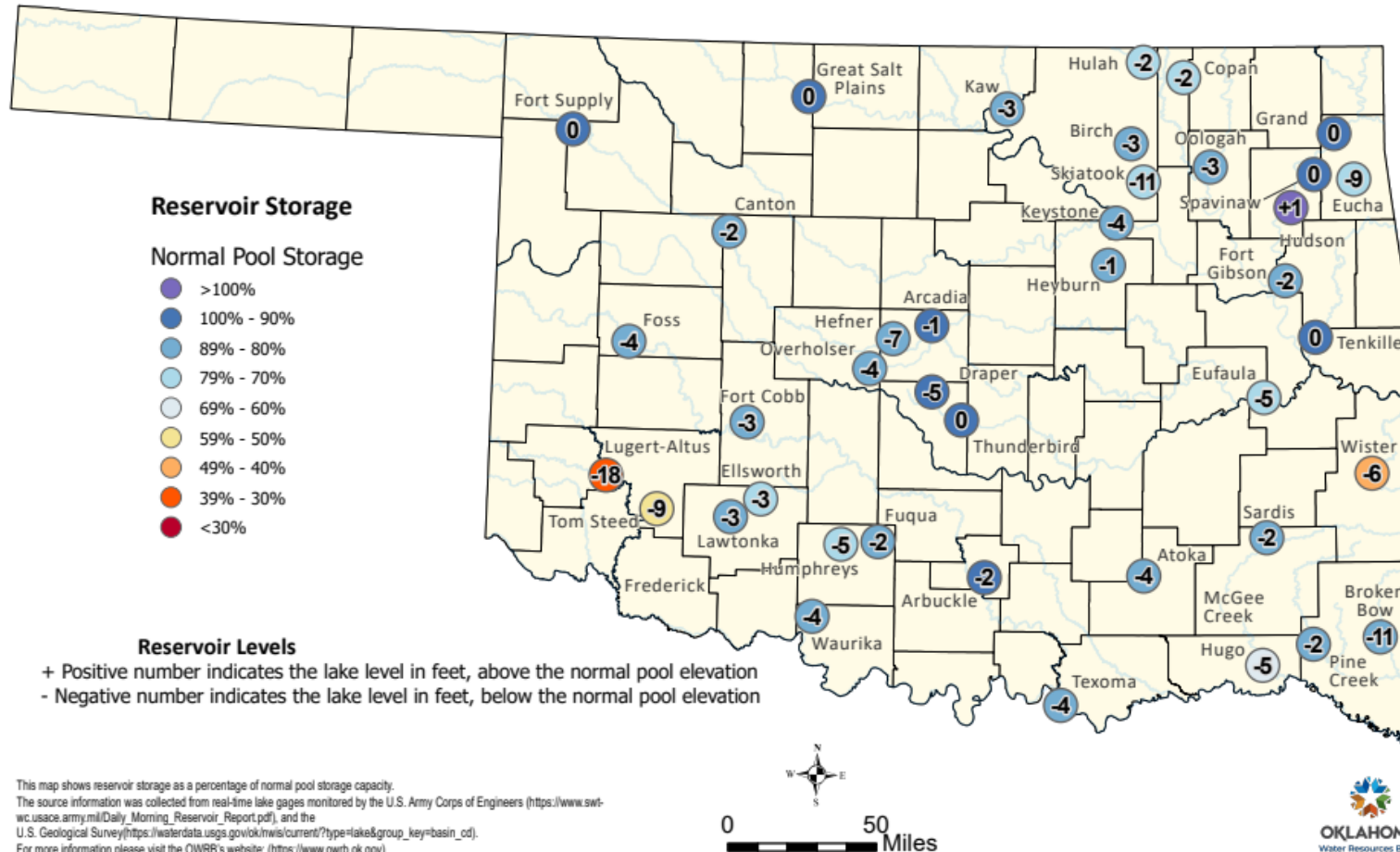
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PERCENTAGE OF SURFACE WATER CONSERVATION CAPACITY IN CENTRAL OK RESERVOIRS



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

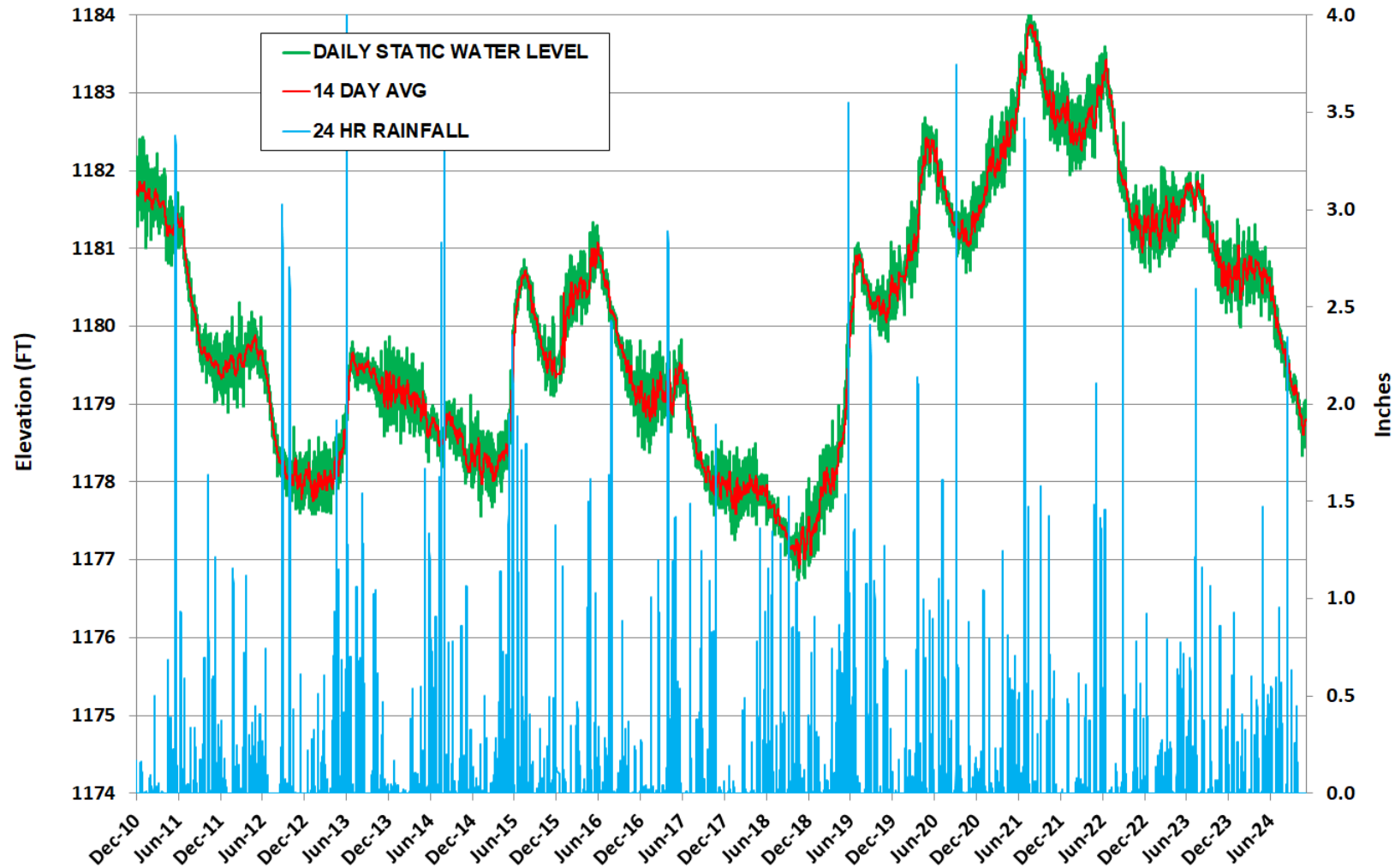


OKLAHOMA RESERVOIR LEVELS AND STORAGE AS OF 10/28/2024

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/locations/oklahoma/conditions-for-usgs-07333010-atoka-reservoir-near-stringtown-ok)). For more information, please visit the OWRB's website: (<https://www.owrb.ok.gov>).

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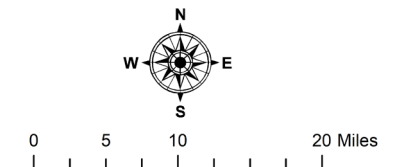
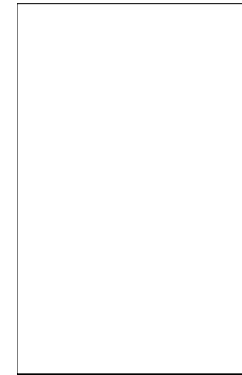
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MONTHLY AQUIFER RECHARGE



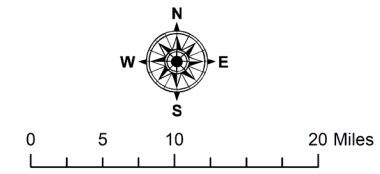
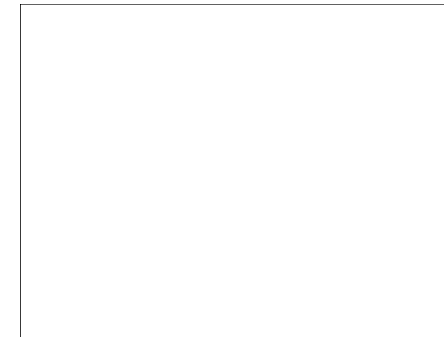
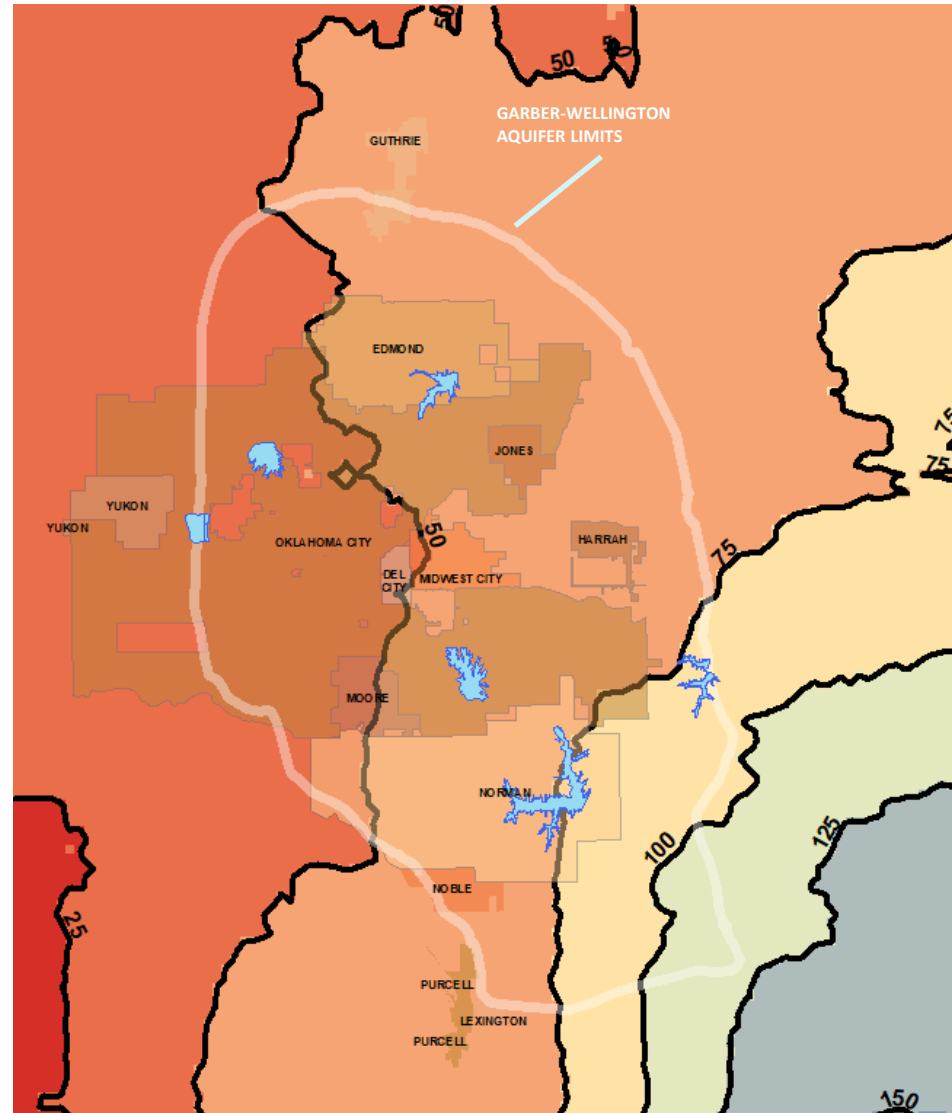
- Mean aquifer recharge in October 2024 was zero inches.
- Normal mean recharge for October is 0.25 inches.
- We are -0.73 inches below normal for 2024.



PERCENT TOTAL CUMULATIVE AQUIFER RECHARGE – Last 12 Months



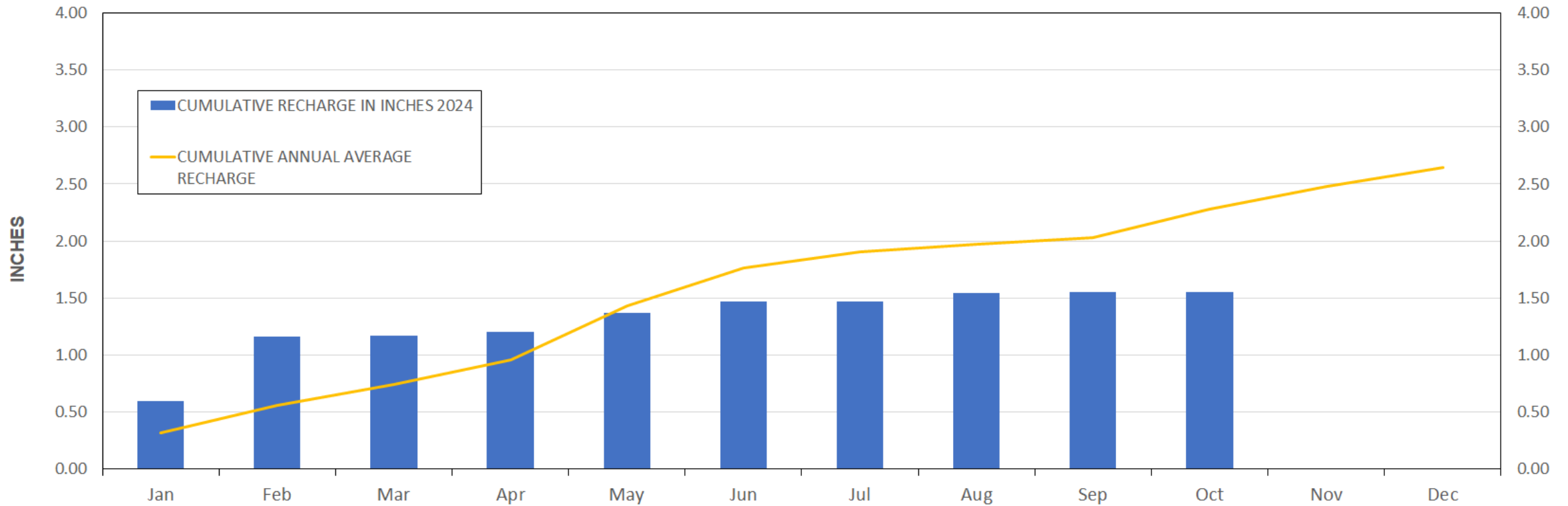
- Most of the recharge in the past 12 months was south and east of the metropolitan area.
- October 2024 had no recharge. Average October recharge is 0.25 inches.
- Over the past 12 months the metropolitan area has received about 50% of normal recharge.



RECHARGE CHARTS CENTRAL OKLAHOMA AQUIFER SYSTEM



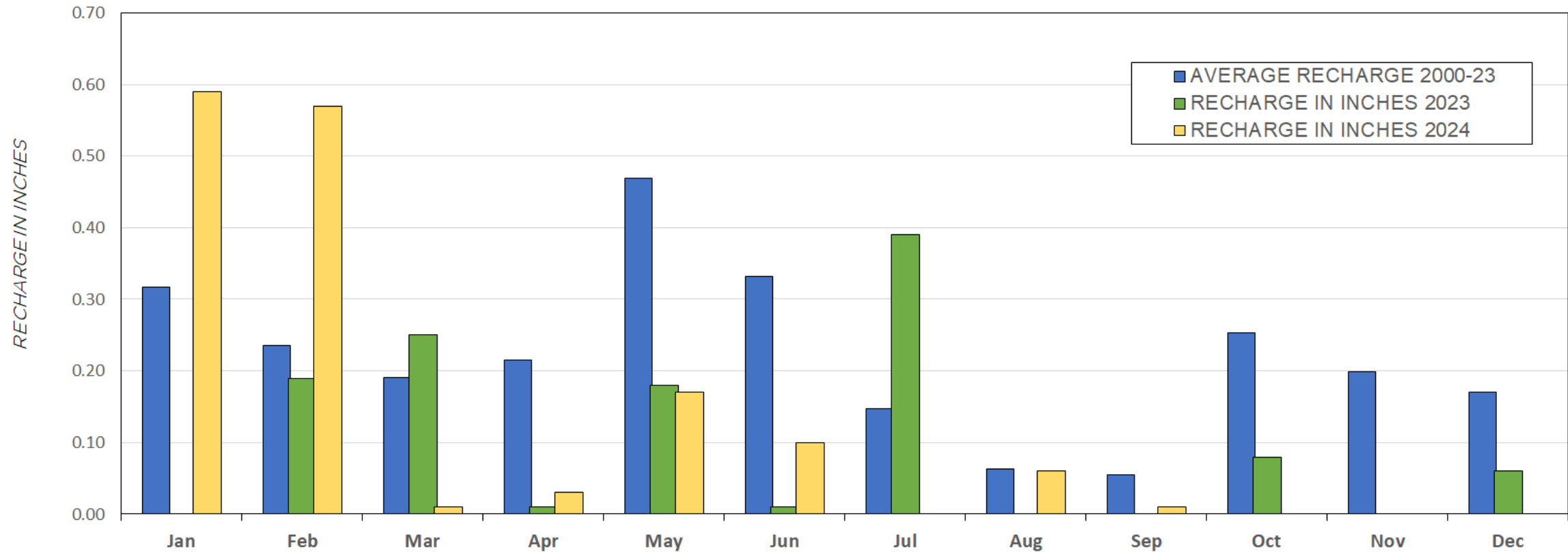
ACCUMULATED CENTRAL OKLAHOMA AQUIFER SYSTEM RECHARGE 2024



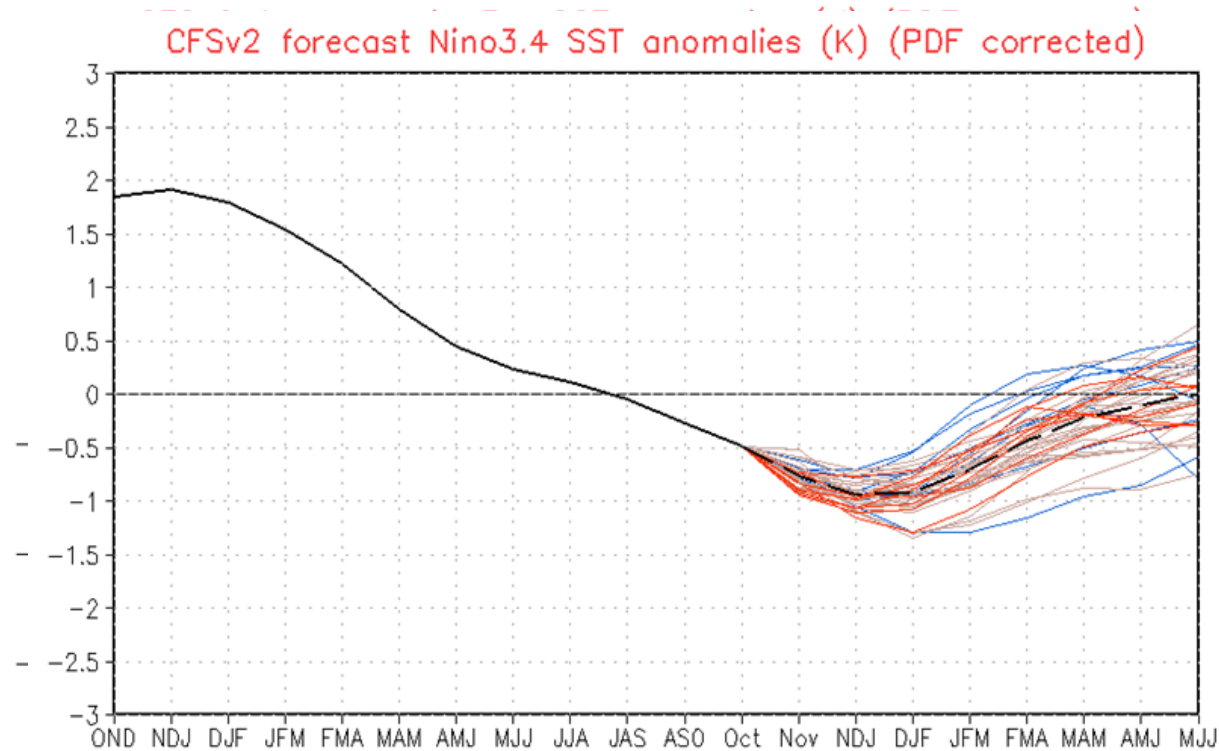
RECHARGE CHARTS CENTRAL OKLAHOMA AQUIFER SYSTEM CONTINUED



MONTHLY AQUIFER RECHARGE 2024



ENSO CYCLE - RECENT EVOLUTION, CURRENT STATUS AND PREDICTIONS

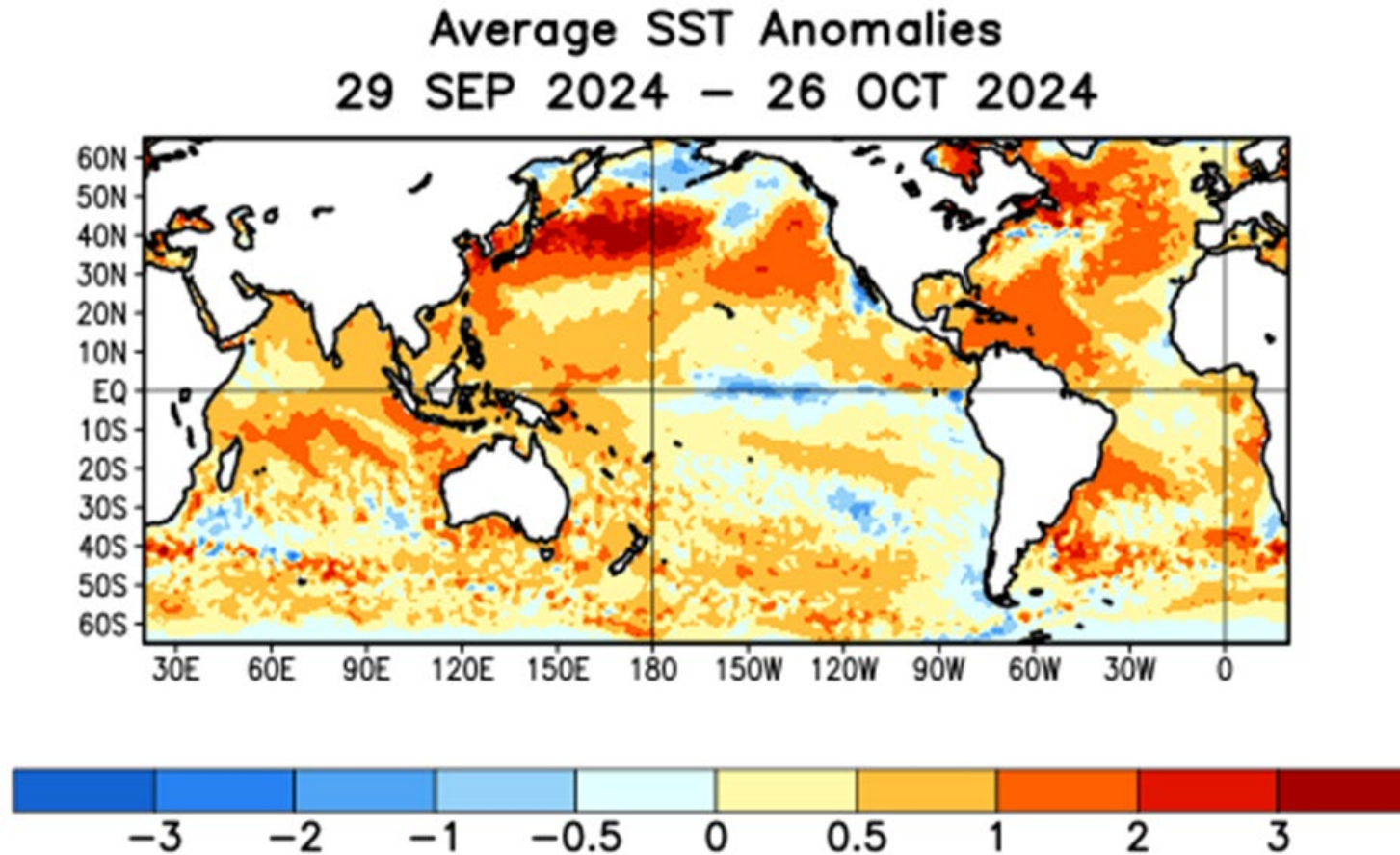


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— Earliest 8 forecast members
— Other forecast members
(Climatology base period: 1991–2020)

— Forecast ensemble mean
— NCEP OIv2.1 daily analysis



ENSO CYCLE - RECENT EVOLUTION, CURRENT STATUS AND PREDICTIONS





ENSO Alert System Status: La Niña Watch

- ENSO-neutral conditions are present.
- Equatorial sea surface temperatures (SSTs) are near-to-below-average in the central and eastern Pacific Ocean.
- La Niña is favored to emerge in September-November (60% chance) and is expected to persist through January-March 2025.



QUESTIONS?

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