DROUGHT CONDITIONS

IN CENTRAL OKLAHOMA

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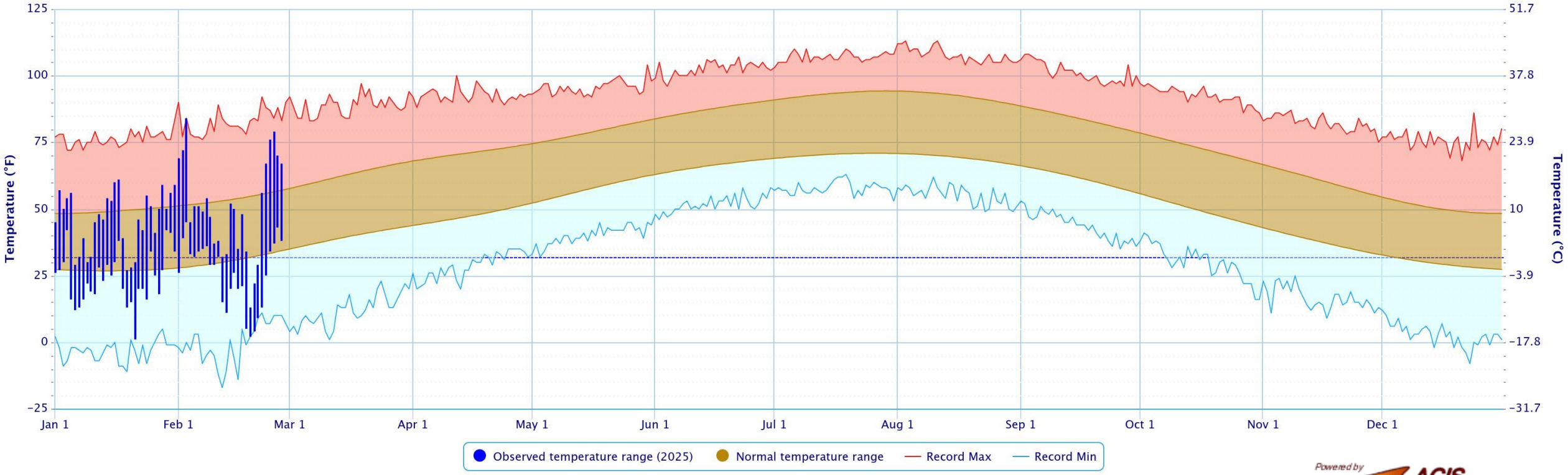
TEMPERATURE PLOT FOR OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA FOR 2025



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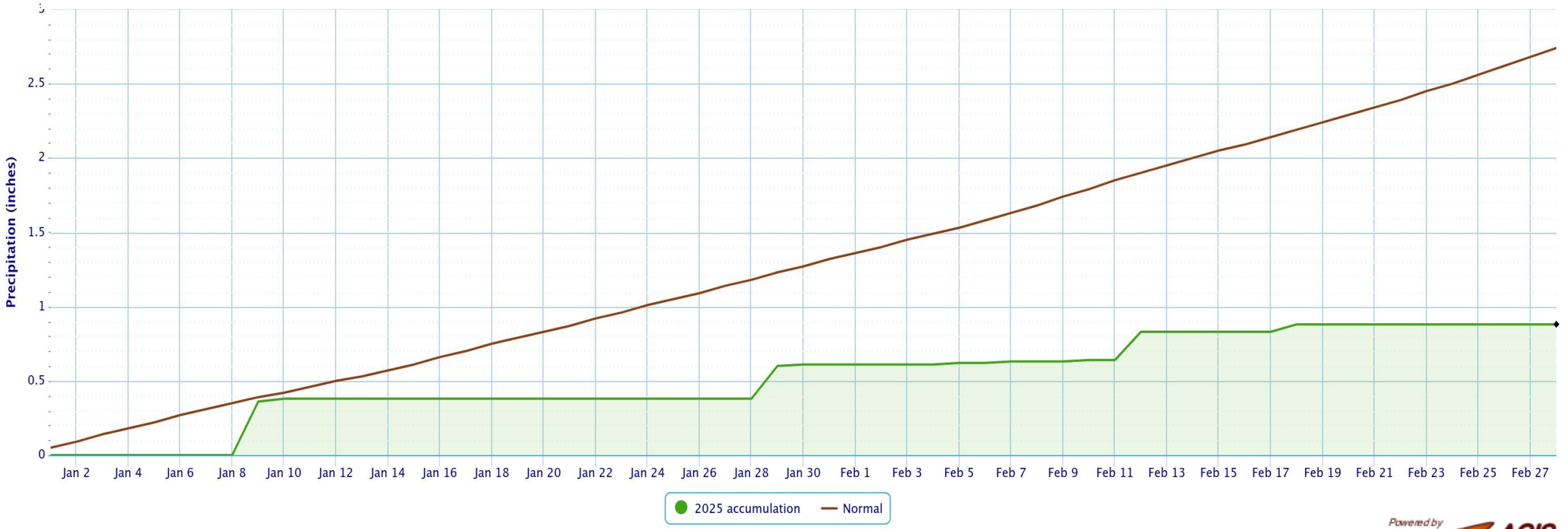
PRECIPITATION PLOT FOR OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA FOR 2025



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RAINFALL SUMMARIES BY OKLAHOMA CLIMATE DIVISION

Calendar Year 01-Jan-2024 though 27-Feb-2025

Climate Division	Total Rainfall	Departure from Normal	Pct of Normal	Rank since 1921 (88 periods)	Driest on Record	Wettest on Record
W. Central	0.53"	-1.49"	26%	14th driest	0.13"	5.04"
Central	1.09"	-2.07"	35%	13th driest	0.40"	7.74"
S. Central	2.28"	-1.96"	54%	24th driest	0.44"	11.02"
Statewide	1.87"	-1.44"	56%	22nd driest	0.59"	7.56"

Water Year: 01-Oct-2023 through 27-Feb-2025

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W. Central	9.03"	+1.47"	1.19	28th wettest	1.47"	15.79"
Central	11.68"	+0.41"	1.04	27th wettest	3.00"	22.08"
S. Central	12.78"	-1.15"	0.92	44th wettest	3.74"	25.67"
Statewide	12.07"	+0.68"	1.06	30th wettest	3.56"	18.93"

Winter Dec 01 through 27-Feb-2025

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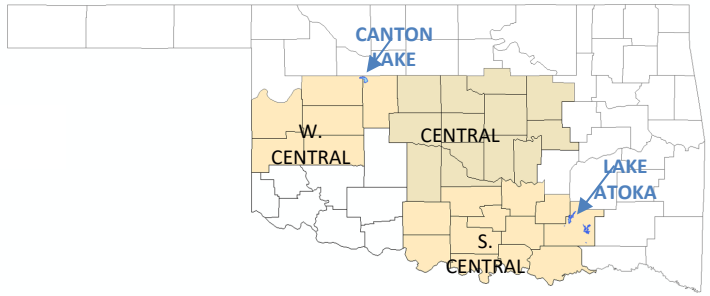
Central	2.23"	-2.92"	0.43	9th driest	0.90"	14.01"
S. Central	4.45"	-2.38"	0.65	28th driest	1.99"	13.14"
Statewide	3.39"	-1.99"	0.63	23rd driest	1.51"	10.38"



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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/drought_wildfire

NOAA ONE-MONTH TEMPERATURE OUTLOOK

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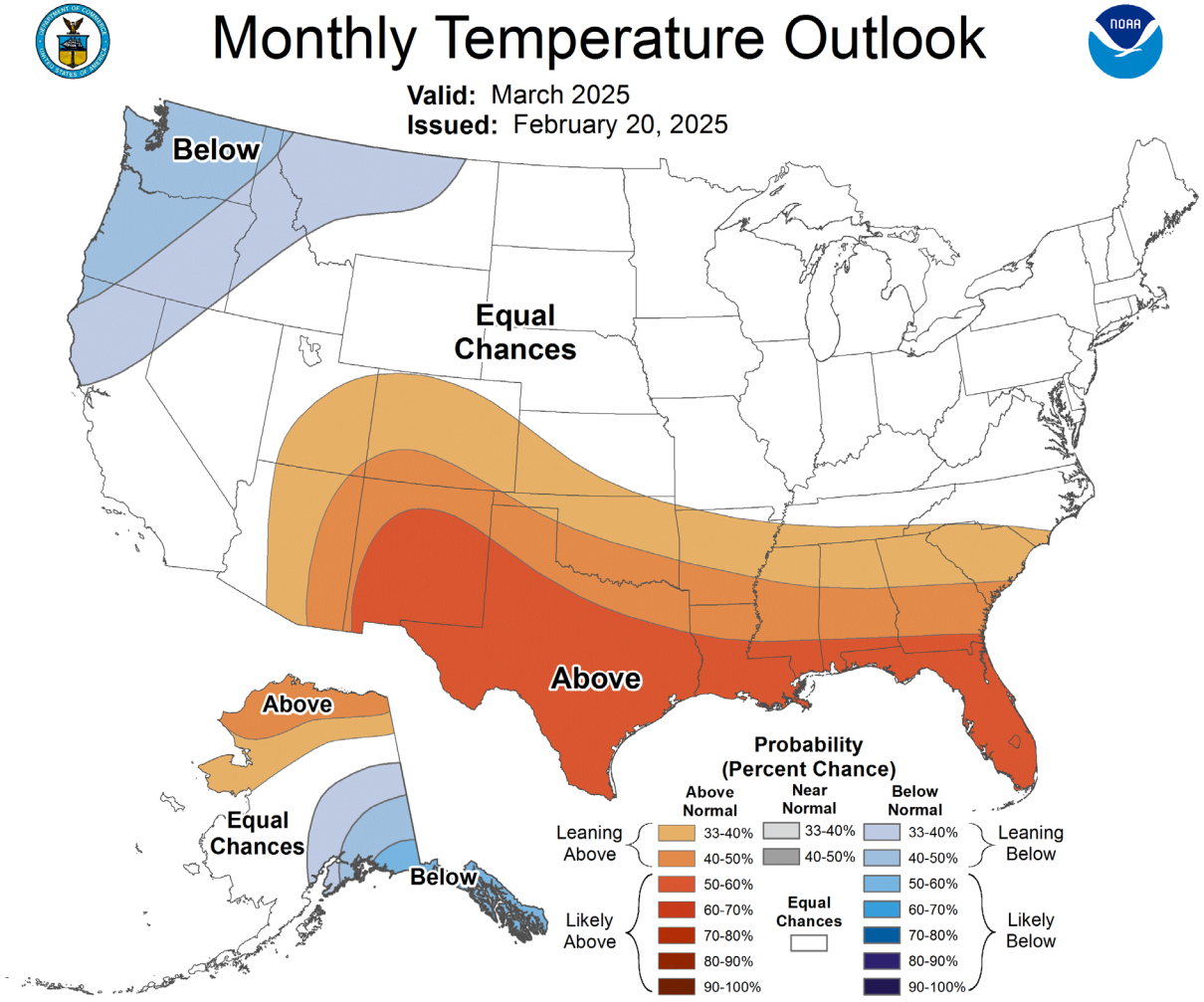

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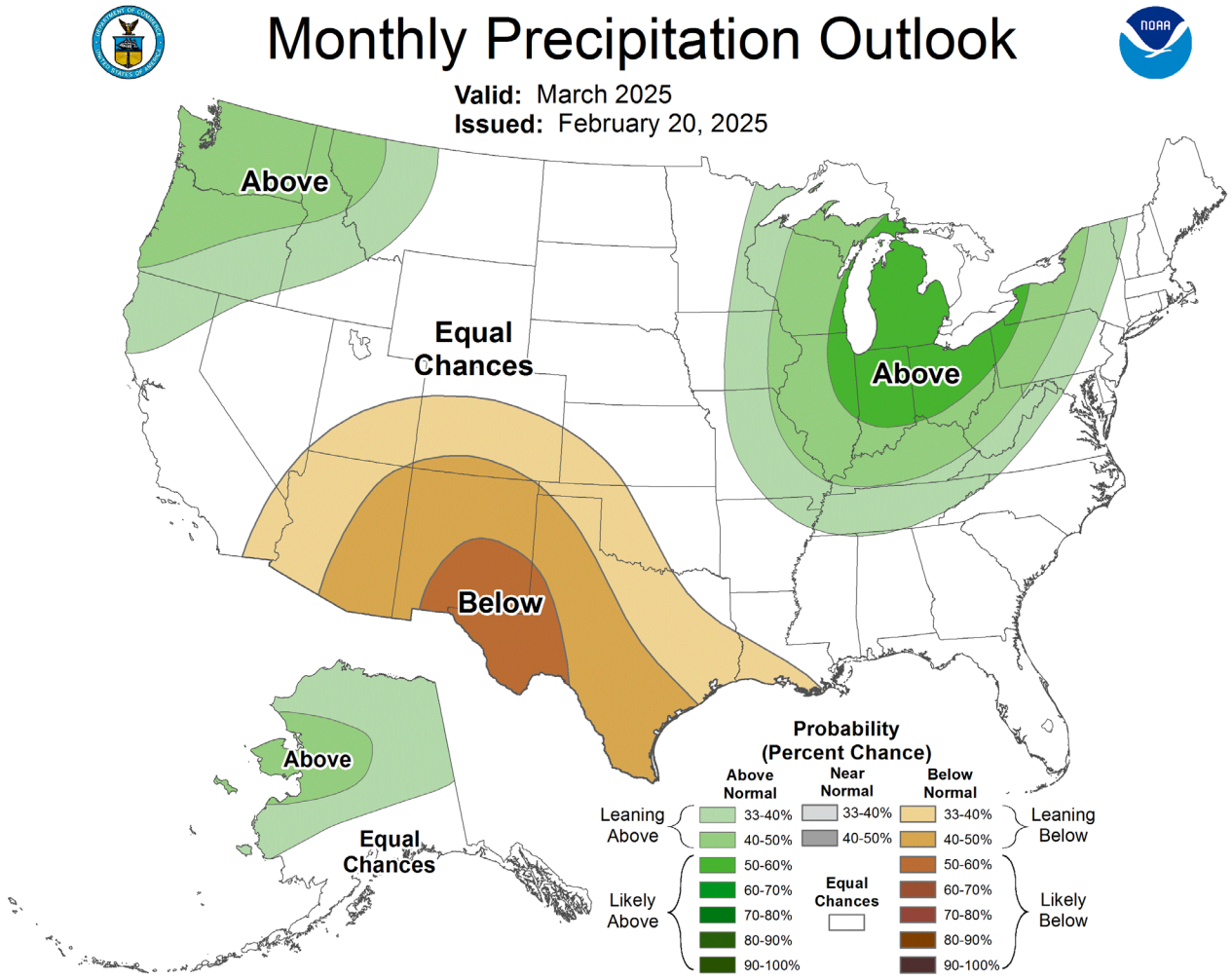
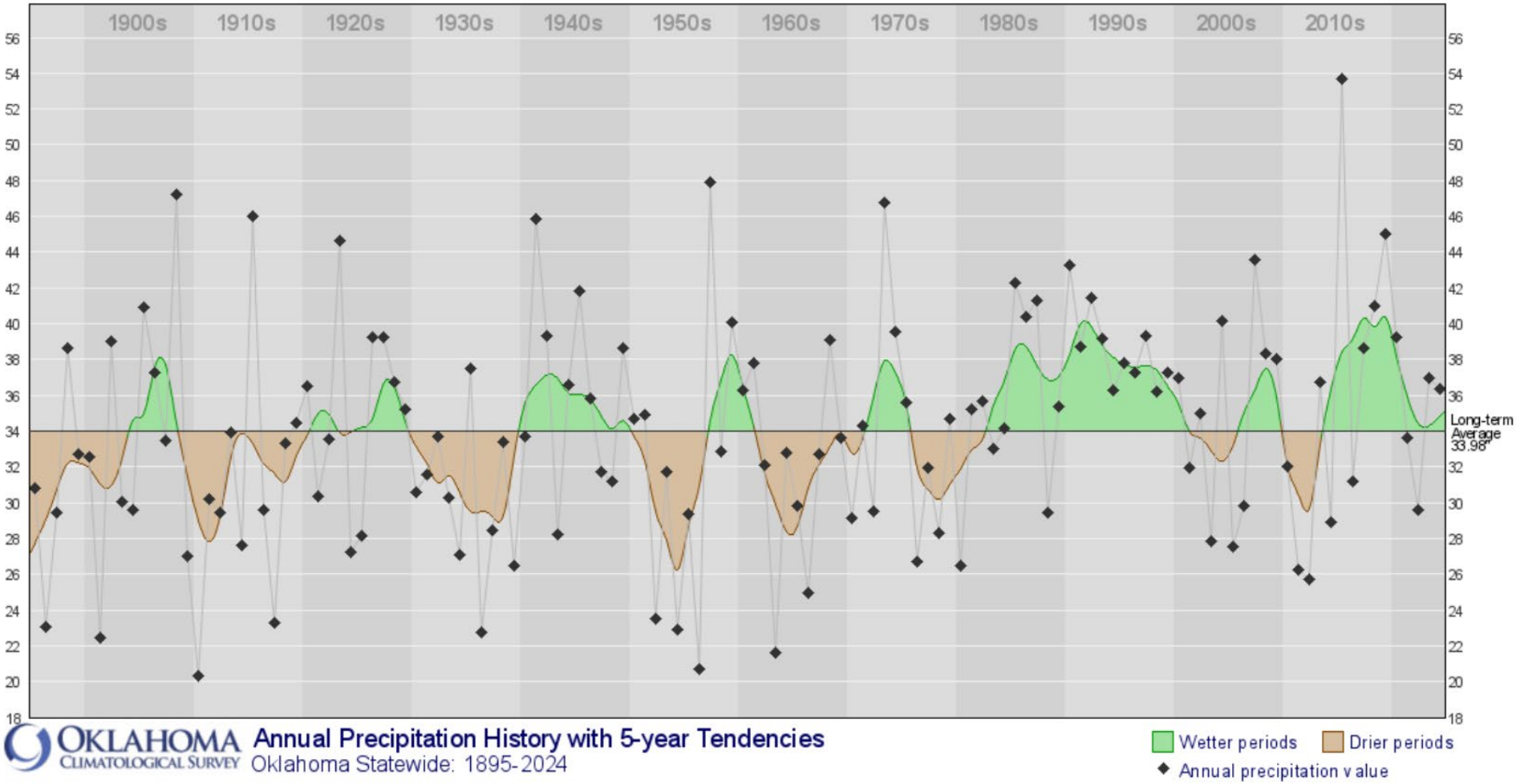


Annual Precipitation History with 5-Year Tendencies

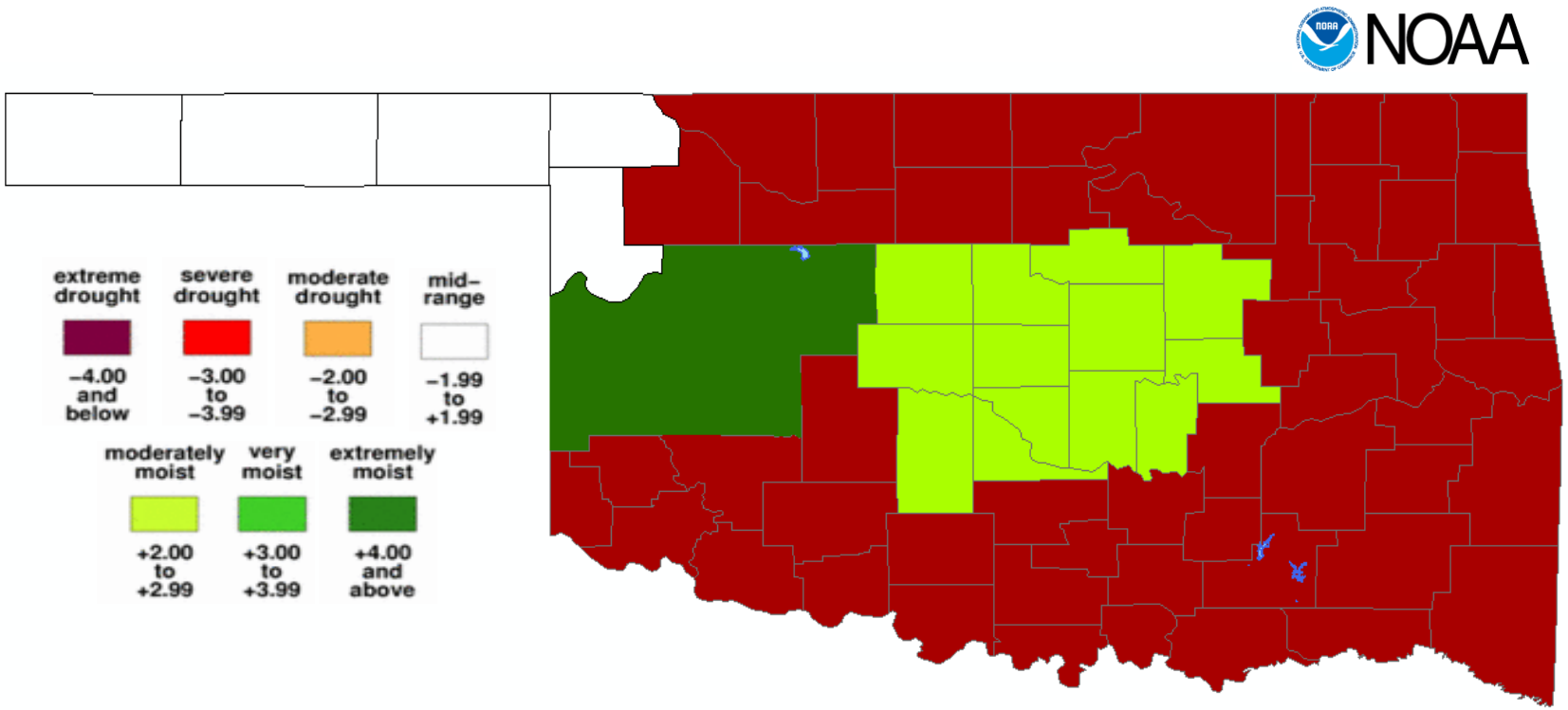


This graph shows the cyclical nature of wet and drought periods in Oklahoma. The black dots represent the annual precipitation for that particular year. The line represents the annual precipitation data smoothed over five years.

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.

http://climate.ok.gov/index.php/climate/climate_trends/precipitation_history_annual_statewide/CD00/prcp/Annual/oklahoma_south-central_u.s

DROUGHT SEVERITY INDEX BY CLIMATE DIVISION



PALMER VALUE

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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.

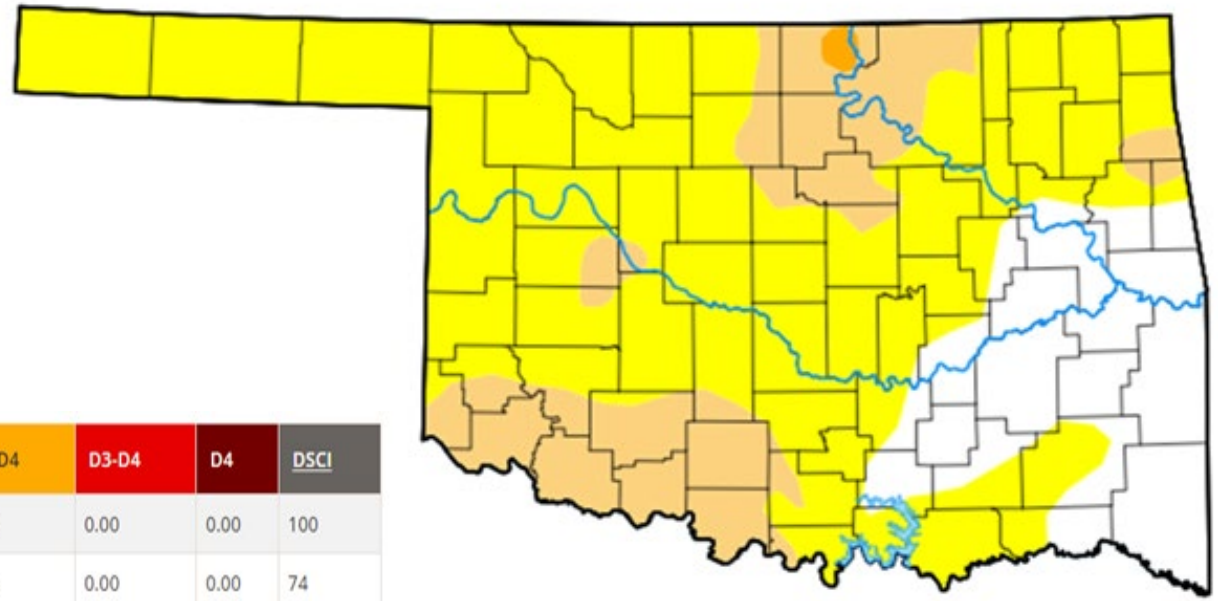
http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/analysis_monitoring/cdus/palmer_drought/wpdsouth.txt

U.S. DROUGHT MONITOR - OKLAHOMA

February 27, 2025

Abnormal dryness or drought is currently affecting approximately 486,340 people in Oklahoma.

Week	Date	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4	DSCI
Current	2025-02-25	19.11	80.89	18.43	0.33	0.00	0.00	100
Last Week to Current	2025-02-18	34.27	65.73	7.75	0.33	0.00	0.00	74
3 Months Ago to Current	2024-11-26	53.30	46.70	17.91	1.85	0.00	0.00	66
Start of Calendar Year to Current	2024-12-31	70.28	29.72	5.52	0.33	0.00	0.00	36
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	2024-02-27	69.20	30.80	3.23	0.19	0.00	0.00	34



https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/CurrentMap/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?OK

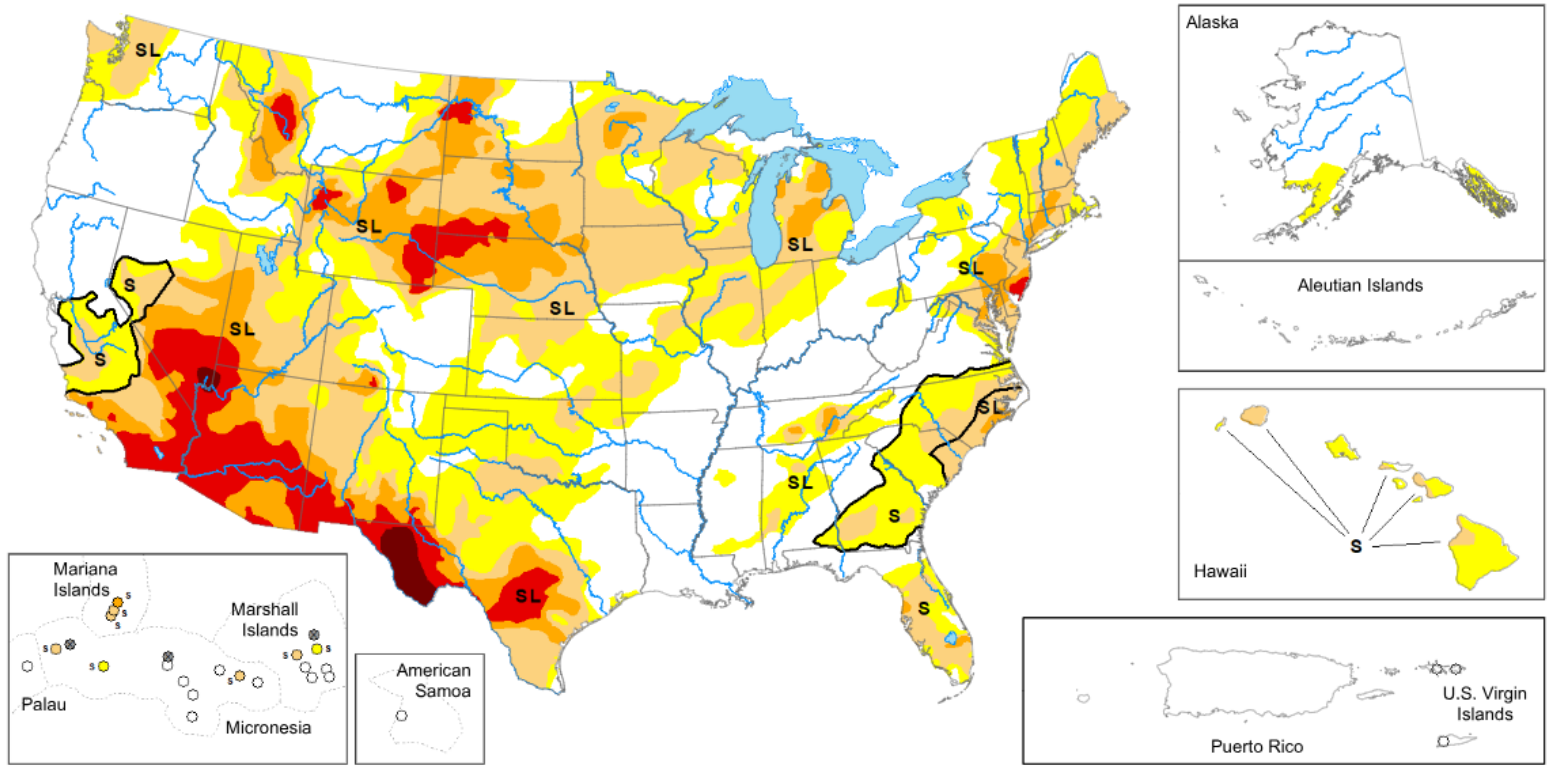
U.S. DROUGHT MONITOR NATIONWIDE MAP

Map released: February 27, 2025

Data valid: February 25, 2025

Intensity and Impacts

- None
- D0 (Abnormally Dry)
- D1 (Moderate Drought)
- D2 (Severe Drought)
- D3 (Extreme Drought)
- D4 (Exceptional Drought)
- No Data



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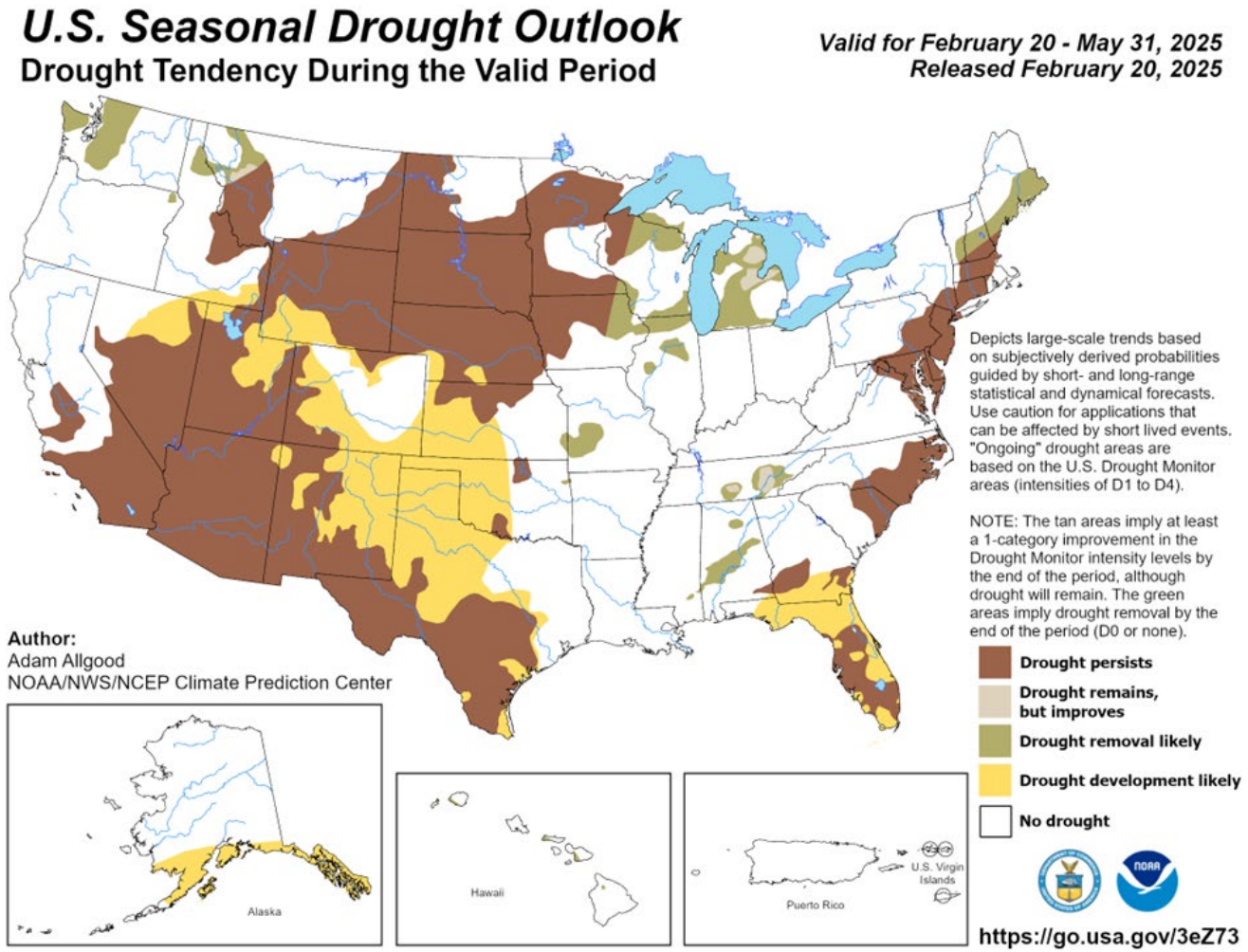
U.S. DROUGHT MONITOR MONTHLY DROUGHT OUTLOOK MAP



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http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/expert_assessment/mdo_summary.php

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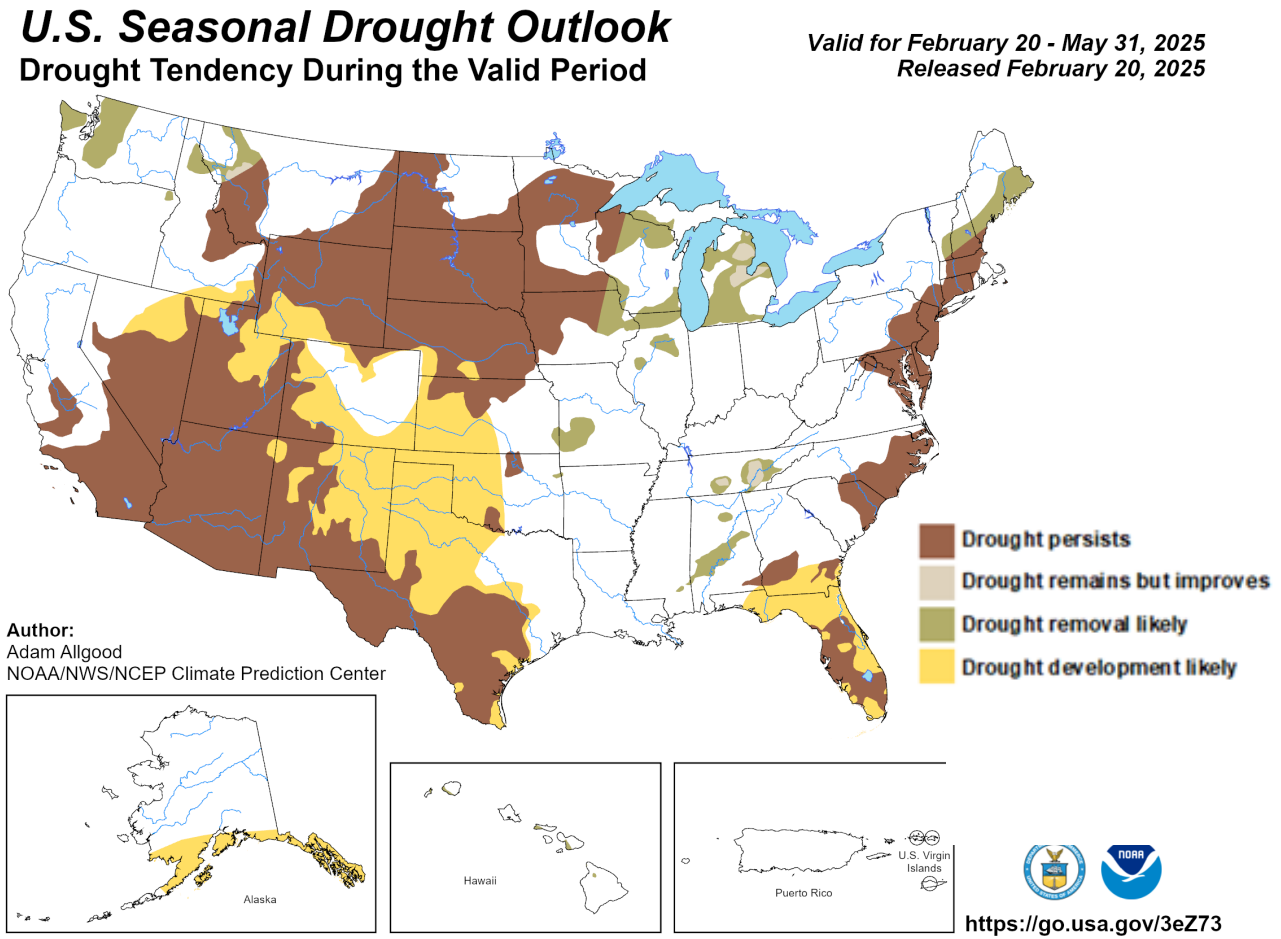
U.S. DROUGHT MONITOR SEASONAL DROUGHT OUTLOOK MAP



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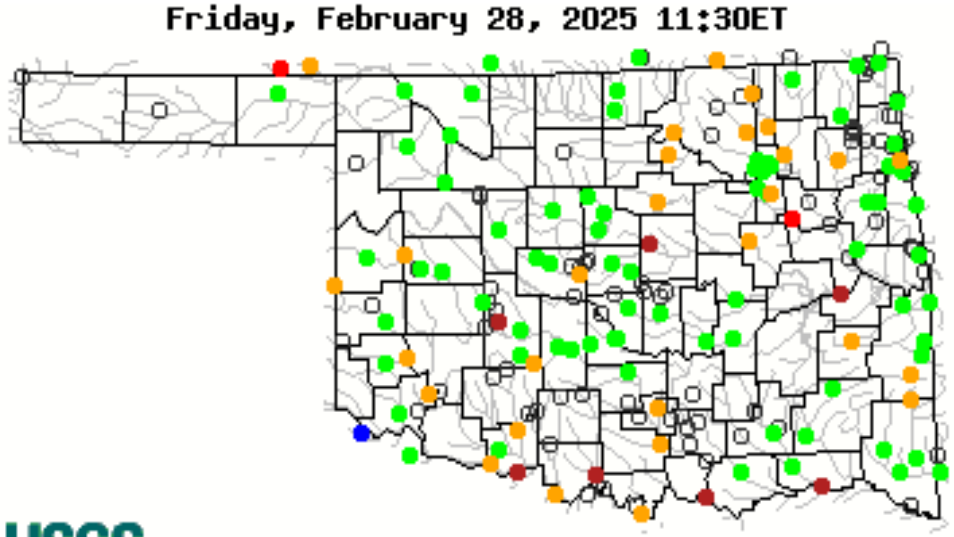
USGS STREAMFLOW DATA



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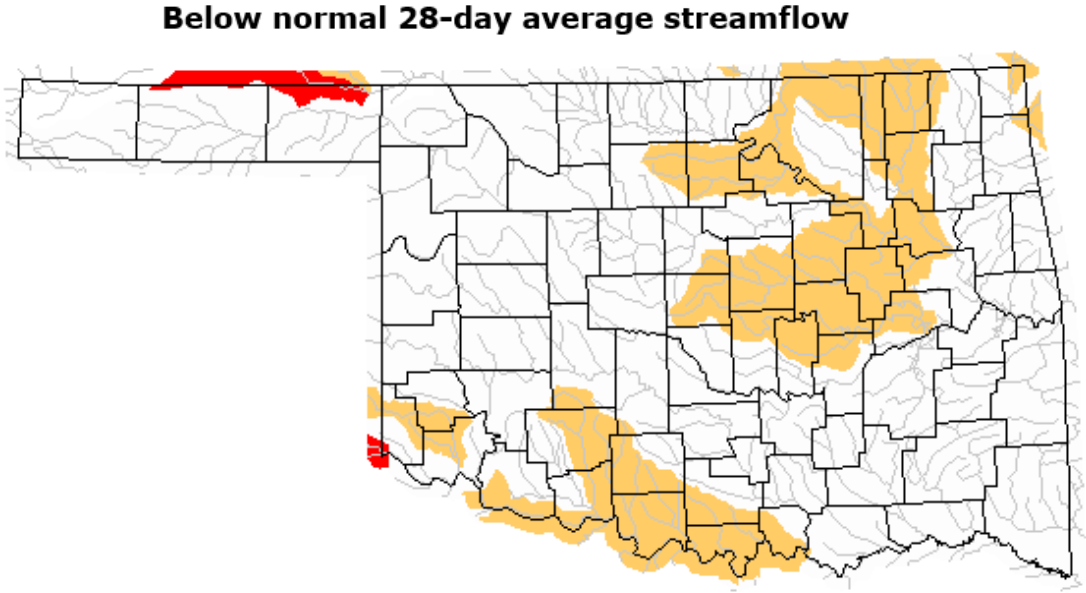
Explanation - Percentile classes							
Low	<10	10-24	25-75	76-90	>90	High	Not-ranked
	Much below normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal		



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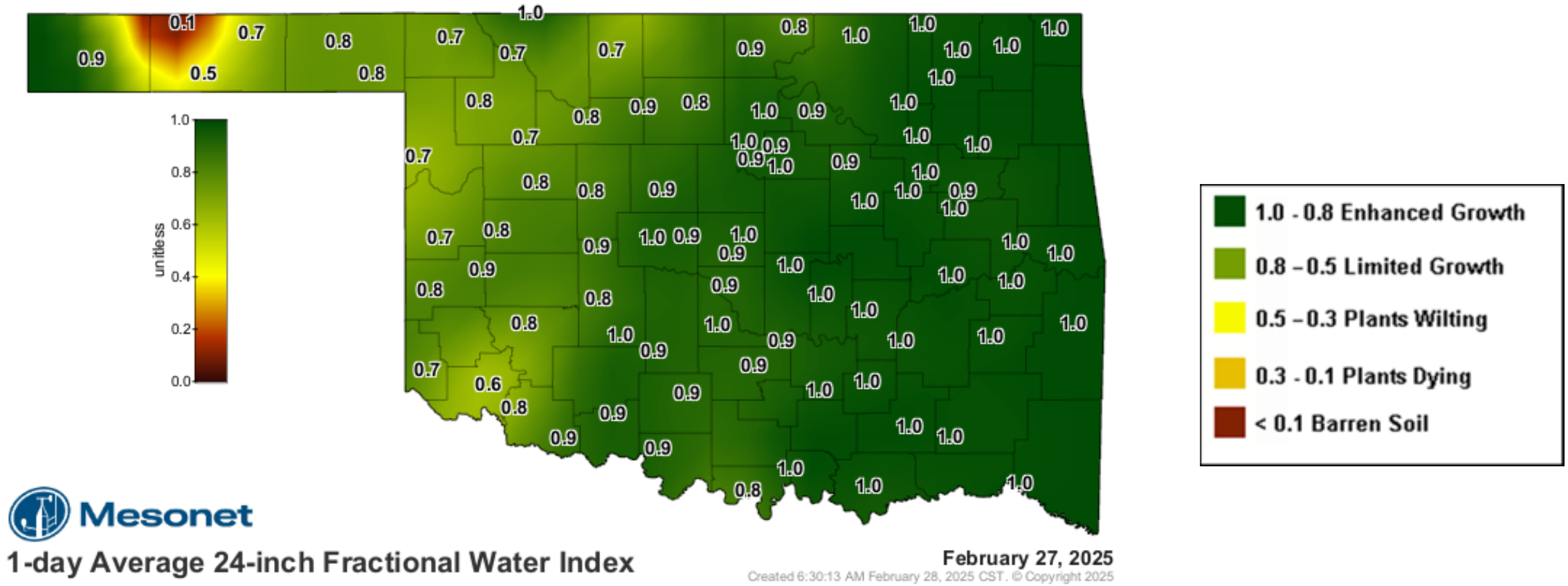
Explanation - Percentile classes				
Low	<=5	6-9	10-24	Insufficient data for a hydrologic region
Extreme hydrologic drought	Severe hydrologic drought	Moderate hydrologic drought	Below normal	

https://waterdata.usgs.gov/ok/nwis/rt

https://waterwatch.usgs.gov/index.php?id=pa28d_dry&sid=w__map|m__pa28d_dwc&r=o_

SOIL MOISTURE MAP



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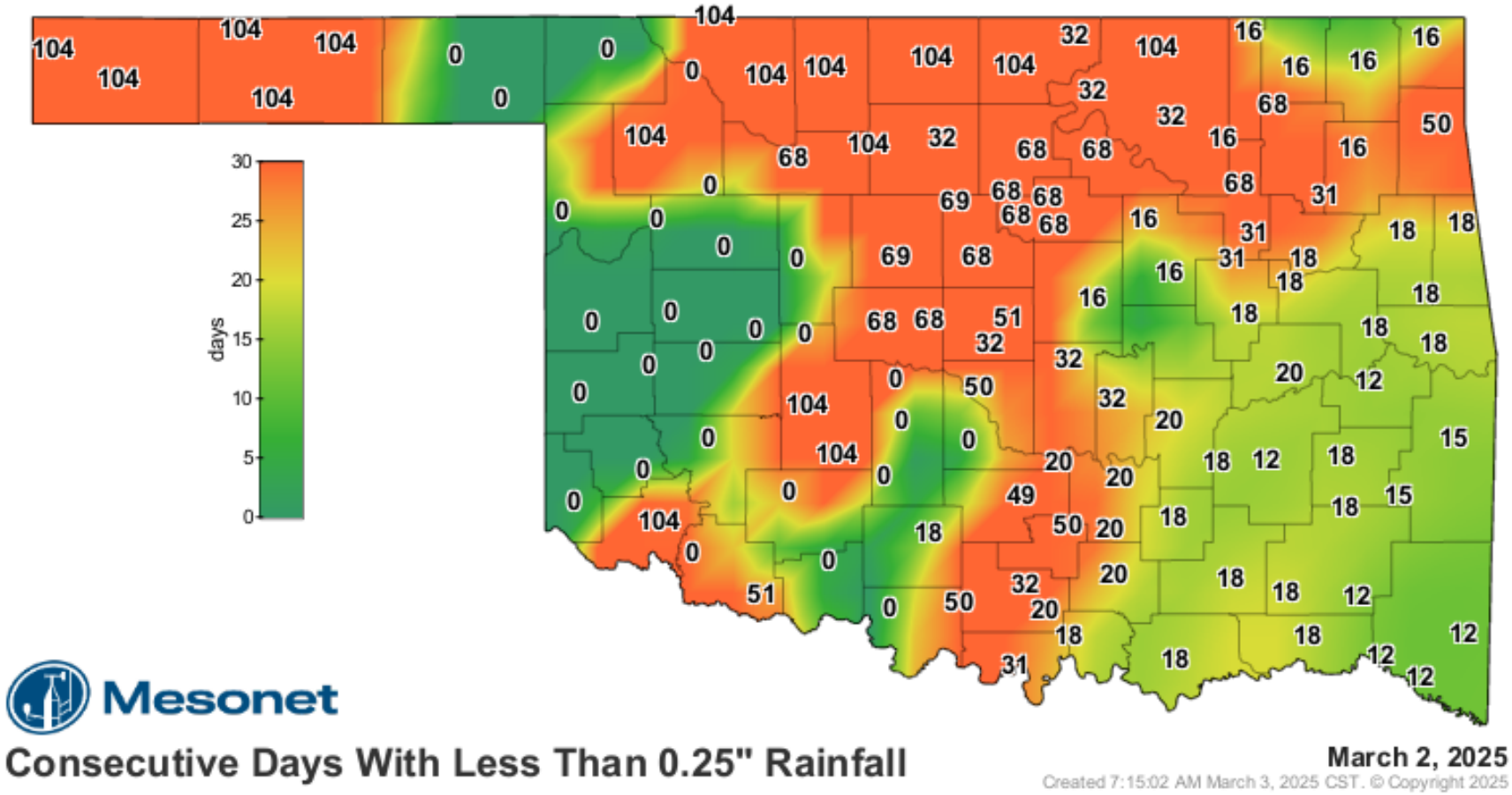
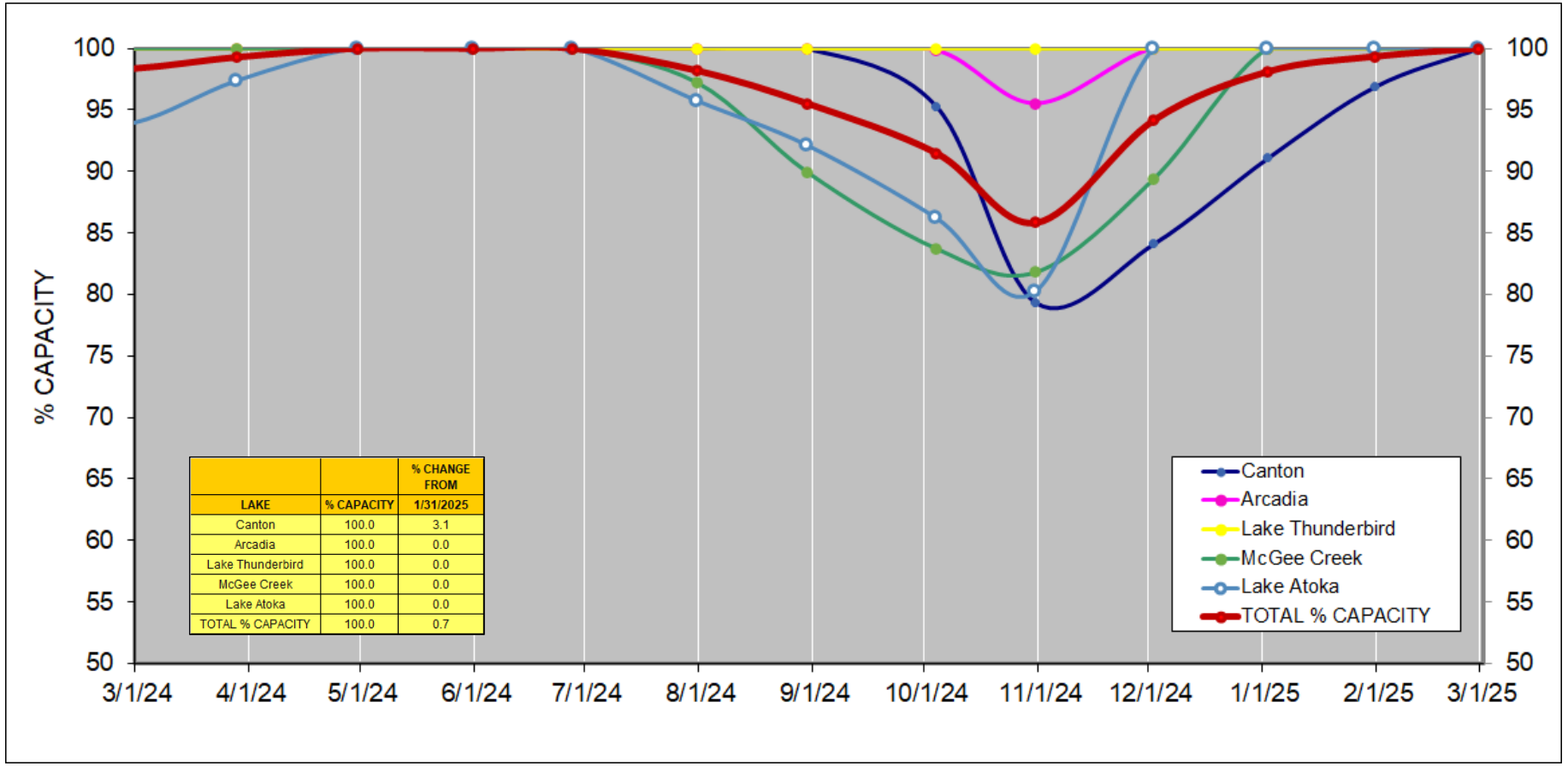
CONSECUTIVE DAYS WITHOUT RAINFALL MAP



Consecutive Days with Less Than 0.25 inches Rainfall | Mesonet

PERCENTAGE OF SURFACE WATER CONSERVATION CAPACITY IN CENTRAL OK RESERVOIRS

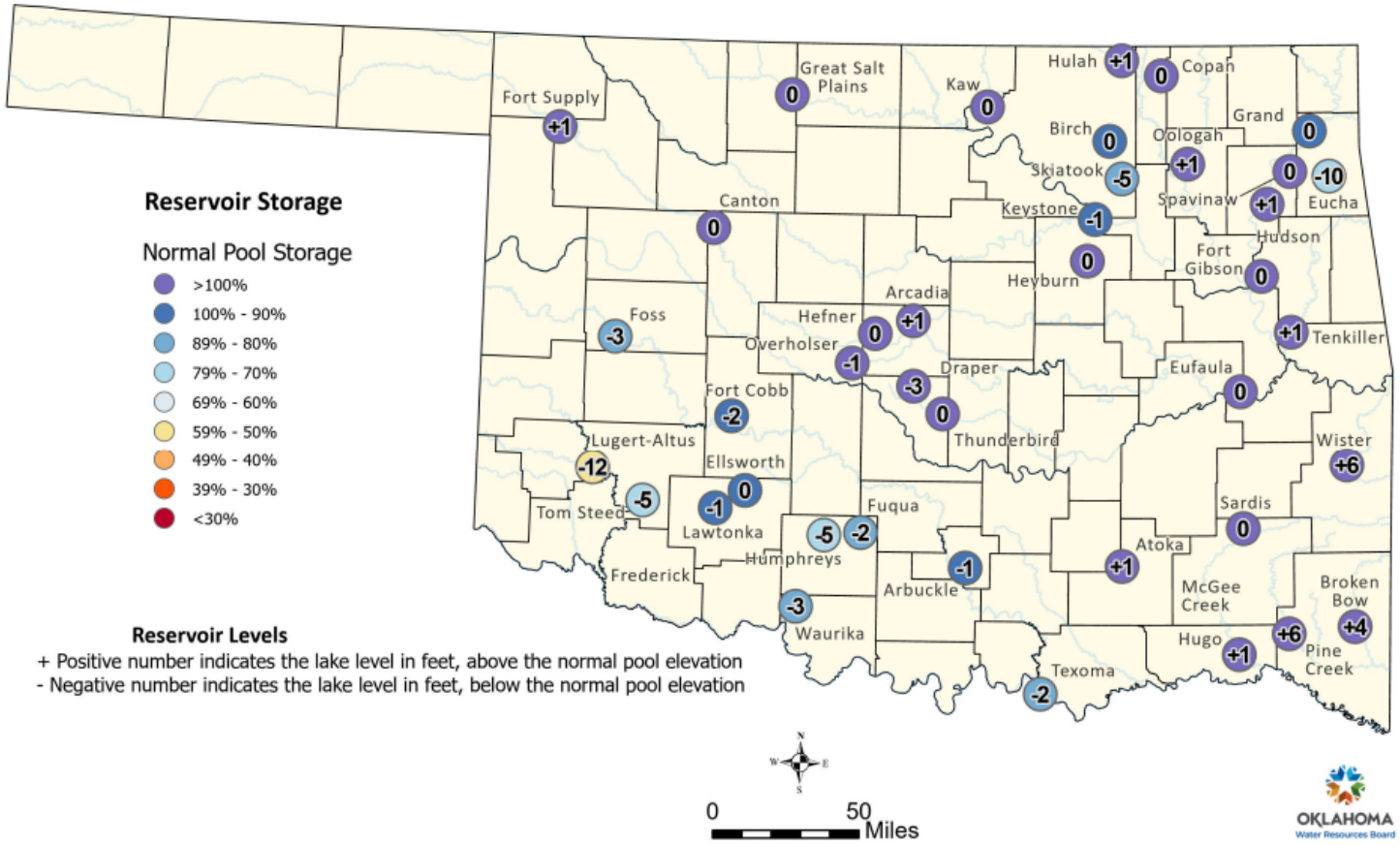


LAKE	% CAPACITY	% CHANGE FROM 1/31/2025
Canton	100.0	3.1
Arcadia	100.0	0.0
Lake Thunderbird	100.0	0.0
McGee Creek	100.0	0.0
Lake Atoka	100.0	0.0
TOTAL % CAPACITY	100.0	0.7

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

https://www.swt-wc.usace.army.mil/Daily_Morning_Reservoir_Report.pdf

OKLAHOMA RESERVOIR LEVELS AND STORAGE



OKLAHOMA RESERVOIR LEVELS AND STORAGE AS OF 2/24/2024

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). For more information, please visit the OWRB's website: Monthly Reservoir Storage.pdf

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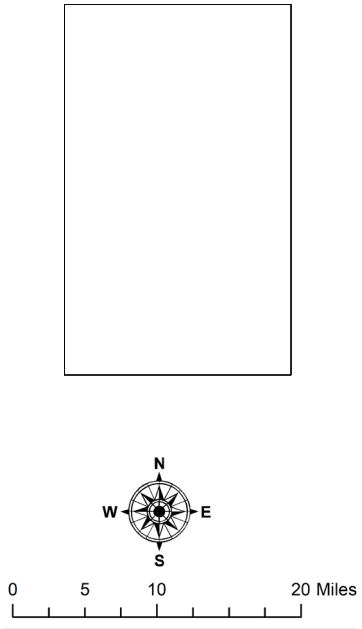
https://www.owrb.ok.gov/supply/drought/Lake_Levels_files/Monthly%20Reservoir%20Storage.pdf

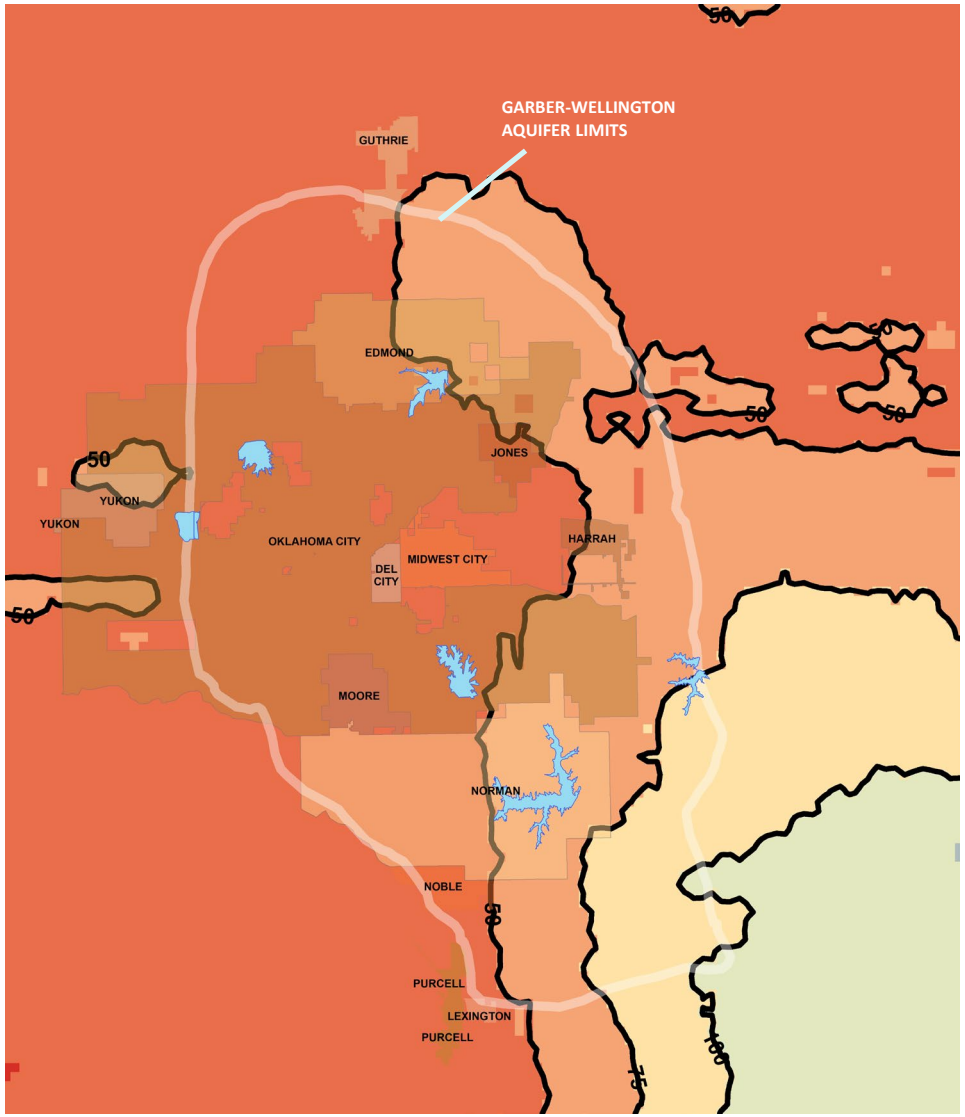
MONTHLY AQUIFER RECHARGE

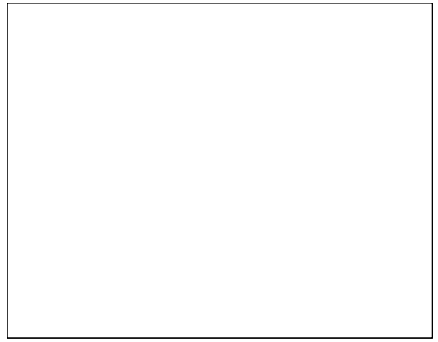
- Mean aquifer recharge in February 2025 was 0.00 inches.
- Normal mean recharge for January is 0.25 inches.
- We are -0.57 inches below normal for 2025.

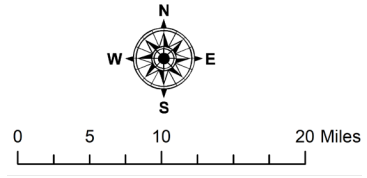


PERCENT TOTAL CUMULATIVE AQUIFER RECHARGE – Last 12 Months

- Most of the recharge in the past 12 months was south and east of the metropolitan area.
- February 2025 had 0.00 inches of recharge. Normal mean recharge for February is 0.25 inches.
- Over the past 12 months the metropolitan area has received only about half of annual recharge.

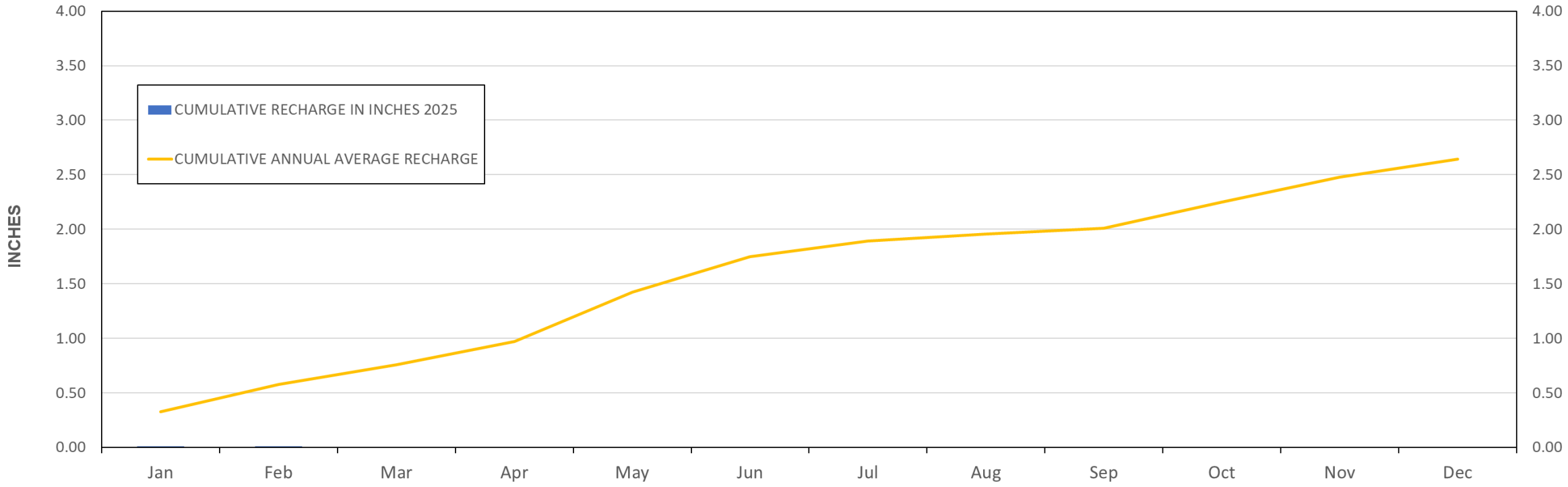






RECHARGE CHARTS CENTRAL OKLAHOMA AQUIFER SYSTEM

ACCUMULATED CENTRAL OKLAHOMA AQUIFER SYSTEM RECHARGE 2025



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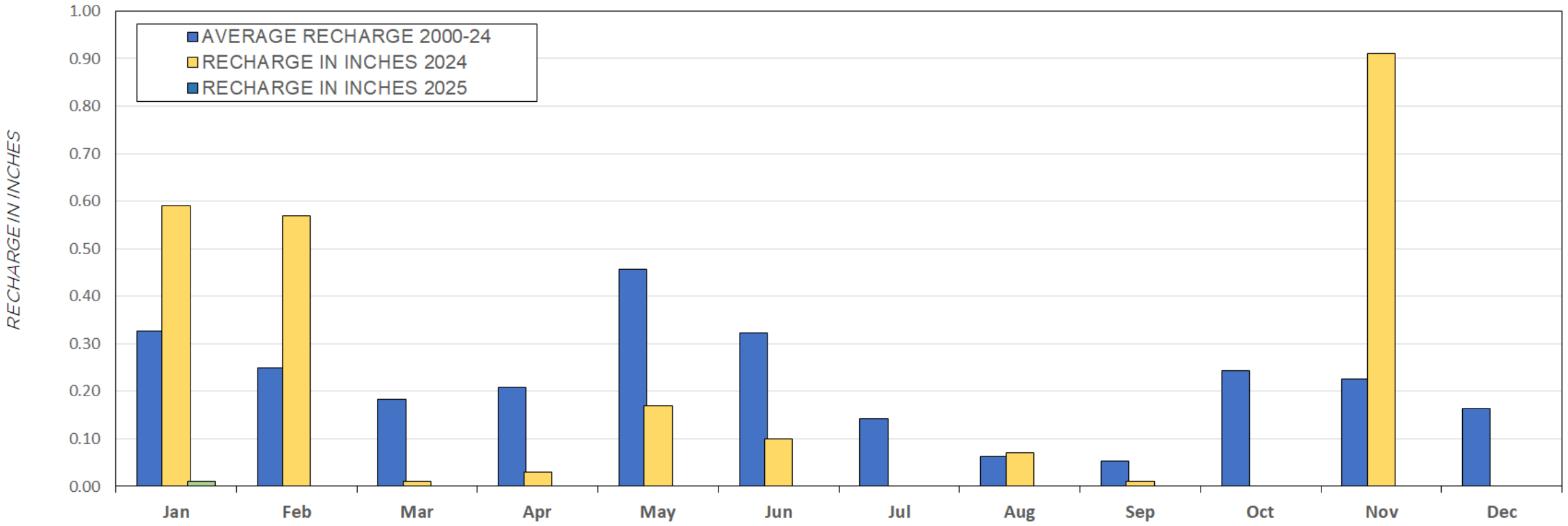
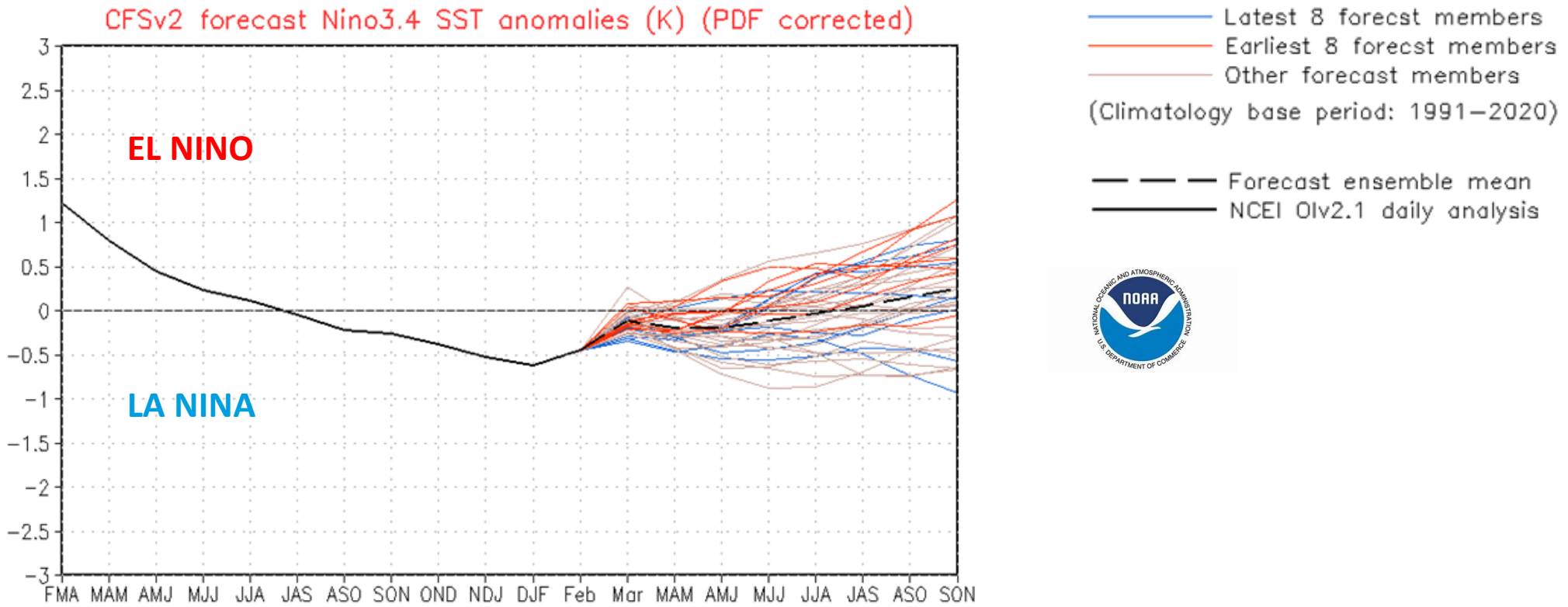
MONTHLY AQUIFER RECHARGE 2025



ENSO CYCLE - RECENT EVOLUTION, CURRENT STATUS AND PREDICTIONS



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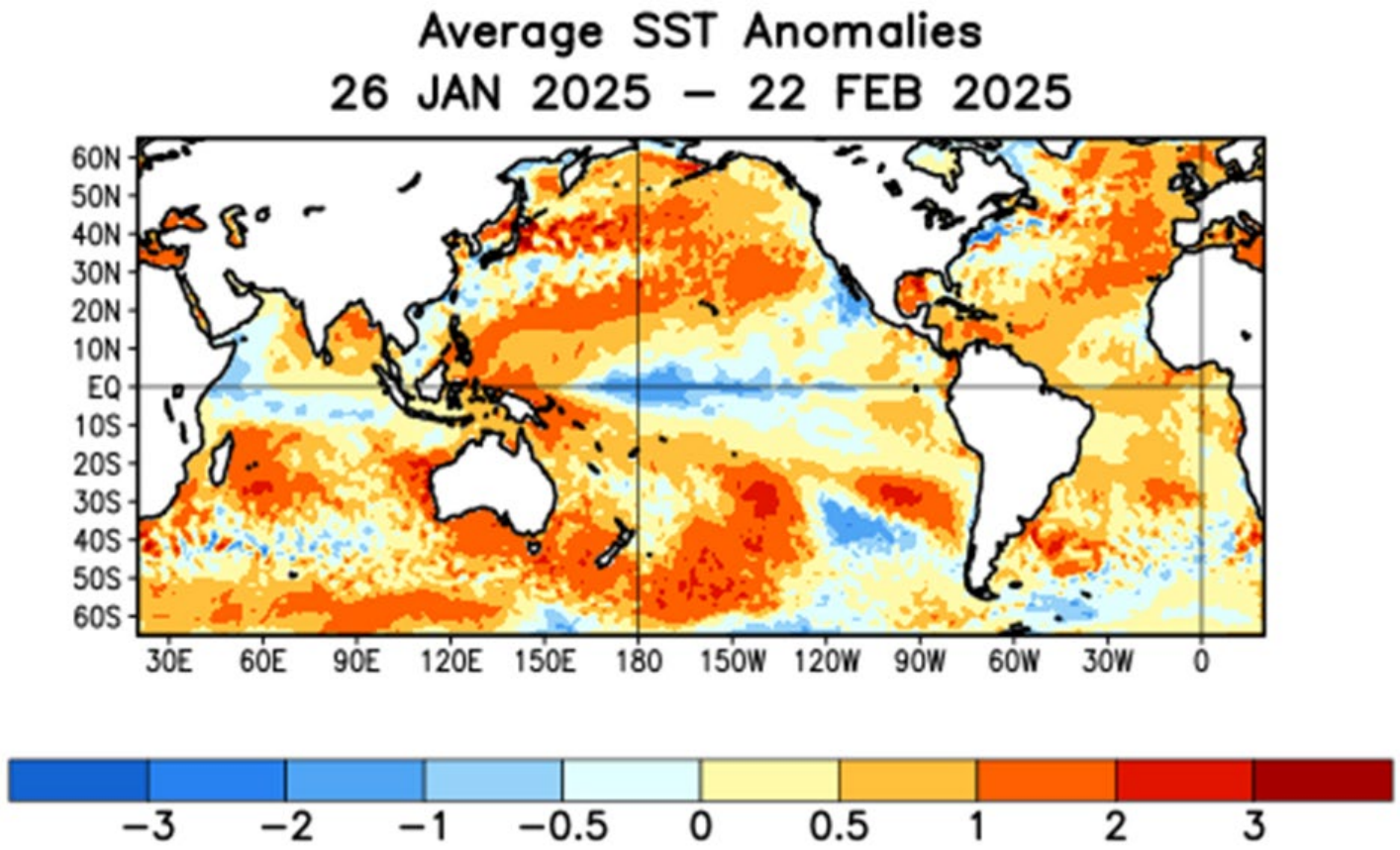

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SUMMARY

ENSO Alert System Status: La Niña Advisory

- La Niña conditions are present.
- Equatorial sea surface temperatures (SSTs) are near-to-below average in the central and east-central Pacific Ocean.
- La Niña conditions are expected to persist in the near-term, with a transition to ENSO-neutral likely during March-May 2025 (66% chance).

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